

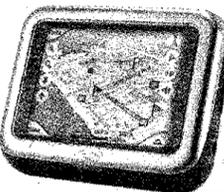
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Board OK's new HIV/AIDS sex ed curriculum

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

Mary Stewart believes the Wayne-Westland Schools should focus on teaching academics rather than teaching her son about HIV/AIDS.

And that was the message she delivered to the Wayne-Westland school board prior to approval of the sex education curriculum for fourth- and fifth-graders.

"I'm not really happy about this," Stewart said. "I'm not really happy the

state says you have to do this. I think the kids are too young and you want to go a step further and teach them about sex. I think what you want to teach is better for middle school."

Stewart was the only parent to speak out in opposition to a new sex education curriculum prior to the second of two public hearings, held last week.

The curriculum is mandated by the state. Recommended by the district's sex education advisory board and life skills teachers, it's taken from the Michigan Model for Health, which is

endorsed by the state Department of Education, said Greg Cooper, executive director for secondary education.

According to Cooper, the HIV/AIDS lesson will be taught to fourth- and fifth-graders beginning this year, and the curriculum will be expanded next year to include a second HIV/AIDS class and classes in male and female puberty for fifth-graders only. The puberty instruction will be held in gender-segregated classes.

The classes will be taught by the district's lifeskills teachers, who have

completed the required sexuality and HIV/AIDS certification training. The teachers received the training this year and, at the beginning of the new school year, several experts will be brought in "to walk them through this so they feel comfortable," with the instruction, Cooper said.

"Our district philosophy for HIV/AIDS and sex education is one of abstinence only," Cooper added. "That is the approach we take and how we teach it."

According to letters sent home to par-

ents last week about the classes, students will learn what HIV/AIDS is, how it can and cannot be contracted and how it damages the immune system. Students also will learn to treat people with HIV/AIDS in a respectful way.

Students will be encouraged to share what they learn with their families, who will receive a resource sheet with more information.

Parents can preview the lesson and materials. They also can have their

PLEASE SEE SEX ED, A6

Auto business grows in troubled times

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

At a time when most business news is bad news in the state, when the automotive sector is shrinking faster than a wool sweater in hot water, Chris Peters and Tim Gorton can say business is good ... really good.

The owners of Michigan Driveline Products, the two men have seen their three-year-old business grow 21 percent last year and 20 percent the first quarter of this year.

"That's our best quarter ever," said Peters.

"We hope to keep the momentum going, keep being creative and keep building the business," added Gorton.

Housed in the industrial park on the east side of Hix north of Ford, MDP specializes in transmission rebuilding and service. It provides fleet work for municipalities like Livonia, Inkster and Northville Township, and auto dealerships like Stark Hickey Ford and Fairlane Ford.

"We currently do the warranty work for Stark Hickey, they lost their transmission guy," said Peters. "We did work for another dealer whose transmission man was off for six weeks."

Gorton and Peters started the business with two employees - themselves - and a small order from New York City for taxi cab



Tim Gorton and Chris Peters have found success in a sour economy by rebuilding and servicing transmissions at their business, Michigan Driveline Products in Westland.

transmissions. That first order was for 125 transmissions that they shipped nine to a box to the Big Apple. It kept the lights on, according to Peters.

"We continued to build and got several orders after that," he said. "It kept us going."

"We had a lot of work, but we weren't making a lot, but it all

worked out," said Gorton. "Timing wise, it was very fortunate."

Within three months, they hired their first employee, by the end of their second year they were hiring a sales manager. They now have four employees and rebuild an average of eight-10 transmissions a week.

MDP does both retail and wholesale fleet repairs. It also has transmission available for over-the-counter sales with a 24-hour turn-around.

"It's 48 hours, if you hand me the keys and say fix it," Peters said.

PLEASE SEE BUSINESS, A6

Police look for info on ball cap bandit

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

The Westland Police are hoping someone can identify a man who robbed the 7-Eleven store at Wayne and Avondale last Thursday morning.

The robbery occurred around 12:59 a.m. when a man pointed a gun at the 49-year-old employee and ordered her to "get the money."

The employee told police the man had come into the store about 10 minutes earlier, had walked to the pop area and then left without buying anything. When he returned, he was wearing a bandana to cover his face.

According to Detective Sgt. David Heater, the store's surveillance video shows the man entered the store the first time wearing a New York Yankees baseball cap. When he returned, he had on a different Yankees cap and was wearing a white glove on his right hand.

"When he walked in the first time, it's clear he's aware of the video camera," Heater said. "He kept his head down as he walked around. But he's wearing the same clothing, has the same build. You can tell from the video that it's the same guy. The only difference is the hat he's wearing."

The employee had been cleaning the coffee pot the first time the man came in and said while it was odd he didn't purchase anything, she told him to have a "good night."

She also told police the man left the store with about \$100 in cash and headed south. A K-9 officer from the Romulus Police Department followed the trail from the store; it ended in the parking lot just south of the building.

"The dog didn't go far, so it's a good indication that there was most likely a vehicle there waiting for him," Heater said.

The suspect is described as a white male 25-35 years old. He is thin, between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet 1 inch tall, and possibly has brown hair. He was wearing black clothing at the time of the robbery.

People with information about the suspect can call the Westland Police Detective Bureau at (734) 721-6311.

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Westland Police said a distinctive New York Yankees hat may help identify a man who robbed the 7-Eleven Store on Wayne Road May 24.

Volunteers needed for annual Rouge Rescue

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

If you're in the mood to do some spring cleaning, consider volunteering for this Saturday's Rouge Rescue, the Friends of the Rouge's annual cleanup and celebration of the Rouge River.

Volunteers will converge on Tonquish Creek in Westland's Hix Park at the northwest corner of Hix and Warren roads to do everything from removing debris from the creek and pulling out invasive plant species to putting down wood chips on paths.

"We never know what needs to be done until we get there," said Bob Patterson, who is coordinating the event with Community Development Director Terry Carroll and Bill Craig of the

Holiday Nature Preserve Association. "Normally we go down there in January or February and look, but when you go back in June, it looks completely different."

The Tonquish Creek site is one of 36 areas that will be cleaned up by volunteers. The sites stretch from as far as Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills in the north to Ypsilanti in the south to Superior Township in the west and Fordson Island in southwest Detroit in the east.

The work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and go through noon. Volunteers are encouraged to register at the park pavillion. The first 135 volunteers will receive free Rouge Rescue T-shirts. Volunteers should wear old clothes, long pants, long-sleeved

shirts and shoes to prevent punctures.

The city of Westland will provide cold drinks, tools, wood chips and staff support during this year's event. There also will be a good supply of insect repellent and sunscreen, Patterson said.

The city, along with the Holiday Nature Preserve Association, has co-sponsored a cleanup site for Rouge Rescue for nearly 12 years.

"This event provides the perfect opportunity to better the environment in our own backyard," Westland Mayor William R. Wild said. "The restoration of the Rouge River depends on it."

Patterson has been involved in the Rouge Rescue for 17 years. He's seen as many as 300 people - church groups, Boy Scouts and

Girl Scouts and families - come out to help and is hoping to match last year's 130 volunteers.

"We're encouraging people to register, the community gets credit for doing community service," Patterson said. "Someone actually figures out the hours."

Residents interested volunteering can call Patterson or Carroll at (734) 595-0288, ext. 223.

Promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River watershed has been the mission of Friends of the Rouge for the past 21 years and Rouge Rescue is its most celebrated watershed-wide event. For more information about the Rouge Rescue or a complete list of cleanup sites, visit the Web site at www.therouge.org.

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Cassandra Haupt's photograph, above, is part of a black and white photo exhibit and project put on by Focus: HOPE.

Student's photo is in Focus: HOPE show

Cassandra Haupt of Franklin High School in Livonia will be one of 59 students to have black and white photos in the Focus on the Mission photo exhibit by Focus: Hope now through Aug. 31. This display is the culmination of Focus: HOPE's six-week program for high school students from urban and suburban high schools, which is designed

to expose them to extraordinary racial and cultural diversity of southeastern Michigan. Annette Vanover, community arts manager, said the exhibit is entertaining and educational for the students and their audience. "The quality of the students' work always amazes me," Vanover said. "They don't have any formal photography training,

but their photos always capture what's in their hearts creatively and openly. It's interesting to see how youth view the world." Working with 18 professional photographers and/or art educators 59 students came together for four day-long sessions at Focus: HOPE. The sessions included various photographic assignments, group discussions based on topics

that the photos stimulated, sharing of mentor portfolios, diversity presentations, creative art activities, ethnic foods, and touring and photographing various cultural and historic sites throughout metro Detroit. Following the exhibition at Focus: HOPE, the resulting black and white photos will travel throughout the year to selected venues in metropoli-

tan Detroit. The Focus: HOPE Gallery is inside of the Center for Advanced Technologies at 1400 Oakman Avenue in Detroit. Hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Focus: HOPE is a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit founded 39 years ago. Its Web site is www.focushope.edu.

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It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Open enrollment

St. Damian School is currently holding open enrollment for preschool - three-four-year-olds - and kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information and a school tour, or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com

Bingo is back

Play bingo at the Wayne Ford Civic League at 10:45 a.m. Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The league, at 1645 N. Wayne Road just south of Ford in Westland, recently installed three giant plasma screen plasma TVs to enhance your bingo experience. All proceeds go to the general fund. For more information, call Vic Barra at (734) 728-5010 or visit the league Web site at www.wayneford.org.

AROUND WESTLAND

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Car wash

The Salvation Army Girl Guard Troop will hold a car wash noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland. The cost will be \$3 for cars and \$4 for vans and trucks. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

Garage sale

The Salvation Army will hold a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 Venoy Road, south of Palmer.

Spaces are available for \$20 each. A limited number of tables also will be available for an additional \$10 charge. For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Bag it

The Westland Building

Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags.

Residents and non-residents can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Golf outing

Grab your clubs and make July 27 on your calendar. That's when The Senior Alliance will hold its 2007 Golf Classic at the West Course of the Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights.

The Golf Classic, which raise money to help older adults live their lives in freedom and with dignity, will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$130 per golfer or \$500 per foursome and includes 18-hole scramble, continental breakfast at registration, lunch available at the turn and buffet dinner with prizes.

For more information, to make a reservation, or to purchase a sponsorship, call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830.

Cheer program

The Westland Stars will hold a cheer and dance summer program 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 14, in the multipurpose room of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

Come and join the Westland Stars and learn new dances and stunt with the team. The summer program runs four-six weeks, depending on camp. It's an opportunity for girls to get ready for try-outs for the fall team.

The Stars will be participating in the Westland Summer Festival, a youth cheerleading clinic and summer dance camp. The cost is \$35. Other fees include a \$20 uniform deposit and \$35 for the youth clinic.

Register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Dining to Donate

People who eat at Applebee's can help a variety of Westland organizations through its Dining to Donate program.

Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road will donate 20 percent of the bill to Kicks 4 Kids on June 21, Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.

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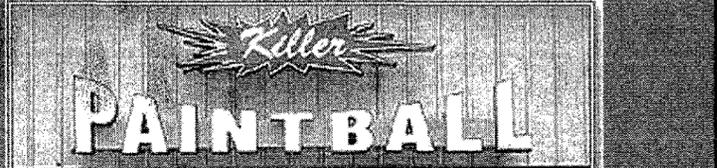
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Quick action leads to arrest of trio for purse snatching

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Westland police are crediting the efforts of its patrol officers and an alert witness in apprehending three people following a purse snatching at the Westland Meijer store late Friday.

"It was a good job all the way around from the witness getting the license plate number of the car to the officers who made the stop and the arrest," Detective Sgt. Thad Nelson said.

Robert Probst Jr., his sister Rachel Probst, both of Canton, and Christopher Sager of Carleton were arraigned Tuesday before 18th District Court Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli on charges of unarmed robbery and fraudulent use of a credit card.

The incident happened around 10:45 p.m. May 25 at the Meijer store at Warren and Newburgh. A Westland woman was walking into the store when a man, wearing a black Nike jacket, grabbed her purse and fled.

According to Nelson, a Livonia man chased the suspect and was able to get the license plate number as he fled in a car with three other individuals. Police officers spotted the car a short time later at Cherry Hill and Newburgh.

They stopped the car and searched it, finding two of the victim's credit cards and dri-

ver's license in the front passenger seat. Her cell phone, a black jacket and her purse were recovered from the back seat and floor of the car.

The arrests came after the defendants had stopped at the Speedway gas station at Cherry Hill and Newburgh and used one of the credit cards to buy gas.

According to Nelson, it appeared the motive was to get money to by drugs. A Canton man, a passenger in the car, wasn't charged.

"He knew of the robbery conspiracy between the individuals in the car and said he tried to talk them out of doing it," Nelson said.

Nelson added that Sager had just been released from jail three days earlier and was on probation out of 18th District Court on a fraud charge.

"A part of his probation was not to be at any Meijer store or be on any Meijer property," he said.

The defendants are in jail in lieu of \$500,000/10-percent personal bonds. Rachel Probst also is serving a 10-day sentence on an unrelated charge.

They face a Thursday, June 7, hearing to determine if they should be bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted, they could face 15 years in prison on the robbery charge. The credit card charge carries a four-year sentence and/or \$5,000 fine.

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CRIME WATCH

Gas and go

A employee at the Admiral gas station on North Wayne Road could be out \$13.01 in wages after a woman put gas in her car then left without paying Monday afternoon.

The employee told police the woman was fueling her car and came into the building to make a purchase. She then returned to the car and left without paying.

She added that she believes there was a "foul-up" with the card reader, leading the woman to believe she had paid for the gas.

The employee, who was able to provide police with the license plate number of the car, described the driver as having a distinctive tattoo on her ear. She also told police that she

is more interested in getting the money, since loss will be deducted from her pay.

Tires vandalized

A resident in the 100 block of Vanilla Street believes an ex-boyfriend damaged the rear tire of her car early Monday morning.

The woman told police that they had argued after he had shown up at her home late Sunday. He left on foot and when she went outside later she heard air coming out of the right rear tire of her car.

Officers couldn't find signs of the tire being slashed, but noted that it was continuing to lose air while they were at the home.

Uncensored and uncut

Local Web-based improv show makes debut

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

There's "Sal," an interior decorator that fancies himself a ladies man, and "Sherry" who is struggling to remain faithful in her third marriage and then there's "Richard" who is fresh out of prison for stalking. Throw them all together and you've got "group-the series," a new web-based show that premiered Tuesday on www.grouptheseries.com.

The improvisation series, which is uncensored, uncut and unscripted, depicts what happens when you throw a mix of personalities into group therapy.

The "Webisodes" feature nearly a dozen characters, including "Sal Beefy Macchio" who is played by Brian Titus of Canton.

"This is totally off the wall," said Titus, 24, who has been acting for five years. "It's something no one else is doing. We're taking improvisation to the next level."

The series, which will release new Webisodes on Saturday nights, is the brainchild of Madison Heights resident Skip Erickson.



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Skip Erickson (from left), Nicole Sullivan, Brian Titus, Sarah Nickel, and Emma Frith are the creators and actors of "group-the series."

"We are so all over the map and uncensored that we wanted to start on the Web because there are no parameters," said Erickson, whose career is in producing television commercials. "We would still like to pitch it to a network in the future, but it would have to be HBO or Showtime."

Erickson has already filmed 12 Webisodes that will comprise the first and second seasons. Each show, which is filmed nonstop, is 27 minutes and is

divided into two parts.

Titus, an Eastern Michigan University graduate, jokingly describes his character as "a skinny man trapped inside of a fat body."

"He thinks he's God's gift to women but he's really God's gift to Manwich," he chuckled.

Other characters include a self-absorbed male model, a compulsive shopper and a conspiracy theorist. Royal Oak resident Sarah Nickel plays "Meredit," who has controversial views of the elderly and African Americans.

"I was telling my grandmother all about it, but then I realized some of the stuff I was saying, so I told her the show had been canceled," Nickel joked.

The cast and crew are using MySpace, mass e-mails, YouTube and word of mouth to promote the show. A clip of the show on comedian Will Ferrell's Web site, www.funnyordie.com, received more than 14,000 hits.

To access the show, visit www.grouptheseries.com. To learn more about the production, log on to www.myspace.com/grouptheseries.

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Look for upcoming dining with these local stars — July: Jay Towers of WKRC-FM (97.1); August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); September: Chuck Gadia of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) — in all *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror* editions and online at www.hometownlife.com.

No purchase necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The star(s) featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date to be determined with winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

Tarzan Day

Individuals with disabilities are invited to join Tarzan in searching for hidden treasures, while having climbing the Treasure Tree, making a craft and enjoying a snack from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Fee is \$5 for Wayne County residents; \$6 for others. Pre-registration with payment is required by June 6. Participants are invited to dress in the theme — monkeys, birds, Jane, safari hunter, etc. Call Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620 or contact her by e-mail at mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us.

Free seminars

Dr. William H. Karl will present a workshop on Treating Allergies Naturally at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. If you suffer from itchy watery eyes, head congestion, runny nose, foggy thinking there may be help. You can breathe easier and have a great spring out doors by learning safe, natural, effective alternatives to naturally to help yourself. There is no charge for classes, however, seating is limited so call (734) 525-8588 to reserve a seat.

Heroes dinner

The Michigan Universal Health Care Access Network (MichUHCAN) is holding its second annual Health Care Heroes Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in Barth Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul at 4800 Woodward Ave. at West Warren in Detroit. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at www.MichUHCAN.com. The honorees are the U.S. Rep. John Conyers of Detroit, for his long advocacy to expand health insurance to everyone in the nation; the Free Clinics of Michigan which is an association of more than 40 free clinics statewide that care for the uninsured; and the American Association of Medical Students Michigan Chapters. MichUHCAN was an incorporator of the Michigan Health Insurance Access Advisory Council (MHIAAC), which consists of all the major stakeholders in the health care finance and delivery systems. The purpose of this group is to develop a plan for health care reform in Michigan.

Explore Girl Scouting

Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful



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Winning artists

Stephanie Dulapa (left), a seventh-grader at Franklin Middle School shows off the award she received for her drawing (behind her) as the middle school winner in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' eighth annual Elementary/Middle School Art Show held earlier this month at the Wayne Public Library. Heather Bradford (right), who attends Schweitzer Elementary School, shows off her sculpture which led to her selection as the elementary school winner in fifth-grade. The formal show and reception was attended by many students and their families. According to art teacher Toni Lay, the students' artwork was very creative. "All the students who participated should be congratulated for their hard work," she said.

and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. See what Girl Scouts has to offer. Call (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2686.)

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010

Crochet & Knit

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check

and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise

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Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from tour companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster

Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

Advocacy group

The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 28 meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Weight-in is 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

Menopause & More

A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

Support group

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 547-0400.

Childbirth classes

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a refresher childbirth education course and a new support group for expectant teens. For information on programs, call (734) 458-4330.

Childbirth Association

Classes for childbirth preparation are offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes are available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean birth preparation are also offered. Call (734) 459-7477.

Fibromyalgia

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

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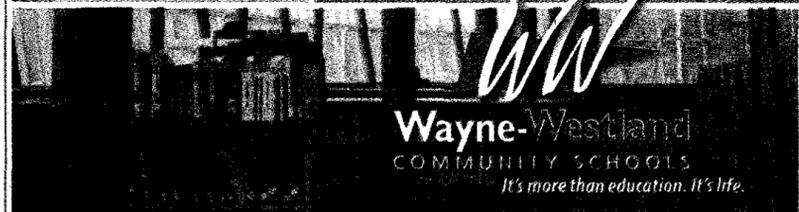
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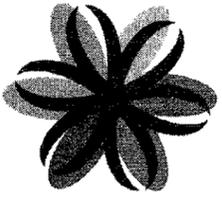
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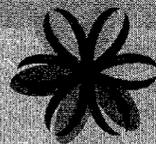
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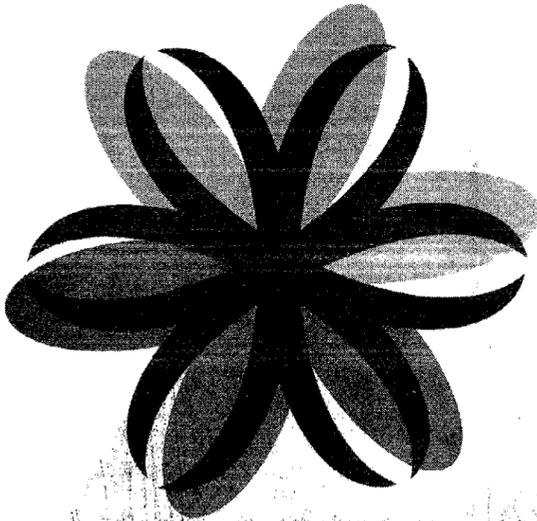
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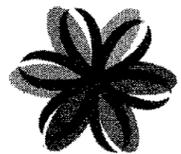
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BUSINESS

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Peters, a Livonia resident, handles GM products, while Gorton, a Commerce resident, does classic cars and imports. The shop also specializes in Ford products, a reflection of their combined dealership experiences and training. "We both came out of dealerships, we're both transmission guys," Peters said. "The dealers trust us." "We do dealership repairs," added Gorton. "There's certain protocols you follow on repairs and diagnosis. There's a return part protocol. We already know

the procedures, so it's pretty seamless. They just call us." A lot of their customers are through word-of-mouth. They believe in putting their customers at ease. "They don't want to spend a lot of money on a major repair," Gorton said. "You deal with three guys at a repair shop - one person who does the test drive, one person who writes up the order and one person who does the repair. Here, it's the owner working on your car, so we have a vested interest in doing it right." At the shop, a transmission is fully disassembled, inspected and repaired. Unlike shops that make minor repairs, MDP does a complete rebuild,

Gorton said. "When this first started we were doing transmissions for police cars all over the country and it just morphed," he added. Admittedly, it was scary start up a business when so many were closing or laying off, but the two men are glad they did. "If you look at the troubles of the Big Three, staying at a dealership might not have been the right move," said Gorton. "The auto business might turn around, but right now, this is a winner." Michigan DriveLine Products is at 38140 Executive Drive off Dix in Westland. For more information, call (734) 641-8575 or visit its Web site at www.michigandriveline.com. smason@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2112

SEX ED

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children excused from the classes. Parents for philosophical or religious reasons can opt their student out of class, however, the HIV/AIDS instruction is state-mandated and that's part of recommendation," Cooper said. According to Cooper, 22 parents reviewed the materials

between the two public hearings. The first was held last month and attracted no comment. Cooper added that he received phone calls and talked to parents about the information. "Actually, the number of people who were concerned, there was a concern about the unknown," he said. "At the end of the conversations, we had people who felt it was not for their students and we let them know they could opt out." Stewart, however, said that

opting out will not keep her son from hearing about the classes. His classmates will fill him in on what he missed at recess, she said. "You can't give back the innocence you'll be taking away," she said. "You should spend the time teaching reading, writing and arithmetic and putting the district back at number one and leave sex education at home. Let me teach my son about sex and morals when he's ready. Don't force it on him."

Hard rockers catch break in battle of bands

It's a great chance to for any local rockers - the chance to open for the heavy metal band Godsmack at the Fox Theatre on Friday. And it was won, in a battle of the bands, by the heavy metal band Overloaded, with two members from Redford and one from Westland. "It's really cool of them," said Overloaded guitarist Erik Kluber, of Redford. "It's a great opportunity for a local band to play a show of this caliber, this magnitude."

Kluber and his four band-mates, who rehearse at the "lofts" just off of Grand River, east of Beech Daly, will play for about 40 minutes Friday at a packed Fox. Overloaded has been around for about three years and is set to release its second CD this summer, he said. Godsmack is recruiting opening acts on its current tour with similar contests, Kluber said. Sponsored locally by radio station WRIF-FM, the contest involved submitting a performance video.

Overloaded made it to the semifinals, along with Soul Circus. Godsmack's lead singer, Sully Erna, made the final decision, and Overloaded was also invited to open for Godsmack in Mount Pleasant on the following night. Overloaded's other members are lead singer Chris Gillen of Westland, drummer Lorenzo Gonzalez of Lincoln Park, bass guitarist Michael Massie of Royal Oak, and rhythm guitarist John Sullens, also of Redford.

FRANKLIN HONOR ROLL

Named to the honor roll for the third marking period at Franklin Middle School were:

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This is a great time of year to make sure that you have an up-to-date videotape of your home and assets. Whether you have done this in the past or this is the first time, it makes sense to go through your home and produce a video inventory.

It is important to document your assets so in case of a disaster, you have something not only to remind yourself of what you have but also documentation for your insurance company. It's a good idea to videotape



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

your assets and your receipts. Then store the videotape in a safe deposit box outside the home. If you keep it at home, store it in a fireproof box.

Next step is to update your homeowner's insurance policy. And, it's also not a bad idea to shop around and receive competitive bids.

Most people obtain their homeowner's policy when they buy their house and they never make changes. We live in a time of unprecedented change

and when it comes to homeowner's insurance, it should be up to date. For most, a home is the single largest asset.

REVIEW DEDUCTIBLES

At the same time you're looking at your homeowner's policy, why not review your automobile insurance? Think about raising the deductible. In the past, the standard deductible was \$100 and then it eventually moved up to \$250. In today's world, many consider the minimum deductible at \$500 or \$1,000. Remember, the larger the deductible, the lower the premium.

Find out what discounts are available on your homeowner's and auto insurance. For example, if you have a teenager who

drives your car, there is a discount for good grades.

There are more alternatives than ever when shopping for insurance. In addition to your current carrier, credit unions offer a variety of discount programs. You can also search the Internet. Even if you don't feel comfortable purchasing a policy through the Internet, it can be a great tool to check out prices and discounts available.

One mistake many people make is they assume the lowest bid is the best bid. That's not always the case. Although, I do believe that the money you save looks better in your pocket, it is important to compare apples to apples. Sometimes a policy with lower premiums offers inferior coverage.

Don't assume all homeowner's

and auto policies are the same. Do the research before beginning your search.

Many people will say the time they spend learning about homeowner's and automobile insurance and shopping around will not save them a substantial amount of money. However, you may be surprised. You can save money and get a better policy.

As you shop around, consider whether you need an umbrella policy. Umbrella liability policies provide additional coverage above and beyond your homeowner and automobile policy. Umbrella coverage is usually sold in increments of \$1 million and in the big picture is relatively affordable.

Although I don't recommend being overinsured, if I

have to be overinsured in one area, it is homeowner's insurance. And for professionals and business owners, or high net individuals, umbrella liability coverage does provide an extra amount of protection.

Purchasing an umbrella policy for auto and home with the same company, usually results in discounts and is easy to coordinate coverage.

The time you spend now will provide you peace of mind down the road.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at money@hometownlife.com. For more information visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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Works in wood and metal take 1st place

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Noffze spent hours after class at Emerson Middle School cutting and inlaying oddly shaped pieces of wood, smoothing them around the 8-and-a-half-inch sphere.

The result: Seven continents carved out of walnut veneer create a sharp contrast against the curly maplewood that represents the planet's water.

Noffze's wooden globe won first place in her division at the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society competition held May 16-19 in Battle Creek.

It's the same award her brother Christopher earned three years ago.

"My brother did a soccer ball three years ago. (My teacher) thought of the idea to try a globe. I thought it would be fun to do it," said Noffze, who had never worked with wood before this year.

Mason Larkin, an Emerson eighth-grader, also won a first place award in his division for pattern making and metal casting.

He cast a 3-D robot out of

aluminum, patterned after the logo for Emerson's robotics club.

Larkin traced the design on paper, cut out different layers on Masonite and packed sand to create a mold, then pour melted aluminum down two spouts. He did the same thing with a mold made out of Styrofoam.

"The heat of the aluminum will just eat the Styrofoam," he explained.

Both Larkin and Noffze are in the after-school Industrial Technology Club, run by teacher Ron Wilson, who submitted students' works for judging at MITES.

Six thousand student projects from 450 middle schools in Michigan and northern Indiana made it to the state-level competition.

"We compete and do really well. It's rare to come away with a division winner," Wilson said. "Every year the bar seems to raise."

Emerson also earned a second-place award for a grandfather clock and a fourth-place award in graphic art for safety posters.

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Kroger warehouse chips away jobs

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Citing limited capacity for increasing frozen food operations, the Kroger Co. has announced it will further scale back its Great Lakes division, located in Livonia, in favor of newer facilities in Delaware and Ohio.

The Livonia warehouse, operated by Advantage Logistics, will stop housing frozen foods in mid-June. The parent company, Supervalu, said there were 541 employees there as of July of last year when the supermarket chain first announced it was pulling perishable items from the shelves.

There are 391 employees there now and Supervalu doesn't know how much of an impact the new change will have. The warehouse will still house dry groceries.

Mayor Jack Engebretson said he was very disappointed at the announcement, saying it has limited uses.

"Hopefully, it will be resurrected," he said. "It's very modern and well-designed, but because it's so highly specialized there aren't that many potential users."

Kroger Co. Integrated Communications Manager for the Great Lakes Division Dale Hollandsworth said the Livonia operation no longer fits the company's needs.

"It's no longer able to support our frozen food sales," he said. "We've been using several outside storage facilities (one in Canton, one in Taylor, to pick up the load). We've outgrown it."

According to the American Frozen Foods Institute, the frozen dinner and entree market represents \$5.9 billion in annual sales, with frozen foods representing one-third of annual food sales.

Hollandsworth said since 2001, Kroger has invested \$300 million in stores and equipment in Michigan, increasing its statewide workforce to 13,500.

Councilman Brian Meakin said the city's already done all

it can to keep the facility open.

"There's not much we can offer," he said. "We've already given them abatements."

Engebretson said a similar situation occurred when Northwest Airlines closed its call center in Livonia. Hundreds of jobs were lost, but hundreds came back when the building was purchased by direct marketing company Valassis.

"Things happen, we manage to overcome," Engebretson said. "There are going to be tough times now but I believe we'll get through them in the long run."

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Golf outing helps Angela Hospice fulfill mission

Angela Hospice's supporters and business friends will once again head to the greens for the organization's annual golf outing, to benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Phillips Service Industries of Livonia is sponsoring the outing, which will take place Friday, June 15.

"We are excited about taking our golf outing to the Woodlands of Van Buren, in Wayne, this year," said Barbara Paul, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "This is a new venue for Angela Hospice and we anticipate a great day of golf."

The event begins with continental breakfast and free range balls before golf, shotgun start

at 10 a.m., followed by 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course. A steak reception follows golf with an open bar and dessert, prizes, and a mini silent auction.

"We are receiving registration for golfers weekly," said Paul, "but there is still room for new and returning individuals and groups to join us."

Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals at a price of \$175 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors are also available.

The popular "First Choice" Raffle is one way for both golfers and non-golfers alike to

take part in the enthusiasm. Each \$10 ticket offers a chance to win one of four prize packages, including a Mackinac Island getaway; a weekend at a Northern Michigan golf resort; Tigers box seats and a helicopter ride with WJR; or a night on the town with Detroit Symphony Orchestra tickets, dinner at Opus One, and a stay at the Atheneum Suite Hotel.

"Thanks to Phillips Service Industries generously underwriting this event, 100-percent of proceeds will directly benefit Angela Hospice's patients and families," Paul said.

The event will support Angela Hospice programs not covered by insurance reim-

bursements. Since 1985, Angela Hospice has been providing home hospice services to patients throughout Southeast Michigan.

Angela Hospice also offers specialized programs for terminally ill children, a prenatal hospice program, and a dedicated hospice care center, which provides a home-away-from-home for hospice patients. The organization provides grief support services free-of-charge to the community as well.

To learn more about supporting the mission of Angela Hospice and the annual golf outing, call Barbara Paul at 734-953-6014 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gully Rd., Dearborn Hgts., MI **June 9, 2007 @ 1:00 PM.**
#350 Kevin Randall, #450 Eleanor Brewer, #431 Dewitt Carson, #614 Thomas Joyce, #750 Eleanor Brewer, #753 Mikaila Linns, #756 Loriann Clapham, #1011 Terrence Matthews, #1025 Patricia Johnson, #1235 Delita Singleton. Units contain: misc. household items.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CITY OF WESTLAND, MICHIGAN

The Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to assist the City of Westland Downtown Development Authority Board in preparing design concepts for redevelopment in the DDA target area - Central City Parkway to Wayne Road. Also, a market analysis needs to be accomplished to identify the appropriate commercial mix for this area.

The Westland Downtown Development Authority has issued this RFP 37095 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Phone 734.467.3264 Fax 734.467.3224 Email econddev@ci.westland.mi.us for a copy of the full proposal.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- A. Design Concepts
- B. Market Analysis
- C. Data Review
- D. Reports
- E. Meetings

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

One (1) electronic version in PDF format and fifteen (15) comb-bound copies of the firm's or team's Proposal must be submitted to William Cava, Economic Development Director, 37095 Marquette City of Westland, MI 48185 by June 12, 2007 no later than 3:00 p.m.

All Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked, "Professional Services for Downtown Development Authority, with the name and address of the Proposer in the upper left hand corner. No responsibility will be attached to the DDA, or any official, agent, or employee for the pre-opening of, post-opening of, or the failure to open a Proposal not properly addressed and identified.

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Mayor's Task Force invites kids, parents to free golf outing

Youngsters and their parents can take a swing at the ball at a golf outing being planned by Mayor William R. Wild's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence.

The outing is free of charge for Westland middle-school aged children and their par-

ents and is slated for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, is at Westland Municipal Golf Course on Merriman south of Cherry Hill. The outing includes a golf cart, a hot dog lunch, and a beverage.

As part of the event, youth

golf lessons will be available 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Monday, July 16, Wednesday, July 18, and Friday, July 20. While not required, parents or guardians can attend the lessons, however, they are required to attend the outing with their son or daughter.

Both events are free and will

be held at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, located at 500 S. Merriman Road, just south of Cherry Hill.

Participants must be residents of Westland and youth golfers must be between the ages 11-14. To register, call the Mayor's Office at (734) 467-3200.

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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2000 Daewoo Lanos	2 DR	KLATA2265YB563172
Larson Boat	14'7"	LARB56050874

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSED 2007-08 BUDGET MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007

Please take notice that, on June 11, 2007 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2007-08 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2007-08 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2007-08 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

MARTHA K. PITSENBARGER, Secretary

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 10 - 5/21/07

Presiding: Council President Pickering
Present: Goubout, Grundstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

147-Approved minutes of reg. mtg. held 5/7/07.

-Approved req. from TEC Furniture, tent sale on 6/8-10/07 & 9/14-16/07, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

-Approved Traffic Control Order 2007-02, install one stop sign at NW corner of SB Hawthorne at Frances, R-1, 30"x30".

-Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-13; Gen. Fund, \$34,393.00.

-Introduced Budget Amend. 2007-14; Gen. Fund, \$24,978.00.

-Approved req. for prep. res. designating Central City Parkway as Honorary Veteran's Memorial Parkway.

148-Denied req. from Big Lots to place 4-10 pallets on sidewalk on north side of the building from 5/17 thru 6/30/07.

150-Introduced Final Draft, HUD Mandated One-Year Consolidated Action Plan, 2007-2008, Year XXXIII; CDBG & HOME Prgm Budget 7/1/07-6/30/08.

151-Waived Procedure & Adopted Final Draft of HUD Mandated One-Year Consolidated Action Plan for 2007-2008, Year XXXIII; CDBG & HOME Prgm Budget, (7/1/07-6/30/08) & granted adoption of Prep. Res. w/amend.

152-Approved site plan, retail ctr. Parcels #034-01-0016-000, -0017-000, -0018-000, -0025-000, & -0027-000, s. side of Warren, e. of Yale.

153-Approved Spec. Land Use for prop. clothing store, Wayne Rd. Plaza, Parcels #057-03-0271-002, w. side of Warren, n. of Avondale.

154-Approved Spec. Land Use for Pet Resort & Day Spa, 300 S. Venoy Rd., Cherry Hill Venoy Shopping Ctr., Parcel #066-01-0543-301, w. side of Venoy, s. side of Cherry Hill Rd., w/contingencies.

155-Approved Checklist \$933,161.50 & Prepaid \$1,270,820.60 Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

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OUR VIEWS

Graduation is no time to get stupid

Teens throughout the area are counting down the days until they will walk out of their high schools for the last time - and out into a new world full of promise and wonder.

Graduating from high school is one of the great milestones of life. It is an exciting time of transition. Many students will be headed off to college in the fall, others will take on jobs. Either way, most teens graduating from high school will be getting their first real taste of freedom.

It is a well-earned time of celebration that should be enjoyed. Proms, graduation ceremonies and graduation parties will be held throughout the area to mark the important milestone.

Unfortunately, many teens choose to use their newfound freedom to party harder than they should, and in many cases, this includes drinking, drugs, and even driving too fast (and sometimes a combination of all three).

All too often, teens think they are indestructible, and don't think about the consequences of their actions before it's too late. Here are some sobering statistics they should be aware of before they go out and screw up their future before it really has a chance to begin.

The graduation and prom season is the deadliest season of the year for teen drivers and their passengers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), teen traffic deaths peak in the summer, when teens are behind the wheel more than at any other time of year.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers, according to AAA, and 40 percent of teen car accident fatalities during prom and graduation season are alcohol-related. Of all fatal teen auto accidents, one-third involve speed-related collisions and one-quarter involve the use of alcohol.

Underage drinking has also been linked to a significant number of drownings, and as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students.

So while graduation is certainly a milestone to celebrate, there can be some significant consequences for celebrating too hard. Teens should enjoy themselves, but not jeopardize their future.

Cheer up; there's plenty to do locally

Everyone loves a party, especially a birthday party. And there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate birthdays this summer in southeast Michigan.

Just leave the party hats at home.

These are birthdays of a different sort. There are no presents and no goody bags, but they are events that all ages will enjoy.

Birthday celebrations this summer will range from Livonia's six-day event, June 19-24, called the Livonia Spree, to Clarkston's Independence Day parade and festival July 4, honoring the birth of our nation.

Summer celebrations come just in the nick of time as local residents are reeling from bad news about the state's fiscal stability, unemployment statistics and the escalating cost of gasoline.

There is little the average resident can do about the job situation or state politics, but these celebrations offer residents plenty of ways to save gasoline while still having an enjoyable summer.

Participating in these events also boosts community spirit and gives neighbors a chance to meet in a relaxed atmosphere.

Local residents are fortunate in that the celebrations are scattered across the coming months throughout the area.

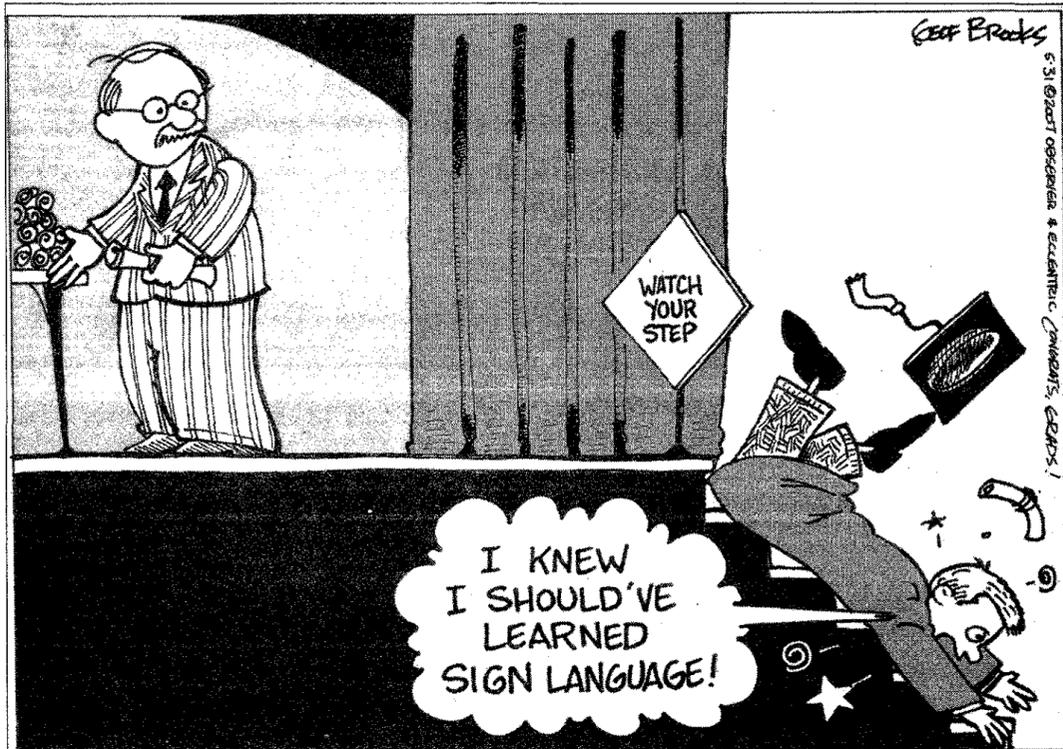
The key to all of these events is their inherent variety, reflecting the nature of the community in which they are located.

Farmington, for instance, has a Founders Festival July 20-22, while Redford Township hosts its own festival June 7-10.

Many of the events offer a midway or rides. Food will be part of the lineup at such venues as the Hot Barbecue & Blues in Oxford June 22-24, Rochester's Art and Apples Festival Sept. 7-9 and the Taste of Clarkston Sept. 30.

Some communities, like Rochester on June 28, will offer fireworks. Many, like Troy, will offer summer concerts. Troy also will offer a Motoring Memories Car Show at its historic museum July 15.

So whether you choose to celebrate civic birthdays we all can be proud of, or just want to vacation at home this summer, check the calendar listings in this newspaper for what's coming up in the local area.



An Education Never Ends -- Keep Learning!

LETTERS

Good things do happen

I am not a resident of the City of Livonia, but during both my youth and now with my own family, I proudly make my home in the northern section of neighboring Westland. For a good part of my life, I attended Livonia schools, walked to the Noble Library, shopped, ate out, rode my bike, went to movies, attended church, visited friends and even worked a few part-time jobs, within Livonia's boundaries.

I love Westland and all that it has to offer as well. I'm especially honored to serve as a member of the City Council, but growing up so close to another community allowed me the opportunity to experience the best of both cities. With so much negative news these days, please allow me to share not one, but two positive items.

The first involved a situation where I was carpooling a couple of individuals to an event and their cars were parked in a shopping center lot near a local expressway. Later that evening, one of the riders reported to me that his wallet was missing. Unfortunately, it was not in my vehicle. Fortunately, for him, a good Samaritan turned it in to the store security and he recovered it the next day. Contents intact. Thank you to the honest individual for turning in the wallet and proving that good people still exist in world.

The second good deed occurred while my family recently dined out and a woman approached our table with four FREE tickets to a play at the Fisher Theatre that she could not use for that evening's performance. Without any hesitation, she offered them for our enjoyment.

With only an hour to spare, my daughter, her friend, myself and my mother-in-law enjoyed the benefits of this stranger's generosity - in excellent seats, I might add. Thank you to the giving individual who not only extended a kindness, but even better, demonstrated for my daughter, and her friend, that good people still exist in this world!

Where did these public acts of kindness occur, you might wonder? Both squarely within the I-96/Middlebelt corridor of stores and eateries. I know that controversies have circulated about certain stores and certain events in this section of Livonia, but we need to remember that both bad and good things can, and do, happen anywhere.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Ethanol price gouging?

Call me Green, I use Leed's construction when I can and bought a dual-fuel Ford Motor ethanol/gas engine vehicle. Having funds flow to the North American farmer is a much more pleasant thought than shipping profits overseas.

One reason we bought the Mercury Marquis was that the price of gas may double again; however, ethanol should remain relatively stable in price. Right? Maybe not!

I can understand with our dependence on foreign oil that the worldwide market for barrels is beyond our control. Every time a world event occurs we pay more at the pump. Fortunately, during one of the recent lulls in the storm, gas was down near \$2 and I was able to buy ethanol for about \$1.90.

Be proud of our flag

I just heard a very sad and disturbing talk on the local radio. People who choose not to stand and sing the anthem to the flag? Are they serious?

Men and women who chose to go to war and lost their lives and families for that flag. Men and women who chose to make a better life for their families by putting their actions where most people's mouths are. Men and women who came back and had only half or less of their life because of injuries.

Men and women who to this day still have the memories of the events they chose to go through so that, by the grace of God, they could live here and be in a free America. Men and women who were raised in a free America because of their ancestors and mine going off to war.

Men and women who when that flag is raised still stand proud and say yes, I will do whatever it takes to keep America free. Families who to this day grieve the loss of someone who chose to go off to war so that their families would have a better tomorrow.

Yes, there are those who live here who do not have a clue about the sacrifices that men and women went through to have that flag blow in the breeze. Yes, the environment of our society today would suggest many do not have a clue.

But many do know the loss of life, the memories of days gone by, the "get it done" attitude of what our flag means to us.

Your actions when you choose not to stand up and sing the anthem says loud and clear - so what if you went to war, so what if you lost a family member, so what if you were injured, so what if you were a MIA or POW. Stand up and be proud that the flag of America still blows in the wind and represents those who "chose" to make a difference in the life you are choosing to live here in America today.

To this day when I stand I choose to cross my heart, I choose to cry and I choose to say thank you to every vet I see as I pass through my day.

Aggie Richards
A proud-of-the-flag American

Thanks for the help

Veterans Haven would like to thank everyone who supported our first annual Veterans Cup Shooting Competition and our Armed Forces Day Dinner.

A big thanks goes to Don Haigh over at the Firing Line and all of the volunteers who made this cup a success. We were able to raise \$2,500 for our homeless veterans thanks to our corporate sponsors - Ford Motor Credit, Chrysler Brand Marketing, Route One, T Mobile of Westland, Two Hot Salon, Accent In and Around Town, Leader Printing, the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit Lions, Showcase Cinemas, Panera Bread, Melissa Gasco - Nique-Elles Salon, Famous Dave's BBQ, and, of course, our host - the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Thanks again to everyone and I look forward to seeing you at the GI Blues Festival.

Scott Romp
Veterans Haven

There may be a justification for the recent rise in gas to over \$3 but the price of ethanol rising to \$3 has to be pure price-gouging.

Right now in southeast Michigan, ethanol is a win-win situation. The leaders in this alternative energy are GM and Ford with over three million dual-fuel vehicles like mine on the road. Where is the government, when we need to implement the changes so often spoken about but, so far, not acted upon?

There are very few ethanol pumps available. When I asked the newly constructed gas station in Plymouth, why no ethanol tanks, his response was that there was too much government regulation to make it worth his while. This was a multimillion-dollar investment by an independent entrepreneur. The governments did not help, they hurt the cause.

Perhaps at least until the alternative fuel system, including distribution, gets established the state of Michigan could take the road-use tax off of ethanol. Give the Green people a break. More importantly, give GM and Ford the advantage they need to beat the foreign competition. If the system works we all win by having less dependence upon foreign oil, more jobs in southeast Michigan, cleaner air and more income to North American farmers.

After a temporary moratorium on ethanol fuel state road tax, put it back on in a few years, if necessary.

Tom Goebel
Plymouth

Against war, but for troops

We can be against war, all "Wars," and still support the troops. As a mother, I support "all" the girls and boys from all countries of the world who don't want to die in a war that old men decided they should die in. Do these old men send their grandchildren to die in these wars? You tell me! I only live in America, not a foreign country.

I thought they created the U.N. so wars would be fought with "words" and not "weapons" that kill other parents' kids. What do you think? Write your senator or representative in D.C. and tell them your opinion on the war in the Middle East (Iraq, Iran, Lebanon and Israel plus other countries). Let's save our world for the children.

Lydia Cohn
Livonia

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QUOTABLE

"Some veterans have come home to find their house payments haven't been made, or maybe their spouse has left them and they don't know where to turn. Maybe we can help them out."

- Scott Romp of Veterans Haven about the organization's efforts to help veterans through its upcoming GI Blues Festival

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Tone down rhetoric, adjust attitude and learn to listen

When I was 20 years old, I was honored to serve this great nation. I went to Vietnam believing that I was a critical ally of a democratic republic that sought the help of the United States in order to preserve its liberty. Like most of my generation, we held to the notion that those who sought at least a two-party system that tried to help citizens meet their own needs and were considerate of each other's rights, followed a system of ethics and civic culture that should be respected and protected.

In my heart, even today, I believe that the spirit of liberty must have fairness, compassion, tolerance, respect for different points of view, allowance for personal choice, initiative and accountability. As we work toward self-reliance through hopeful ideas given us, we experience a humane way of life, a way of life based on alliances that create a feeling of community. Without this, we are, as St. Paul said, "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

If we are to create an authentic society based on common law, rather than on liberal, secular expression opposing conservative theocratic standards, then somewhere along the line, we must get honest with ourselves, because right now, we are being unbelievably dishonest with each other. Let me tell you what will pass away. Better yet, let St. Paul tell us: "prophetic powers, understanding of mysteries and all knowledge." Paul also mentions something about moving mountains and even that won't help, unless somewhere along the line we begin to see each other as equals, "endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights."

If we are to create a real democratic republic, based on respect instead of the slanted chaos that we call "dialogue," we must begin to tone down the gotcha attitude and the unbelievable cynicism that hides behind the "one true faith" doctrine of disrespect that pervades our culture. No person is even close to being more next to God than any other. We are all the children of the Loving Creator. Christ never came to be interpreted as a hate-monger. He released the law of vendetta and taught love and tolerance. The secular left and the religious right do not have the answers. Liberalism vs. conservatism is not the answer. Big money is no more noble than big labor. I am no less prejudiced and hateful than anyone else. Religious leaders aren't exempt. I have been a bigot in my heart many times, and so have all of you.

There is a formula for success, though, and here it is. Let us listen to each other! Let the "right" quit calling the "left" weirdos, instead, let them see the needs of the less advantaged and let the "left" quit sneering at the ethical and moral framework that the "right" supports. Each point of view is a dimension of democracy and it supports a political agen-

da that will only work when in balance.

We are a paradox. Let us accept the truth that we are, at the same time, a nation of Christians and non-Christians, a plurality of people from all over this world, seeking to practice economic and spiritual freedom. We pursue happiness, protecting others right to practice a faith, or not, as they choose.

Our liberal democratic culture works to assist the human needs of its people and looks to allow each of us to express our God-given gifts. We are not free if we're not respectful and tolerant. We are only free when we give others some space. Ethicist, activist and Detroit Mercy Professor Mike Whitty says he is very much an optimist. Why? Because we all know what's wrong. As a minister, I'm familiar with all kinds of people who can tell me what's wrong. Like Whitty, however, I want to see what's right and try to make things better. I want to join in an agenda that blends individual initiative and compassion for my brothers and sisters. Like Whitty, I can see the virtue in "self-reliance, accountability and altruism," for it "creates a more successful and democratic civic culture." What it creates is "good." This happens best when we are all included at the economic and political table.

If what we want to do in the major metropolitan area of Detroit is continue to be relevant in this world, then we must agree to study the questions at hand from the viewpoint of mutual respect. Otherwise, we will continue to say, "no problem here" and ignore either real or imagined oppression, intolerance and unforgiveness. Then the best we can hope for is that we justify our behavior by scapegoating those who are different from us.

There is a steady stream of leadership that comes from consensus-building and power-sharing. It promotes respect and understanding.

Yet there is also a steady stream that comes from a rigid point of view that is the opposite. It promotes fear, hatred and war.

I've been to war. There was no democracy, there was no vision and there was only intentional, well-organized destruction and death. It was not humane in any way, shape or form. Such injustice destroys and "the first casualty of any conflict is the truth." Class warfare, racism and intolerance, no matter how low-key, keeps all of us from prosperity. But we can change.

Yes, St. Paul said it best: "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (I Cor. 13: 12-13) N.R.S.V.

Perhaps we could, "live and let live" a little.

The Rev. Dennis Skiles is co-minister at Unity of Livonia on Five Mile Road. He served in the army in Vietnam and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart as a medic with the First Infantry Division, First Squadron, Fourth Cavalry.



The Rev. Dennis Skiles

Cursive crime and punishment: When writing OK isn't so OK

My daughter was so excited when she started third grade. Finally, she would learn to write in cursive. A bright child, she spent hours trying to mimic her aunt's fancy cursive and doing a darn good job it.

When her printed letters started looking too cursive, I would remind her that she needed to learn to print before she wrote. It would pull her back to second-grade pursuits, but there was no stopping her when third grade arrived.

Now in fifth grade, ready to advance to middle school, I've discovered that she has used her ability to copy handwriting for other things, like forging her teacher's OK on her homework contract and practicing my initialing for similar purposes.

I discovered the latter last week I sat at her desk before school, cleaning it of the junk she had crammed in it. I was doing it in hopes of finding missing homework assignments, contracts and even the final receipt for payment for school camp.

I found all those things and more like an old homework sheet with my initials scrawled in red marker on the bottom. Surrounded by the two fifth-grade teachers, I held it up and announced that my daughter appeared to be finding a new career path. The response I got was she's too bright to do forgery.

No. Taped to the kitchen cupboard as a reminder was a homework contract with the OKs circled. She had tried to fool us into thinking that she had done most of the work in school. It got by us, but her teacher caught it the next day. She clearly remembered the work had not been completed in school.

My husband decided she needed to fill a 80-page notebook from cover to cover with OKs. He's big on that sort of punishment. My daughter has filled an untold number of pages with different sentences meant to instill in her the importance of, among other things, bringing homework home. Long-term studies will need to be done to determine its effectiveness, but short term, I think it's been a bust.

She's been on a homework contract since the second month of school and her follow-through has been inconsistent at best. With a substitute teacher filling in through the end of the school year, she must have thought she was off the hook with the contract. Whenever I asked about it, she would tell me that the new teacher didn't know where they were.

The meddling mother that I am, I e-mailed the principal asking her assistance in getting her back on the contract when her progress report came home. Her rock solid A in spelling had plummeted to a D- and social studies that

had been hovering at a C last marking period was a flat-out E. The reason for the grades was listed - missing assignments.

Back on the contract, we figured we were on the road to getting her grades sorted out. Her teacher offered a lot of extra credit activities to bring up grades and my daughter embraced them. Last week, as I sat at my son's soccer game, I watched her worked on extra credit for a missing spelling assignment. It wasn't until we got home that I discovered she was scamming. Yes, she was doing homework, but not what needed to be done for the next day. That she had left at school.

That's how I ended up in her classroom, cleaning out her desk. It was amazing. She had someone else's pencil pouch tucked in there and five books from the classroom library, including *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul*. I pointed out to her later that age 10 1/2 doesn't qualify as preteen in my book.

When we confronted her about her indiscretion, her eyes got as big as saucers. You could see the gears turning in her brain as she tried to come up with an explanation. She did. She claimed it was from when she forged the OK. She had to rethink that when I pointed out she had cleaned out her desk a few weeks ago. She tried to push that back to months ago, but had to give it up when I pointed out that her practice sheet was dated May 14.

We never did get an explanation as to her plan, but having seen her watch me closely sign the contract and telling her, "Don't even think about it," I'm sure of her intent. Her dad let her determine her punishment, she gladly gave up her favorite blanket for two nights. Wimpy, I say, since it was in the wash, stained with chocolate, but then I was stumped as to what to do.

Grounding her to her room is like a reward, taking things away doesn't faze her. Right now, standing in the corner seems to work for things like her mouthiness and fighting with her brother, but forgery ...

Technically, she hadn't done it, but the intent was there, and I'm sure this won't be the last time it rears its ugly head.

In middle school, students carry a daily planner that lists all their work for the day. It needs to be signed at the end of the week each week and is checked by the teachers on Monday. Knowing my daughter's "forgetfulness," I'm sure I'll be dealing with this again. Maybe that's when, instead of talking about what's she's doing is a crime, I'll have the police give her the pep talk.

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New RESA head must balance tighter budget, greater needs

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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At a time when school districts need more support services in the wake of the state's budget problems, the state's intermediate school districts are facing budget problems of their own.

When Christopher Wigent, currently superintendent of the Calhoun County Intermediate School District, becomes the new superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency on July 1, he will face the task of tightening his budget while continuing to provide needed services.

"There is a tightening of the organization, but at the same time when RESAs and ISDs may cut providing services to the local districts, they may need services even more," he said.

Intermediate school districts were created by the state Legislature in 1962 as an intermediary service agency between the state Department of Education and local school districts. The state has 57 intermediate school districts. RESA serves the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

Wigent was selected by the RESA board to replace Marlene Davis, who retires June 30. He comes to RESA after six years as superintendent of the Calhoun County ISD. He has served as superin-



Wigent

tendent at the Olivet and Dryden school districts and held positions as principal, assistant principal and teacher in a 27-year career in education, which included a student teaching position at Redford Union High School.

"I've had a very successful career and each of those moves was for something better and a blessing of the people I worked with," he said. "People have really mentored me very well and I desired to move to the next level and people have been good at helping me with that."

RESA serves a larger area than the Calhoun County agency, where Battle Creek is the largest school district. But in some ways, it is a smaller operation.

"In Calhoun County, it's a little different than in Wayne. We provide a few more direct services," he said. "We have a development center; starting in July, we'll be operating a technology center; we supply all of the school social workers and psychologists for the local districts. In fact in July, we'll have 400 employees, while Wayne RESA has less, about 280. The idea is the same, education service and leadership. The delivery system is a little different."

DIFFERENT NEEDS

In Calhoun County, Wigent dealt with 13 school districts,

many of them rural. In Wayne County, he will be working with 34 districts in the state's most urban environment, including the large Detroit school district. Wigent said he and his staff were able to build close personal relations with the superintendents of the Calhoun districts.

"Obviously with 34, that's a little more difficult in providing services," he said. "But I still think it's about those relationships and helping districts understand that it might not always be equal. There might be projects where just half the districts wish to take advantage of that, but at the same time be responsive to the other half of those districts and what they need as well."

One of Wigent's top priorities will be meeting with the 34 superintendents individually in July and early August about what RESA is doing right and what the superintendents think can be improved.

Wigent will be dealing with the troubled Detroit School District, which will also have a new superintendent.

"The first thing I'll do is build on the relationships that are already there between RESA and Detroit," he said. "There has been a lot of work that has gone on over the last several years, specifically with Detroit Public Schools — going into high-priority buildings, providing coaching. I think it's important to put their minds at rest that we are

going to continue that and I am committed to that."

In addition, he said changes at the Department of Education will move funds from Detroit to RESA for the high-priority schools.

"It will be more important than ever that we communicate and work closely with Detroit to make sure those monies are put to as good a use as possible," he said.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Wigent said another key area for RESA is working with school districts to meet challenges of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation and the state's new high school graduation requirements.

"Our role is to help provide leadership to the districts to get through the myriad of laws and requirements," he said.

Wigent said there will continue to be political obstacles to the merging of smaller school districts, as proposed by many political leaders to save costs.

"I'd rather concentrate on consolidation of services," he said. "Achieve a smarter use of dollars."

Wigent, his wife and two sons, 10 and 7, will be moving to Wayne County from Marshall as soon as they sell their home. He said the timing is right as his wife is just completing a doctorate at Michigan State University.

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Last year's Tails & Trails walk attracted owners and dogs of all types including a large Irish Wolfhound.

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Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged. The first 80 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag.

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Sponsored by Pet Supplies "Plus," all proceeds from the annual event will benefit PAWS With a Cause and the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. This is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fund-raisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year

including the donation of personal dictionaries to each and every third grader in the Plymouth/Canton school district.

The day begins with a pet first aid seminar following by the dog walk through some of the most beautiful areas of Heritage Park. A packed program of fun events for all the family includes games for dogs and kids, contests, kids' activities tent, face painting, balloon animals, and pet-related vendor booths with information and samples to give away.

Though organizers hope there'll be no growling dogs, any growling stomachs can be quieted at the event's food concession stands to the sound of doggy-themed music courtesy of Silver Sounds DJs.

Heritage Park is located behind the Canton Public Library, at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Pet Supplies "Plus" is a Michigan based company and part of the Canton community since 1991.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital holds its annual Community Open House featuring health information, screenings,

games, prizes, music and more 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 3, on the hospital north grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-1592 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. All events are free.

Kids will love the game tent and inflatable activities, and everyone can learn valuable information from the hospital's health professionals on topics

such as orthopedics, surgery, cancer, and the heart. Always a favorite are visits from the community's medical rescue vehicles including ambulances, fire trucks, Livonia Police and K-9 Units, and the MedFlight helicopter. Enjoy food and refreshments and prizes.

Visitors can receive a health screening, or take a tour of the hospital including the new

Heart & Vascular Center and Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

The open house follows the Cancer Survivors Celebration beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a reception in the hospital's south lobby. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

For more information, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950.

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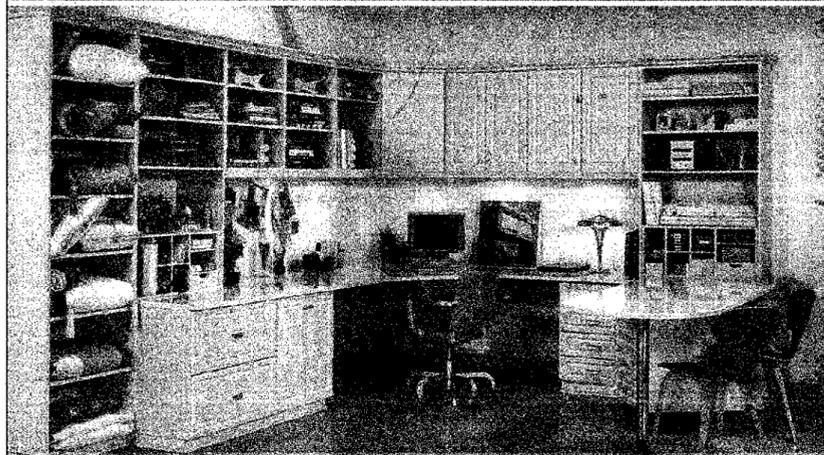
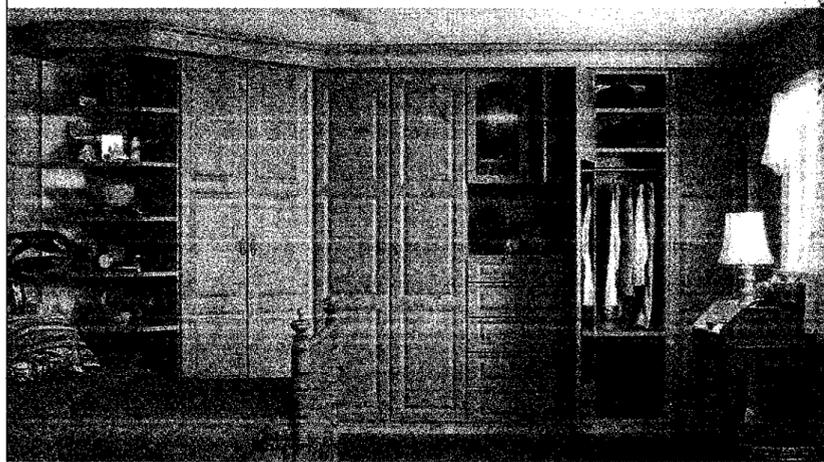
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21, and Cabaret, July 19, dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5), concert at 7 p.m. Thursdays, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. A love offering will be received for the Music Ministry at St. James. Call (313) 534-7730.

Church, 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster off Plymouth, Livonia. Free-will offering. Call (734) 425-6360.

Franciscan peacemaking
How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM

at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, ext. 221.

Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

Crossfire reunion
7 p.m. Friday, June 1, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Join us for an evening of praise and worship led by the ever-popular Crossfire band followed by a build your own ice cream sundae social. Free childcare provided. For details, call (248) 374-5920.

Yard sale
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster off Plymouth, Livonia. To benefit sending children to summer camp. Call (734) 425-6360.

Rummage sale
Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8-foot tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for yourself on June 2.

Single Point biking
10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, meet at the Nankin Mills Administrative Office parking lot on Hines Drive, east of Farmington road. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

Car wash
Fundraiser for Girl Guard Troop noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. \$3 cars, \$4 trucks/vans. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

Texas Hold-em
Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Monthly dance
For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, June 2, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster road, Redford. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Worship service scheduled
The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp. Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. The Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and the Rev. Sean Humby will preside. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfession.org.

Prayer series
How to spice up your prayer life includes Help! I Don't Have Time to Pray on June 7, Conversations with Jesus June 14, and Prayer Walking July 5, at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Rummage sale
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 7-8, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, in St. Joseph Church parish hall, 16101 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn. For details, call (313) 593-4510 or (313) 336-3227.

Italian night & auction
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to support the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035

Crosstalk
7 p.m. Friday, June 8, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Longtime Christian commentator and radio personality Duane Cuthbertson speaks on Healing Life's Hurts. No cost or registration, free childcare provided. For details, call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point biking
10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, meet at Kensington Metro Park, exit 153 off I-96, north 3 1/2 miles to farm center, ride to Island Lake. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

Baccalaureate Mass
And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326.

ext. 243 or visit www.olgparish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Outdoor fun
Meet at 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Sportsway of Westland, 38520 Ford road. Fun-filled evening of outdoor putting, batting cages and go-kart racing. Ticket price yet to be determined. For details, call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point biking
10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, meet at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron to the park entrance, south to Washago Pond. Geared toward tourist-level rider but all ability levels welcome. For details call Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. Note: helmets must be worn.

Monthly breakfast meeting
For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, June 16, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Community garage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rent parking spaces for \$20 each (money raised from your spot is yours to keep), a limited amount of tables will be available for an additional \$10 charge, no weapon sales, at The Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For details, call (734) 722-3660.

Summer safety event
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Father and Son dinner
4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Summer camp
The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Vacation Bible School
6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The backyard of the church is being transformed into a Western town. There will be some new aspects of the VBS this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. June 20, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 11th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@liviostmichael.org for information and registration details.

Golf outing
St. Aidan's Catholic Church Golf Outing Saturday, June 23 (tee times begin at 9:40 a.m.), at Rolling Meadows Golf Club at N. Territorial and Sutton roads. Cost \$125 (due June 1), includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch catered by Thomas's of Livonia. Hot dog, chips and water given at turn. For information, call (248) 719-2535, (734) 748-1819, or (989) 400-7114.

Tribute to the stars
Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Comerica Park, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 886-4600 or visit www.cskdetroit.org or www.ahee.com. Sponsored by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers. No admission, but you must be 21 and older. Dressy summertime attire required. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to event at Ahee Jewelers, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, or at Comerica Park during event.

Availanche ranch
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to lkloiber@ameritech.net.

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Summer music ministry
Potpourri, May 31, Brass Quintet, June

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DOROTHA K. FORSYTH

Age 91, died May 27, 2007, at her residence in High Point, NC. She was born in Russell, AK to the late Fred and Dora Lampton Knupp. She was a former resident of Plymouth, MI. Mrs. Forsyth was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Forsyth. She is survived by daughters, Carolyn Crowther of High Point, NC and Linda Lars of Naples, FL, five grandchildren, Tamara Drake, Scott Birkelbaw, Carrie Powell and husband Brett, Tracy Crother and Brett Crowther; and four great-grandchildren. Cumby Family Funeral Service, High Point, NC, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be submitted through www.cumbyfuneral.com

JOHN W. MATTEIS

Age 88, May 28, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Irene I. Matteis. Dear father of Donna Matteis and Jonelle (Paul) Dankert. Dear grandfather of James, Rebecca, Rachel, Elizabeth and Margaret Dankert and Brandon and Kristen Nuyen. Brother of Hedy Brandt, Alvina Renner and the late Henry Matteis. Funeral services were held on Thursday at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church of Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

ROBERT MARK COLLOP

Age 79 of Wayne, MI passed away May 26, 2007. Uht Funeral Home.

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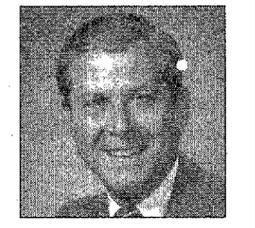
85, of Fairview & Wayne, MI, died May 29, 2007. Uht Funeral Home.

DAISY S. JANKE

May 26, 2007, age 93. Formerly of Birmingham MI, and Homosassa, FL. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth K. Janke. Loving mother of Linda Burgess, Barb (Don) Renton, Phil (Linda) Janke, Kenneth Janke, and Mary (Bill) Blacklock. Grandmother to twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Well remembered as an elementary teacher in Birmingham Public Schools, an active participant in the churches she attended, and a genuinely caring, positive person toward all. A Celebration of Life service will take place in Boyne Falls, MI at the Lake Louise Methodist Chapel Saturday, June 23 at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions to the Lake Louise Methodist Camp Waterfront Fund, First United Methodist Church of Homosassa FL, or hospice of your choice would be appreciated.

GEORGE TUREK

Age 85, of Plymouth, died May 23, at the Whitehall Nursing Home. He leaves behind his wife, Phyllis, two sons, Howard and George, two sisters, Julia and Helen. Also four granddaughters, three step-children, eight step-grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. In his younger days he loved to fish in Michigan and Florida. In later years it was poker and winters in Florida. He worked for the Detroit School Board for many years, acting as President and other offices in the Union. He was so proud to be a veteran of WW II as a Machinist Mate in the Navy. His remains will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. June 5, at 10:30 AM.



WILLIAM SAMUEL BUSHNELL (1941 - 2007)

William Samuel Bushnell of Rapid City, Michigan died May 25th after a seven-month battle with lung cancer. The son of Harvey and Blanche Bushnell, Bill was born in Buffalo, NY on September 12, 1941 and spent most of his life as a resident of Birmingham. He was a proud graduate of Culver Military Academy and the University of Detroit. He married Margaret Jeanne Panter in 1963. Their first child, Kimberly, was born a year later, followed by their son, William, in 1967. Bill began his career at Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation working for Ian Kittle, who would become a major influence in Bill's life. He remained at Allegheny Ludlum for over thirty years, interrupted briefly in the mid-1970s when he worked for his brother-in-law, William Busch, at Haven-Busch Steel Company in Grand Rapids. Returning to Allegheny for the remainder of his career, Bill retired in 2001 as a regional manager. Retirement suited Bill. He and Peggy built their dream house on Elk Lake. An avid golfer, Bill enjoyed his last round of golf on the Old Course at St. Andrews. He also loved to sail and cherished several bareboat charters with his family. Retirement also enabled Bill to give back to his church and community. He was a trustee for the First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids where he was instrumental in getting the church involved with Eagle Village, a resident facility for troubled children. He delivered Meals on Wheels and built countless homes with Habitat for Humanity and Freedom Builders. Bill is survived by his wife, Peggy Bushnell, daughter, Kimberly (Brad Welch), and son, William Jr. (Marilee Bushnell), and his four grandchildren: Samuel and Natalie Welch, and William and Katherine Bushnell. Memorials in Bill's honor may be made to: Eagle Village, 4507 170th Ave., Hersey, MI, 49639, (213) 832-2234, www.eaglevillage.org. A Memorial Service will take place for Bill on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at The First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids at 1 p.m. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

MURIEL LORING

Age 60 of Pleasant Ridge, formerly of Southfield, died Thursday, May 24, 2007. Muriel was a graduate of Beaver Country Day School in Boston, Massachusetts, a debutante in 1965-1966 and a member of the Monthly Ladies Texas Hold'em Poker Club. She is survived by her step-daughters, Kimberly (Mike) Dunseith and Stacey (Joe) Wiatrak; step-grandchildren, Rachel Dunseith and Benjamin Wiatrak, and brother Edward Loring Jr. Predeceased by special friend Glenn LeBlanc. Family will receive friends Saturday 9am until time of Memorial Service, 12 noon at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale. Memorial contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind, www.spauldingcurtin.com

WILLIAM EDWARD HERBERT

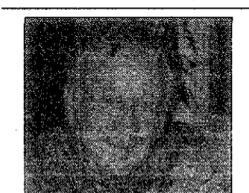
Age 80, passed May 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Donna for 57 years. Loving father of Patricia (Bruce) Beck and Bill (Susan). Dear grandfather of six and great-grandfather of three grandsons. After retiring as a photo engraver, he enjoyed being a stater at Glenhurst Golf Course. A member of the Redford Elks and VFW Hubert Post 345. Proud veteran of WWII. He loved the game of golf, a dry martini, and a good laugh. He will be missed terribly. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn 6-9 Mile). Memorial contributions to the American Lung Association appreciated.

VIRGINIA "JINNY" WAGLEY

Age 81 and formerly of Birmingham passed away May 25, 2007 in Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vance. Jinny is survived by her children: Ann and Don Bont of Newaygo, Rob and Judy Wagley of Rockford, and Leigh and Ted MacCreedy of Jackson; grandchildren Michael and Mark Wagley, Julie, Ian and Paige MacCreedy; her brother and sister-in-law Jon and Julie Eddy and many friends. A service to celebrate Jinny's life will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 4 PM at Covenant Village of the Great Lakes, 2510 Lake Michigan Drive NW in Grand Rapids. For those who wish, memorial contributions to either Hospice of Michigan or to Covenant Village for their Activity Fund are appreciated. Visit www.lifestorynet.com to read more about Jinny's life, share a favorite photo or memory or to sign the online register.

BETTE LEE STAGGERS

Of Birmingham died Tuesday May 22, 2007. She was born on April 8, 1921 in Grafton, West Virginia, the only child of Robert Clark and her beloved mother, Frances Nel Hefflin Clark (later Burrows). She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Theodore R. Staggers, her daughter Kimberly Blanchard and her grandchildren, Charlie and Ginny Blanchard. Her son, Stephen Staggers, predeceased her. Bette served her country in the War Department in Washington, D. C. while Ted was stationed overseas during World War II. After the war, they moved to Birmingham and raised a family. Bette was a great cook, a terrific hostess and loved company. She and Ted had many wonderful, close friends. She was lovely, vivacious and beautiful to the end of her well-lived life, and will be missed by all who knew her. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007.



LLOYD LINDSEY HALSTEAD

Age 76, died May 26, 2007 at home surrounded by his wife of 55 years, Joanne, and his six children, following an 8-month battle with liver and lung cancer. Born in Wellston, MI, Lindsey was educated in the Wyandotte Public School system where he met Joanne in high school. He graduated from the University of Michigan, and immediately began work for Ford Motor Company. Shortly after, he served with the U.S. Army in Trieste and Livorno, Italy. He then returned to Detroit where he continued a career of 41 years with Ford. Mr. Halstead served as a senior executive with the international organization where his assignments took him and his family across the globe from Dearborn, MI to Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and England. He completed his career as the Chairman of Ford of Europe. Upon retirement in Naples, Florida, he became very active in his community, serving such organizations as: The Moorings Presbyterian Church, Habitat for Humanity, Greater Naples Leadership, The Conservancy of S.W. FL, and The Forum Club. Lindsey was the loving husband of Joanne Lodge Halstead, and caring father to six children: Jolin Halstead Platt, Julie Halstead Fetchko, Mark Halstead, Eric Halstead, Matthew Halstead, Susan Halstead Morgan, and their spouses. He was a grandfather to Alexandra, Christian and Joshua Platt, Robby, Johnny and Michael Fetchko, Spencer and Sydney Halstead, Alex and Samuel Aldea Halstead, Ryan Halstead, Samantha, Will and Lauren Morgan. He is also survived by his brother, Maurice Halstead; his sister-in-law Barbara Alexander and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service in celebration of Lindsey's life will be held at The Moorings Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 2nd at 12:30 pm. A reception will follow at The Naples Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his name may be sent to The Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive, Naples, FL 34103 or Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Inc., 11145 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34113.



GRETCHEN ANN HOLWIG

Age 83, formerly of Eaton Rapids and Livonia, Michigan, died Saturday, May 26th, 2007 after a long respiratory illness. Born to Lloyd L. and Iva E. (Wilcox) Carr at Fort Dodge in Dodge City, Kansas on August 9, 1923. Orphaned at the age of 11, she and her brothers, Bill, Bennie and Bruce Carr relocated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home in Eaton Rapids. After graduating from Eaton Rapids High School class of 1941 she attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine graduating in 1946 and returned to work at the VFW Hospital and the local Eaton Rapids Hospital. She met and married Guy M. Holwig of Brookfield Twp., Eaton Rapids on August 6, 1949. Her and Guy with their two children relocated to Livonia where she continued her 40 year career as a Registered Nurse at St. Mary's Mercy and Garden City Hospitals where she managed the kidney dialysis units and worked in surgery. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Guy H. Holwig in 2001 with whom she enjoyed life to the fullest and experienced travels throughout the U.S., Canada, Hawaii, China and Amazon jungles of Venezuela. She and Guy were active in the Livonia Community as original founding members of the Livonia YMCA and team nurse of the Livonia Junior Athletic League along with her husband during his 16 year tenure as LJAL league President as well as members of the Livonia Elks Club. They both were avid outdoor enthusiasts enjoying snowmobiling, fishing and golfing as members of the Alpena Country Club. After retirement in 1986 they moved to their home on Beaver Lake, Michigan. Gretchen is survived by her two sons, William Martin (Christine Carol) Holwig, Bennie Paul (Colleen Ann) of Livonia, her grandchildren, William Guy Holwig, Julie C. Potvin and Michael E. Potvin. She was deeply loved by many friends and family and she will be missed by all of us. Funeral Services will be held at the Skinner Funeral home at 315 S. River Street, Eaton Rapids, MI. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 30 from 2-4 and 6-8. Funeral services will be Thursday, May 31 at 1:00 PM. Internment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery in Eaton Rapids. For online condolences go to www.skinnerfuneralhome.com



CATHERINE HAEFNER SPINNING

of Deerfield Township, formerly an 81-year resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township passed away Friday, May 25, 2007 at her cabin surrounded by her loved ones. Katy was born February 20, 1922 in Detroit, MI, to Clyde and Aileen Haefner. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, William H. Spinning, son, Robert L. and daughter, Carol S. Luedecke. She is survived by daughter, Mary S. Shier, William H., grandchildren, Andy and Scott Luedecke, Jonathan, Amy, and Sarah Shier, Eric and Chase Spinning and two special sons-in-law, John E. Luedecke and J. Patrick Shier. She leaves sister-in-law, Lois Haefner and her nieces Gail and Hope, nephew, James She also leaves a nephew, Gary Casey of Clarkston and two nieces, Kristin and Casey Smith. Katy attended Wing Lake School, Baldwin High School-Class of 1939, attended Smith College and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. She married her high school sweetheart, William H. Spinning, upon his escape from behind enemy lines in occupied France in 1944. That led to a lifelong involvement in the Air Force Escape and Evasion Society. After her children were raised, Katy helped her husband in his advertising firm, R. C. Spinning Advertising. Katy belonged to the Village Players, The Village Club and was a staunch Republican. She was past president of The Republican Women's Club of Oakland County. She volunteered as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and at various shelters in Pontiac. She was an avid sports-woman. She loved to play golf, hunt, fish, play tennis, bowl and ride horses. She also was an avid bridge player and loved to travel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice or to the Deerfield Township Park, 30 Burnside Rd., North Branch, MI, 48461. A celebration of Katy's life will be held Saturday, August 18, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at the cabin. Arrangements by Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, 810-664-8111.

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CALENDAR

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Anniversary Mass

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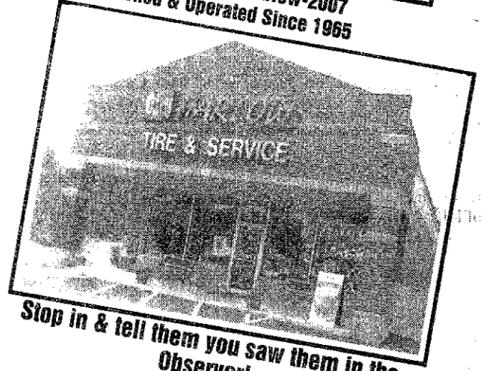


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Rockets orbit past rival Wayne in predistrict, 2-1

Kangas hurls 2-hit gem, strikes out 10

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It was an old-fashioned pitchers' duel Tuesday between a pair of juniors in the opening round of the Division 1 baseball state tournament.

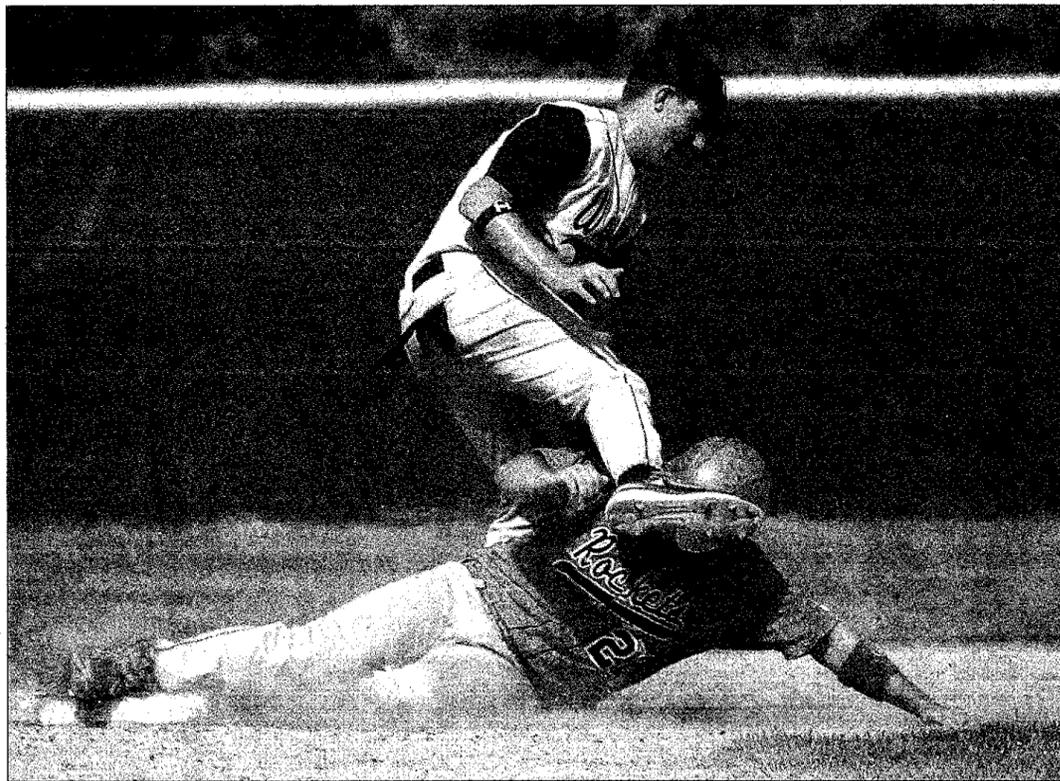
And when the dust cleared, Westland John Glenn emerged the victor thanks to the two-hit performance of lefty Chris Kangas, who also delivered the game-winning RBI in the top of the fifth inning to beat host Wayne Memorial, 2-1.

Glenn improved to 13-17 overall with the victory and advances to Friday's district semifinal to play Belleville. Game time is 10 a.m. at Wayne.

Kangas had pinpoint control to keep the Zebra batters off-balance. He struck out 10 and walked only one. He also picked off a Wayne runner at first in the sixth inning.

"Chris hit his spots, he had command of all his pitches and only walked one — he did a great job," Glenn coach Matt Howton said. "It was probably his best outing (this season). He had a similar game against Walled Lake Central (a 2-1 victory)."

Losing pitcher Ryan Collop also pitched a gem. The right-hander



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLEASE SEE ROCKETS, B2 John Glenn's Ryan Lopez (bottom) steals second base under the tag of Wayne second baseman Brent Patterson.

Sidelines

MU signs 2 golfers

Madonna University head men's golf coach Steve Mato has announced the signing of local standouts including Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) and Josh Brist (Livonia Churchill) for the 2007-08 season.

Stillman, a Division I state qualifier and All-Observer first-team selection, joins the Crusaders next season with a great deal of tournament experience. He was the Patriots' first state qualifier in over 20 years.

"Austin has a positive attitude in everything he does and this is reflected in his golf game," Mato said. "He has an excellent short game and a very good putter and has recently added some distance to his game."

Brist, who hails from Westland, is described as a hard-working individual. He earned third-team All-Observer.

"Josh has a very good golf swing with a great amount of potential," Mato said. "I feel he will be a valuable contributor to the Madonna golf team in the near future."

MU links scholars

A pair of Madonna University women's golfers were named to the 2007 Daktronics Scholar-Athlete team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Seniors Kassi Jacob and Lisa Rodriguez were both honored for their achievements on and off the course.

Jacob, a marketing major from Gaylor St. Mary's, and Rodriguez, an English and Speech Communication major with a minor in Television and Video Communication from Farmington Hills, were named to the squad after carrying a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher this season.

Chargers reach tourney final, 2-1

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

A 50-minute weather delay couldn't stop in the inevitable in Wednesday night's Division 1 district girls soccer semifinal.

Host Livonia Churchill improved to 15-2-3 overall by overcoming an early 1-0 deficit to beat rival Livonia Stevenson, 2-1, and earn a spot in Friday's district championship match against 13-3-3 Northville.

The 4 p.m. final Friday at Churchill will be a rematch of the Western Lakes Activities Association title game on May 23, won by the Chargers, 1-0.

The Mustangs, meanwhile, advanced with a hard-earned 1-0 win in the other semifinal over Salem.

"Overall we played well and we got the win," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "You've got to be happy about that. We came back from 1-0 deficit. The girls showed a lot of character and right now we're good enough to get a little luck."

Stevenson's lanky senior forward Kat Griffith took a high-bouncing ball that got pushed by the wind and fought off a Churchill defender to give the Spartans a 1-0 lead with 25:24 left in the first half.

But Churchill answered when junior forward Alisha Lussiez was taken down on a foul in the box after working the ball down the right wing.

"The one thing you never want to let a team do is dribble on the goal line — too many things can happen," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "The backs (defenders) are your most pressured players and you never want to single anyone out, but we made two mistakes and it cost us."

Bailey Brandon's penalty kick with 18:12 left until intermission made it 1-1 and the Chargers took the lead for keeps on sophomore midfielder Lindsay McMullen's goal with 5:15 remaining off an assist from Alyssa Mira, who again worked the right flank.

"We did a nice job of playing wide," Hebestreit said. "Give credit to both Alyssa Mira and Hannah Otto. Mira, I thought, was the best player on the field, and Otto was awesome, too. She's very versatile."

Thunder clapped and lightning was spotted in the



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Churchill's Bailey Brandon (left) and Stevenson's Jamie Chandler go up for a header during Wednesday's Division 1 district semifinal match.

PLEASE SEE GIRLS SOCCER, B3

Youth is served: Zebras ousted by Cougars, 3-1

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

An infusion of freshman talent is paying big-time dividends for Garden City's varsity girls soccer team.

Look no further for Exhibit A than Tuesday's 3-1 win over host Wayne Memorial in a Division 1 district quarter-final.

After the Zebras took a 1-0 lead about 16 minutes into the second half, on a four-on-none breakaway goal by senior midfielder Kellie Newsted, the Garden City kiddie crew took over.

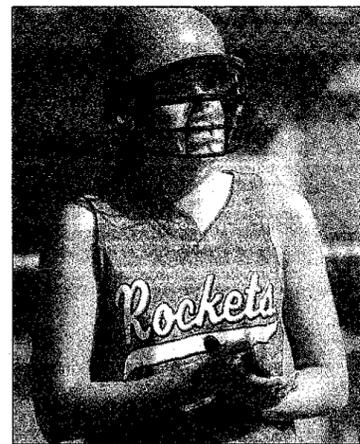
First it was freshman midfielder Alex Johnson drilling a penalty kick into the Wayne net to tie the match just three minutes after the Zebra marker.

Freshman forward Rachel Szczenbara, in her first varsity match after being called up from the JV, scored the game-winner with 13:59 remaining and another ninth-grader, forward Marianne Lewallen, provided some insurance about seven minutes later.

"She (Szczenbara) will remember that goal forever," said Garden City coach Bill Torni, whose squad faces Canton at 6 tonight in the district semifinal. (The final is 7 p.m. Friday, back at Wayne.)

On that marker, the Zebras rushed Cougars sophomore goalkeeper Stephanie Nichols after a long through ball bounced past Garden City's midfielders and defenders.

PLEASE SEE COUGARS, B3



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn sophomore pitcher Brittany Holbrook crosses the plate to score another run in the Rockets' 11-2 Division 1 predistrict triumph Tuesday over host Wayne Memorial.

Glenn girls celebrate first win

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Julie Rogers got doused with a cooler of water and the Westland John Glenn softball coach didn't mind at all.

The first-year coach had reason to smile for a change as she watched her Rockets end a spring of frustration with an 11-2 Division 1 predistrict victory over host Wayne Memorial.

It was Glenn's first victory of the season in 22 games and propels the Rockets into a 10 a.m. Friday semifinal against Belleville at Wayne.

It was only a year ago that the 1-22 Rockets embarrassingly pulled out of the Birmingham Seaholm district tournament due to a forfeit because they could not field enough varsity players. "This is nice going into next year, it

will give us confidence for next year," Rogers said. "We just seemed more confident today. We hit the ball and Brittany (Holbrook) threw hard and pitched a nice game. We also did a lot better defensively."

Wayne, which bowed out at 3-23 overall, had beaten rival Glenn in two previous meetings, including a 7-6 victory May 23 in the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover.

But the Zebras made a total of six errors on the day and collected just three hits off the sophomore Holbrook, who struck out five and walked only two in seven innings.

"They (Glenn) made plays today that they didn't make the first two times we played them," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "They played a good game."

Losing pitcher Taylor Krohn, a sophomore, allowed eight hits, walked nine and hit one batter. She struck out three.

Holbrook, Tarra Anderson and Lisa Pecorelli had multiple hits for the Rockets, while Ashley Ringel went 2-for-3 for Wayne.

Glenn first baseman Stacey Truskowski made a couple of key defensive stops, none bigger when she snagged a line drive off the bat of Bianca Hayes with the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth inning. Glenn was leading 7-1 at the time.

"She (Hayes) hit a shot down the line and if that goes through it might have been a different game," Woodard said.

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Upstart Wildcats crash party, end Stevenson's season, 11-7

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

Someday soon, Plymouth's baseball team may present head coach Chuck Adams with a no-sweat, easy-does-it victory — but he's not holding his breath.

The suddenly peaking Wildcats took their high-wire act to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon and upended the host Spartans, 11-7, in a Division 1 predistrict matchup that wasn't decided until All-WLAA Stevenson outfielder Luke Knochel struck out with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh inning.

The Wildcats' first-ever Division 1 district tournament victory propelled them into a noon Saturday semifinal showdown against cross-campus rival Salem at Stevenson.

The other semifinal at 10 a.m. will pit Canton against Livonia Churchill. The championship showdown is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

"We don't ever make it easy on ourselves," said Adams, with a hearty laugh, just moments after his team's historic win. "Like I always say, 'Nothing ever comes easy for the 'Cats.'"

"It's our first district win at the varsity level, so obviously it's a big win. But we also look at it as just a first step toward trying to win this district. We feel like we're as good as anybody else in the district and that we can compete with all the other teams. It's not like we're a Cinderella story here.

"If we play our game and catch the ball, we can play with anybody in this District, at least that's the way I look at it."

The odds — and history — were stacked against the Wildcats heading into

Tuesday's pre-district battle. Their 14-14-1 record paled in comparison to the Spartans' 20-11 mark and they had lost two previous matchups against Stevenson starting pitcher Matt Tuttle, a 6-foot-6 flame-thrower who will be pitching at Adrian College beginning in the fall.

Plus, there was that 0-for-districts dry spell staring them in the face.

But Plymouth played confidently from the opening pitch and build a 4-0 advantage in the second inning thanks to a pair of walks, a hit batsman error and a clutch two-run single from Ben Kosmalski.

"We felt the third time against (Tuttle) would be the charm," said Adams. "He beat us two weeks ago and then last week in the cross-over, but we committed a lot of big physical errors.

"In our last game, we was high on a lot of his pitches and he threw 146 pitches, so we took a lot of first-pitch strikes. In our big second inning, I think he threw about 60 pitches and he was having a hard time finding the zone."

The Spartans countered with two runs in the top of the third on Nick Plank's two-run single — his second of three hits for the game.

The Wildcats regained their four-run cushion in the bottom of the third when Garrett Rebain walked, Stephen Ostrowski walked, Matt Skubick advanced them to second and third with a sacrifice bunt and Valle drilled a deep sacrifice fly to center field. Junior lead-off batter David Harvey made it 6-2 when he singled in

Ostrowski with his second of four hits for the game.

Tuttle departed the game after hitting Ostrowski with a pitch.

The resilient Spartans put a three-spot on the board in the fourth on a two-run double by Knochel and an RBI groundout from Sam Vomastek.

Plymouth upped its lead to 8-5 in the fifth thanks to an RBI double by Harvey. They added three more in the sixth on a hit from winning pitcher Brad Lineberry, a walk to Rebain, a walk to Matt Skubick, a Valle RBI groundout and an RBI single from Harvey.

Stevenson inched to within 11-7 on Dan Rozek's two-run double and they eventually loaded the bases with two outs before Lineberry K's Knochel, who's one-strike shot down the right field line on the previous pitch was just foul.

Lineberry tossed a complete-game nine-hitter, striking out four. The Spartans went down in order in just the first inning.

"Plymouth played well and we didn't — my hat is off to them," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman. "They did the ball hard and did what they needed to do, and we didn't. Our starting pitcher was 8-0 coming into the game, but they scored their first four runs without a hit thanks to a hit-by-pitch, an error and a couple free passes. When you do that in a game like this, it's not going to work out too well.

"We kept battling, though. My compliments go out to my kids because they never gave up to the end. I'm just sorry my seniors' high school careers had to end like this."

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allowed just three hits, walked two, hit a batter and struck out five.

"Collop also pitched well," Howton said. "He's going to be something. He had good speed on his fastball. He located it well and battled through adversity the whole game."

Glenn took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when sophomore Andrew DeLuca doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Wayne infield error off the bat of Jerry Smith.

The Zebras answered with their only run in the bottom of the fourth, when Brent Patterson reached base on Glenn's only error of the game before eventually coming home on Jon Bryant's RBI groundout.

In the bottom of the fifth,

Jake Murawski drew a walk and took second on Jeff Gergen's sacrifice bunt. DeLuca was hit by a pitch and Smith blooped a single to center field loading the bases.

Kangas then came through with a sacrifice fly to break the 1-1 deadlock.

"We're hot and cold with the bat," Howton said. "It was nice we played good defense and got some timely hitting like Kangas' (RBI) sacrifice fly. When you're not hitting, you need other things in your game to come through, and they did."

Wayne's season ended at 9-21 overall, but there is hope for the future.

"His (Collop's) pitching was outstanding," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said. "If he gets a little stronger, he'll play college because he knows how to pitch."

The Wayne coach, however, tipped his cap to the Glenn

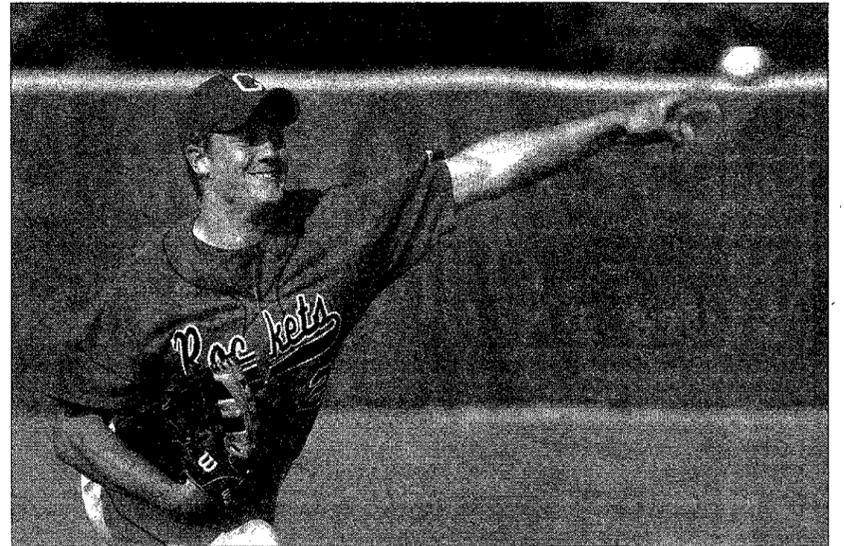
left-hander. "We knew what he was going to throw — strikes away," Garcia said of Kangas. "He did what he had to do to get us out. We wanted to go to the opposite field. He hit the outside corner so well and he got a little extra on it. He threw strikes, but I thought overall we went with the pitch pretty well.

"I can't be too disappointed, though. I thought overall we played a good game."

Glenn, meanwhile, stays alive in the state tournament and Howton was unsure whether Kangas would get the start again with only two days rest.

"We can throw him if he's ready," the fifth-year coach said. "We'll throw him if he's ready. If it's on Saturday like it should have been, we'd have him out there for sure."

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John Glenn junior left-hander Chris Kangas threw a two-hitter, walked only one and struck out 10 in a 2-1 Division 1 predistrict triumph Tuesday over host Wayne Memorial.

Chargers win slugfest versus Franklin, 16-15

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A slow-pitch softball score broke out at Tuesday's Livonia Churchill-Livonia Franklin predistrict baseball game at Livonia Stevenson.

When the dust had cleared and the scoreboard's lightbulbs were restored, the Chargers had prevailed, 16-15, in a game that resembled one you'd see at Hines Park on a Sunday afternoon.

Churchill's record is 16-15 overall, while Franklin bows out at 7-22.

The exciting — although at times sloppy — triumph earned coach Ron Targosz's squad a berth in Saturday's Division 1 District 1 semifinal showdown against Canton, which drew a first-round bye. The first pitch is slated to be thrown at 10 a.m. sharp.

"That was one of the ugliest games I've ever seen," said

Targosz, flashing a broad grin following is team's come-from-behind triumph in the bottom of the seventh. "We were ahead 12-5 then they started hitting the ball and we started booting it. I think we had five errors today. It was an ugly game. It times it seemed like we were playing slow-pitch softball."

Sophomore southpaw James Tyler earned the win for the Chargers after working the final 1.2 innings. He yielded just one hit and struck out two in his clutch performance.

Tyler Cotter paced the winners' hitting attack with three hits, two runs scored and a pair of RBI. Tyler Bledsoe (4-for-4, three runs) and Mike O'Keefe (3-for-5, two runs) powered the winners' 16-run attack.

The Patriots trailed 14-12 in the bottom of the sixth — when with one out and the bases loaded — Anthony Andrus drilled a two-run single to knot the game at 14-all. Franklin

grabbed its final lead when Tyler Canyock singled in Andrus, who had advanced to third on a wild pitch.

James Tyler then entered the game and got the next two batters to strike out and fly out.

Churchill regained the lead in the top of the seventh when lead-off batter Kirk Ciarrocchi was hit by a pitch, advance to second on Tyler Bledsoe's single and third on a passed ball. He then scored on Eric Mitchell's single. The eventual game-winner was plated when Steve Jones' groundout scored Bledsoe.

James Tyler was stellar in the bottom of the seventh, retiring all three batters he faced, the last on a strikeout.

"We don't really have a No. 1 pitcher and we don't have a stopper, but we have a lot of kids who can do the job when they need to," Targosz said.

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Catcher: Drew Adameic, Sr., Walled Lake Central.

Infielders: Bryon Niemczak, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Dominic Benavides, Sr., Northville, Ryan Warwick, Sr., Walled Lake Western, Matt Johnson, Jr., W.L. Central.

Outfielders: Kyle Gring, Sr., Canton; Brent Reichle, Sr., W.L. Central; Luke Knochel, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

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Pitchers: Erik Wright, Jr., Canton; Mike DeLuca, Sr., Northville.

Catcher: Tim Stegried, Jr., Wayne Memorial.

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ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitcher: Matt Tuttle, Sr., Stevenson; Derek Mitchell, Jr., W.L. Central.

Catcher: Nick Plinka, Sr., Stevenson; Bryan Patterson, Sr., W.L. Central; Alan Siepierski, Sr., Westland John Glenn; Matt Loney, Sr., Stevenson.

Outfielders: Robert Johnson, Sr., W.L. Northern; Jerry Smith, Sr., Westland John Glenn; Kirk Ciarrocchi, Sr., Churchill.

At-Large: James MacLellan, Sr., W.L. Central.

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Steve Anderson, Damarri Souderson, Nick Balow, Joe Mitchell; W.L.

Central: Garrette Reichle, Eric Glanz, T.J. Thewes; Stevenson: Ben Vomastek, Jeff Sorenson; Plymouth: Ben Kosmalski, Garrett Rebain, Brad Lineberry, Ronnie Goble, Ryan Valle, Tyler Locklear; John Glenn: Chris

Kangas, Jake Murawski, Andrew DeLuca, Nate Lopez; Canton: Dan Milus, Brad Barath, Will Tidwell, Blaine Paden; W.L. Northern: Chris Boggs, Brendon Clarke, Alex Petrik, Brian Pritchett, Craig Waidie, James Tinkey, Andy Tinkey; Churchill: Mike O'Keefe, Vinny Carozza, Eric Mitchell, Tyler Cotter, Brian Runge, Steve Jones; Salem: Matt Woster, Justin Harger, Sam Ott, Mike Myers, Brad Way, Steve Pydyn; Wayne: Clint Cavanaugh, Trey Raynes, Jon Bryant, Mike Green, Brent Patterson; Franklin: Tyler Canyock, Jesse Carpenter, Michael Basner; W.L. Western: Steve Astrein.

FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS

Lakes: 1. Central, 9-1; 2. Stevenson, 6-4; 3. John Glenn, 5-5; 4. Salem, 4-6; 5. Churchill, 3-7; 6. Northern, 3-7.

Western: 1. Northville, 10-0; 2. Plymouth, 6-4; 3. Western, 5-5; 4. Canton, 4-6; 5. Franklin, 3-7; 6. Wayne, 2-8.

WLAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Northville 11, W.L. Central 1

CAMPS/CLINICS

Field hockey camp

The 2007 Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp for grade six through incoming freshman will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt with on-site athletic trainer). Registration is due June 15.

The camp, directed by

Ladywood coach Kris Sanders,

will put an emphasis on fundamentals and techniques. All camp participants must bring shin guards, a mouthpiece and water bottle. Rubber cleats are recommended along with a field hockey stick (some available for signout at the camp). You should also bring a sack lunch.

For more information, e-mail coachkris@ameritecni.net.

Glenn football camp

The Westland John Glenn football summer skills camp for incoming grades 5-10 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 19-22, at high school. The cost of the camp, directed by Glenn varsity coach Todd DeLuca, is \$50 (includes awards and pizza party). For more information, call Dan Massey at (734) 419-2329.

Ladywood coasts into D-2 final

The state tournament has injected new life into the Livonia Ladywood girls soccer team.

The Blazers, who finished 3-10-1 during the regular season, earned a spot in Friday's Division 2 district championship with an 8-0 mercy-rule victory Wednesday over Detroit Western International (4-11-1) at Redford Thurston.

The Blazers, now 5-10-1 overall, will face host Thurston (5-9-5), a 5-2 winner over Ferndale in the other semifinal, in Friday's championship game. The rematch of last year's final, won by Ladywood in overtime, starts at 6 p.m.

Ladywood received a pair of goals from Rachel Maceri, including the game-ending score with 10 minutes remaining.

Kristen Selasky, Sarah Kempa, Kaitlyn Vitale, Jessica Benaglio, Laura Bou-Maroun and Amanda Field also scored for the Blazers, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Goalkeeper Michele Ring (two saves) recorded her second straight shutout of the district.

"The girls came in focused and ready to play, we really tried to control play and prepare for Friday's game," said assistant coach Sue Christenson, a former Blazer player and 2004 Ladywood grad who plays defender for NCAA Division II runner-up Grand Valley State.

Christenson was filling in for coach Brent Petkus, a goalkeeper for Bowling Green State who was attending an NCAA student-athlete convention in Florida.

Petkus is expected back for Friday's championship match.

CHURCHILL 1, FRANKLIN 0: Bailey Brandon's goal off a corner kick from Kayla Johnston in the 71st minute Tuesday gave host Livonia Churchill (14-2-3) the Division 1 first-round district triumph over stung Livonia Franklin (6-12-1).

Goalkeeper Stefanie Turner, who was barely tested, notched her 12th shutout of the season.

Churchill outshot the Patriots, 20-3.

Seniors Meghan Horgan, Kristine Ostrosky, Kelly Roulier, Diana Brda and Jackie Covert set the tone for the Patriots, according to coach Jen Barker. Junior Erica Pepper stood out in goal for the Patriots despite playing with a cast on her broken wrist. She got defensive help from sophomore

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defender Courtney Smith and junior midfielder Kelly Powers.

STEVENSON 4, PINCKNEY 1: In first-round Division 1 district action Tuesday, Kat Griffith notched a hat trick as Livonia Stevenson (10-6-3) rolled to a victory over the host Pirates.

Mandi Keedle played the first 60 minutes in goal for the Spartans before giving way to Brittany Vella.

Griffith scored in the 28th minute on a break-away set up by Victoria Slavin, who tallied the Spartans' second goal off a pass outside the 18-yard mark from Stephanie Gutkowski in the 38th minute.

Just a minute later, Griffith's header off Julia Schroeder's corner kick made it 3-0 at halftime. In the 50th minute, Gutkowski made a nice pass to set up Griffith for her third of the night.

Pinckney spoiled the shutout bid with a rebound goal in the 65th minute after Vella made a nice save.

LADYWOOD 7, REDFORD UNION 0: Kaitlyn Vitale scored a pair of goals Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood (4-10-1) advanced with a first-round Division 2 district triumph over Redford Union (1-15-2) at Redford Thurston.

Ladywood, which led 2-0 at intermission, also got goals from Kirsten Selasky, Sara Burnosky, Lura Bou-Maroun, Lindsay Maier and Alison Szczypka.

Goalkeeper Michele Ring recorded the shutout. **GROSSE ILE 7, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** Cristina Kovich and Kristie Tamer each scored a pair of goals Tuesday as the Red Devils (15-1-3) blanked host Livonia Clarenceville (6-11-2) in first-round Division 3 district action.

Kelsey Sassack added a goal and three assists for Grosse Ile, which led 6-0 at halftime.

Other Grosse Ile goal scorers included Sarabeth Makins and Amanda Moehr.

The Trojans played without junior midfielder Amanda Moody (knee injury).

GREENHILLS 6, LUTH. WESTLAND 2: Carly Topper and Marcia Silveira each scored twice as Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-6-4) rolled to a Division 4 district victory at Lutheran High Westland (10-8-1).

Allyson Yankee and Juliann Thomas each scored a goal for the Warriors, who trailed 1-0 at halftime.

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area as the first-half ended, causing game officials to declare a delay for nearly 50 minutes, which included the 10-minute intermission and a 10-minute warm-up.

"The delay was substantial, it kind of changed the mood of the game," Hebestreit said. "But we played O.K. at the restart."

Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Stefanie Turner then did the rest, making three key saves in the second half including a diving stop off a low header by Griffith in the 46th minute followed by another timely grab off a point-blank attempt with 28:48 remaining by Stephanie Gutkowski off a well-placed free kick from Kayla Kimble.

"She (Turner) is a great keeper, the best in the conference (Western Lakes)," Pinta said. "I said that last year and I still think she is. She's smart, she's poised and it takes something special as far as pressure to beat her."

The loss ends Stevenson's season at 10-7-3. The Spartans went 0-2-1 against Churchill.

"I thought our seniors fought hard for each other," Pinta said. "Given the way it started this season, it was a heck of a turn-



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Stevenson's Stephanie Gutowski (left) and Churchill's Alyssa Mira jostle for the ball during Wednesday's Division 1 district soccer semifinal.

around. We felt we could play with teams like Churchill and Northville, and there was no

doubt we came in thinking we could win it." bemons@oe.hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2123

Bucks qualify again for U.S. Open Cup

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Another mission accomplished for the Michigan Bucks, who earned a victory and a tie over the weekend, good enough to clinch their record seventh Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup appearance in 11 years.

On Monday, the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions clawed back from a 2-0 hole to deadlock the host Indiana Invaders (2-0-2) in South Bend, 3-3.

Scoring goals for the Bucks, now 3-0-1 in the Central

Conference's Great Lakes Division, included Kenny Uzoigwe (59th and 61st minutes), both from Nate Jafta, and Khelli Dube (his team-leading fifth in the 78th minute) from Uzoigwe.

Saidi Isaac, who snapped Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark's consecutive shutout minutes at 378 in the first half, scored all three goals for the Invaders.

On Saturday, at soggy Independence Park in Canton, the Bucks scored all four goals in the second half to scorch the Chicago Fire Premier, 4-0, as part of the Memorial Weekend 25th annual Canton Cup. After Chicago goalie Matt

Pyzdrowski stopped Dube's penalty kick in the opening half, the Bucks went to work offensively on goals by Ty Shipalane (Lindsay Wilson, Ky.), Dube (Coastal Carolina, Ky.), Jafta (Lindsay Wilson) and Eric Brunner (Ohio State).

Clark (Oakland University) got the shutout.

The loss dropped Chicago to 2-1-2 in the Division.

The Bucks will travel Tuesday, June 12 to take on the United Soccer League's Second Division champion Richmond (Va.) Kickers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the University of Richmond Stadium.

COUGARS

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Nichols came out to meet Newsted and three other Wayne players as they approached her, but the forward managed to knock the ball past her into the wide-open goal.

Torni could almost immediately be heard urging his players to pick up the tempo in order to not fall further behind.

Shortly thereafter came the play that turned the tide in Garden City's favor. A loose ball in the box near Wayne junior goalkeeper Nikole Jarvis was ruled to have been touched by a Zebra defender, resulting in a penalty kick.

Johnson, who had just entered the game in place of senior Alyssa Chambo (who usually takes penalty kicks for the Cougars), blasted her shot into the top right corner behind Jarvis.

"She buried it," Torni said.

According to Wayne first-year coach Evan Baker, whose team finished the season 3-13-2, it was a questionable penalty kick call.

"Typically on a hand-ball infraction, you need the intent to play the ball," Baker said. "It simply bounced off her hands and rolled away. The call on the penalty shot there was kind of baffling and that took the air out of our sails."

Torni, meanwhile, said the play "looked like she put her hands up and played the ball down."

Baker stressed that the referee's decision wasn't why his team went on to give up two more goals and lose.

"In no way was the referee responsible for the loss because they put three goals in the back of the net," he said. "When the other team ties the score, you have to keep coming."

The winning goal by Szczembara (21 goals on the JV) followed some outstanding ball control both by sophomore forward Cara Braun and sophomore midfielder Brooke

Solomon.

It was Solomon who neatly crossed it from left-to-right, where Szczembara swooped in to nail her shot.

"She (Solomon) knew where Rachel was going to be," Torni said.

The Cougars made it 3-1 with 7:18 left when sophomore forward Geri Gabrielson's cross was bumped in on the doorstep by Lewallen, who used her chest to direct the ball into the cage.

But just seconds earlier, a scoring chance by Lewallen was stymied by Jarvis. The goalie dove to her left to block the shot.

"Nicole has really carried us all year," Baker noted. "I'm happy to have her back next year."

In addition to praising Newsted, who played well despite a lingering rib injury, and Jarvis, the Wayne coach saluted junior forward Whitney Jacobs for a solid outing.

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Guzik, Kerr spur Churchill win; Plymouth burns Spartans, 9-2

Paula Guzik's two-out RBI single proved to be the game-winner Tuesday as Livonia Churchill edged Livonia Franklin in eight innings, 3-2, in Division 1 pre-district action at Livonia Stevenson.

Churchill, 17-14 overall, advances to Saturday's district semifinal to face Canton. Game time is noon.

Franklin ends its year at 22-12 overall, the most wins in season since 1997 when the Patriots captured the Western Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning thanks to a two-run single by Katie Stodulski, who finished with three of the Chargers' 10 hits.

Franklin came back with a run in the top of the sixth on pitcher Natalie Sanborn's RBI double and tied it in the seventh when Nicole Emery singled and later scored on a Churchill outfield error.

In the bottom of the eighth, Katina St. Pierre led off with a walk before Sanborn got the next two outs. Julie Hassell then walked and Chelsea Wydick was hit by a pitch to load the bases, setting the stage for Guzik's game-winning hit.

St. Pierre added three hits for the Chargers, while Wydick contributed two.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-4 in a losing cause.

Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr went all eight innings, allowing just four hits. She

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struck out five and walked one.

"Kerr pitched an outstanding game," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "She kept the ball down and demonstrated determination and poise on the mound. Megan (Misiak-Hall) has done an outstanding job coaching this season, especially with all the injuries."

Sanborn (16-9) struck out four, walked three and hit a batter in 7.2 innings of work.

"Despite today's loss, I'm proud of the fact that we kept fighting and came back to tie the game in the seventh, which we have done all season," Jimenez said. "With only three seniors, we have high hopes for next season."

PLYMOUTH 9, STEVENSON 2: Kim Klonowski went 2-for-3 with a solo homer in the fourth inning to propel the Wildcats (23-5) to a Division 1 pre-district triumph Tuesday over host Livonia Stevenson (19-11).

Erin Rodes contributed two hits, including a key two-run single in the bottom of the sixth inning to spark a six-run Plymouth rally.

The Wildcats, who led 3-1 through five innings, also took advantage two of Stevenson's four errors on the afternoon during the six-run sixth.

"We kind of fell apart defensively and let the pressure get to us," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "They had runners on first and second when we made an error and the wheels came off. Plymouth is not the type of

team where you can make too many mistakes against."

Winning pitcher Meghan Patterson limited the WLAA champions to just four hits. She struck out four and walked two.

Losing pitcher Jamie Johnson gave up six hits, walked two and struck out four. Six of the nine runs were earned.

Amanda Paison had an RBI double for the Spartans in the seventh.

"We waited until the sixth and seventh (innings) to hit the ball," Witherspoon said. "It was a big game and it was pretty tense to start off with."

HURON VALLEY 15-13, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 6-15: It was a clean sweep Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (18-5, 10-0) capped an unbeaten season in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference in a doubleheader at Macomb Christian.

The Hawks collected 14 hits and overcame six errors to win the opener, 15-6, as Katie Kipfmiller went 3-for-4, with an RBI and three runs scored. Winning pitcher Amanda Gruenewald scattered three hits and six walks, while striking out eight.

Gruenewald also went 2-for-6 with a triple. Macomb Christian starter Kaycee Reed took the loss.

In the nightcap, Gruenewald homered, double and knocked in four runs as Huron Valley beating Crusaders, 13-1.

Gruenewald allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out seven in five innings.

Nicole Smith added two hits and two RBI in the victory.

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SHOT PUT
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 40-9
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 40-7.75
 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 39-5.5
 Chelsea Carradine (Thurston) 36-9
 Bridgid Molloy (Ladywood) 35-3.5
 Ashley Price (Franklin) 34-7
 Olivia Rork (Luth. Westland) 34-6.25
 Ryan Anderson (John Glenn) 34-4
 Chrystien Guyton (Plymouth) 34-3.5
 Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 34-1

DISCUS
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 139-0
 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 124-0
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 123-10
 Kailee Hobbins (Churchill) 113-8
 Bridgid Molloy (Ladywood) 110-11
 Becca Bartek (Stevenson) 99-11
 Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 99-9
 Maame Adomako (Stevenson) 99-1
 Kristen Becker (Garden City) 98-11
 Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 98-9

HIGH JUMP
 Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-6
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 5-3
 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 5-2
 Shaakira Haywood (Plymouth) 5-2
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5-1
 Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-1
 Megan Matheny (Canton) 5-0
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11
 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 4-11
 Kara Plorkowski (Stevenson) 4-10
 Cierra Yettis (Churchill) 4-10
 Kayla Jones (Thurston) 4-10

LONG JUMP
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 17-4
 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 17-0.5
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16-8.25
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16-6.75
 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-11.25
 Jill Morton (Plymouth) 15-11
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 15-8

Jessica McDougal (RU) 15-7
 Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15-7
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 15-6.25

POLE VAULT
 Marla Winkler (Stevenson) 11-0
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 11-0
 Eren Ural (Churchill) 10-1
 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 9-10
 Beah Knisely (Plymouth) 9-0
 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 9-0
 Jamie Marihugh (Churchill) 9-0
 Alexa VanVliet (Salem) 8-6
 Alicia DiMauro (Churchill) 8-3
 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 8-3

100-METER HURDLES
 Mandy Manus (Plymouth) 15.0
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.3
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 15.4
 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 16.0
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.1
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.2
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 16.4
 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 16.5
 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill) 16.7
 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 16.7

300 HURDLES
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 46.2
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 46.5
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 47.7
 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 48.4
 Jenae Bahoura (Ladywood) 49.0
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 49.1
 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 49.2
 Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 49.9
 Mandy Manus (Plymouth) 50.5
 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 51.1

100 DASH
 Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 12.3
 Julie Hersey (Plymouth) 12.5
 Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 12.5
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 12.6
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 12.8
 Katie Morasso (Churchill) 12.8

Paige Regular (Salem) 12.9
 Jill Morton (Plymouth) 12.9
 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 13.0
 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 13.0
 Jade Mays (RU) 13.0

200
 Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 25.4
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 26.9
 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 26.9
 Lakeysa Smith (John Glenn) 27.1
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.1
 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 27.1
 Ashley Banks (Churchill) 27.2
 Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 27.4
 Monica Hardy (Franklin) 27.4
 Nastassia Goines (Wayne) 27.4

400
 Brittany Mrozek (Stevenson) 1:00.0
 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 1:00.2
 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 1:01.0
 Ashley Butkowski (Franklin) 1:01.4
 Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 1:01.9
 Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:02.3
 Seneca Scott (Franklin) 1:02.4
 Denee Meier (Stevenson) 1:03.0
 Caitlin Heaney (Salem) 1:03.2
 Liz Buttery (Churchill) 1:03.2
 Samar Aoude (Churchill) 1:03.2

800
 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 2:19.1
 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:23.5
 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:24.9
 Allison Milican (Franklin) 2:26.2
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:26.2
 Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 2:26.5
 Seneca Scott (Franklin) 2:28.3
 Lindsey Graciak (Churchill) 2:28.5
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:29.1
 Ashley Miracle (RU) 2:32.0

1,600
 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 5:03.3
 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 5:08.5
 Kelly Hahn (Plymouth) 5:17.7

AREA BOYS TRACK BESTS

SHOT PUT
 Nick Moores (Canton) 54-6
 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 50-4
 Adam Gorring (Wayne) 50-2
 Jon Robinson (Churchill) 49-6
 Alex Edwards (Lutheran Westland) 47-11.5
 Steve Paye (Canton) 46-1
 Kevin Wengert (Franklin) 45-11
 Mike Wood (Franklin) 45-7
 Vernon Bryan (Wayne) 45-4
 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 44-11.5

DISCUS
 Steve Paye (Canton) 153-8
 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 150-6
 Nick Moores (Canton) 147-10
 Mike Wood (Franklin) 141-8
 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 141-7
 Jon Robinson (Churchill) 139-4
 Robert Pennywitt (RU) 139-3
 Thomas Myers (Churchill) 138-6
 Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 138-1
 Zach Bozigan (John Glenn) 134-0

HIGH JUMP
 Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-8
 Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-4
 Jace Beardon (Salem) 6-4
 Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6-3
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-3
 Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 6-2
 Justin Floyd (RU) 6-2
 Ross Davis (Salem) 6-0
 Patrick York (Stevenson) 6-0
 Marvin Whitaker (Plymouth) 5-11

LONG JUMP
 Myles White (Stevenson) 22-3
 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 22-2.5
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 21-1.5
 Dave Simor (Stevenson) 21-5.5
 Alan Freeman (Wayne) 20-6.5
 Jace Beardon (Salem) 20-5
 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 20-3
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 20-2.25
 Nate Sergison (Stevenson) 20-1
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 20-0.5

POLE VAULT
 Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 14-0
 Joe Tessner (Churchill) 13-9
 Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 13-7
 Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 13-6
 Ryan Langdon (Canton) 13-0
 Chris McGinnis (Canton) 13-0
 Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 12-6
 Joe Massel (Canton) 12-1
 J.P. Truesdell (Salem) 12-0

110-METER HURDLES
 Baze Efremond (Salem) 14.4
 Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 14.4
 Myles White (Stevenson) 14.5
 Rico Walker (RU) 15.0
 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 15.1
 Mark Zehner (Churchill) 15.1
 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 15.2
 Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 15.2
 Hammed Ajetunmbi (John Glenn) 15.3
 Tim Belcher (Canton) 15.4

300 HURDLES
 Myles White (Stevenson) 39.2
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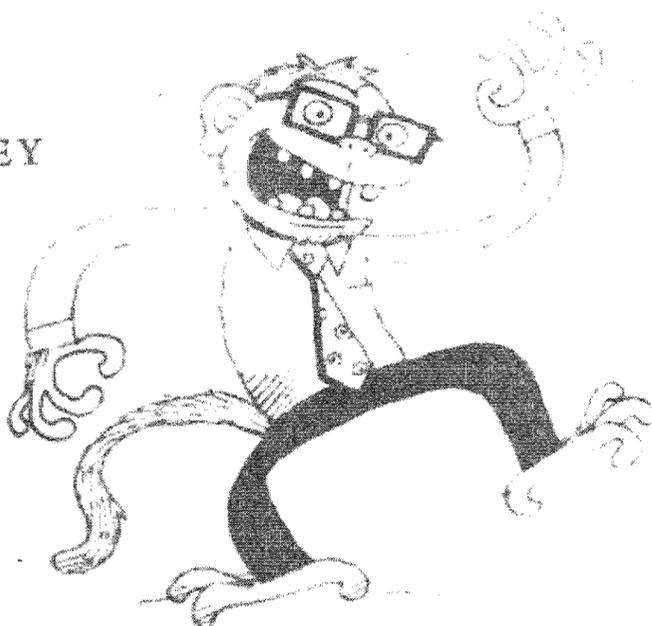
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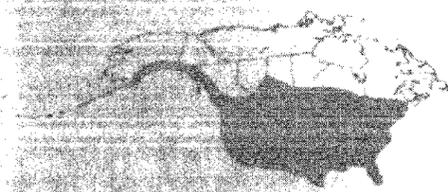
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cedar Point trip

Families and friends of the Wayne-Westland Soccer League are invited to take a round-trip bus tour Thursday, June 21 to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

The cost is \$55 per adult (48 inches and up) and \$39 for juniors 3-61 (48 inches or below, or age 62 and up).

Pick-up and drop-off will be at Applebee's at Warren and Central City roads, in Westland. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. (arrive by 6:45 a.m.) and leave at 7:45 p.m. (arrival approximately 10:30 p.m.).

You must purchase tickets to reserve a seat on the bus along with a park pass from Rhonda Gates by Wednesday, May 30. (No refunds will be given.)

For more information, call Gates at (734) 467-3846.

WYAA football sign-up

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road, (north of Ford road).

The WYAA has two units. The Westland Meteors practices at Voss Park (Henry Ruff and Palmer) and play their home games at Wayne Memorial High School. The Westland Comets practice at Marshall Middle School and play their home games at John Glenn High School.

Age groups for both units include freshman (8-10), JV (11-12) and varsity (11-14). Players are subject to weight restrictions. All players who register must produce a copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate) and a recent school photo.

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.

Registration is underway for the WYAA's new instructional football program for ages 7-8 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

No scores will be tabulated and coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. Games will be played prior to Meteors and Comets on their respective game dates.

Participants must have a maximum weight restriction of 115 pounds and must supply a copy of their birth certificate to the league.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Registration for the Westland Comets and Meteors cheerleading squads is open to all girls ages 6-14 (as of Sept. 1).

Both units will cheer for the Meteors and Comets freshman, JV and varsity football squads during the season and also participate in the Western Suburban Junior Football League cheerleading rally.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

CYO volleyball

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette who are entering grades 4-8 this fall are eligible to try out for the St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program.

The season runs from mid-October through mid-October.

To register, sign up on the St. Edith's gym bulletin board or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

For more information, call volleyball coordinator Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959.

SK8 Jam

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its SK8 Jam for boys and girls ages 7-and-up beginning at noon Saturday, June 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile).

Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon the day of the event (cost \$5). Pre-registration is underway at the LCRC (cost \$3).

Prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters.

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Youth Fitness Meet

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Fitness meet for boys and girls ages 7-14 will start at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28 at Rotary Park.

Free registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. on June 28. Youths must live in the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to participate.

Among the events include standing long jump, running long jump, chinning, dashes, agility course and softball throw.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Girls fastpitch

Registration for the 2007 Westland Lightning girls fastpitch softball program (ages 8-16) is being held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Westland Youth Athletic Association Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Birth certificates are required.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Churchill golf outing

The seventh annual Churchill Athletic Patrons golf outing will begin at 1:30 p.m. (shotgun start) Friday, June 15 at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

Included in the \$100 cost will be 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner at George Murphy's.

The CAP fundraiser will help support the athletic program and athletes at Churchill High School.

For information, visit the Churchill H.S. Web Site or call the athletic department at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Stevenson golf outing

The Livonia Stevenson Golf Outing will begin at 1:30 p.m. (shotgun start) Sunday, June 3 at Salem Hills Golf Course, 8810 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Registration starts at 12:30

p.m.

The 18 holes of golf (with cart) will be four-person scramble. Contest and prizes include closest-to-the-pin and longest drive.

The fee for golf and dinner is \$125 (dinner only is \$50).

Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100, \$200 and \$500.

For more information, call Chris Thom at (248) 476-7336 or Lori Hollandsworth at (248) 442-9234.

C'ville golf outing

The third annual Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Department Golf Outing will be Saturday, June 9 at Tanglewood Golf Course, 53505 W. 10 Mile Road, South Lyon.

There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Arrive and be registered by 1:15 p.m. The free driving range opens at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$125 (includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes). Dinner only is \$25. Corporate hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217. (All reservations must be received in the Clarenceville Athletic Office no later than Tuesday, June 5.)

Drop in H.S. hockey

High school drop in hockey will be available from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The fee is \$8 per player. It is limited to 24 players and four goalies.

All players must show their high school I.D., read and sign a rules form, along with a liability waiver form.

Archery introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an introduction to target archery class from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays on June 9, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22, at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

The fee is \$12 (residents) and \$14 (non-residents). Children 9-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 12100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment. A limited number of instructional bow, arrows and other supplies are available to use at no additional cost. Class participants may also bring a lunch if desired - a half-hour break is schedule during the workshop.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Tennis introduction

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage three different sessions of summer introduction to tennis (ages 6-10) at the Shelden Park tennis courts, located on Plymouth Road (just east of Farmington).

The three-week Session I will be 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 19 and 21 through July 2-3 (classes will meet Monday-Tuesday due to the holiday); Session II, July

10-12 through July 24-26; and Session II, July 31-Aug. 2 through Aug. 14-16.

The fee is \$75 per session for residents; \$85 for non-residents. Registration starts Monday, May 7 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Archery range opens

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will open its archery range from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays through October; and 4 p.m. until dusk Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept.-October.

The range is located on Glendale Avenue off of Farmington Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Registration for an archery range season pass is underway at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's Parks and Recreation Desk, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Resident season pass fees are \$25 (per individual); \$35 (two members); \$45 (three members); and \$55 (four or more).

Non-resident fees are \$40 (per individual); \$50 (two members); \$60 (three members); and \$70 (non-resident).

Daily resident pass fees are \$4 (adult) and \$2 (17-and-under). Non-resident fees are \$6 (adult) and \$4 (17-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Coaches wanted

Livonia Stevenson High School has an opening for a varsity pom pom head coach. For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at (734) 744-2894.

Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls varsity dance cheer coach (fall) and girls varsity competitive cheer coach (winter) for the 2007-08 season. Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.



JV cheer champs

For the third consecutive year the Livonia St. Michael's junior varsity competitive cheer team (grades 4-6) earned first place honors recently in the Catholic Youth Organization Cheerleading Championships held at St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe Farms. The St. Michael's squad performed two rounds including a cheer and dance round involving gymnastics and skills. The Gaels finished ahead of Warren St. Anne's and Utica St. Lawrence. Members of the team include (front row, from left): Heather Hill, Morgan Droste, Madison Russ, Clare Lazenby; (second row, from left) Olivia Szetela, Kelly Rouen, Danielle Dehetre, Sarah Jabbour, Jessica Roskelly; (third row, from left) Kiersten Walsh, Kristen Karwan, Katherine Chmielewski, Moira Finn, Hannah Gove, McKenzie Cronin, Kaelah O'Brien; (back row, from left) assistant moderator Angela Walsh, JV and varsity moderator Terese Koestering, coach Andrea Lazenby, coach Melissa Roskelly, Kyla Hunter, Morgan Albertson, Terranne Brennan, assistant moderator Julie O'Brien. Both coaches, Lazenby and Roskelly, were members of the St. Michael competitive cheer squad and currently are members of the Ladywood and Stevenson high school cheer teams, respectively.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

DIVISION 1 at WAYNE MEMORIAL

Friday, June 1: Belleville vs. Westland John Glenn, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. Romulus, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.

DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA STEVENSON

Saturday, June 2: Canton vs. Livonia Churchill, 10 a.m.; Salem vs. Plymouth, 12:30 p.m.; championship final: 3 p.m.

DIVISION 2 at DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

Saturday, June 2: Dearborn Divine Child vs. Redford Thurston, 9 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 11:30 a.m.; championship final: 2 p.m.

DIVISION 4 at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

Saturday, June 2: Southfield Christian vs. Redford Covenant Christian, 10 a.m.; Lutheran Westland vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

DIVISION 1 at WAYNE MEMORIAL

Friday, June 1: Garden City vs. Romulus, 10 a.m.; Belleville vs. Westland John Glenn, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.

DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA STEVENSON

Saturday, June 2: Salem vs. Plymouth, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. Livonia Churchill, noon; championship final: 2 p.m.

DIVISION 2 at DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD

Saturday, June 2: Livonia Ladywood vs. Redford Thurston, 9 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn

Divine Child, 11:30 a.m.; championship final: 2 p.m.

DIVISION 4 at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

Saturday, June 2: (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; championship final: Southfield Christian vs. A-B winner, noon.

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT PAIRINGS DIVISION 1

FINAL at LIVONIA CHURCHILL (Host) Friday, June 1: Churchill vs. Northville, 4 p.m.

SEMIFINALS at WAYNE MEMORIAL (Host) Thursday, May 31: Garden City at Canton, 6 p.m.; Westland John Glenn at Ann Arbor Huron, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 1: Championship final, 7 p.m.

DIVISION 2

FINAL at REDFORD THURSTON (Host) Friday, June 1: Ladywood vs. Thurston, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE REGIONAL FINAL

DIVISION 2 at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY

Friday, June 1: Ladywood vs. Mercy, 5 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE FINALS

Saturday, June 2

Division 1 at East Kentwood, 10 a.m.

Division 2 at Zeeland, 10 a.m.

Division 4 at G.R. Forest Hills Eastern, 10 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS STATE FINALS

Friday-Saturday, June 1-2

Division 1 at Midland, 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF STATE FINALS

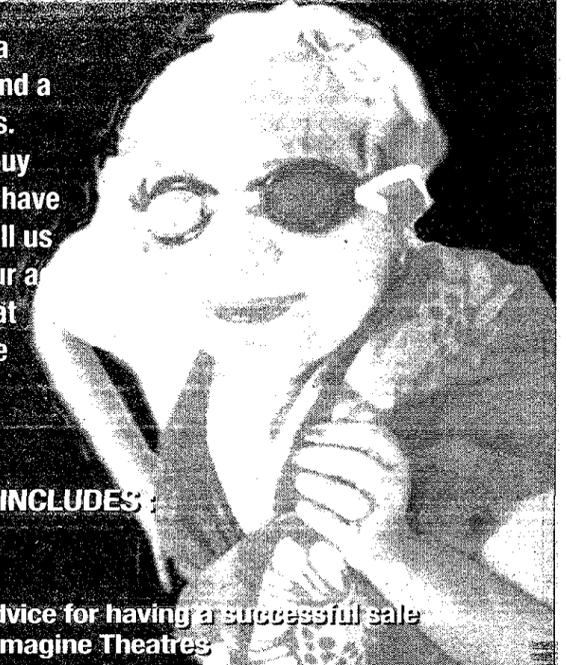
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Division 1 at MSU's Forest Akers (West Course), 9 a.m.

Division 2 at MSU's Forest Akers (East Course), 9 a.m.

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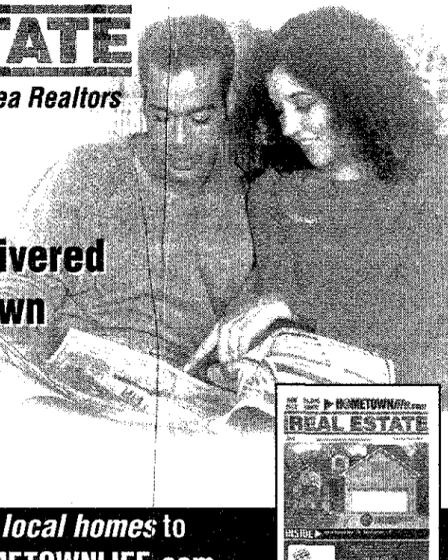
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- 3030...LIVONIA - OPEN SUN, 2-4 11792 Farmington Rd. Newer construction condo, 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2-car attached garage. Open floor plan, higher ceilings & view of pond. \$170,000 (EC92FA) Weir Manual Realtors 734-455-6000
- 3030...Livonia - Real Estate & Personal Property Auction See our ad in Section 7060 in today's paper. Braun & Helmer Auction Service, Inc. Jerry Helmer 734.368.1734
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- 3347...ROYAL OAK 3 Bdrm, brick bungalow, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, appliances, skylite, partially finished bsmt, furnace 2 yrs. old. \$155,000. D&H Properties. 248-888-9133
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WORKWISE Many of today's cancer survivors return to work and throw themselves into community service.

Omaha entrepreneur William Penry had to survive. He went into treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with two businesses and came out with three, all of which he still owns: Air Power of Nebraska Inc., Omaha Pneumatic Equipment Company and Caskel Leasing Company. On May 2, 13 years after his cancer struck, he received The Nebraska Medical Center's Star of Courage Award.

The first time he entered the hospital, he armed himself with a desktop computer and fax. "I set up a little office and promised to communicate daily," he recalls. "I couldn't have visitors. About the second day, I had a laptop and clipboard with me." He returned to work immediately after chemo treatment, only to relapse ten months later and have a stem cell transplant. This time he took only a telephone.

Penry attributes his turnaround to his "work ethic, personal philosophy and self-discipline," and his success with cancer to the entrepreneurial experience, with its constant challenge and uncertainty.

Dan Foster, an administrative

assistant and 40-year worker at KeySpan Energy in New York City, survived rectal cancer twice in almost 11 years with the help of Beth Israel Medical Center. He had two chances to work -- or not. "In 1996," he says, "I had surgery in September and reversal in November. I was back to work in the spring." That's not what friends advised.

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"It was well over a year before I felt like myself," he states. "For a short time (battling the feeling of being tired), I went home a little early." His company didn't seem to mind that it took time to restore his productivity.

The next time around was worse -- surgery on one lung in September, 1999; surgery on the other lung in October; eight months of chemotherapy beginning in November. Once again, his job was waiting for him. Foster was thrilled to be back in the harness and shifted his treatment to Fridays, which gave him the weekend to recover from the aching tireds.

COMMUNITY

Many cancer survivors contribute to the community with gusto. Paul Nicholls, former development director at Ogilvy & Mather, was sitting in a



Rosemary Lebeda, Development Coordinator at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, pins a flower on Bill Penry at the Celebration of Courage event. Credit: Courtesy of The Nebraska Medical Center.

chemo chair at St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City, next to a man from Hong Kong. "I'd walked 10 minutes to the hospital," he recalls. "I realized that I'm going to my own bed. I'm eating the food. My wife is there. The man was here alone, terrified of disease and New York. He was phoning home twice a day. It was expensive; he was stressed because of the time difference."

Nicholls founded Team Continuum, which started at St. Luke's - Roosevelt and expanded to two other hospitals. He's raised \$3.5 million, and he's helped approximately 3,000 patients receive personal living services to defray the "devastating" expenses required for international travel, job cessation and double residences, sometimes with entire families in New York.

Like Nicholls, Penry and Foster are extremely engaged in the community. Foster worked up to speaking at community meetings, health fairs and a half-hour cable program. He's the Voice of Brooklyn for the Colon Cancer Alliance. His list of activities doesn't stop. Penry continues board service and fundraising. "I also spend quite a bit of time meeting with cancer patients at The Nebraska Medical Center," he explains, "trying to provide emotional and spiritual encouragement." He even takes them to his family's lake house to encourage them to live life to its fullest.

These three survivors reflect that work kept them on track. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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Seeking an experienced dental assistant for full time employment. Needs to be aggressive, self motivated, dedicated with professional chairside manner. Fax resume 313-874-0757.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Westland office needs part or full time, exp. assistant. Call: 734-425-9130 Fax: 425-7675

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Novi office. Full or Part-Time. Experience. Mon-Thurs. Fax resume: (248) 477-8501

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Pleasant family dental practice in Canton seeks full time Assistant. Must be experienced, organized, and patient-friendly. Fax resume to: 734-844-0136

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Part-Time
Mon. & Tues., Evenings. Fax Resume: 734-427-1233

Practice Manager
Vibrant dental office in Livonia seeks a multi-faceted manager to join our growing team. The ideal candidate must be dedicated, detail oriented, hard working and professional. Limited summary of duties: Direction, management, training and appointment of staff, prepare reports, and oversee maintenance of facility. Good salary and benefits package. Email cover letter & resume: livonia.dental@gmail.com

SURGICAL ASSISTANT
Part time, for Livonia oral surgery practice. Must be flexible. Dental experience desired. Exceptional work environment. Call Kathy: 248-888-0836

Help Wanted-Medical 5060
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
for Maple Manor, a skilled nursing & assisted living facility in Wayne, MI. FT, some weekends/evenings. Must have nursing home exp. ability to organize & implement activities for skilled nursing home patients & residents of assisted living. Knowledge of computer programs as well as MDS. Must be organized & motivated. Email: marcus@maplemanorrehab.com

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING
for a 60 bed SNF/Rehab facility in Wayne, MI. Nursing home experience a must. Duties will include scheduling, clinicals, supervisory, educational. Will have to work Floor when needed. Email marcus@maplemanorrehab.com

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

FRONT DESK/BILLER & NURSE
For busy Bingham Farms Pediatric office. Negotiable hrs. Benefits. Exp. preferred. Myrna: (248) 642-1444

LPN/DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES
Assisted living facility located in Farmington Hills is seeking a motivated & hardworking Director. Must be able to maintain staff, hire, fire, discipline and implement policies & procedures. Responsible for monitoring all aspects of resident care. Please fax resume to 248-851-0230.

FRONT DESK
For Southfield Dr.'s office. Personable, self-starter, 2+ yrs exp. Serious applicants only. Fax resume to 248-357-2959 or email: frwbcb@aol.com

MEDICAL BILLER
Full time with benefits. At least 5 years experience required. Must have knowledge of multiple physician office billing, nursing home, hospital, specialty billing. Must be proficient in working AR report and rejections. Knowledge of Geniue E-Thomas system would be an added plus. References are required and will be checked. Canton area. Please fax your resume to Theresa 734-981-2259.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
For family practice in Garden City. Part-Time. X-ray exp. Fax resume: (734) 425-1138

MEDICAL ASSISTANT-EXP'D
Full-time for cardiology practice. Fax resume to 248-552-9510

MEDICAL ASST.
Experienced for Livonia area. Please fax 248-476-6452.

MEDICAL BILL REVIEWER
Novi location, for WCP/PIP billing processing. Experience with DE, ICD9/CPT coding & COB required. Resume to: rhabowski@managability.com

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST & MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Fax resume to 734-522-6114

PHYSICAL THERAPIST
Mendelson Orthopedics is looking for a contingent part time Physical Therapist. Candidates must be eligible for licensure in MI. To apply, please fax 501-423-1593 or e-mail resume to: jansen@mendelsonortho.com

PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT
Licensed eligible. Hem/Onc office. Dearborn. Full-time, days. Benefits. Fax resume to: 313-274-8717 Attn: Cheryl

PURCHASING
Trinity Health, a mission-centered Catholic health system w/ facilities in 7 states, has opportunities in the Farmington Hills location within the Purchasing/Procurement Dept. We are seeking applicants at all levels within the dept. that are creative, enthusiastic, and have strong inter-personal skills. To conveniently apply online, and/or to view more details on each position, visit the Careers section on our website at: www.trinity-health.org

RECEPTIONIST
2 yrs experience. Full Benefits. Fax Resume 248-832-2863

REGISTERED PHARMACIST
Busy IV infusion practice seeking a part time Registered Pharmacist. You can fax your resume to 248-888-7817 or email: admin@idcenterpc.com

SUPERVISOR Midnights
Assisted living building in Northville is looking for a Midnight Supervisor to care for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. Fax: 248-344-8184.

Local News Online
hometownlife.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

Tri-County Pain Consultants, PC
Tri-County Pain Consultants, a well established interventional pain management practice with an outstanding reputation, is expanding and currently recruiting for the following positions in our Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Royal Oak locations:

- **Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner (FT):** Strong clinical and interpersonal skills with a desire to work independently and collaboratively as a critical member of our health care team. Pain related experience helpful but not required.
- **RN's/LPN's (FT/PT):** Outstanding team attitude and a minimum of 2 years clinical experience, preferably in an outpatient procedure setting.
- **Radiographic/X-Ray Technicians (FT/PT):** Exciting opportunity to be a part of a quality interdisciplinary team. Experience operating a C-arm is helpful but not required.

If You:
• Enjoy no weekends or holidays
• Thrive in a team environment
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• Strive for outstanding patient care and customer service
• Want a competitive salary and benefits package

Apply on-line at: <http://www.tricountypain.com>
or send, fax or email a current resume to: D. Gogolin 844 South Washington, Suite 100, Holland, MI 49423; fax: 616-546-2678
or email: EmploymentMPC@procaresystems.com

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080
BANQUET SERVERS
Experienced only! Needed at Banquet Hall in Southfield. Apply in person bwn 11AM-3PM Mon-Thurs. Palace of Southfield, 25228 W. 12 Mile Rd. W. of Telegraph, across the street from the Star Theater.
No Phone Calls, Please.
Banquet Servers, Bartenders, Dishwashers: Part-Time, weekends. Call Nick Plymouth Manor 734-455-3501

BARTENDER- PART TIME Night Shift
Call & ask for Manager 734-425-2246

CATERING STAFF
Part time. General Staff, grill cooks & Drivers. Good pay, benefits available, week-ends +
Jobs@carlsoncatering.com
Fax 734-699-8100

COOK Breakfast/Lunch
Fast paced. Downtown Plymouth. \$9/hr. Full time, days & weekends. Bodes Corned Beef 734-453-1883

COOKS for new restaurant, experienced. Apply in person ONLY Mon-Fri., 8am-10am or 2pm-4pm; Burbo's Restaurant, 33501 W. 8 Mile, Livonia.

GENERAL MANAGER for Penn Station Subs. Restaurant Management Exp. required. Fax resume: 734-425-7480

HOSTESS Days
Part time, 10-12 hrs. wkly, 11am-2pm, Mon-Fri.
Apply Mon-Fri., 2-4pm at: Four Friends Bar & Grill 44282 Warren Rd., Canton.

WAIT STAFF
Exp! Apply at: Shark Club 42070 Ford Rd., Canton

Wait Staff & Line Cooks
Exp. required. Apply within: Ram's Horn, 32435 Grand River, Farmington

A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

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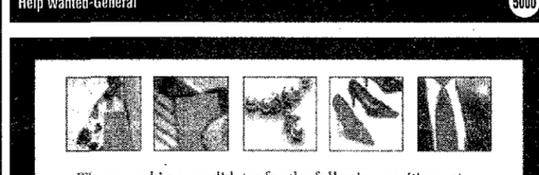
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Help Wanted-General 5000



We are seeking candidates for the following positions at our Laurel Park Place location in Livonia:

- Full-time sales associates
- Part-time alterations associates
- Part-time stock & housekeeping associates

Associates receive a comprehensive benefit package:

- Top wages in retail industry
- Health insurance (full-time)
- 20% employee discount
- Incentives to reward individual sales performance
- Sick pay, paid vacations & paid holidays
- Premium pay on Sundays
- Dental insurance (full-time)
- 401 (k) program

Please apply at the Customer Service Desk at our Laurel Park Place location in Livonia or apply online at www.vonmaur.com.

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