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Senior Expo

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Gets grant

A Westland community organization is among several groups in out-Wayne County to receive a grant from the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency.

The Samuel B. Ware Community Center received \$1,500 to support its summer camp program for youth ages 5-12. The camp will provide quality, structured and supervised activities for youth while their parents are working.

"The Community Funding Initiative Program is Wayne Metro's way of supporting the work of our partners in the community. Together, we can make a difference" said Louis Piszker, Wayne Metro CEO. "We are proud to provide financial assistance to other organizations dedicated to serving residents of Wayne County."

Wayne Metro's Community Funding Initiative Program provides small grants to nonprofits, community organizations and churches located in out-Wayne County to help them fulfill their mission by providing better services to their clients.

Wayne Metro has five Regional Advisory Councils that represent the 42 communities comprising out-Wayne County. RACs consist of community representatives from churches and schools, business leaders, nonprofit leaders and local volunteers. These councils work to eliminate problems in their community through outreach. RAC members review applications, conduct site visits and make funding decisions once a year.

For more information on Wayne Metro's Community Funding Initiative or to become involved in a Regional Advisory Council, call Erin Evans at (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123, or go online to www.waynemetro.org.

Panel meets

The Wayne County Commission will be holding a full board meeting at Garden City's Maplewood Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 21.

The commission holds two full board meetings each month at which the 15 county commissioners vote on the final adoption of resolutions and ordinances.

"I am proud to bring the Wayne County Commission meeting to my district," said Commissioner Diane Webb, who represents Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Redford Township. "Our meeting will give local residents an opportunity to see their Wayne County government in action."

At the meeting, the commission will be honoring the Little Caesars pizza chain, which was founded in Garden City 50 years ago this month.

The Maplewood Center is at 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman and south of Warren.

Pickering bows out of city council race

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Pickering

Westland City Councilman Charles Pickering dropped a political bombshell Friday afternoon by withdrawing his bid for re-election.

His decision leaves nine hopefuls to compete for eight slots in the Aug. 4 primary. Four candidates will be elected in November.

Pickering, a former mayor who has served nearly two decades

on the council, acknowledged that his decision will likely send shockwaves across Westland's political landscape.

"I just felt that at this time, it was time for me to move on and allow other people to have an opportunity to serve the city on the Westland City Council," he said.

Pickering became the third incumbent to decide against a re-election bid. Veteran council members Cheryl Graunstadt and Robert Stottleyer already had announced their decisions not to run.

Only one of four incumbents, Dewey Reeves, remains in the race. Other candidates include former Councilman Kenneth Mehl; return candidates Christine Cicirelli Bryant, Hal Dunn, Sam Durante and Mark Rodriguez;

and first-time election-seekers Janet Frederick-Wilson, Adam Hammons and Meriem Kadi.

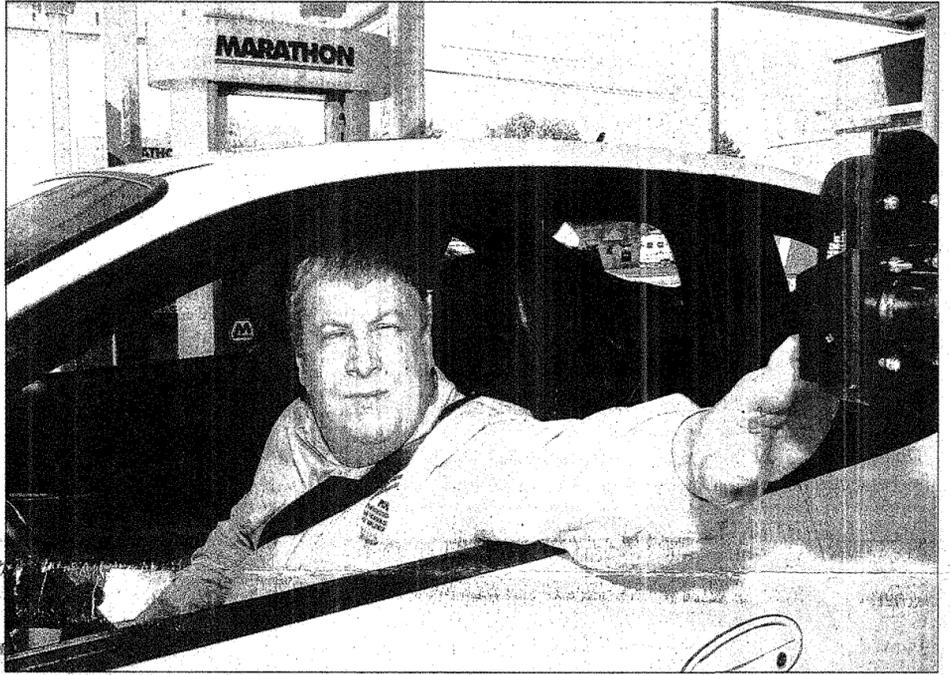
Even before Pickering was first elected to public office as mayor in 1982-85, he had previously worked 10 years as a supervisor and department head in the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. By any standard, he has been a fixture in city government.

Pickering didn't rule out a

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Button 'dignifies' getting fuel for disabled

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Michael Harris knows where he's going to buy gas. His decision has nothing to do with the price, but with a button at two pumps at the Marathon gas station at Ford and Newburgh in Westland.

"I see this as a quality of life item," said Harris. "It provides an independence in traveling, it enhances the driving experience for the disabled."

The executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, Harris was at the gas station Monday to promote the fuel call button. Mounted on a pole that extends out to be within reach of people in their vehicles, the fuel call button allows disabled drivers to notify the attendant that they need refueling assistance.

The station is one of the Sam Hadi Group of gas stations. Hadi worked with Harris, who lives nearby, to get the buttons installed at the station.

"It's a great program, Marathon is glad to be a partner," said Katherine Jarmuz, territory manager for Marathon Petroleum Company. "It's like driving up to an ATM."

Michael Harris, executive director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, presses the fuel call button mounted near a pump at Sam Hadi's Marathon station at Ford and Newburgh in Westland.

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Officials hope Holman will survive GM cuts

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Red Holman Pontiac GMC, a longtime Westland-based auto dealership, had little to say Friday as General Motors announced plans to shed 1,100 dealers by next year.

Mark Kowalski, operations manager, declined to comment on whether it appears the dealership — a key business on the city's Ford Road commercial corridor — would survive.

As recession-battered GM dealers nervously awaited word of their fate, Kowalski said, "I would have nothing to say."

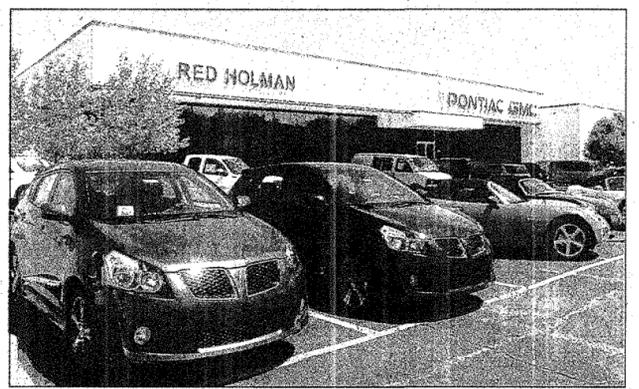
Still, officials seemed optimistic. City leaders held out hope that Red Holman, a for-

mer Toyota dealer that will be affected by GM's plans to phase out Pontiac, will at least continue to sell GMC vehicles, and possibly other models, in the long term.

In recent weeks, Westland city officials have received encouraging words about Red Holman, despite the potential for sudden change in a beleaguered industry suffering from a sharp decline in sales.

"With the information that we have, at this point it doesn't appear that they are going to be part of the cuts," Mayor William Wild said Friday.

Company and city officials remain hopeful that Red Holman and its sprawling complex will



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Mark Kowalski, operations manager, declined to comment, however, Westland city officials are hopeful that Red Holman Pontiac-GMC will survive GM's cutting of 1,100 dealerships.

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Sentencing delayed in robbery, assault case

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A transient man convicted of stabbing and robbing a woman outside a Westland gas station is expected to face sentencing as early as this week in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Myron Terrell Boone, 27, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison after Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt convicted him in April of armed robbery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Skutt also ruled that Boone was mentally ill, meaning Boone could potentially spend additional time in a psychiatric facil-

ity. A court clerk had said that Boone was scheduled for sentencing on Friday, but she indicated Friday that it has been delayed, likely until this week.

Boone robbed a woman and slashed her across the stomach when she stopped for cigarettes about 6:15 a.m. Jan. 15, 2007, at the Marathon station on the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads.

The victim had identified Boone in court as the man who attacked her with what police described as a box cutter blade. The woman was treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Westland police Lt. Dan

Karrick has described local authorities as pleased that Boone was convicted during a trial heard by Skutt, but Karrick said the issue of Boone being declared mentally ill was "out of our control."

Boone's trial had been delayed more than two years as authorities awaited a ruling that he was competent to stand trial. His case finally went to trial after it was determined that he was ready for trial.

Boone was charged in the attack after he was captured for an unrelated shoplifting charge in Roseville, police have said.

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Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 22. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020. The center also has bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

Republican Women

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be at the

Pick-A-Bone Rib House, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia, at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 28. The speaker will be Michelle McManus, candidate for Michigan Secretary of State. The cost for the luncheon is \$12. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 471-0415.

Visitors and guests are welcome.

Pancake breakfast

International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wayne Assembly No. 72 will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Wayne

Masonic Lodge No. 112, 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, Westland. The cost is \$5 per breakfast and feature the "best pancakes in the state," served to you by the Rainbow Girls. No reservations necessary. For more information, call (734) 721-7950.

Be a star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is offering a summer program. Children ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for the first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer we will be working on dances, cheers and be attending camp. Join in the fun this summer. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Closing celebration

St. Dunstan Catholic School is inviting all former school staff, students and families to attend the closing Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The school is closing after 45 years. People planning to attend should call (734) 425-4380 to send an e-mail to stdunstanschoolsecretary@comcast.net by June 5. People who would like to contribute as a minister in the liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6720.

An open house and reception will follow.

Vote count certified; Lessard's still the winner

It's official — incumbent Daniel Lessard beat challenger Roger Spence by 10 votes May 5 for a seat on the Livonia school board.

The vote was certified Wednesday by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers, according to the Wayne County clerk's office.

Spence, an attorney, said Friday he hadn't made up his mind yet about asking for a recount. He has until Tuesday to make a decision.

He said supporters are pushing for a recount, which

would cost \$10 per precinct. "Certainly a lot of people would like to see a recount just for closure," he said.

Only a candidate in the race may request a recount, according to the Wayne County clerk's office.

Lessard said he was "tickled" with the vote certification. "You know you don't go through all that to lose, and now we can go on continuing to help the kids," he said.

A retired Michigan Bell employee, Lessard has been on the board for 12 years.

He and the other winner, top vote-getter Colleen Burton, held a joint victory party the night of the celebration.

Lessard said he is focusing on the school budget for 2009-10, which is projected to have a \$7.5 million deficit unless cuts, cost containment and other measures are taken.

Lessard received 2,878 votes in Livonia and Westland; Spence received 2,868 votes.

By Karen Smith

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Yancy Davis	1138	boxes, bags, totes
Lisa Bynum	1326	boxes, bags, mattress
Linda Riley	1468	bags, boxes, mattress
Tyrone Johnson	1548	boxes, dresser, desk
Marion Sinclair	1552	piano, stereo
Kristina Taylor	2058	boxes, bags, dresser
Nathaniel Williams	2118	boxes, bags
Charlotte Scott	2240	boxes, bags, totes
Anthony Pinon	2288	boxes, totes, tv
Charles Dalton Jr	2418	bags, stove, refrigerator
Anthony Pinon	3002	boxes, bags, bike
Tyrone Johnson	5012	vehicle - Truck Ford F150 VIN 1FTEP15Y2FLC14113

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James Hipshire	102	boxes, dresser, sofa
Pro Line Building	143	boxes, bags, saw
Roosevelt Henderson	148	boxes, bags, tv
Horace Jackson	201	boxes, bags
Jamie LaGrow	221	boxes, chairs, vacuum
Melissa Hagen Segedy	534	boxes, totes
Donald Feister	631	chair, boxes, totes
Kristy Bradburn	642	boxes, bags, totes
David Zimmerman	658	boxes
Mark Turchan	826	boxes, bags, totes
George Anderson	903	sofa, cabinet, chairs
Susan Dalimonte	947	boxes, bags, table
Gordon Toner	1119	chairs, bags, dresser

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Notice of Public Hearing June 1, 2009
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on June 1, 2009 at 6:57 p.m. to solicit public comments regarding the proposed 2009/2010 Budget Ordinance.

Ordinance A 09- ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide revenue for municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, by adopting a budget and appropriations.

Whereas, the City Manager has submitted to the City Council a proposed budget upon which a public hearing will be held on June 1, 2009, as required by Article VI, Section 6.06(B) of the Charter of the City of Garden City;

Therefore, be it ordained that there is hereby appropriated for said fiscal year the amounts set forth in the following tabulations which, pursuant to the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act" (M.C.L.A. 141.421 et. Seq.)

Be it further ordained by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Garden City that the Annual Budget of the City for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, as summarized below, representing the various budgetary centers of the FY09-10 Annual Budget as defined by P.A. 621 of 1978, as last amended, be and the same is hereby adopted.

General Fund Summary		Expenditures	
Revenues		Mayor & Council	44,168.00
General Property Taxes	12,213,500.00	21st District Court	858,477.00
Business Licenses/Permits	30,321.00	City Administration/Personnel	292,967.00
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	14,000.00	Clerk Treasurer	962,480.00
State Shared Revenues	3,973,626.00	Non-Departmental	5,522,814.00
Grants - Local Units	302,030.00	Police	5,142,415.00
Charges for Services	1,175,470.00	Fire	2,646,362.00
Fines and Forfeits	681,000.00	Dept. of Public Services	2,361,974.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	771,000.00	Parks & Recreation	1,321,981.00
Contributions/Public Enterprises	263,000.00	Boards & Commissions	77,500.00
Contributions/Other Funds	828,168.00	Debt Service	1,020,977.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$20,252,115.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$20,252,115.00
Major Street Fund Summary		Expenditures	
Revenues		Expenditures	1,275,000.00
Gas & Weight Tax	1,200,000.00	Increase in Fund Balance	
Interest on Investments	75,000.00		
Use of Fund Balance			
Federal Grant			
State Grant			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,275,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,275,000.00
Local Street Fund Summary		Expenditures	
Revenues		Expenditures	970,000.00
Gas & Weight Tax	475,657.00	Debt Service	
Transfer - Major Streets	300,000.00		
Metro Act Revenue	78,500.00		
Interest on Investments	20,000.00		
Decrease in Fund Balance	95,843.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$970,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$970,000.00
911 Fund Summary		Expenditures	
Revenues		Expenditures	130,000.00
Revenues	162,000.00	Transfer to General Fund	34,000.00
Interest	2,000.00	Increase Fund Balance	
Decrease in Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$164,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$164,000.00
Cable Franchise PEG fee		Expenditures	
Revenues		Expenditures	38,100.00
Payments by Cable Companies	38,100.00		
Use of Fund Balance			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$38,100.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,100.00
Community Development Block Grant Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	0.00
County Grant Transfer	146,000.00	Salaries	43,996.00
Rehab Funding		Housing Rehab	18,998.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$146,000.00	ADA Compliance	44,130.00
		Public Service Activities	14,800.00
		Administration	24,076.00
		Planning expenditures/facility improve	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$146,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$146,000.00
Rehabilitation Revolving Fund			
Revenues		Expenditures	34,000.00
Repayments of Loans	34,000.00	Housing Rehabilitation	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$34,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$34,000.00
Building Department			
Revenues		Expenditures	349,909.00
Transfer from Other Fund	494,527.00	Personnel	4,275.00
Permits/Inspections	33,000.00	Operating/Services	173,343.00
Planning / Zoning Fee's		Capital Outlay	
Rental Inspections		Prof/Tech	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$527,527.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$527,527.00
Police Drug Forfeiture Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	25,200.00
Confiscations	10,000.00	Expenditures	
Use of Fund Balance	15,000.00		
Interest	200.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,200.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$25,200.00
Capital Improvements Projects Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	30,000.00
Use of Fund Balance	0.00	Expenditures	
Transfer - General Fund	30,000.00		
Interest Earnings	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$30,000.00
Water & Sewer Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	9,059,759.00
Water/Sewer Revenue	7,840,831.00	Expenditures	
Other Revenue	751,104.00		
Decrease Retained Earnings	467,824.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,059,759.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,059,759.00
Downtown Development Authority			
Revenues		Expenditures	620,000.00
Incremental Property Tax Revenue	495,000.00	Development Projects	317,538.00
Use of Fund Balance	550,658.00	Administration	208,120.00
Interest on Investments	30,000.00	Debt Service	
Misc Revenue	70,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,145,658.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,145,658.00
Library Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	237,747.00
Transfer from General Fund	228,000.00	Personnel	4,172.00
Fee's / Fines	42,010.00	Operating/Services	48,080.00
Grant's / Aid	20,000.00	Prof / Tech	22,168.00
Interest	700.00	Capital Outlay	
Use of Fund Balance	21,457.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$312,167.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$312,167.00
ALL FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$33,979,526.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$33,979,526.00

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A sign at the gas station lets customers know when the fueling assistance is available.



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The distinctive logo for handicapped accessible lets disabled drivers know the fuel call button is for them.

FUEL CALL

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Harris relates the fuel call button to the full service gas stations once provided. Fueling assistance is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but the problem the disabled face is how to notify the attendants. Many of the gas station's listed on The MPVA's Pump Guide Web site ask people to call ahead or pull in and honk their horns.

"This is a nice service to have," said Harris. "It's the first in the metro area. I believe there's some in Grand Rapids

and Mt. Pleasant."

The MPVA developed The Pump Guide seven years ago and now lists between 900-1,000 gas stations that provide assistance for the disabled. Another MPVA Web site, www.disabilitygas.com, also promotes use of the fuel call and includes a video showing how it is used.

The MPVA also is pushing for federal legislation to require the installation of accessible communications devices at all gas stations. In a letter to Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, Harris said federal legislation "would bring a uniform standard to the gasoline industry and allow drivers with

disabilities a process that makes refueling simple and dignified."

Harris hopes what Hadi has done at the Westland gas station will have a domino effect, that once it's proven to be a good investment on his part, other stations will follow suit.

"I hope people see this as a win-win situation," said Harris. "It provides a service for people with disabilities and in return, the owner will see an increase in customers. I hope others take

Sam's lead and purchase these buttons."

Harris added that there are tax incentives available under ADA to pay for half the cost of the fuel call buttons.

Harris also said he plans to change his driving habits. Hadi's station is no longer out of his way.

"I'll come here from now on," he said.

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HOLMAN

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remain a fixture on Ford Road east of Wayne, even as GM shrinks amid fears the auto giant, like Chrysler LLC, could end up in Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

City officials say Red Holman has been a good neighbor. Moreover, the company has a substantial impact on the local tax base.

Westland Finance Director Steve Smith said that in 2008, Red Holman tax revenues amounted to \$183,400 for its real property — meaning its buildings.

According to a formula, \$41,000 of that amount would be for city coffers, \$77,000 for schools and the rest for the county, Smith said.

Red Holman paid another \$12,000 in taxes on personal

property for items such as shop equipment, Smith said.

Just as important as the tax revenues, city officials certainly want to avoid what would be a major vacancy along the Ford Road commercial corridor — a key area that local leaders are striving to protect amid the economic downturn.

Red Holman is located in the city's Downtown Development Authority district, an area that city leaders hope not only to protect, but help prosper in coming years. As such, some taxes are captured for the DDA district.

"Obviously we're hopeful that they're going to stay open," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "They're an integral part of the Ford Road corridor and the DDA district."

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PICKERING

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only candidate I am supporting for election to the city council," he said.

Pickering ran for the mayoral post two years ago but was defeated by Mayor William Wild, who, barring a write-in campaign, is unopposed in his November election bid.

Pickering said he will continue working hard for the city through the end of the year, when his current four-year term will expire. Even after that, he said he plans to remain active in a city he has served in numerous capacities for decades.

"I won't disappear," he said.

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return bid for city office in the future. But he described himself as satisfied that voters have a qualified field of candidates, without him, for this year's election.

He said he will actively campaign for Bryant.

Pickering said he didn't decide against a re-election bid in hopes of boosting Bryant's candidacy. He said he believes he could have helped her even if he had remained in the running.

"As of right now, she is the

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EDUCATION

ACHIEVERS

Second-year Westland John Glenn wrestling captain **Zaid Ammari** has been awarded a Farmers Student Athlete Citizen Award.

Ammari carries a 3.74 grade-point average and is a member of the National Society, a member of the Student Council, serves on diversity and math clubs, and is on the school's quiz bowl team. He is a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and serves as a D.A.R.E. role model.

Farmers Insurance teamed up with Fox Sports Detroit to honor well-rounded high school student/athletes throughout the state.

Junior **Keely Mog** and freshman **Adam Sonak**, both of Westland, have been named to the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University. To achieve Dean's List recognition, the two students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Senior **Brent Opiela** of Westland has been named to

the President's List for winter term at Northwood. To achieve President's List recognition, Opiela had to earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC **Zebra Battalion** won the Commander's Cup for the third consecutive year in recent competition in Centerline. All of the teams finished in the top three for their event. However, it was the two first-place trophies from the Varsity and LET 1 Color Guards that led the battalion to victory.

In addition to the overall win, Cadet Capt. **Candace Papineau** came in third place out of 150 cadets in the individual drill competition. Cadet Cpl. **Brian Browning** was also named the top LET 1 Drill Commander in the competition.

The Zebra Battalion finished in the top three in every competition and was the Michigan Wide Drill Champions.

Students find reward in helping others

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're high school kids from two totally different programs who come together during the school week to play Wii, shoot some hoops, toss around a football and even fly kites.

It's an eight-week pilot program that pairs students from Cambridge Alternative High School with high school-aged teens in Garden City's autistic program. The program draws students from the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

After three weeks of interaction, the program is showing promise of being offered as a class in the 2009-2010 school year.

"It seems like a really good fit to mold the two programs together," said Debbie Eves, assistant director of adult and community education. "We wanted to get students more integrated into the high school, many come from other districts."

The Cambridge students, who have to have better grades and be community minded, teach their Burger counterparts to be good sports and show them coping skills by playing games, taking community walks or trips to the store. In the process, they build up their own self-esteem and improve their competencies.

Brandon Coffey of Westland was one of those students who "wasn't on the right path," but has changed a lot since enrolling at Cambridge. He's "done a 180" and is applying it to the program, he said.

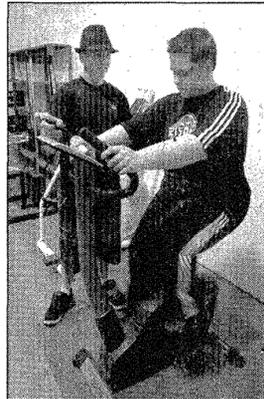
He likes interact with the kids and gravitates to those who want to be by themselves. He's been able to get one boy who isn't always willing to participate to shoot some hoops.

"I love it, I look forward to doing it," said the 18-year-old. "It's something I enjoy doing."

Working with the Burger stu-



Cambridge students Gabriel Young and Carlton Smith shoot hoops with Devon Gullen.



James Rollinson works with Dylan Nesbett on the stationary bike as part of a program involving students from the Burger Center for Students with Autism and the Cambridge Alternative High School.

dents isn't anything new for 17-year-old Carlton Smith of Detroit. His mother works with special needs people. He helps the Burger students play basketball and

catch a football. Gabriel Young II of Detroit adds Wii and UNO to the mix. His favorite activities is a split between basketball and playing Wii Guitar Hero and bowling.

"They're really good at it, they win most of the time and I'm not trying to let them win," he said. "They beat me at it."

According to Burger teacher Eric Selix, the program is something that can be looked at with the restructuring of the autistic program. Older students will be moved to Burger West, with the Burger center on the east side of town housing toddlers through middle schoolers.

"It's something we looked at doing now with a look to the future when the organization is more homogeneous," he said. "It's a cooperative relationship that can extend itself through the years."

The students have done some cooking, had a birthday celebration and done some community walks to local stores to work on group skills in a retail setting. There also may be a trip to the

Wayne Recreation Center pool for a swim day.

"I think that'll be really fun," said James Rollinson of Westland who has helped the Burger students pick out food at the Kroger store on Middlebelt and how to use a crosswalk not "run through the parking lot."

The students are keeping anecdotal logs, jotting down what they see happening. The data will be used to evaluate and enhance the program.

"We want it to be rewarding for the students," said Eves. "We may be able to create a class with credit as long as the data supports it and shows students are getting something out of it."

Taraylen Ford of Dearborn has learned a few things from the interaction.

"It really has taught me take advantage of life and to respect people who are different from me," she said. "At first, I was kind of nervous, it was the first time I was around people with special needs, but I've learned their language now. My student relates more to me because I've learned his language."

Burger teacher Carrie Olson said the two groups of students getting together has brought about change. The Burger students seem to be more willing to break out of their patterns.

"One student recently started being closer to the group," she said. "He's off in a corner and he's still not part of the group, but he is closer to the group. He's becoming more socially aware."

The program lasts 90 minutes and Eves said they're finding the students are getting "a lot of altruistic rewards" because of it.

"They now think I'm here because I'm needed, I'm here because someone is counting on me," she said. "And it gives them something bigger to count on. I think it's been rewarding for everybody."

'Keep It Safe' Night is May 27

Safety will be the theme and the message of the first annual "Keep It Safe" Community Night held at Taft-Galloway Elementary School in Wayne Wednesday, May 27.

Presented by the school in partnership with JFL Diversified Business Network and Reid Associate, the community night is being billed as an informative evening of fun, food and entertainment. It will take place 5-8 p.m. at the school at 4035 Gloria St., Wayne.

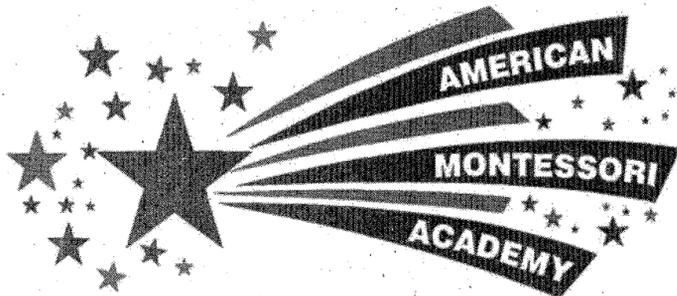
There will be free goodie bags for the first 150 guests, and dinner - tickets are required - will be served 5-6 p.m. The lineup includes informational sessions by Westland Police D.A.R.E. Program and the Wayne Police Department,

a demonstration by PKSA Karate of Westland and a performance by Youth Under Construction.

There also will be face painting, music by DJ Mystic, free vision screening by Dr. Randy Houdeh and vendor tables, including one manned by representatives of the Michigan State Police. The Michigan Masons Child ID Program will be creating identification packets for parents throughout the event. The Wayne Fire Department will have the fire trucks and the Wayne County Sheriff Mounted Division will have its horses on display.

The event is free of charge to families.

For more information, call Taft-Galloway at (734) 419-2760.



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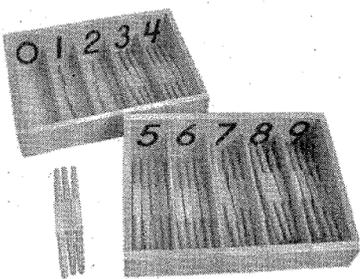
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Blaha

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in

Bloomfield Hills.

A local broadcasting icon and one of the most recognizable personalities in Detroit and the NBA, Blaha recently completed his 33rd consecutive season as the television and radio play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons. The "Voice of the Pistons" is the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the state of Michigan following the retirement of legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Blaha brings a high-energy style

to go with his extensive basketball knowledge and demonstrates a true passion for Pistons basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such as, "two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

Blaha handles play-by-play duties on either television or radio for all 82 regular-season games plus pre- and postseason games on FSN Detroit and WDFN — the Pistons' flagship stations. He also

hosts the *Pistons Weekly* television program, which airs Sunday nights on WDIV TV4 at midnight, and has handled play-by-play duties for Michigan State football since 1971. In 2002, he was made an honorary alumnus of Michigan State University.

Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy and Gaylor.

Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's Sportscaster of the Year for the second time by *The Detroit News* (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored by Michigan State as an honorary letterman and member of the "S" Club. Blaha was honored with the Ty Tyson Award for broadcasting excellence by the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association in 2003.

Anderson backs cut in legislative costs

A western Wayne County Senate Democrat has voted to pass a negative supplemental budget bill that includes a 4 percent

General Fund reduction for the judicial and legislative branches, including cutting nearly \$1 million from the Senate budget.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson supported the measure which includes a \$500,000 reduction in the Legislative Auditor General budget. It will save the state a total of \$6,873,400, much needed savings as the state works to reconcile a significant budget deficit.

"Michigan families and industries are certainly feeling the pain of this economic crisis, and the members of the Legislature need to reduce their own budgets too," said Anderson, whose 6th District includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford. "I voted to cut legislators' salaries and reduce legislative budgets, and I will continue to focus on protecting the needs of Michigan citizens in this difficult time."

Anderson has taken numerous steps as a member of the Senate to cut government spending and increase transparency from within and ensure that the Senate is sharing in the financial sacrifices that Michigan's families and businesses are already being forced to endure. Earlier this year he voted to cut legislators' salaries by 10 percent. He is one of only eight senators that would be affected by this change in 2011.

He also has strongly supported Senate Resolution 15, which would mandate that all Senate caucus and member offices, regardless of party, should have the same overall compensation and expense levels. Currently, individual Senate Republican office budgets are almost \$100,000 more than those of Senate Democrats.

On May 7, Sen. Anderson called for action on a substitute to SR 15 that would take the almost \$3 million that the Senate Majority currently has in excess of the Minority and put it in the Department of State Police to help counteract any possible trooper layoffs. As proposed, Governor Granholm's executive order includes the layoff of 100 Michigan State Police troopers, which is expected to save the state \$1.7 million.

"Public safety is more important to Michigan than preserving this antiquated perk for the majority party members and it's time to change this," Anderson said.

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An honorary doctorate degree was bestowed upon Edward M. Parks, CPA, of Birmingham. The Distinguished Alumnus Award was given to Dr. Michael Harbut Class of '78.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Teresa Thompson, dean of the College of Nursing and Health, with vocals performed by graduate Kendra Ritter of Howell. The mace bearer was Dr. Nancy O'Connor, graduate nursing program chairperson.

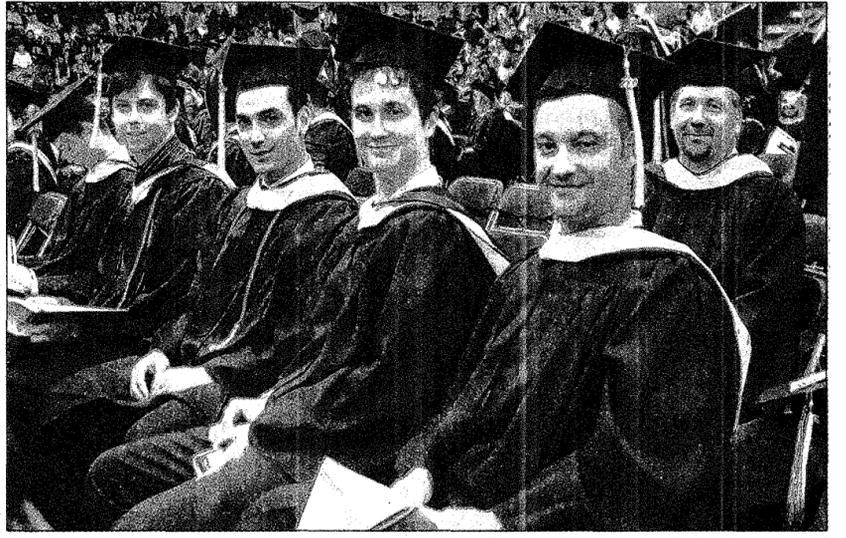
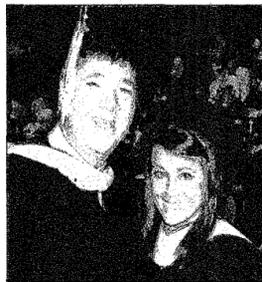


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According to the Federal Trade Commission's "Credit Repair: How to Help Yourself" site (www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre3.shtm), there is no quick fix for people with poor credit - and you should not believe anybody who claims they can repair your credit immediately. Here is how the FTC suggests to identify credit repair companies that are trying to fleece you:

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- The company suggests that you try to invent a "new" credit identity.
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regardless of its accuracy or timeliness.

In addition to these tips, the FTC's site also has information for where and when to solicit for your free credit reports (you get up to three per year from annualcreditreport.com) and how to make sure you don't have to pay for it. They also have a sample letter for disputes about negative claims that may appear on your report, but which you think are inaccurate (identify theft is prevalent here, too).

In addition to the FTC's site, the library also has a number of resources which will help you identify the little things to get your credit score healthy again. Among these, we include "50 Ways to Protect Your Identity and Your Credit" by Steve Weisman and "Repair Your Credit and Knock Out Your Debt" by Jeff Michael.

If you have any questions about how to find these books, visit the Westland library's Reference Desk or call us at (734) 326-6123. For a list of good credit Web sites to visit, check out our library homepage at www.westlandlibrary.org

and click on the Internet Guide tab and then "Consumers."

Highlighted Activities

Special Presentation: It's Howdy Doody Time!, 7 p.m. May 18

Join us in welcoming Edward Kean, co-creator of "The Howdy Doody Show." Kean is also the composer of the show's theme song "It's Howdy Doody Time" and is also the author of hundreds of "Golden Books." Kean will perform some original compositions and relate fond memories of his days in show business! Reserve your seat for this wonderful night of memories by calling the library at (734) 326-6123 or stopping by the Reference Desk to reserve your seat.

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. May 19

Join us as we discuss "Kabul Beauty School: Beneath the Veil of Afghan Women" by Deborah Rodriguez. All are welcome.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Andy Schuck. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Educators honored at RESA celebration

Several western Wayne County educators and support staff were recognized for their dedication during Wayne County RESA's annual Celebration of Excellence in Education.

Recognized as a Wayne RESA Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year was Jane LaPorte, who teaches at Kettering Elementary in Westland. Finalist for the elementary honor was Terry Bewow, who teaches at Douglas Elementary in Garden City. LaPorte has been with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for 39 years. Her primary emphasis has been reading and language arts and during her time with the district, she has taught first-fourth-grades and has served as a tutor to students at all grade levels. She also is a Reading Recovery teacher, Michigan Literacy Progress Profile trainer of trainers and Literacy Leader.

Selected as rising stars in their districts were Stacy Rennie of Wayne-Westland's

Jefferson-Barns Elementary and Nicholas Timmerman of Garden City High School. The award recognizes teachers with less than five years experience who have demonstrated exceptional practice and commitment to the education profession.

Recognized for working to support of the educational goals of their students were Mary McKinney a behavior specialist with the Garden City Public Schools, and Jim Thomas, a counselor at Wayne-Westland's Adams Middle School.

Renee Roberts, a special education paraprofessional at Hamilton Elementary

in Westland, and Jamie Williamson, a secretary at Douglas Elementary in Garden City, were among 20 support staffs honored for the work they do to keep the operations of the school district running smoothly on a daily basis.

And Alex McNeece, principal of Douglas Elementary in Garden City, was recognized as a finalist for the Wayne County Schools Superintendents Association Administrator of the Year. The honor went to Christine Mathews, principal of Taft Elementary in the Wyandotte School District.

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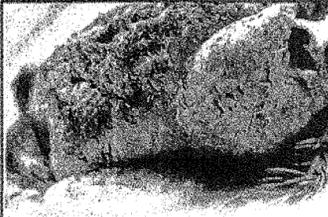
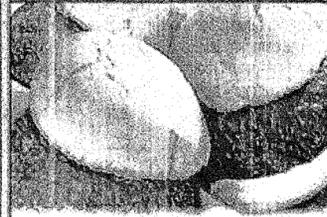
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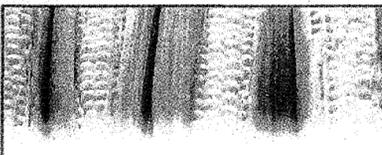
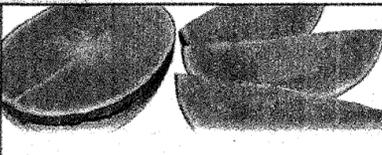
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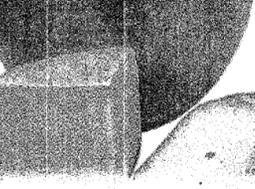
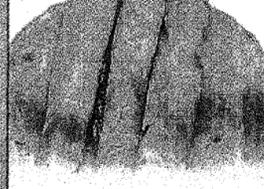
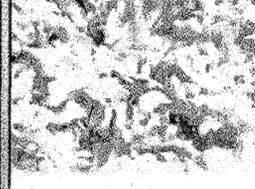
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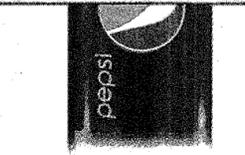
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Churchill leans out Patriots for regional crown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Evert needed Navratilova, Ali couldn't avoid Frazier. And apparently the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin girls track and field teams bring out the best in each other as well. Friday's MHSAA Division 1 regional went right down to the final event with Churchill

repeating as champion by a razor-thin margin of 122-119.5 over the Patriots.

Westland John Glenn finished third in the 16-team field with 69 points followed by Detroit Cass Tech and Livonia Stevenson rounding out the top five with 65 and 60, respectively.

Once again junior Sara Kroll figured prominently in Churchill's victory as she

GIRLS TRACK

overhauled Stevenson senior Courtney Calka on the final turn to win the feature race of the day, the 1,600-meter run, in 4:57.34. Kroll shattered her own school record, while Calka also lowered her own mark with a 4:57.39.

Churchill also got wins from freshman Senclair McDonnell

in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and junior Taylor Byron in the shot put (36-10).

"I don't know what to say other than everybody played huge roles," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "The credit goes to our seniors and captains Samar (Aoude), (Shannon) Getchen, (Alicia) DiMauro and Kroll. We got points from a lot of places. It was a repeat of the city meet

where it came down to the 4 x 400.

"I also have to commend Franklin. They really kicked our butts in the 4 x 800. Dave (Bjorklund) has brought that program a long way in three or four years from nothing."

Bethany Pilat also gave Churchill a boost with a fourth in the 1,600 and a third in the

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Blazers eye league final vs. Cabrini

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Freshman Briana Combs continued her mastery of Catholic League opponents Thursday leading host Livonia Ladywood to a 4-0 A-B Division softball semifinal over Farmington Hills Mercy.

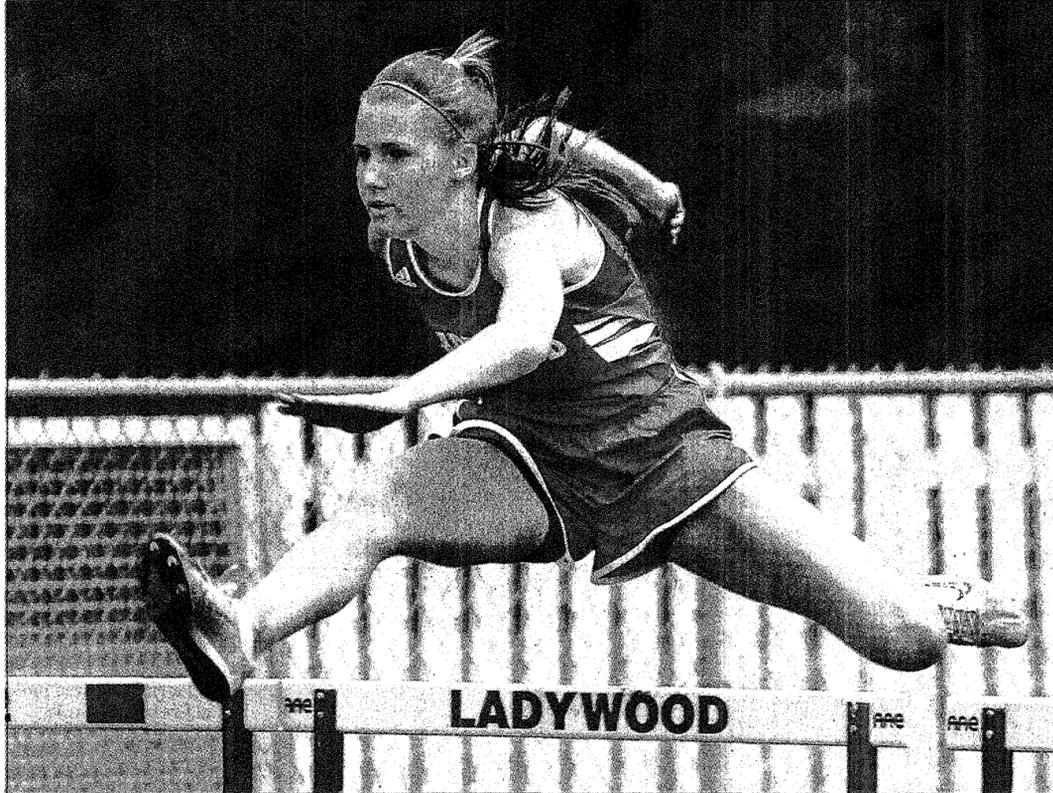
Combs allowed just one hit and struck out 12 as the Blazers, now 23-4 overall, move into championship game to face Allen Park Cabrini, which advanced with a 1-0 win Thursday in the other playoff semifinal over Warren Regina.

The finals will be at 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Carli SanMillan and Sarah Stempin each collected two hits, while Alysa Gietl contributed an RBI double against the 8-14 Marlins.

On May 10, Ladywood wrapped up the Central

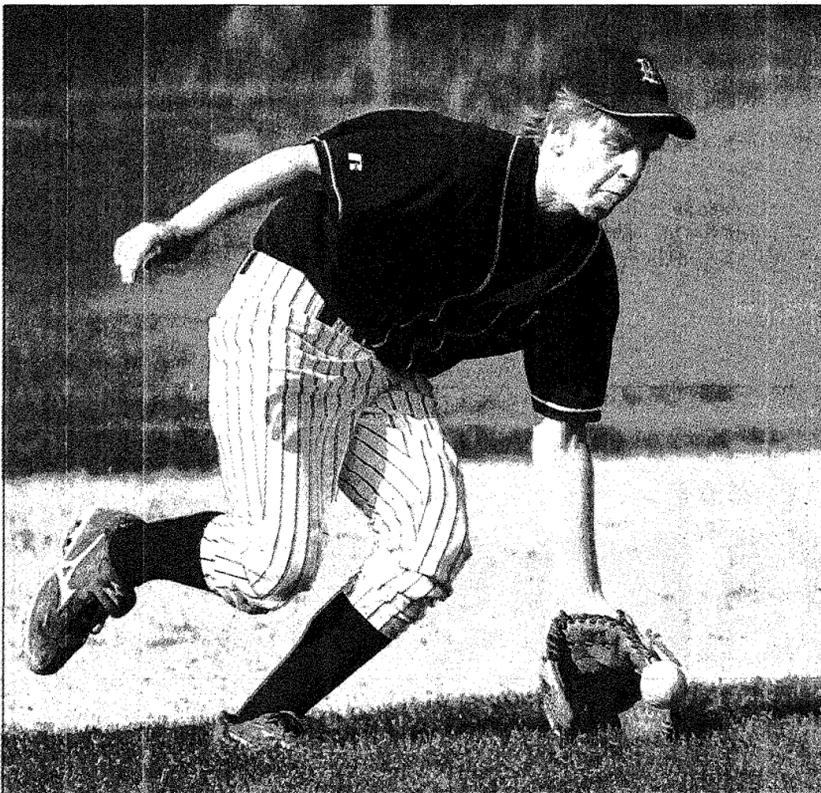
Please see **SOFTBALL, B4**



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Smooth sailing

Ladywood's Megan Yanik won both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in Friday's Division 2 regional. She also helped the host Blazers qualify in two relay events. See related story on page B2



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutheran High Westland shortstop Kent Krzyske scoops up the ground ball in Thursday's Metro Conference semifinal win over Macomb Lutheran North.

Warriors' Baglow spurs playoff win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An outstanding pitching performance by Austin Baglow on Thursday enabled Lutheran High Westland to knock off one Metro Conference nemesis and gear up for another in the title showdown.

Baglow's complete-game two-hitter sparked the host Warriors to an 8-1 triumph over Macomb Lutheran North and set the stage for a 4:30 p.m. Monday Metro "winner-take-all" matchup with visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said defeating the Mustangs also helped avenge a loss from the beginning of the season.

"It was nice to get a chance to play them again and prove that we were a better team than they saw the first time," Wade said. "I don't know if they took us lightly, but we definitely came out and put together a better performance."

The Warriors (13-2, 8-1) were in command all the way behind Baglow, who walked three and struck out six while allowing just one earned run to North (12-8, 6-3).

On the offensive side, players chipping in with productive afternoons included Gage Flanery (2-for-4, run), Tony Cipolla (2-for-3, double, two runs, two RBI) and Kent Krzyske (2-for-3, two runs).

"With the win we advance to the championship game at home on Monday," Wade said. "And to have a shot to win the conference title is great for the kids and this program."

On Wednesday, the Warriors mercied Detroit Renaissance, 15-0.

Jake Andrezejewski gave up just one hit and one walk in three innings for the mercy rule victory.

At the plate, Flanery and Micah Hausch each went 2-for-3 and scored twice.

Please see **BASEBALL, B4**

GAME WRAPS

KLAA girls softball

FRANKLIN 12-6, S.I. EAST 0-1: On Friday, host Livonia Franklin (27-4, 16-0) swept both ends of a twinbill against South Lyon East (4-16, 2-13).

Briauna Taylor went 3-for-3 with a 2-run homer, while Nicole Emery went 3-for-3 as the Patriots won the opener, 12-0, in five innings.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-3 and had two stolen bases and Amanda Nixon added two hits in the win.

Natalie Sanborn and Tiffany Lamble combined for the no-hitter for the KLAA South Division champions.

In the second game, Sanborn (24-1) struck out eight, walked two and allowed two hits against the Cougars.

Briauna had a solo homer and single, while Nicole Emery, Jessica Emery and Mariah Barcus also had RBI singles.

FRANKLIN 15, JOHN GLENN 0: Nicole Emery, Audrey Geraghty and Chelsea Williams each had two-run singles Wednesday as host Livonia Franklin (25-4, 14-0) captured the KLAA South Division title outright against Westland John Glenn (0-22, 0-13).

Mariah Barcus also homered, while Keely Wilson and Nicole Williamson added RBI singles for the Patriots in the three-inning mercy.

Winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn (22-1) retired 12 straight batters, fanning four, to record the no-hitter.

Glenn starter Brandi Holbrook took the loss, while Amanda Caudill finished up. The two combined for 10 walks and nine hits.

CHURCHILL 3, STEVENSON 2: Sophomore left-hander Natalie Hiser tossed a five-hitter, did not allow a walk and scattered five hits to lead host Livonia Churchill (14-10, 7-8) to the Kensington Conference crossover victory Friday over Livonia (13-12, 7-7).

Taylor Kerr and Abby Jewell each collected two hits for the Chargers, while losing pitcher Laura Deacon had two hits for the Spartans.

Deacon gave up eight hits and fanned nine. The second game of the scheduled twinbill was called after one inning due to rain.

STEVENSON 5, NOVI 0: Laura Deacon's three-hit complete game carried Livonia Stevenson (13-11, 7-6) to the KLAA Central Division triumph Wednesday over the visiting Wildcats (9-12, 5-8).

Deacon struck out 10 and walked five in seven innings.

Kris Vaclavek went 2-for-4 with an RBI to pace Stevenson's seven-hit attack. Kathleen Hoehn doubled and also scored a run.

Losing pitcher Katie Enright went the first 4.1 innings, allowing three runs on four hits and three walks before giving way to Ashley McNamara.

PLYMOUTH 9, CHURCHILL 0: Lauren Smith pitched a five-hit shutout and Jessica Bondy scored three runs Wednesday to lead the visiting Wildcats (20-6, 9-4) to a KLAA South Division triumph over Livonia Churchill (13-10, 6-8).

Abby Jewell, the losing pitcher, allowed nine hits for the Chargers.



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Salem brings home regional boys crown; Stevenson 2nd

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A few moments after Salem boys track-and-field coach Kyle Meteyer instructed the members of his 1,600-meter relay team to "just hang on to the baton" Friday night, the four speedy Rocks applied a velcro-like grip on the school's most significant track-and-field accomplishment in recent memory.

Bolstered by a surging finish, Salem captured the Division 1 Region 5 title by racking up 99 points, 17 more than hard-charging runner-up Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans clipped third-place Detroit Cass Tech when the Technicians' 4 x 400 relay team was disqualified in the final race of the night.

The icing on the Rocks' amazing resurgence was capped when their mile-relay contingent of Scott O'Connor, Daniel Martin, Dominique Williams and Zachary Gaskell won the finale in 3:28.27.

Salem had taken the lead for good one race earlier when Matt Devey, Mike Charara and Jason Smith finished 2-4-5, respectively, in the 3,200-meter run.

"Before the four-by-four

race started, I went down and told the guys that we were very close to winning," recalled Meteyer. "I didn't tell them how many points we needed but I knew if we finished sixth or better, we'd win the meet. I told them to just get around the track and hang on to the baton and they went out and won, which put a stamp on the night."

Along with the 1,600-meter relay contingent, four Rocks qualified for the Rockford-hosted May 31 state meet in individual events: Devey (3,200 run), Gaskell (high jump), Williams (200 dash) and Ed Merhi (shot put).

Stevenson rocked in the relays, qualifying three — the 400, 800 and 1,600 — for the state meet. The Spartans were also energized by a multi-faceted jolt from senior Nate Sergison, who turned in state meet-qualifying efforts in the long jump, the 400 and as a member of two relays.

"We ran well today," said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw. "Our big event was the long jump where we finished first, third and fourth. Our relays all ran well today, too, and Nate Sergison had a great day, qualifying for four events."

In addition to Sergison,

individual state qualifiers for the Spartans were first-place long jumper Dave Simor, who leaped 21-10.25; and pole vaulter Jonathon Gudeman, whose vault of 12-10 was good enough for second.

Livonia Churchill finished fourth with 61 points. Canton (51.5) was sixth, edging out KLAAs South Division rivals Livonia Franklin (47) and Westland John Glenn (44).

Wayne Memorial was 10th with 36 points while Plymouth placed 11th with 35.5.

Churchill was sparked by double state-qualifier Derik Peterman, who won the pole vault (15 feet, 4 inches) and finished second in the 110 high hurdles.

Franklin's Isaac Cadet is East Kentwood-bound after he finished second in the long jump (21-4.5).

John Glenn's T.J. Arancibia is state meet-bound thanks to his 140-1 effort in the discus. He'll be joined by teammate Jeremy Langford, who won the 200 in 22.56.

Wayne's Renaldo Powell had a day that rivaled Sergison's as he won both the 110 hurdles (14.70) and 300 hurdles (38.72).

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Yanik leads Ladywood state finals contingent

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Livonia Ladywood's Megan Yanik will be busy at the Division 2 state girls track and field finals Saturday, May 30 in Zeeland.

In Friday regional meet, the junior captured the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in 15.3 and 46.3, respectively, and helped the host Blazers qualify in a pair of relays.

Chelsea captured the team title with 101.5 points followed by Milan (97), Ypsilanti (83.5), Carleton Airport (75), Dexter

(69.5), Tecumseh (59.5) and Ladywood (58.5) in the team standings.

"We did as expected in many things, but not as expected in others," Ladywood first-year coach Alice Ahearn said.

Yanik did not disappoint as he teamed up with Megan Vitale, Katie Morasso and Teresa Wojnarowski for a second in the 4 x 400 relay (4:08.2).

The same foursome also earned an additional state qualifying standard in the 4 x 200 with a clocking of 1:48.2 to beat the required 1:48.9.

Brigid Molloy is also headed to the state meet after throwing 35 feet, 10 inches en route to a fourth place in the shot put with the additional mark being 35-7 or better.

Other Ladywood point producers included Julia Kenney; third, 1,600 (5:30.0); fifth, 3,200 (11:59.8); Wojnarowski, fifth, 300 hurdles (49.8); Shannon Hogg, tied for sixth, high jump (4-11); Vitale, seventh, 200 (27.5); and Lisa Achacon, eighth, long jump (13-11.5).

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD REGIONAL RESULTS May 15 at P-CEP Stadium

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 122 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 119.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 69; 4. Detroit Cass Tech, 65; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 60; 6. Dearborn, 48; 7. Plymouth, 40; 8. Canton, 39; 9. Salem, 23; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 22; 11. Detroit Cody, 22; 12. Redford Union, 12; 13. Wayne Memorial, 9; 14. Dearborn Fordson, 5; 15. Garden City, 4; 16. Detroit Western International, 0.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 36 feet, 10 inches; 2. Tyler Buchanan (Ply), 34.3; 3. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 33.4; 4. Shannon Getchen (LC), 32.3; 5. Savannah Haig (LF), 32.1; 6. Delia Bercia (Dbrn), 30.1; 7. Nicole Douglas (Canton), 30.0; 8. Isis Haywood (Ply), 29.5.

Discus: 1. Getchen (LC), 107.9; 2. Haig (LF), 106.8; 3. Anderson (WJG), 91.9; 4. Myia Davis (RU), 91.8; 5. Callie Perkins (GC), 90.7; 6. Byron (LC), 90.0; 7. Jasmine Williams (DF), 89.9; 8. Becky Holubka (LS), 89.5.

High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-2; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 5-2; 3. (tie) Liz Holloway (LF) and Eric Horton (DHC), 4-9 each; 5. Cierra Yetts (LC), 4-9; 6. Lindsay Lipa (Canton), 4-9.

Long jump: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 18-5.75 (school record); 2. Aubrie Scott (WJG), 17-4.5; 3. Amanda Hall (Dbrn), 16-1.5; 4. Sarah Behrendt (Dbrn), 15-9; 5. Melanie Bauer (LS), 15-6.5; 6. Michelle Lu (Canton), 15-4.25; 7. Delisha Williams (RU), 15-1.25; 8. Holloway (LF), 15-1.

Pole vault: 1. Emily Quint (LF), 10-2; 2. Meghan Woolridge (Ply), 5.32.

300 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 38.72; 2. Sherif Hassaniem (Canton), 40.15; 3. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 40.73; 4. Will Burek (LS), 41.97; 5. Walter Knapp (Dbrn), 42.0; 6. Hayati Ali (Canton), 42.6; 7. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 42.92; 8. Daniel Easterly (Cass), 43.32.

800 run: 1. Chonsey Pogue (Cass), 15:07; 2. Warren Buzzard (P), 15:38; 3. Blake Bufford (Cass), 15:58; 4. Keith Zech (Canton), 2:01:77; 5. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:02:53; 6. Francis Mensah (RU), 2:04:27; 7. Eric Plisko (LC), 2:04:37; 8. Brendon Prost (Dbrn), 2:05:60.

200 dash: 1. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 22.56; 2. Dominique Williams (Salem), 22.59; 3. Patrick Patin (Salem), 22.98; 4. Richard Duncan (LF), 23.26; 5. Brandon Williams (RU), 23.48; 6. Keith Marshall (RU), 23.66; 7. Delonte Hollowell (Cass), 23.70.

3,200 run: 1. Oais Akirah (DF), 9:38.80; 2. Matthew Devey (Canton), 9:43.39; 3. Shawn Howse (LF), 9:49.29; 4. Michael Charara (Salem), 10:01.95; 5. Jason Smith (Salem), 10:02.14; 6. Joseph Porcari (Ply), 10:06.64; 7. Derek Lax (Ply), 10:07.63; 8. Thomas Windle (LC), 10:10.93.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Scott O'Connor, Daniel Martin, Dominique Williams, Zachary Gaskell), 3:28.27; 2. Stevenson, 3:29.53; 3. Canton, 3:31.88; 4. Redford Union, 3:33.24; 5. Churchill, 3:33.94; 6. John Glenn, 3:37.09; 7. Plymouth, 3:38.38; 8. Franklin, 3:40.39.

(sq): additional state qualifier.

1,600: 1. Kroll (LC), 4:57.34 (school record); 2. Calka (LS), 4:57.39 (school record); 3. A. Stassen (Dbrn), 5:18.13; 4. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:29.61; 5. Bianca Kubicki (Canton), 5:31.39; 6. Nicole Traifres (Ply), 5:39.34; 7. Julie Forster (Ply), 5:40.28; 8. Sarah Ondyke (LS), 5:41.8.

3,200: 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 11:41.19 (school record); 2. Molly Slavens (Ply), 11:22.42; 3. Pilat (LC), 11:59.82; 4. Paula Green (Ply), 11:59.82; 5. Sarah Thomas (Canton), 12:06.43; 6. Siskah Chehab (Dbrn), 12:07.36; 7. Victoria Tripp (Salem), 12:12.88; 8. Eleanor Bell (Dbrn), 12:19.76.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Shaunte Roberts, Scott, Brown, Payne), 4:07.62; 2. Cody (Bulger, Karlin Motley, LaShawnda Sharp, Jasmine Wilson), 5:14.9; 3. Churchill, 5:23.9; 4. Franklin, 5:24.9; 5. Stevenson, 5:28.5; 6. Canton, 5:31.7; 7. Cass Tech, 5:32.8; 8. Dearborn, 5:40.5.

800 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Tucker, Hobson, Hull, Lindsay Askin), 4:07.24; 2. Stevenson (Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck, Haley Babcock, Calka), 4:08.83; 3. Churchill, 4:12.86; 4. Franklin, 4:18.2; 5. Canton, 4:21.87; 6. Dearborn, 4:24.48; 7. Crestwood, 4:26.56; 8. Plymouth, 4:26.58.

3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn (S. Stassen, A. Stassen, Chehab, Czerwinski), 9:40.0; 2. Franklin (Butkowski, McPherson, Scott, Mallory Church), 9:49.73; 3. Salem, 9:52.21; 4. Churchill, 9:54.8; 5. Plymouth, 10:11.1; 6. Canton, 10:18.41; 7. Cass Tech, 10:34.37; 8. Stevenson, 10:34.83.

(sq): additional state qualifier.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS May 15 at P-CEP Stadium

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 99; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 82; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 61; 4. Livonia Churchill, 61.5; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 54; 6. Canton, 51; 7. Livonia Franklin, 47; 8. Westland John Glenn, 44; 9. Dearborn, 42; 10. Wayne Memorial, 36; 11. Plymouth, 35.5; 12. Redford Union, 23; 13. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 4; 14. Garden City, 2; 15. (tie) Detroit Cody and Detroit Western International, 0 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS (top 2 automatic state qualifiers)

Discus: 1. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 140-1; 2. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 138-4; 3. Feerooz Yacoobi (D), 137-1.5; 4. Nate Coleman (LF), 136-1; 5. Jason Foster (Canton), 132-7; 6. Ahmad Bazzi (DF), 130-0.3; 8. Corney Frazier (Salem), 129-9.

High jump: 1. Yusuf Naser (DF), 6-3; 2. Zachary Gaskell (Salem), 6-3; 3. Michael Hatcher (Dbrn), 6-1; 4. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 5. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-1; 6. Paul Classen (Salem), 5-11; 7. Terance Watson (WM), 5-11; 8. Pawan Dhalwal (Ply), 5-11.

Long jump: 1. Dave Simor (LS), 21-10.25; 2. Isaac Cadet (LF), 21-4.50; 3. Nate Sergison (LS), 21-03.25; 4. Will Burek (LS), 20-9.5; 5. Scott Coppola (LC), 20-2.5; 6. Michael Hatcher (Dbrn), 20-17.5; 7. Sammie Hale (Dbrn), 19-8; 8. Adam Payne (Canton), 19-6.25.

Pole vault: 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-4; 2. Jonathan Gudeman (LS), 12-10; 3. Edward Koelzer (Canton), 12-4; 4. Christopher Barnard (LC), 12-4; 5. Kevin Beadle (LF), 12-4; 6. John Krutty (Salem), 11-11; 7. (tie) Grant Senkbell (Ply) and Nick Alanica (Canton), 11-4 each.

Shot put: 1. Feerooz Yacoobi (D), 10-10.5; 2.

Abdullah Homayed (DF), 50-6; 3. Edward Merhi (Salem), 49-9.25 (sq); 4. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 49-2.5; 5. Dave Fortin (LF), 47-1; 6. Nate Coleman (LF), 47-0.75; 7. Deon Clemmons (LC), 47-0; 8. Jay Woolfork (LF), 46-9.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Cass Tech (Matthew Brown, Blake Bufford, Timothy Harris, Chonsey Pogue), 8:04.46; 2. Plymouth, 8:05.24; 3. Canton, 8:09.23; 4. Churchill, 8:20.80; 5. Salem, 8:22.59; 6. Dearborn, 8:28.49; 7. Stevenson, 8:29.25; 8. Crestwood, 8:29.97.

110 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.7; 2. Derik Peterman (LC), 15.43; 3. Thomas Gordon (Cass), 15.64; 4. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.85; 6. Yusuf Naser (DF), 16.30; 7. Quentin Peterson (RU), 16.66; 8. Brandon Pilligan (Ply), 16.76.

100 dash: 1. Dair Mathis (Cass), 10.71; 2. Brandon Hall (DF), 10.79; 3. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 10.89 (sq); 4. Teric Jones (Cass), 10.99; 5. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11.04; 6. Paul Voegelé (LF), 11.1; 7. Devon Easterling (LC), 11.27; 8. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.38.

800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Dave Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison, Nick Anagnostou), 1:29.43; 2. Wayne, 1:30.20; 3. Churchill, 1:30.46 (sq); 4. Salem, 1:31.26; 5. John Glenn, 1:31.34; 6. Cass Tech, 1:31.86; 7. 1:34.21; 8. Redford Union, 1:35.07.

1,600 run: 1. Timothy Harris (Cass), 4:24.28; 2. Warren Buzzard (Ply), 4:28.39; 3. Justin Hurst (Canton), 4:31.92; 4. Daniel Martin (Salem), 4:34.99; 5. Mark Waterbury (LC), 4:37.30; 6. Raidan Nagi (DC), 4:41.57; 7. Joshua Andalora (LC), 4:43.66; 8. Adham Aljamhi (DF), 4:44.95.

400 relay: 1. Cass Tech (Thomas Gordon, Teric Jones, Delonte Hollowell, Dair Mathis), 4:26.9; 2. Churchill, 4:28.2; 3. Stevenson, 4:30.7 (sq); 4. Wayne, 4:32.32 (sq); 5. Franklin, 4:33.35 (sq); 6. John Glenn,

43.94; 7. Fordson, 44.99; 8. Dearborn, 45.52.

400 dash: 1. Nate Sergison (LS), 49.52; 2. Denzel Wells (Cass), 50.40; 3. Zachary Gaskell (Salem), 51.21; 4. Brandon Williams (RU), 51.78; 5. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 52.02; 6. Nicholas McIntosh (Dbrn), 53.10; 7. Jon Stoddard (GC), 53.27; 8. Jaen Woolridge (Ply), 53.42.

300 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 38.72; 2. Sherif Hassaniem (Canton), 40.15; 3. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 40.73; 4. Will Burek (LS), 41.97; 5. Walter Knapp (Dbrn), 42.0; 6. Hayati Ali (Canton), 42.6; 7. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 42.92; 8. Daniel Easterly (Cass), 43.32.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 155 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 171 May 15 at Ildy Wyld G.C.

Churchill scorers: Dan Bostick, 36 (medalist); Matt Charney, 38; Kevin Robinson, 40; Erik Newman and Adam Yarbcr, 41 each; Eric Hills, 48.

Franklin scorers: Drake Hermann, 40; Jordan Chisholm, 41; Chris Grund and Jacob Wirgou, 45 each; Doug Nagy, 46; Zach DeFoe, 50.

Dual match records: Churchill, 6-4 overall, 6-4 KLAAs South Division; Franklin, 4-5 overall, 4-5 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 168 NORTHVILLE 170 May 14 at Tanglewood G.C.

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossion, 41; Dan Dufour and Dante Cicchelli, 42 each; Christian

Debay, 43; Tom Cullum, 44; Adam Giordano, 46.

Northville scorers: Wes Gates, 40 (medalist); Steve Brown, 41; Trevor Griggs, 43; Eric Goebel and Alex Bernstein, 46 each; Andrew Ukrop, 47.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 7-2 overall, 7-2 KLAAs Central Division; Northville, 9-1 overall, 9-1 KLAAs Central.

CANTON 154 WAYNE MEMORIAL 192 May 14 at Hilltop G.C.

Canton scorers: Jeremy Lindbauer, 35 (medalist); Zach Conrad, 37; Andrew Rickerman, 38; Travis Hall, 44; Brendan Muir, 45; Tony Brown, 46.

Wayne scorers: Jacob Smith, 43; Kevin Sample, 46; Zachary Williamson, 54; Corey Robbins, 57; Shane Schooley, 58.

Dual match records: Canton, 8-0 overall, 8-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 1-7 overall, 1-7 KLAAs South.

PLYMOUTH 158 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 159 May 12 at Whispering Willows G.C.

Plymouth scorers: Ryan Bauer, 38; Trevor Birdwell, 39; Justin Bauer and Josh Heinze, 40 each; Andrew Overmyer, 42; James Bryans, 43.

Churchill scorers: Kevin Robinson, 37 (medalist); Dan Bostick, 39; Erik Newman and Adam Yarbcr, 41 each; Ben Proben, 43; Cory Dare, 45.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-2 overall, 5-2 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 5-4 overall, 5-4 KLAAs South.

fell only a few points behind the Chargers in the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational, had a banner day.

The Patriots received individual firsts from Emily Quint, pole vault (10-2.25); Seneca Scott, 100 hurdles (16:09); Ashly Butkowski, 400 (1:00.36); and Megan McPherson, 3,200 (school record 11:14.19).

"I can't complain, we went better than what I scored it going in," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "We scored more than our seedings and we had more state qualifiers — seven girls — which is more than we've ever had. I thought Ashly Butkowski had a phenomenal day and Seneca Scott runs the 4 x 800, then goes over to the 100 hurdles prelims and semis, runs the 300 hurdles, then runs the 4 x 400, which is a lot to ask."

Franklin's 4 x 800 relay team also surprised with a runner-up finish to Dearborn in a school record 9:49.73.

"We put the importance on

focusing on the state meet," Bjorklund said. "A lot of things went better than expected and nothing worse. But hats off to Churchill. He (Daugherty) had a little more depth than our depth."

Glenn also impressed led by senior Chanel Payne, who broke a 31-year-old school record in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 5.75 inches eclipsing Karen McDougall's mark of 18-3 set in 1978.

Payne also won the 100 in 12.42 and teamed up with Aubrie Scott, Shaunte Roberts and Stephany Brown for a first in the 400 relay (49.61) and a second in the 800 relay (1:47.17).

Stevenson's lone first was recorded by Becky Adamcheck in the 300 hurdles (46.56).

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualify for the Division 1 state meet Saturday, May 30, at East Kentwood. Additional state qualifying standards also at stake.

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Getting acquainted

Stevenson, Churchill split in 1st of long series?

Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill will become all too familiar baseball foes before the week is over.

On Friday, the teams split a double-header by identical 7-3 scores and were scheduled to meet again in the opening round of the Livonia City Tournament Saturday at Ford Field.

And if that's not enough, Churchill and Stevenson could meet again Wednesday in the KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover.

Stevenson took the division game in the opener, 7-3, as Jake Wilson went 3-for-4 with a double and RBI.

J.J. Pettersson, who had a solo homer, added two hits and two RBI along with Mark Wagner, while Jeff Sorenson also contributed two hits for the Spartans.

Winning pitcher Dave Niesyto worked the first 5.1 innings, allowing one earned run on six hits. Alex Dupuie went the final 1.2 innings allowed just one walk.

Losing pitcher Ben Matigian went 6.2 innings, allowing all 11 hits.

Drew Servalish went 2-for-3 with a double for the Chargers.

In the nightcap, Steve Hovermale pitched six-inning complete game, scattering seven hits and two walks as the Chargers prevailed, 7-3.

Mike Mato led Churchill with two hits and two RBI, while Andy Szymanski reached base three times.

Dan Lopez and Wagner each had two hits for Stevenson.

Nick Tomasi, who went the

final 1.2 innings in relief of starter Josh Dehetre, suffered the loss.

Churchill is 12-13-1 overall and 6-9 in the KLAAs South Division, while Stevenson is 9-15 overall and 7-7 in the KLAAs Central.

NORTHVILLE 4-6, JOHN GLENN 3-4: Close, but no cigar Friday for host Westland John Glenn (10-19, 3-12) in a Kensington Conference crossover bid against the state-ranked Mustangs (25-1, 14-1).

In the opener, Glenn took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth on Steve Hickson's two-run double.

But Northville rallied for the 4-3 triumph with two in the top of the seventh thanks to Matt Deacon's game-winning RBI single off Hickson, who had allowed just one hit until the final inning.

Don Mills added two hits for the Mustangs. Winning pitcher Kevin Fisher gave up four hits, walked one and struck out eight in going the distance.

In the nightcap, Glenn led 4-2 after four innings before Northville rallied with four in the top of the sixth for a 6-4 triumph.

Ryan Mullen belted a 2-run homer, tripled and had an RBI sacrifice fly for the Mustangs. Kyle Breault added two hits and scored three runs.

Dylan Breault got the victory in relief.

He allowed no runs on just two hits in 4.1 innings.

Jake Campbell, who gave up four runs on five hits in two-thirds of an inning in relief of starter Jake Sperry, took the loss.

Derrick Ammons doubled and scored a run for Glenn. Nate Bovia and Campbell each had a hit and scored a run for the Rockets.

S.L. EAST 5-10, FRANKLIN 4-6: In a Kensington Conference crossover Friday, visiting South Lyon East (9-19, 2-13) upset KLAAs South Division champion Livonia Franklin (15-9, 11-4) in a double-header.

Petar Radakovic went all seven innings, scattering eight hits and four walks, as the Cougars scored a 5-4 in the opener.

Steven Kopeck and Tyler Jedinak each collected two hits in the win for East, while Mark McRobb and Prentice Hawkins each had two for the Patriots.

Losing pitcher Garrett Gumm gave up 11 hits, walked one and struck out four.

In the nightcap, Jim Powers had a double and triple, while Justin Ulrich added two hits as East stunned the Patriots, 10-6.

Robert Dmytro got the win in relief for East, while Steven Wells (6.2 innings) took the loss for Franklin.

"We had plenty of opportunities, but came out completely flat," Franklin

coach Matt Fournier said.

FRANKLIN 10, JOHN GLENN 1: Senior right-hander Mike Basner waved the magic wand Wednesday, pitching a four-hitter and striking out 13 as host Livonia Franklin (15-7, 11-3) wrapped up the KLAAs South Division baseball title with a triumph over Westland John Glenn (10-17, 3-11).

Basner walked only two in going the distance.

Nate Robinson clubbed a 2-run homer to lead Franklin's eight-hit attack. Garrett Gumm had two RBI and scored twice, while Mark McRobb also knocked in a pair of runs.

Losing pitcher Andrew DeLuca went all six innings for the Rockets striking out six and walking eight. He doubled and scored Glenn's lone run in the first inning.

PLYMOUTH 6, CHURCHILL 2: Luke Merandi's two-run double in the seventh inning broke open a close game Wednesday as the Wildcats (14-9, 7-7) defeated host Livonia Churchill (11-12-1, 6-8) in a KLAAs South Division encounter.

Winning pitcher Mike Nadratowski went all seven innings for Plymouth. He gave up five hits, walked two and struck out four.

Ronnie Goble also chipped in with two hits for the Wildcats.

Ben Matigian went 2-for-3 for the Chargers.

Chargers connect in win vs. Adams

GIRLS SOCCER

Shari Zakalowski and Alyssa Mira teamed up for a pair of second-half goals Friday as state-ranked Livonia Churchill earned a 3-2 girls soccer win over host Rochester Adams.

Bailey Brandon's bullet shot at the 20-minute mark of the first half gave the Chargers a 1-0, but the Highlanders made it 1-1 all at intermission.

Churchill jumped out to a 3-1 second-half advantage as Zakalowski went top shelf when she played a Mira feed out-wise.

Mira then returned the favor from Zakalowski off a free kicks.

"Overall we played well, controlled play and looked good," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose 10th-rated Division 1 team is 11-3-3 overall. "We had

six opportunities to score and finished three."

The Chargers played without injured starters Hannah Otto and Tessa Allen, but recent JV call-up Melissa Bird went all 80 minutes on defense "and played well," according to the Churchill coach.

CHURCHILL 6, FRANKLIN 0: Melissa Roe and Bailey Brandon each scored twice Thursday as Livonia Churchill (10-1-3, 7-1-2) completed KLAAs South Division play in second place by blanking host Livonia Franklin (2-11-2, 2-7-1).

Stefanie Turner and Kayla Munroe also tallied goals for the Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Brandon also chipped in with two assists, while Callie Mack and Alyssa Mira had one each.

Megan Bauman earned the shutout in goal.



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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAAs KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

May 9-12 at Centennial Educational Park
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 32 points; 2. Northville, 31; 3. Salem, 14; 4. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and South Lyon, 11 each; 6. Livonia Churchill, 8; 7. Plymouth, 7; 8. Livonia Franklin, 5; 9. Canton, 4; 10. Westland John Glenn, 3; 11. South Lyon East, 2; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Amanda Border (Novi) defeated Haley Johnston (Nville), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Border def. Angelica Woods (LF), 6-0, 6-0; Johnston def. Erin Hawkins (SL), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2: Sara Carlson (Novi) def. Tanya Joseph (Nville), 6-3, 6-0; **semifinals:** Carlson def. Carli Marschner (LS), 6-1, 6-1; Joseph def. Linda Ling (Salem), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3: Abby Wang (Novi) def. Joanne Weber (Nville), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Wang def. Gabrielle Sabatini (LS), 6-1, 6-1; Weber def. Anna Norman (Salem), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Jennifer Felcher (Novi) def. Erin Doud (Nville), no score available; **semifinals:** Felcher def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-0, 6-0; Doud def. Laura Gumpner (LS), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Lauren Felcher-Julia Thomas (Novi) def. Laura Taylor-Ursula Cauffiel (Nville), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; **semifinals:** Felcher-Thomas (Novi) def. Ariel Rojo-Rachel Norman (Salem), 6-1, 6-2; Taylor-Cauffiel (Nville) def. Kristi Walker-Vai Rose (LC), 6-4, 6-0.

No. 2: Abby Grajek-Sabrina Masciulli (Nville) def. Jenna Snyder-Megan Wenz (Novi), 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; **semifinals:** Grajek-Masciulli def. Nikki Fata-Cortney Bennett (LC), 6-1, 6-2; Snyder-Wenz def. Katie Binger-Lindsay Stemberger (P), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3: Maudie Smith-Amy Bernstein (Nville) def. Andrea Lollo-Meggie Riegel (Novi), 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** Smith-Bernstein def. (SL), 6-1, 6-1; Lollo-Riegel def. Victoria Brotz-Mallory Rojo (Salem), 6-0, 6-3.

No. 4: Valerie Juan-Mackenzie Powers (Nville) def. Natalie Murphy-Shaheen Sheikh (Novi), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Juan-Powers def. Maia Clark-Emily Bohm (SL), 6-0, 6-0; Murphy-Sheikh def. Katie Fletcher-Ashley Davis (Salem), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 5: Caiti Darish-Jenna Grezlik (Nville) def. Michelle Barber-Navya Talluri (Novi), 7-6 (7-2), 6-2; **semifinals:** Darish-Grezlik def. Andrea Burford-Michele DeBeaudry (LS), 6-0, 6-0; Barber-Talluri def. Emma Vanhoof-Bethany Haller (Salem), 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 4 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 4

May 11 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Morgan Greig (WM) defeated Paige Harter, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Angela Bell (Cville) def. Kelsi Thomas, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Liz Murphy (Cville) def. Jessica Gush, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Xiyang Wang (WM) def. Taylor Seymour, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Megan Tallman-Shelby Woodby (Cville) def. Kara Windsor-Madelyn Bevil, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; **No. 2:** Tia Dmochowski-Tanya Dmochowski (Cville) def. Nancy Watson-Alicia Evans, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Melinda Powers-Megan McGregor (WM) def. Kim Shankle-Brittany Pritchard, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Ashlee Szabo-Zoe Smallwood (WM) def. Delia Ciobanc-Alaina Wygant, 7-5, 6-3.

Dual match records: Wayne, 0-10-1 overall.

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Fresno Pacific ousts Madonna

After a promising start to the NAIA Baseball Championships, the Madonna University baseball team was ousted by a familiar foe Thursday in the opening round of the double-elimination tournament in Sioux City, Ia.

Fresno Pacific's Jacob Burns (4-4) held the Crusaders to four hits and a pair of runs through 7.2 innings as the Sunbirds downed MU, 6-2.

Brian Oliver pitched 1.1 innings of scoreless relief as Fresno Pacific improved to 36-19 overall.

MU, ironically, had outlasted Fresno Pacific in 12 innings in

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tuesday's tourney opener, 12-11.

Catcher Jared Coleman, who went 2-for-4 with three RBI, greeted MU starter Tom Hansen (8-2) with a lead-off homer.

Justin Keeney and Dwight Nixon both doubled twice for the Sunbirds.

Hansen went 7.2 innings for MU, which bows out at 39-12 overall. He gave up four earned runs on seven hits and seven walks while striking out four.

Reliever Trent Pohl, who did not get an out, gave up two

earned runs on two hits as the Sunbirds put it away with four runs in the top of the eighth to go up 6-0.

Aaron Hacias went 2-for-2 in the losing cause, while Scott Boyer and Ryan Morrow each knocked in a run during MU's two-run eighth.

On Wednesday, Bellevue (Neb.) racked up 23 hits against three MU pitchers en route to an 18-4 triumph at Lewis & Clark Park.

Top hitters for the Bruins included Anthony Bazant (5-for-6; RBI); Matty Johnson (5-for-7; two RBI); Brett Chamberlain (4-

for-5; RBI); and Jake Jadowski (3-for-7; three RBI).

Justin Long (8-4), who worked the first seven innings allowing three earned runs on six hits, earned the victory.

MU starter Kyle Bolton (7-3) gave up five earned runs on nine hits in 5.1 innings. Relievers Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) and Jeff Mann did not fare any better as they combined to give up eight earned runs on 14 hits.

Zach Flavin, Ted Toune and Mike Gansser each collected two hits for the Crusaders, who made three errors.

SOFTBALL

FROM PAGE B1

Division title and top seed in the playoffs with a 10-2 record by defeating Warren Regina, 5-2, in 14 innings.

The game was suspended from May 1 tied at 2-all after 10 innings.

The Blazers scored three times in the top of the 14th on a two-run single by Jenny Kelley and a sacrifice fly by Gietl.

Combs went the final 10 innings, allowing no runs, one hit and striking out 12.

Despite winning 23 of 27 games and playing 26 Division 1 opponents, the Blazers remained unranked in Division 2.

"We've played ranked teams one through 20, we just have to keep winning and not worry about the rankings," Ladywood second-year coach Scott Combs said. "It's a subjective thing anyway. You've got to play other people. And when you play in our division and get to the Catholic League finals, that says something about this team."

Earning All-Catholic League honors for the Blazers were Combs (Player of the Year),

Kelley, Gietl and Cara Miller.

Gina Sykes and Julie Bushart earned honors as All-League, while Jordan Searcy, Haley Ross and Courtney LaValley made honorable mention.

Stempin also earned the Scholar-Athlete award, while Scott Combs was named Coach of the Year.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 5, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Missed scoring opportunities Thursday cost Livonia Clarenceville (9-11, 6-4) in a Metro Conference semifinal against host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Trojans left 10 runners on base and pitcher Val Sochacki couldn't overcome three errors that led to a pair of unearned runs.

"We played well enough for the upset and I'm proud of that," Clarenceville head coach Joe DeCaire said. "Our team just stranded too many runners and didn't get the key hit."

Sochacki, who allowed just three hits over six innings, deserved a better fate.

But Lutheran Northwest's Kacie Todd was a little better, allowing one earned run and five hits while striking out seven.

Gracen Myers walked twice and scored a pair of runs for the victorious Crusaders.

Sophomore Stephanie Bishop collected two hits to lead the Trojans, while Angela McAlpine reached base three times. Megan McLaughlin added an RBI and Brittany Brooks doubled.

Johnston keys 2-0 start for Madonna

Tedi Johnston came to the rescue Friday as the 13th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team blanked Holy Names (Calif.), 3-0, to go 2-0 pool play at the NAIA National Championships held at the Wilson Morgan Complex in Decatur, Ala.

Johnston, a native of New Boston, scored MU's first run on a passed ball after walking in the fifth inning.

The lead grew to 3-0 in the

SOFTBALL

sixth when the All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference shortstop hammered a Stephanie Falclough pitch off the base of the left-center field wall scoring Mary Kate Setta and Tara LaMilza.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin, a sophomore right-hander, limited Holy Names (24-17) to two hits while striking out 10 in raising

her season mark to 33-8.

The Crusaders, 53-10 overall, took on Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) on Saturday in a rematch of their season opener in Pool D. MU won the first meeting 1-0 and a win will put the Crusaders into the eight-team, double-elimination tourney on Monday.

MADONNA 3, MCKENDREE (ILL.) 1: Sophomore right-hander Jess Irwin became just the fourth pitcher in NAIA history to pass the 400 strikeout mark as she struck out 12 as the Crusaders (52-10) earned

a 3-1 over McKendree (30-15) to open pool play Thursday at the 2009 NAIA National Softball Championships.

Irwin scattered five hits and gave up just one run in moving to 32-8 on the year.

All nine Crusaders posted hits in the win with senior shortstop Tedi Johnston, sophomore right fielder Tara LaMilza and junior second baseman Britney Scero (Canton) each driving in a run. Scero extended her hitting streak to 15 games.

Cathy Webb went 2-for-2, while Kayla White drove in the lone run in the third inning to give McKendree a 1-0 lead.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

LAMPHERE 4, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Friday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-16) could not get the offense going to support a complete-game pitching performance from freshman lefty Damien Sanchez, who gave up only three earned runs, as Madison Heights Lamphere (8-10) prevailed.

Winning pitcher Ryan Horvath limited the Trojans to just one hit (by freshman Eric Trotter).

CLARENCEVILLE 23, HARPER WOODS 10: In a Thursday Metro Conference

consolation bracket game at Livonia Clarenceville, the Trojans (3-15) scored six runs in the first inning and continued to pour it on against the Pioneers (6-13).

Clarenceville's attack was paced by Damien Quarles (3-for-3, four runs); Mike Schiffman (2-for-4); Eric Trotter (2-for-5, double, five RBI); and Jake Bibik (2-for-3, four RBI).

Dan Schiffman added a three-run triple, while Matt Kurdziel contributed a two-run double.

Mike Schiffman was the winning pitcher, but he needed relief help from Trotter, who retired the side in the top of the fourth after Harper Woods cut the deficit to 15-10.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 18
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran N'West, 4:30 p.m.
(Metro Conference Championship)
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19
Churchill at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20
Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Wayne at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.
Det. Urban at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Championship)
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 21
Franklin at W. Bloomfield, 4 p.m.
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 22

Luth. Westland at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 23
Eagle Invitational at EMU, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 18
Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
(CHSL A-B Final at U-D Mercy)
Ladywood vs. A.P. Cabrini, 5 p.m.
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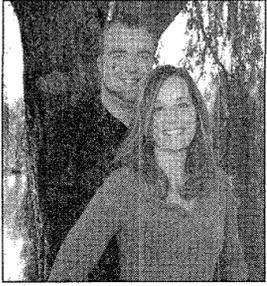
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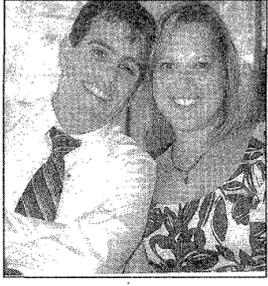
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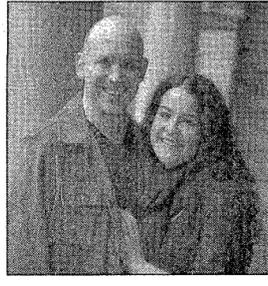
Amanda Marie Ferris and Christopher Thomas Wright announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Derinda Koch of Howell, and John and Carey Ellen Ferris of Waterford, attended Walled Lake Central High School and is a masters degree graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed with the office of Dr. Stephen G. Chase in Mt. Pleasant, and plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy as a student in the Physician's Assistant Program in the fall of 2010. Her fiancé, son of Tom and Pamela Wright of Livonia, attended Livonia Stevenson High School and Central Michigan University. He is currently in the paramedic program at Mobile Medical Response, located in Saginaw, where he recently earned his emergency medical technician license. He is employed at the Pohkcat Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant. An August 2009 wedding is planned at the First Congregational Church, in Wayne.



Hermatz-Devincenzi

HERMATZ-DEVINCENZI

Nicole Renee Hermatz and Anthony Michael Devincenzi announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dennis and Patricia Hermatz of Wayne, is a graduate of John Glenn High School and attended Michigan State University and San Francisco State University. She is an A.P. English teacher at Evergreen Valley High School. Her fiancé, son of John and Carol Devincenzi of St. Bruno, Calif., is a graduate of Burlingame High School and attended the University of California-Davis. He is employed as an A.P. History teacher at Evergreen Valley High School. A November 2009 wedding is planned at Silver Creek Valley Country Club in San Jose, Calif. A reception also is planned at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia.



Komlen-Amadei

KOMLEN-AMADEI

Kelly Komlen of Livonia and Seth Amadei of Dearborn Heights announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Rosemarie and Peter Komlen of Livonia, is a Wayne State University graduate. Her fiancé, son of Lillian and Jerry Amadei of Vineland, N.J., holds a bachelor's degree from Stockton College in Pomona, N.J. and a master's degree from Wayne State University. Both are employed at Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. A September 2009 wedding is planned at St. Joseph's in Detroit, with a reception at The Detroit Yacht Club.

DOWNING-MAZZARA

Tiffany Downing and Christopher Mazzara, both of Oak Park, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Janet and Mike Downing of Beaverton, is a 2001 Beaverton High School graduate. She graduated in 2006 from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts. She is employed by Katz Media Group in Troy. Her fiance, son of Cindy and

Sam Mazzara of Livonia, is a 2001 Stevenson High School graduate. He holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology from Wayne State University. He is employed by Morpace International, Farmington Hills. An August 2009 wedding is planned at Northville Hills Golf Club.



Downing-Mazzara

40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

William and Rose Cook of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 12. The couple originally met in 1962, introduced by Rose's cousins, Nick and Mary Jane, after Bill's family moved to Livonia from Oklahoma. After two dates, Bill left Michigan to join the U.S. Navy. They went their separate ways for five years and met again when they both attended college in Michigan. Their "second" first

date started a relationship that remains strong after 40 years. Bill recently retired from a successful real estate career and Rose continues to work as a nurse educator. The Cooks celebrated their anniversary with their son, Jai, and daughter, Heather, in Santa Monica, Calif. The couple have lived in Livonia for 34 years and attribute their marital longevity to shared values and a sense of humor.



40th wedding anniversary

Family remembers Leah, boosts brain tumor research

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Karen and Phil James miss daughter Leah, who died Aug. 3, 2005, at age 5 1/2. Good memories live on in their hearts, and they reach out to others to fight the illness that claimed Leah.



This photo shows Leah James at her last Christmas celebration in 2004.

Leah's Happy Hearts second annual Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk will be Sunday, June 7, at Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Registration for the 5K will be at noon, the event at 1 p.m., with proceeds supporting pediatric brain tumor research.

The event raises money in memory of Leah James, who died of a brain tumor. Karen James is again organizing the walk, which also will focus on offering fun activities for children with brain tumors.

"Also we host a Christmas event at Mott Children's Hospital" in Ann Arbor, Karen James said. Organizers set up "stores" on the hospital floors where young patients can shop for free for family gifts. The volunteers then wrap those gifts for the families.

The nonprofit also makes, with Girl Scout help, no-tie fleece blankets for the children at Mott, where Leah was treated. There are also photos of the children inside snow globes.

"I think there needs to be more research done," James said. The goal is for a cure and for

children to live longer. Last year's benefit walk had about 200 participants. "We're expecting at least that many," she said. For more information, visit Leahshappyhearts.org where you can register or donate online.

FUN ACTIVITIES

There will be a release of butterflies at the event following the walk. A Northville fire truck will be there, along with clowns offering face painting.

"Leah was known for always saying 'My heart is happy,'" said James, a longtime Livonia resident who, with Phil, has an older daughter, 12. "She'd look at me and say, 'Mommy, my heart is happy.'"

The logo for the June 7 event has a smiling heart from one of Leah's drawings. There will be a temporary tattoo of the logo for walkers, and purple T-shirts (Leah's favorite color) will carry the design.

Platinum sponsors for the June 7 benefit include Independent Bank of Livonia, Charley's Deli/Grille of Northville (providing sandwiches), and RSVP.

Gold sponsors are the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Dearborn Police Officers Charities, Sunny J's of Plymouth, Birmingham Center for Cosmetic Dentistry (Dr. Mitchell Milan, D.D.S.), Golzzy, and The Park of Dearborn.

There are also several Silver sponsors including local businesses. James tips her hat to her hardworking board of directors, all volunteers and friends, who make the work possible and keep Leah's memory alive.

Register in advance online or the day of the event. James said participants will have the chance to win prizes for each \$25 pledged.

There is a \$6 fee to enter Maybury State Park on the day of the benefit. The park is located on Beck, north of Seven Mile.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

starts at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. (734) 326-0578 or www.sembabutterfly.com.

Orchid Society

Carolyn Butcher will give a slide show presentation on "Growing Orchids For Novices" 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at the Michigan Orchid Society meeting. Butcher is a past president of the Michigan Orchid Society and has been an active member for more than 25 years. Bill Porter of Porter Orchids will show his orchids. The group meets at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits Street, Birmingham. Admission is free. For more information call (586) 416-1496.

Plant identification

Take a trail hike with the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, in Westland, and learn to identify native plants and trees. Wear proper shoes. Hike

Artist reception

Meet painter Leslie Masters and see her nature-inspired works at a reception, 6-9 p.m., May 22, at Goldner Walsh Garden & Home, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Masters is known both as a color painter and a teacher of painting and color theory. She has taught at colleges and art schools including Center for Creative Studies, University of Michigan, Mercy College in Detroit, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She has been on the faculty of the BBAC since 1969 and served as the assistant director there for 11 years. Her current paintings explore abstract color glow from the landscape around her Ann Arbor studio as well as the mountains and canyons of Europe and the American West. Light refreshments will be served. (248) 332-6430.

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CONSTANCE MARGARET BRADY

Of Goodrich, MI. Age 77, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at home with her family. Funeral Services were 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI. The Rev'd George L. Cleaves officiated. Contributions may be made to the Flint Institute of Music, 1025 E. Kearsley, Flint, MI 48503 to the St. Cecilia Society for the Byrd Music Competition. Visitation was at the church from Noon to 1:00 p.m. before service. Margaret was born January 18, 1932, to parents Emil and Constance (Humphries) Kotting. She was a member of the Farm and Garden Club and was a Master Gardener. Margaret was involved in the Flint Institute of Music and the Byrd Music Competition. She was a wonderful mother, gardener and cook. Surviving are husband Dr. John L. Brady, children Gail Brady of New Orleans, LA, Grant (Diane) Brady of Howell, MI, Anne (Glenn) Brady-Sonshine of West Bloomfield, MI, Karen Brady of Los Gatos, CA; three grandchildren Jason, William, Lesley; brother Leslie (Margaret) Kotting of England; sister Susan (David) Lawton of England. Preceded in death by son Stuart Brady in 1980. She and her talents will be sorely missed. Funeral arrangements by the Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI.



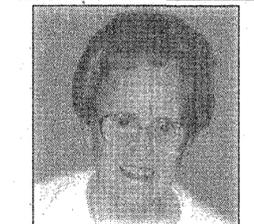
MARYLIN JACOBSON BROOKS

Age 81, of Rochester Hills, May 13, 2009. Loving mother of Chuck (Bobbie), Rick (Jane) and David (Marta) Brooks who are eternally grateful for the love of life Marilyn instilled within them. Grandmother of Matt, Darien, Andrew, Haakon, Julian and Anna Brooks whom she adored. Sister of: Edna Mary Richardson and Muriel Mersereau and the late Charles, Alvin, and David Jacobson. She was preceded in death by her parents Alvin Emanuel Jacobson and Edna Nelson Jacobson. Born Marilyn Hilma Jacobson on June 19, 1927 in Grand Haven, MI, she was a lifelong resident of Michigan including her final 50+ years in Rochester Hills. Known as "Mrs. Meadowbrook", Marilyn was one of the earliest volunteers at Meadowbrook Hall, founding the docent program and eventually becoming a living repository of the rich history of the hall and the Dodge/Wilson families. She curated the renowned 1981 Quilt Show at Meadowbrook Hall and was instrumental in bringing the Concours d'Elegance classic car show to Meadowbrook Hall while serving on the Concours Board of Directors. She was an enthusiastic fund raiser for the Meadowbrook Music Festival and served on the Michigan Historical Society Board of Directors and as Program Chairman of the Rochester Avon Historical Society. Marilyn was also a member of Stoney Creek Questors, and an active volunteer in the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan in Rochester. She proudly served on the Board of Directors of Ross Controls and was a member of the First Congregational Church in Rochester for more than 55 years. Marilyn loved parties and distinguished herself as a wonderful and creative hostess. She was proud of her Swedish heritage and thrilled to host the Swedish soccer team during the World Games at the Silverdome in 1993. She was the first to lend a hand when others were in need. Through the year of her passing Marilyn loved playing bridge. She was a passionate University of Michigan football fan, a season ticket holder for decades. From the time her children were young the family spent a week each summer at U of M Alumni Association's Camp Michigan, eventually introducing her grandchildren to the joys of this family camp. Marilyn's love of history, art, and learning, especially about people and their passions, are gifts she gave to her family and the hundreds whom she knew through her community activities. Marilyn will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial service, Saturday, May 30th, 1 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven, MI. Reception to follow at Jacobson Cottage, Spring Lake Michigan. Also a celebration of Marilyn's life will be held in Rochester at a future date, time and location to be determined. Memorial Donations to: First Presbyterian Church, 508 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417, First Congregational Church, 1315 N Pine St, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, Meadowbrook Garden Club (248) 620-2848, or the Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan, 3128 Walton Blvd PMB 247, Rochester Hills, MI 48309-1232. Arrangements in the care of the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester. 248-651-8137. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



TORBETT "TORB" GUENTHER

Age 61, lifelong Plymouth resident, passed away May 13, 2009. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1966. He then attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a manufacturer and an inventor who held many patents. His company, C.D. Sparing in Plymouth, makes equipment for the handicapped. The building that houses his business is the building in which the Alter car was made, he restored that building to its original condition. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was interested in "everything and everybody"; he was a brilliant, wonderful, yet humble man. A gifted artist, his lawn is decorated with his artwork. When he was 18, he designed and made a plaque that was placed on Plymouth High School. That plaque is still there today. Torb is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Hooker Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith, and Jack (Donna) Wellman; his brothers, Kim Guenther and Mike (Paula) Guenther; his grandchildren, Jimmy, David, Charley, Sean, Billy, Kris, Alan, Rebecca, Jeremy, Brendan, Richard, and Annie; his great-grandson, Max; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva and Harold Guenther, and his brother, Peter Guenther. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To leave a condolence or share a memory www.schrader-howell.com

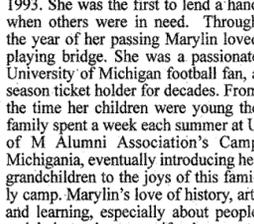


Margaret 'Ann' Carver

Age 76, May 13, 2009. Beloved wife of John H. Dear mother of Tom (Brigitte), Scott (Denise) and Beth (Tim) Collins. Grandmother of eight. Sister of Bob (Jean) Cain. Longtime teacher in Garden City Schools who will be missed by many students and friends. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. Memorials suggested to the Parkinson's Foundation.



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PATRICIA E. SCHWIMMER (NEE PARK)

Age 58, an angel among us, died unexpectedly on May 13, 2009. The daughter of Sophie and Jack Park, Pat was born in Detroit, graduated from Plymouth High School and received her nursing degree from Wasthenaw Community College. She was an oncology nurse at Garden City Hospital from 1992 - 2003. Survived by her husband Edward, her children and step-children, Jeremy (Amanda) Allmendinger, Nicole (Kevin) McKay, Linda Schwimmer, Daniel Schwimmer, Katie (Brian) Rozek, and Stephanie (Steven) Phillips. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, Kevin, Sarah and Megan Allmendinger, Kenneth, Aaron and Sophia McKay, Ryan and Brianna Rozek, Pierson Schwimmer and Alexander Phillips. A sister Mary Linda (Lynn) Moak and brother John (Susan) Park also survive. Visitation Monday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Tuesday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Service from Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 North River, Ypsilanti on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with visitation beginning at 12 noon. Interment at Highland Cemetery. Schare memories at schrader-howell.com

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NEIGHBORS

Spring concert

Churchill students perform with professional director

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Hering will relinquish her conducting duties for most of Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra's spring concert Wednesday.

But her 50 students will be in good hands as they play music by Tchaikovsky, Glière and Saint-Saëns, under the direction of maestro Arie Lipsky of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

Hering, Churchill's director of bands and orchestras, says she feels confident her student musicians will perform well under another conductor's baton.

"I think every conductor has their own personality. With students who are used to working with one style, there's a bit of adjustment. But maestro Lipsky is clear and easy to work with," she said, adding that he led a workshop with her students in March. He'll rehearse with them again this week, Monday-Wednesday, in preparation for the show.

"What he'll do is likely want to hear what we've been working on and then he'll rehearse the music with them. It's a chance to play under a professional conductor in preparation for a concert."

Although the Ann Arbor Symphony offers several

SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

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outreach programs, Lipsky's work with the Churchill students and subsequent concert is a first for the professional orchestra. "We have four ensembles that go to area schools and perform two 30-minute performances with a question and answer period," said Lara Dunbar, education and outreach director for the Ann Arbor Symphony. "Arie also visits schools as part of our Meet Your Conductor program. He gives a 30- to 40-minute presentation as a school assembly. He also works with orchestra classes when asked. Arie loves this type of interaction with young musicians."

"This supports our mission, develops our future audience and just may be preparing our future players. Our orchestra members love the opportunity to work with students as well."

The symphony's "Side-By-Side" concerts bring high school musicians and professionals together for performance. Both Hering and Dunbar hope Churchill's upcoming spring show with Lipsky is a first step in preparation for a Side-By-Side con-

cert at Churchill next year.

"There have been three Side-By-Side concerts with Pinckney Community Schools," Dunbar noted. "Side-By-Side concerts are big projects that take a great deal of time and work. We hope that an actual Side-By-Side concert will grow out of the Orchestra Night with Churchill."

Hering said her orchestra's concert proceeds have paid the fee for Lipsky's visits this year. She's hopeful that the Ann Arbor Symphony will obtain a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, to cover most of the Side-By-Side costs at Churchill next year.

"Next year we'd only have to cover a small portion of the \$10,000 cost. We would not have to do any fund-raisers," Hering said the Side-By-Side cost is considerably higher than Lipsky's workshop fee because it includes "a whole orchestra and union musicians."

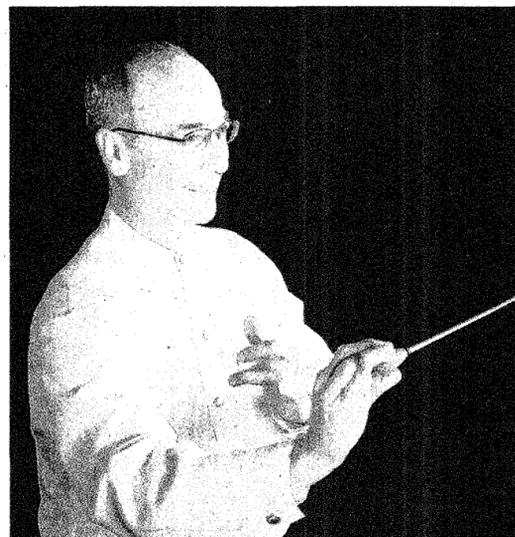
She likes the idea that Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra will work with the professional musicians over a two-year period because more students will benefit from the experiences.

She learned a few lessons from Lipsky's visit, too.

"The biggest piece of advice to me was that I needed to trust my students to do the right thing. I need to allow them more freedom to perform. It was great advice. I've been trying to do that," Hering said. "They have to be more responsible. If I'm not giving them every bit of information, they have to listen to each other more."



Robert Bidner (left), Alyssa Gonzales and Samantha Meeker perform with the Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra.



Maestro Ariel Lipsky of the Ann Arbor Symphony will conduct the Churchill High School Chamber Orchestra in concert Wednesday.



Samantha Ehlert (left), Teddy Roberts (standing) and Justin Sarkis perform with the Churchill High School Orchestra.

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 Why would a column devoted to arthritis discuss neuritis? The reason is that often people with pain in their feet and ankles assume that the pain comes from an arthritis problem. They are surprised when the doctor tells them they should see a neurologist for confirmation and treatment.
 Neuritis means inflammation of nerve endings. The neuritis that look like arthritis comes from nerve endings in the feet and hands. The pain may be sharp but usually is tingling and burning. The pain is present day and night, and is often worse at night. This feature helps a doctor know he is not dealing with arthritis, which improves with rest. Neuritis pain is bilateral, and comes on over a short period of a few days or weeks. In the feet, the discomfort starts in the toes and works up to the ankle, and in the hands the problem begins in the finger tips and moves to the wrist. Thus, doctors describe the pain as moving in "a glove and stocking" distribution.
 Diabetes is a common cause of neuritis. However, drugs, diet, heredity, Lupus, vasculitis and cancers (rarely) can be cause. Many doctors after identifying that the problem is neuritis will refer the patient to a neurologist as this specialist has the equipment and training to determine the underlying cause of the problem.
 Treatment varies. Individuals with neuritis related to diabetes may do well with Lyrica. In cases of drug-related neuritis, stopping the medication is the treatment of choice. At times, no therapy works, and treating the pain is all that doctors can do.

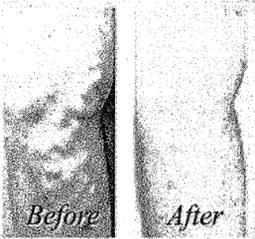
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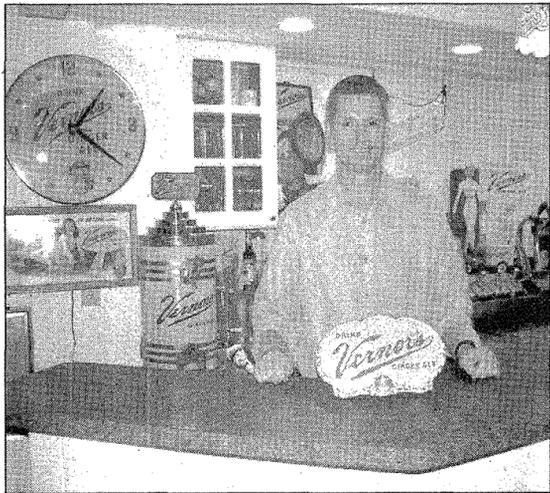
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Vernors collector revives bygone days



Keith Wunderlich poses with part of his Vernors collection in the basement of his Troy home. He gives a presentation on the Detroit product May 21, at the Livonia Historical Society Banquet at Greenmead Historical Park.

story, Wunderlich was able to interview Ron Bialecki who was the Vernors Gnome in the 1970s and 1980s.

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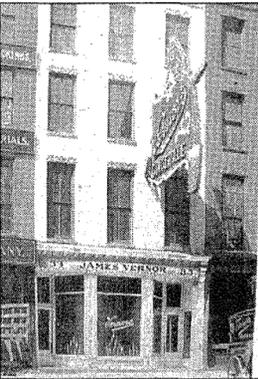
"I don't remember the plant at the foot of Woodward, but I remember a sign by Wayne State with the Gnome," said Wunderlich, whose slide show traces the history of Vernors from the Civil War to today. "I find items all over the place although they're getting harder to find, garage sales, flea markets, the annual advertising show in Indianapolis. People also know I collect and contact me."

Wunderlich estimates he owns a couple of thousand Vernors items. Stepping into his basement is like returning to Vernors soda fountain days.

"You can do it inexpensively," said Wunderlich. "There are a ton

who could go down in history as Vernors' biggest promoter of the soft drink. "I love it. It's a great pop and there's that Detroit connection. With the economy the way it is now, people are buying local. We're seeing a lot of interest in home-grown things to help our local economy."

Robert Legel remembers Vernors was the only fluid his wife could keep down before she died five years ago. Like Wunderlich



The Vernors soda fountain at the foot of Woodward.

he's heard stories about people's fondness for the soda. That's why the Livonia Historical Society selected Wunderlich as a highlight of its annual banquet. The public is invited to celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the service organization which helps refurbish and restore historic buildings at Greenmead. Its flea market in the fall brought in \$14,000 last year.

"The banquet is not really a fund-raiser," said Legel, historical society president for the last two years. "We hope to have Vernors floats for dessert. I just came back from the senior center in Livonia where I took a flier. People said, 'We grew up there. I know where that building was on Woodward.'"

The LHS banquet begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in the Alexander Blue House and features dinner, a silent auction and presentation by Wunderlich. Tickets are \$16, and available by calling Greenmead at (248) 477-7375 or Legel at (734) 591-6845.

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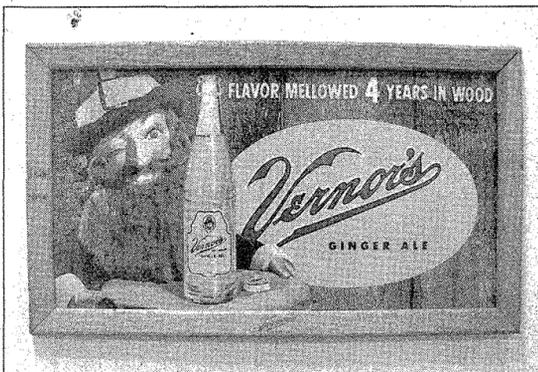
Anytime my brother, sister or I had an upset stomach, our mother would heat up Vernors. Thousands of other Detroiters have similar memories. That's why the Livonia Historical Society invited collector Keith Wunderlich to speak about the phenomena at its annual banquet Thursday, May 21, at Greenmead Historical Park on the corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile.



Linda Chomin

Wunderlich became interested in the memorabilia after discovering Vernors bottles from the '50s and '60s in his parents' garage as a teenager. The 52-year-old Troy man learns about the impact of the soda every time he gives a presentation or signs copies of his book, *Vernors Ginger Ale*, from Arcadia Publishing. Even his students know about the soda. Wunderlich is assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction of L'Anse Creuse Public Schools.

"People come up afterwards and tell me they went to Vernors soda fountain or there's a certain recipe they liked, Cream Ales, half cream and half Vernors, or different syrups they put into it, a cherry flavoring. I hear a lot about hot Vernors," said Wunderlich. Vernors was founded by phar-



The Vernors Gnome was used in advertising for years.

macist James Vernor in 1866 after he returned home from the Civil War. It's unknown why he chose ginger for the soda formula he was perfecting, but the Chinese have used the extract to treat indigestion for 2,000 years.

"James Vernor worked in a drugstore in the early 1860s and was messing around with a formula for ginger ale," said Wunderlich. "He enlisted and was in the Civil War for four years. When he returned he opened up a keg of extract he was working with. He hadn't changed the formula but it had mellowed. Even today it's still aged in oak barrels for three years."

Vernors is still made in Detroit by Pepsi. It is the oldest produced soda in the nation. For the inside

of bottles you can pick up for a \$1. I see them in antique malls. eBay is full of Vernors memorabilia. I have dispensers. Old newsletters give me a lot of the history of the company, uniforms. My earliest items are from Vernors in the 1870s, early letter heads from 1900 and before, early trays from the soda fountains. It all helps tell the story of Vernors."

Wunderlich writes about different Vernors topic for every quarterly newsletter of the collector's club he founded (www.wowway.com/~vernors).

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"Vernors had soda fountains in Pontiac, Flint which is still there, Toledo, Dayton, Canada, Buffalo, New York," said Wunderlich,

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