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AROUND TOWN

Assistance

For Westland residents who are struggling to make current mortgage payments or facing foreclosure, help is as close as the Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.

Certified counselors will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 19. Homeowners can schedule a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor from the no-fee program.

Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library, located on Central City Parkway north of Ford, to schedule an appointment. Space is limited. For more information, call (877) 693-6199 or (313) 833-2948.

Garden time

Mayor William R. Wild, in partnership with DTE Energy, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan and Westland's Mission: Green, is inviting Westland residents to celebrate Earth Day with the DTE Energy Garden Kickoff, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the DTE Energy Training and Development Center at 38155 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh.

The kickoff will include a groundbreaking ceremony for the garden, presentation of eco-friendly business and residential awards, and the unveiling of the Action for Earth program mural, followed by refreshments and a free concert featuring the percussion ensemble Biakue at 7 p.m. at the William P. Faust Westland Public Library.

"This is another great example of why Westland has become known as one of Michigan's greenest cities," Wild said. "The DTE Energy Garden will not only bring residents together in an effort to enhance our environment, it will subsequently grow fresh food for those who need it most."

DTE Energy and Gleaners started the program in 2008. Last year, almost 18,000 pounds of produce was grown with the help of more than 450 volunteers from schools, community groups, corporations and religious organizations.

To get involved with planting, weeding and harvesting Westland's DTE Energy Garden, call Marc Zupmore at (313) 235-3579.

Groups and individuals should plan to bring their garden tools, although some equipment will be available. Closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and drinking water also should be brought to the garden.

2010 FIRST CITIZEN



Don Douglas, a Rotarian since 1967, joins Antoinette Martin, president of the Westland club and Westland's 2010 First Citizen, at the podium at the club's weekly luncheon meeting.

City's top volunteer, Martin finds honor 'humbling'

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Antoinette Martin admits that she wasn't enthusiastic when she first started attending Westland Chamber of Commerce events. "My husband took me kicking and screaming to a chamber of commerce after hours event," said Martin, whose husband, Dan, is on the chamber board. Being involved with the cham-

ber is only of many volunteer activities for Martin, who is being honored as Westland 2010 First Citizen. The annual award, sponsored by the *Westland Observer*, recognizes the city's top volunteer.

"It's humbling. You don't know what to say when you get this award," said Martin, who received three nominations for

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RECOGNIZING THE BEST

What: Westland Chamber of Commerce Spring Awards Celebration

When: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 22

Where: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy

What: Westland First Citizen Antoinette Martin and Business Persons of the Year Mo and Al Elfakir, owners of Biggy Coffee, will be honored along with chamber members marking membership milestones.

Cost: Tickets are \$20 per person including appetizers and open bar.

Information: Call (734) 326-7222 for tickets or more information.

Police seek info about 7-Eleven robbery

Westland police are looking for information about a suspect wanted for robbing a convenience store at knifepoint early on April 9.

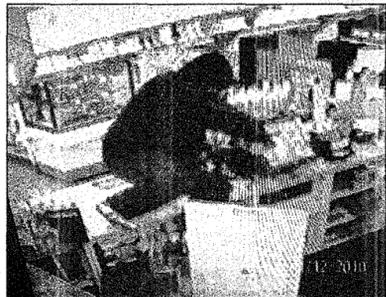
A clerk told police that a man entered the 7-Eleven store at 970 S. Wayne Road, at Avondale, at about 4:20 a.m. armed with a large pocket knife. The man ordered her to open the cash register and put the money inside a cream-colored cash bag which he was carrying, the clerk said.

The suspect told her to open the register faster, then climbed over the counter, grabbing approximately \$60 in cash, the clerk said. The suspect then fled on foot.

Garden City's police dog responded and tracked the suspect south to the rear alley of Town 'N' Country Lanes before the trail ended at the south end of the parking lot. Police believe the suspect got into a vehicle at that point.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5 feet, 6 inches, 160 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweat shirt, a white cloth over his mouth and nose, dark pants and black tennis shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt. Steve Borisch at (734) 722-9600.



A surveillance video from the 7-Eleven shows a knife-wielding man jumping over the counter to grab money from a cash register during a robbery April 9.

Holliday Park group holding Earth Day activities

The Holliday Nature Preserve Association is hosting three different Earth Day activities on Saturday, April 24, two days after the official Earth Day celebration.

"Because Earth Day falls on a Thursday this year, many people will be working or going to school, and won't be able to take part in a hike or be able to clean up a natural area," said Bill Craig, HNP president who is coordinating the activi-

ties. "Hosting our event the Saturday allows more people a chance to celebrate the event and do it in a beautiful place that is literally in the backyard of many households - Holliday Nature Preserve."

The day kicks off early with the dedication and installation of a new map for the preserve, then a wildflower walk followed by an invasive plant pull in the afternoon.

Holliday Nature Preserve is a 500-

plus acre forest and wildlife sanctuary that runs through Canton, Livonia and Westland. The preserve is administered by Wayne County Parks. The HNP hosts activities during the year including walks, cleanups and some trail maintenance. All activities are free and open to the public.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 24 are:

• Sign Dedication at the Ellsworth

entrance across from Nankin Mills at Farmington Road and Hines Drive at 10 a.m. A new sign featuring a detailed map of the preserve and preserve regulations will be dedicated by local officials and installed by HNP. The new sign, a partnership of Wayne County Parks and HNP, is the first of three being installed this year at major preserve

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Goci: Bring business sense to W-W

One seat on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education will be filled in the Tuesday, May 4, school election. Incumbent



John Goci

John Goci of Westland is being challenged by Karen Wilkie of Wayne for a four-year term on the school board.

Goci was elected to the board in May 2009 to fill the remaining year of a term that had been held by Frederick Weaver. Owner of the US 12 American Grill, Goci decided to run for re-election "because I am committed to seeing our children reach their full potential."

JOHN GOCI

Name: John Goci

Age: 40

Residence: Westland

Employment: Owner of the US 12 American Grill

Family: Married for 15 years to Aferdita (Dee Dee), I have four children: Venessa, 13, Violeta, 9, Vlora, 6, and Valin, 4. My eldest daughter attends Stevenson Middle School and her two younger sisters attend Patchin

date questionnaire. "Extensive business experiences as a local Wayne business owner gives me the necessary and unique insight to see the financial and administrative side of the school district. What I have observed in my one

Elementary School. My son attends preschool at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center.

Education: 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School, attended Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College, 1989-92

Community Involvement: Relay for Life, secretary of the Patchin Elementary PTA, member of the Wayne and Westland Chambers of Commerce, Wayne Lions Club

year of service on the school board is that the school district is not in the hands of the people and I will do everything within my power to return control of the

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MARTIN

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the award. "It's not like the business person award that is saying you did a good job."

Martin credited chamber President Brookellen Swope and her predecessor, Lori Fodale, with getting her actively involved with the chamber.

A Westland resident for 22 years, Martin is currently serving as president of the Westland Rotary Club.

One of her goals has been to bring various community organizations together. Martin has accomplished this through co-sponsoring events such Turn Off the Violence with the City of Westland, an American Red Cross blood drive with the Westland Jaycees and after-hours events and luncheons with the chamber of commerce.

Martin has also led the Rotary to create new charity luncheons to benefit other Westland causes like Painting the Town Pink in October and a fund-raiser that generated more than \$400 to help the Westland Historical Society. Like her chamber involve-

ment, Martin said she didn't initially take to Rotary, which has a motto of "Service Above Self."

"Twenty years ago, I was a Rotary member for about a minute, I didn't get it then," said Martin, an Ameriprise financial planner. "Rotary asked me to speak at a meeting. When I came back, I understood it and appreciated it. I liked what they did."

When school starts, Westland students in Norwayne can count on Martin and other Rotary members to hand out new backpacks full of much-needed school supplies.

At Christmas time, Martin can be found bell ringing for the Salvation Army and has helped the Goodfellows with toy distribution for their No Child Without a Christmas program. With Rotary's approval, she went shopping and delivered \$600 worth of Christmas presents to a Westland family in need.

Martin is also politically active and serves a delegate for the Democratic Party and as well as working the polls at every Westland election. The Westland council recently approved Mayor William Wild's appointment of Martin to the Brownfield



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

First Citizen Antoinette Martin admits that she didn't take to Rotary 20 years ago, but after speaking to the group "understood it and appreciated it. I liked what they did."

Redevelopment Authority Board.

In addition to her time, she is financially generous toward Westland and is the major sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce Taste Fest and sponsors Rotary events, such as Comedy for a Cause, the annual Charity Golf Outing and January Dinner Auction.

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Westland named Tree City USA

For a sixth year, Westland has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Westland was recognized for its commitment to urban forestry by the non-profit foundation after meeting four standards: having a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"We commend Westland's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environ-

mental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Communities that earn Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate, conserve

water and provide vital habitat for wildlife.

- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings.
- Increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at www.arborday.org.

AROUND WESTLAND

Chili cook-off

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its fifth annual Chili Cook-off Tuesday, April 27, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, Westland. Cooks can enter their chili for a fee of \$5.

Cooks need to be at the center at 5:30 p.m., tasters at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 to taste and vote. Extra votes can be purchased at 10 for \$5 or 30 for \$10. Beverages and desserts are included. There also will be a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds will go to the Westland Democratic Club. For information, call Nan at (734) 641-8895.

Home buying

National Faith Homebuyers also will host a seminar for homebuyers 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, off Venoy between Palmer and Glenwood. Participants will learn

about new homeownership opportunities, including down payment assistance and low interest loans. Information also will include newly renovated homes for sale under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. All are welcome and there is no charge to attend.

For further information, contact National Faith Homebuyers at (313) 255-9500; or visit their Web site at www.nationalfaith.org.

Bank On It

National City Bank will present four classes aimed at teaching participants how to budget, earn credit and even invest 6-7 p.m. on four Mondays - April 19 and 26 and May 3 and May 10, in Meeting Room A of the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

The class is for kids ages 12-18. In part one, participants will learn about budgeting. Part two is checking accounts, part three credit, and the final class is on investing.

Sign up at the reference desk and bring a calculator. It's recommended participants attend all four classes because the concepts build on each other.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Pancake breakfast

Show your support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month by attending First Step's annual Pancake Breakfast and Survivor Art Show 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at its offices at 4400 Venoy Road, just north of Annapolis, Wayne.

The mission of First Step is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. Prevention of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal of First Step.

For more information, call the Wayne office at (734) 722-1772.

EARTH DAY

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entrances.

• Wildflower Walk at the Koppernick entrance on Koppernick, west of Hix and north of Warren Road, 1-3 p.m. Holiday Preserve is filled with wildflowers in the spring and this section always seems to have a wonderful display that will be appreci-

ated by novices or wildflower experts alike, according to Craig. It is an easy walk over relatively level ground, however, a note of caution: the trails are often muddy.

• Invasive Plant Pull at the Koppernick entrance 3-5 p.m. Garlic Mustard is an invasive plant that poses a serious threat to native wildflowers. The plant monopolizes light, moisture, nutrients, soil and space crowding out native vegetation. Garlic Mustard

is easy to pull so it makes a great activity for helpers of all ages. Work gloves are suggested.

"April is a great time of year to walk and work in the Preserve since everything really starts to come alive," said Craig. "Well, except for the mosquitoes."

Go to www.hnpa.org for additional details on the association and its Earth Day activities or to view preserve maps.

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313	Christina Koliba	bags, totes, dresser
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508	John Cook	box, pool sticks, pool balls
526	Roneld Henderson	boxes, bags, dresser
619	Mathew Bruce	boxes, totes, sofa

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3023	Laura White	boxes, bags, totes
3042	Erma Austin	sofa, boxes, dresser
5102	Freda Dumas	boxes, bags, bike
6040	Lisa Arnold	boxes, bags, dresser
6085	Ron Bemby	bags
6131	Richard McNamee	boxes, totes, dresser
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B188	Petite Murphy	bike, boxes, totes
B202	Jeffrey Hawley	bags, boxes, golf clubs
B223	Leon Scott	boxes, boxes, totes
B264	Ometress Schuman	boxes, bags
B406	Duane Clark	boxes, bags, totes
E016	Minnie Monson	boxes, bags, dresser
E042	Telesia Davis	boxes, bags, dresser
E044	Alicia Simmons	table, TV, desk
F006	Jennifer Collier	bags, totes, television

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1194	Rhonda Major	boxes, totes, sofa
1325	Wilson Stanley	boxes, bags, suitcase
2100	Bob Costa	boxes, bags, suitcase
2158	Ellen Neely	boxes, totes
2240	Charlotte Scott	boxes, bags, totes
2488	Shinika Harris	totes, lamp, fridge

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Now you're cookin'

Glenn principal takes the heat in parent fund-raiser

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham wasn't sure what to expect when he was asked to be a celebrity chef at bd's Mongolian Grill in Canton. He quickly found out last Tuesday and his "instructor" was a former student.

"It's kind of different," said John Glenn graduate Jake Gates. "Usually, he's the one telling us to do something. He taught me to do something, now it's my turn to teach him something."

"I'm going to have to get a couple of these," said Ingham of the tools. "I chop the food down flat and stand there. It's pretty hot."

Armed with three-foot long metal cooking tools resembling swords, Ingham spent two hours, cooking meat and vegetables for customers on a flat circular grill at the restaurant.

"He's doing good," said Glenn counselor Randy Vavrick, watching Ingham move her food around the grill. "It looks all right, it looks beautiful."

"He seems pretty serious," added fellow counselor Linda Coleman. "He hasn't burned it up yet."

"I'm burning up, I don't know if the food is," Ingham countered.

Ingham was at the restaurant as a celebrity guest as part of a four-night fund-raiser for the high school's Parent Activity Group. The group provided him with a bd's T-shirt with their name for him — Mr. Big — on the back.

For four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning April 6, 20 percent of sales from John Glenn customers between 4 p.m. and closing is being donated to the group. The

CELEBRITY GUESTS

What: John Glenn Parent Activity fund-raiser for the senior class picnic

Where: bd's Mongolian Grill, 42089 Ford Road, east of Lilley, Canton

What: The restaurant is donating 20 percent of food orders from people who show a John Glenn fund-raising flier, show their Glenn ID or say they're there for John Glenn

When: 4 p.m. to closing Tuesday, April 20 and 27

celebrity cooks include John Glenn notables — former Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy, who kicked off the fund raising, Linda Lee from 99.5 WYCD, who be there from 8 p.m. to closing Tuesday, April 20, and Ingham. PAG member Patricia Stevens is hoping to close out the event with Westland Mayor William Wild, a John Glenn grad and Distinguished Alumni honoree, on April 27.

"We're doing this to raise money for a picnic for seniors at the end of the year," said Stevens. "Last week, we made \$84, we're hoping to make about \$100 every Tuesday."

The Parent Advisory Group had its first meeting Jan. 28 and is in full fund-raising mode for the picnic that will be held in Hines Park on May 27.

"It's not going to be elaborate, just a fun day for the seniors to remember," she said. "We're doing fund raising and seeking donations. There's so many expenses for seniors, we'd like to make it something that's not another expense for them."

There will be food, provided by Ken's Catering, inflatables

by Harold's Hoppers, balloons, signs, banners and Class of 2010 dog tags. The parents group expects the picnic to cost about \$4,100. According to Stevens, the goal is to fund raise as much as possible. An anonymous donor will make up the shortfall.

Stevens credits parent Sue Fitzgerald with spearheading the fund raising. "This is like a new business, we're starting with zero capital, but have a good group of enthusiastic investors" she said. "We're starting slowly, we want to see where the parents want to take it."

There are eight parents on the committee and the welcome mat is out for any other Glenn parents to join. According to Stevens, the more parents who get involved the more the group can do beyond the senior picnic.

"We're not a private group, we're not a PTO that says let's have a school carnival," said Stevens. "We want parents placed in all aspects of the school. We have one member who is on the reconfiguration transition team, one that's a parent liaison at the Family Resource Center."

The fledgling group has gotten a lot of help from Wayne Memorial High School's parent advisory committee — Z-PAC. They've offered ideas on what Glenn's parents can do and "letting us know what has worked and what hasn't worked," Stevens said.

The two hours cooking reminded Ingham of his college days. He worked at night in a foundry to pay for school.

"This heat, this is a young man's job," he said. "Age has no limit on expertise. These guys know what they're doing."

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John Glenn High School graduate Jake Gates shows his former principal David Ingham the ropes during Ingham's celebrity cooking stint at bd's Mongolian Grill in Canton.



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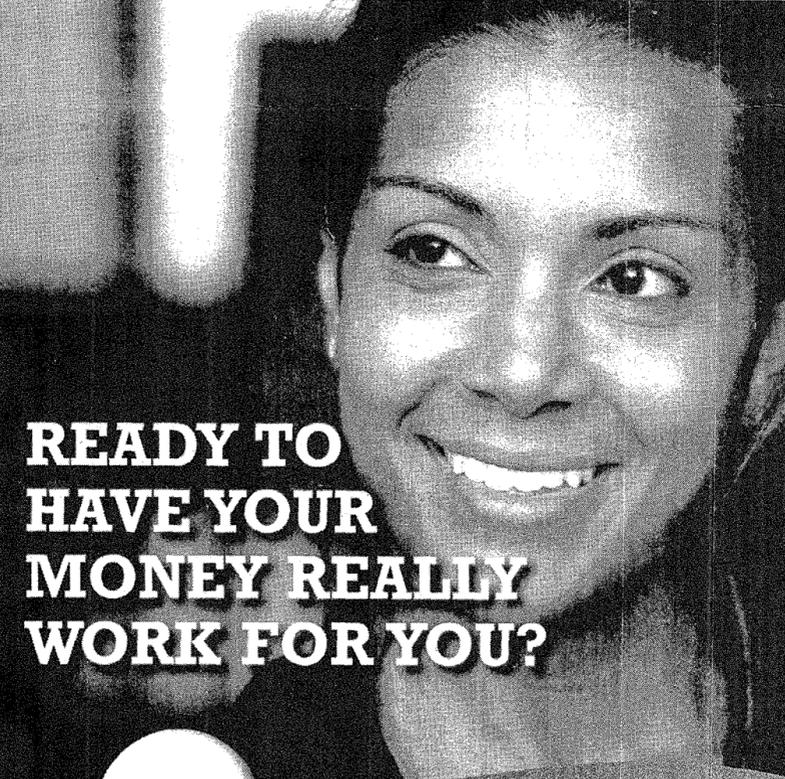
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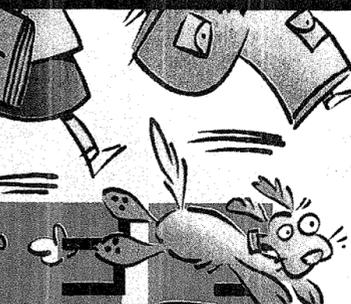
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EDUCATION

Glenn High School play follows Yellow Brick Road

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Looking at her choice for John Glenn High School's spring musical, drama teacher Sheri Grove admits that the 70th anniversary of the film played into her choice for staging *Wizard of Oz*.

But there was something else. "I felt I had the perfect people for the parts," she said. "I believe the play was made for my cast, and my cast was made for this play."

The musical will be performed Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24, in the high school auditorium and will feature a group of talented freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the lead roles, including a ruby slipper-wearing Dorothy, played by 10th-grader Shannon Salisbury. Jake Ferguson, a 10th-grader, is playing the Tin Man, with ninth-grader Dillon Bowles appearing as the Cowardly

Lion. Sarah Mellas who plays Glenda, the good witch, and Kelsie Yax, the Wicked Witch, are both 11th-graders. And Cody Buege, also an 11th-grader, is playing the Scarecrow and Joe the farmhand, a role not much different than his role of a farmer in the 2008 production of *Virgil and the City Slickers*.

Dennis Anderson appears as the Wizard of Oz, while Nikki Urban is Auntie Em and Justin Walker is Uncle Henry.

Grove also has recruited five children, including her son, Chase, and co-director Belinda Walakonis-Semak's daughter to play members of the Lollipop Guild and the Lullaby League.

"It's going to be fun," said Teresa Semak, a fourth-grader at Livonia's Case School. "I'm not really nervous, I'll just be singing. The best part is just being a part of it. I wanted to do it so badly."

"When I told her about it, she



The Scarecrow, played by Cody Buege, gives mixed directions to Dorothy, played by Shannon Salisbury.

was so excited, she would have volunteered, if she could have," said Walakonis-Semak.

The play has four assistant directors — Courtney McKinney, Urban, Yax and Buege. Stewart, Yax and Buege are working with the cast while appearing in the play. This

is Buege's second time as an assistant director. He made his directorial debut last fall with *The Butler Did It*.

"I like being a part of the final product," said Buege. "I like to see the way the acting and the blocking turns out." Stewart who plays a

'WIZARD OF OZ'

What: John Glenn High School's spring musical, "Wizard of Oz"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 22-23, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24

Where: Auditorium of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Tickets: \$7 for children and \$10 for adults. For advance or group ticket sales, contact Sheri Grove at (734) 419-2342.

Munchkin and Gloria, also worked with Buege on last fall's production.

"It's difficult, but it's rewarding," she said. "It's very different. You have to take into account that there's musical numbers and singing. You have to make sure the cast has their CDs, plus I play a role. I'm pulling triple duty, not double duty." "A lot of hard work and effort

goes into something like this," said Yax, who is a first-time assistant director. "I absolutely enjoy with the cast and crew. It's hard to have a role and be a director, but I have a blessed role — just the character, it's a fun role."

Grove also has three Glenn grads who have come back to work on the play. Megan Walker is one of the choreographers, while Nathan Bou and friend Matt Benyo came back to watch the tryouts and stayed on to help. Bou has been running lines and trying to choreograph the Lion dance.

"It was interesting seeing the different types of people who tried out, it made me wish I'd done it," he said. "It makes me have a lot more respect for the people who go up there and sing and dance. I didn't do this in high school, so it's like a second chance. It's cool to help out."

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schools back to the people." **Observer: What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?**

With extensive business experience as a local business owner, I will bring a business sense to the district and the community. My tireless work ethic, strong leadership skills, dedication and independent voice will be a continued asset to the district.

Observer: What do you see as the role of a school board trustee?

The role of a school board trustee is to make sure our kids are getting the best

education possible; to watch over operations of the school district and make sure our kids are the top priority of the administration and teachers; to make sure no one is squandering the kids' money; to work with our elected officials to make sure they are fully funding our schools; to serve the students, parents and residents of the district.

Observer: What do you see as the three main issues facing the school district and how do you think they should be addressed?

First is school funding. Our state leaders in Lansing need to make sure that education funding takes top priority and is funded fully.

Second are high salaries

and benefits that are out of control. Our superintendent, deputy superintendents, building administrators and Central Office administrators are being hailed as heroes for stepping up and agreeing to a pay freeze, but they need to show true leadership and take a pay cut that reflects the economic realities that the rest of us have to live with.

Third is the local economy is forcing some of our citizens to move to where the jobs are. It's pretty much out of our hands as a school district, but we as individuals need to support each other, our local businesses and buy Michigan made products whenever possible.

Observer: The Wayne-Westland

Community Schools is closing six schools and reconfiguring its elementary programs? How do you feel about those changes?

I know we had to right-size the district to reflect the loss of students, but the way it was handled left me very dissatisfied. The appointments of the 21st Century Committee chairpersons that do not live in the district were unacceptable. When the citizens pointed out errors in the data used to determine what schools we should close, nothing was done to correct the errors. Closing a school where 90 percent of the students walk to school and keep another school open where 100 percent of the kids

are bused, this makes no sense. I do not have problems with the reconfiguration.

Observer: Being a school board trustee is more than attending one meeting a month. There are programs and meeting during the day. Will you be able to participate in those activities?

I am well aware of the job duties and responsibilities and I know first hand that it requires more than one meeting a month to run a district of this size. I have been very active in our schools' programs and activities as a father of four children in the district, a PTA officer and trustee. I have attended many school events and functions, including D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies.

Observer: What do you want voters to know about you?

I have lived and worked in the Wayne-Westland area for 30 years. I was raised here, educated here and I have chosen to raise and educate my family here. I have a huge devotion to our schools and our community. I will always put our kids first and I will make sure that our teachers have the necessary material and facilities to give our kids the best education that they deserve. I am fully aware of our situation with the funding losses, student enrollment declines and the overall economic decline of our community, that is why I wish to continue as a school board trustee.

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Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert

April 21
Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Bylsma, piano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events

April 19-22
A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu.

James Tocco, pianist, in concert

April 23
A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scbxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert

April 26
The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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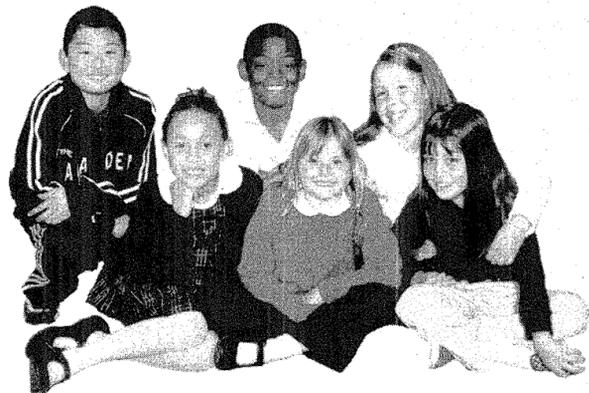
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Tea Party activists rally

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of area Tea Party activists made their voices heard, on issues ranging from taxes to health care to the Constitution, during a rally Thursday afternoon in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The participants, many with signs denouncing politicians in general and President Barack Obama in particular, cheered several speakers and were led in singing patriotic songs, like *America the Beautiful* and *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The two-hour event, like many held around the state, was planned to coincide with Thursday's federal tax filing deadline.

Republican Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, the first speaker, addressed what he called "the fundamental disconnect between the political class and we the people." McCotter, elected to the House of Representatives in 2002 when he was a state senator, represents the Plymouth area.

"To be honest, they do not understand you," McCotter said of politicians in Washington, D.C. "They can only hear you with their ears. They cannot hear you with their hearts."

McCotter, in brief remarks, urged activism and told the crowd not to "despair" over recent political developments they see as setbacks.

The recent federal health care reform, taxes, the size of government and what some called an assault on the Constitution seemed to be the issues of greatest concern among rally goers. A few seemed animated by a personal dislike of, or mistrust of, the president.

"I'm not for Obama," Tracey Bear of Taylor said when asked why she was attending. "I don't agree with his health care" and "pretty much everything."

She added: "I don't think he's an American."

"I'm out here to protest the corruption in our government," said Harvey Combs, also of Taylor.

Combs said he is particularly against the health care



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James Keena speaks to the Tea Party crowd in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. He is the author of the author of "Insurrection Resurrection" and the soon-to-be published "We've Been Had."

bill, which mandates health insurance. "It's against the Constitution to force you to buy something," Combs said.

Robert Layton of Canton Township said he feared the bill would result in bureaucrats deciding he's "no longer productive enough" and should have his health care cut off.

Layton said he'd rather be given the chance to save up money on his own to pay for health care.

"I'd have been far better off than having the government in charge of it," he said.

There were many anti-tax signs in the crowd, including some that called for the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Reserve. Other signs declared "Not my president," "Jimmy Carter is not the worst president," "Did he say change or chains?" and "Proud member of the angry mob."

Catherine Starks, an African American from Livonia, held a sign that read, "Obama is not my God."

"I think there's a lot of emphasis on that," she said when asked to explain the sign. She added: "Some people think he's the Messiah."

Asked what brought her to the rally, Starks said: "I'm a patriot. I believe in the Constitution. I'm pro-life."

Lois Bude of Plymouth

Township, who was with husband Ron, said she never dreamed she'd be as concerned as she is now about government interference in her life. She said she was motivated to attend by what she sees as an attack on the Constitution, and government borrowing and spending were atop her list.

"We're being propped up by other countries, by China, and we're obligated to them. So are we a pawn of China now?" Bude said.

She carried a sign drawn to look like a facetious Obama to-do list, with items like "Pass Cap and Trade" and "Pass Obamacare" checked off. (She realized no cap-and-trade bill, a measure supporters say will address global warming, has been passed, Bude said.)

Speakers Patrick Colbeck of Canton Township, a Republican candidate for the Michigan Senate, and the Rev. Levon Yuille, the black pastor of the Bible Church in Ypsilanti and a radio show host, both called for more political engagement as they spoke toward the end of the rally.

Colbeck asked the crowd if it was passionate about the country, drawing loud cheers.

"Let's back that up with a passion to serve," Colbeck answered.

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Style Masters hosts Earth Month Walk

Style Masters Aveda Concept Salon of Garden City is looking for people of all ages to take a walk in Hines Park on Sunday, May 2.

The salon is sponsoring a 6.2-mile, out-and-back, non-competitive walk through the park at Newburgh Pointe on Hines Drive just west of Newburgh to raise money for Alliance for the Great Lakes, which works to ensure a living resource for all generations. Strollers, runners and dogs also are welcome.

There is no entrance fee, however, walkers are urged to solicit pledges or make donations. Pledge and entry forms are available at Style Masters Salon. People can also call the salon at (734) 422-6420 to receive a form by mail.

"Join us to walk for clean water. It's a great cause," said Style Masters Salon owner/walk director Mel Groves, whose goal is to raise \$5,500. "Our walk is a chance to offer a huge thank you. We are so

lucky to have free-flowing, clean water."

Short-sleeved, cotton Earth Month Walk T-shirts will be available for \$10, proceeds benefitting the Alliance. Water will be provided on the course.

Walkers will head west on the bike path 3.1 miles to the Wilcox pavilion where Detroit native Jonah Smith, director of sustainable business for the Chicago-based Alliance for the Great Lakes, will offer tips on how consumers can reduce water pollution.

Refreshments will be available and a gift basket will be raffled before entrants walk back to Newburgh Pointe.

Corporate donations are welcome. Donors will be acknowledged in Style Masters' Walk for Clean Water advertising and promotion.

To commemorate Earth Month, Aveda encourages its salons around the country to

stage walks like Style Masters. Groves also is making Earth Month candles available at the salon.

"Clean water is precious," said Groves, whose first three walks raised more than \$14,000. "At least 36 states in the U.S. expect to experience water shortages in the next five years. One in seven people around the world lacks access to clean water, and two-thirds of the world expects water scarcity by 2025."

Groves' Style Masters Aveda Concept Salon has been doing business in Garden City for 24 years. It's a full-service salon committed to the well-being of its clients and the environment through the use of Aveda natural hair, skin and body products.

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Small businesses get the ear of U.S. commerce official

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Milford manufacturing company that makes diesel injector components saw 80 percent of its business disappear in two months.

AB Heller Precision Machining's Peter Rosenkrands told a group at a roundtable discussion on challenges facing Michigan's small manufacturing businesses — attended by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dennis Hightower and state officials — that the banking crisis dealt his company the largest blow last year.

Rosenkrands said the company went from a \$21 million annual sales rate in the third quarter of 2008 down to \$6 million in just two months. The company had to lay off 110 people, or two-thirds of its workforce.

"It was so fast," said Rosenkrands, who noted he is involved in the state's various economic development programs. "I know what programs are available, and there was

nothing that could help us." The company is in a slow rebound and may even break even this quarter, he said.

Others in small business and manufacturing attended the discussion, held last week at Diamond Moba Americas in Farmington Hills. State and federal leaders said they wanted to hear directly from southeast Michigan. It was Hightower's fourth visit to Michigan since October.

"This was an excellent meeting and a great opportunity to listen to small businesses on the front lines of economic recovery," said Hightower. "In this highly competitive global economy, businesses need every bit of help they can get. It is time to reinvest and refocus on the fundamentals that have always made this country great: research, innovation, and a culture of entrepreneurship that values risk taking and discovery."

Hightower said the U.S. still has the competitive edge in its manufacturing infrastructure, over India and China, but it

needs to get back to research and development investment.

MAJOR ISSUES

Fixing the banking crisis — even beyond the bailout — is the No. 1 issue for E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth, which employs 300 and deals solely in automotive supply with its metal stamping operation.

Wes Smith, of E&E Manufacturing, said access to credit is a major issue facing small businesses right now. He said he likes President Barack Obama's plan to move \$30 million of TARP funds to smaller community banks, so those banks can make loans to the small businesses.

Dennis Keat, CEO of Sudan Corporation in Rochester Hills, described the perfect storm his company found itself in during 2009. They were caught between failing banks and General Motors, its largest customer.

"If you ever want to feel like you're between a dog and fire, that's exactly where I was,"



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U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dennis Hightower, right, and Roger Kilmer, also from the Department of Commerce, were among the officials at Monday's roundtable discussion on Michigan manufacturing and small business challenges.

he said. "It was very, very difficult."

They had their largest customers not paying, while the banks were going back on loans.

"I signed assets to the bank, so the bank had enough courage to stay with me," he said. "It was a scary, scary situation to be in, in 2009. But, I think we've come through it, with the

federal government."

Keat said the 20-year-old Manufacturing Extension Partnership through the U.S. Department of Commerce has helped his company.

"Thanks to the MEP and the business development services it provides, we were able to secure new business from another Michigan company, producing a product for them that they were formerly having made in China," he said.

Currently, the federal government shares one-third of the cost of the MEP program with state governments and businesses, but many states are finding it more difficult to continue to fund their share of the cost. Legislation, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, would reduce the cost share required and ensure that willing small businesses have continued access to services provided by this program. It has passed the U.S. House and is now in the Senate.

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Friends of Rouge use Facebook for fund-raising

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Facebook Causes allows designated non-profit organizations to raise money through a secure donation process similar to Pay Pal online, reaching literally thousands of members in the Facebook community. Members can join a cause, donate to or promote a cause to their friends, all just by clicking a button.

Friends of the Rouge has been promoting the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River since 1986 and offers many worthwhile important

programs like their annual Frog and Toad survey, Rouge Rescue and Rouge Education Project.

"We started this fund-raiser because we are trying to raise \$1,000 towards technological upgrades critical to our organizations operations," said Emily Hughes, staff member at the Friends of the Rouge. "Our current technology is outdated resulting in computer crashes and an inability to produce or manage documents."

"Our work protecting the river begins in our office and our technology is what allows us to provide our programs to our volunteers," she added. "Any help would be greatly appreci-

ated; even a dollar would go a long way towards helping us reach our goal."

People who have a Facebook account can visit tpps.facebook.com/causes/454386 or go to the application and search for Friends of the Rouge. The cause also is linked on the group's Facebook fan page.

For those people who aren't connected to the world of social networking can contact the Friends of the Rouge office at (313) 792-9626 for donation information.

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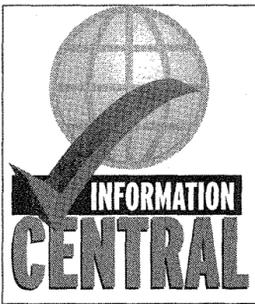
Dust Bowl remembered

Imagine living on the Great Plains during a very uncertain time: the Great Depression of the 1930s. Now imagine that powerful dust storms are wreaking havoc, turning day into night. On April 14, 1935, the worst outbreak of dust bowl storms occurred, earning the date the name Black Sunday. As the 75th anniversary of Black Sunday approaches, let's take a look back at the Great Plains during the 1930s and the events leading up to that infamous date.

The Great Depression began on another "dark day" called Black Tuesday, when the stock market plummeted. Banks failed and the U.S. population experienced massive unemployment. Although the direct cause is uncertain, many economists have theories as to why the Great Depression occurred. Some attribute the economic downturn to the unequal distribution of wealth during the 1920s, while others believe the cause lies elsewhere. The export of American goods declined severely, and farm exports like wheat and cotton were the worst affected. As a result, farmers could no longer make a living.

On the Great Plains, aside from the harsh economy, farmers were also battling a massive drought that began around 1930. Improper farming practices, such as infrequent crop rotation and overuse of the land, also contributed to poor soil quality.

The land refused to yield



any crops, and the decade was fraught with terrible dust storms. The intense winds on the Plains lifted the dry soil and whipped it around, making it impossible to go outdoors. Enormous dust clouds blotted out the sun and left homesteads buried in dirt. At the climax of the Dust Bowl on Black Sunday 1935, a record 20 dust storms plowed the region. To learn more about the dust bowl storms and Black Sunday, consult "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan or "Living through the Great Depression," edited by Tracy Brown Collins. For a broader history of the Great Plains that includes the Dust Bowl, try the DVD, "The Plow That Broke the Plains."

For more information, visit the Public Library of Westland or call the reference desk at (734) 326-6123. You can also

search the online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Activities

Special Earth Day Outdoor Concert: Biakuye Percussion Group, 7 p.m. April 22, Library Pavilion (weather permitting)

To celebrate Earth Day 2010, join us for an evening of energetic African drum and vibraphone music from the internationally acclaimed Biakuye Percussion Group. In case of inclement weather, join us inside the library for the concert. Everyone is welcome!

Zumba Dance Party: 7:30 p.m. April 19

It's back by popular demand! Join instructor Lisa Davis-English in some Latin-inspired moves that are sure to get you moving in time for spring. Space is limited, so preregister at the Reference Desk, or call (734) 326-6123

Adult Book Discussion Group: 7 p.m. April 20

Join us as we discuss "American Wife" by Curtis

Sittenfeld. Alice Lindgren has no idea that she will one day end up in the White House, married to the president. In her small Wisconsin hometown, she learns the virtues of politeness, but a tragic accident when she is 17 shatters her identity and changes her life. More than a decade later, when the son of a powerful Republican family sweeps her off her feet, she is surprised to find herself admitted into a world of privilege. And when her husband unexpectedly becomes president, she discovers that she is married to a man she both loves and fundamentally disagrees with. Copies will be available at the Reference Desk. All are welcome.

PC Troubleshooting 102: 2:30-3:30 p.m. April 21

In part two of a two-part lecture series, you will learn how to secure your Windows PC with a firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware software. Learn methods to secure your Internet browser, optimize your system for performance

and upgrade hardware and drivers. Important: Some Windows proficiency will be required. Course does not cover Mac OS or Linux. Since both parts cover different topics, it is not required to attend both sessions. For more information, or to reserve your seat, contact the reference desk. Not able to attend? Slide presentation is available on our Web site westlandlibrary.org - events - april 21.

Friday Night Movie Madness: "Lovely Bones," 7 p.m. Friday, April 23

This film centers on a young girl who has been murdered and watches over her family - and her killer - from heaven. She must weigh her desire for vengeance against her desire for her family to heal. Rated PG-13. No registration is required. This is an after-hours program. The library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Job Seekers Lab: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Fridays

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Health care requirements won't kick in until 2014

Q: Dear Rick: I have a 25-year-old son who does not have health insurance. He doesn't want it and he doesn't think he needs it. He was told that under the new health care plan, he must immediately buy a plan and that there was some sort of open enrollment period that gave him a discount by buying a policy. They told him that he only had another couple of weeks to buy the policy or he would not get the discount. Something doesn't make sense to me. I told my son to hold off. Can you tell me if what my son has been told is true and, if yes, when does the discount period end?

A: Someone is trying to take advantage of your son. Although, there is a provision that will require all Americans to purchase some sort of health care policy or be subject to pay a penalty to the government, that portion of the legislation does not go into effect until 2014. As far as I am concerned, someone was trying to scam your son. I am happy that he was smart



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

enough to talk to you about it and that you have written me. I would tell your son that the next time that person contacts him, he should hang up.

There is much confusion about what is contained in the recent health care legislation. Members of Congress have different opinions as to what was contained in the final legislation. What is clear is the requirement that we all must purchase health insurance doesn't go into effect until 2014.

It's not unusual that whenever there is a change in laws, the scammers in our society immediately try to take advantage of unsuspecting people. Unfortunately, it is up to you and me to prevent this.

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Q: Dear Rick: In a recent column, you wrote the charge card companies can't change the due date of your payment. What if that day falls on a weekend? Do you have until that Monday to make the payment?

A: The new law says the payment is due on the same date every month. However, if the due date falls on a day the charge card company does not process payments (weekend or holiday), you have until 5

p.m. the following business day to make a payment and not be subject to late fees. There is one caveat. Some charge card companies are now processing payments on weekends and holidays. If this is your charge card company, then it is due that day. For example, Bank of America and Chase process payments on weekends and holidays. So if you have charge cards from these companies, then the payment is due on your due date. The key is to contact your charge card company and to find out about processing payments.

If you are late with a payment, the charge card companies generally show

no mercy and hit you with substantial late payment fees. Therefore, it is vital that payments are made on time. One issue for those who use online banking to make payments, most banks generally schedule online payments for a weekday. If your due date appears on a Saturday, you may have to change the schedule of your online payment to be processed by the Friday before so you're not subject to any penalties.

One last note, if you generally have had a good

track record with your charge card company and for some reason you do miss a payment, I recommend that you contact the charge card company to see if they will waive the penalty. There is no guarantee that they will, however, as far as I am concerned, it's worth a phone call.

Good luck!

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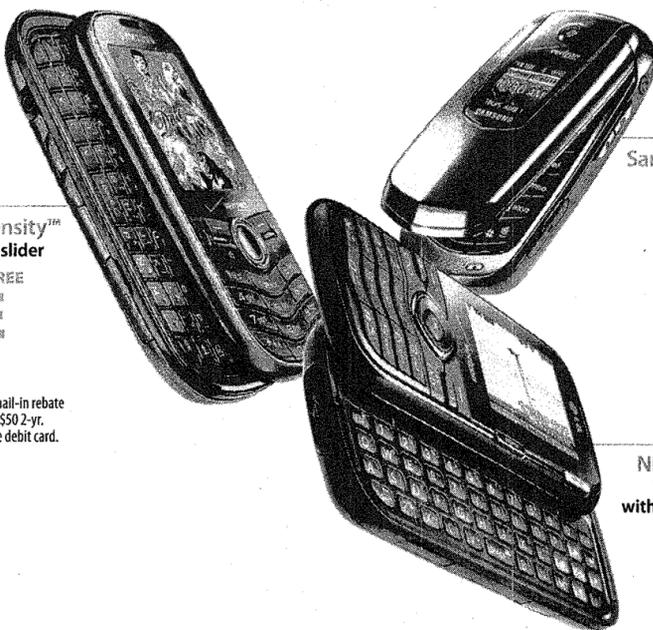
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HOMETOWN LIFE



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Stevenson's Shannon Merritt (15) and Churchill's Rachel Zukowski (3) try to make the heads-up play during Thursday's Kensington Conference crossover.

Special victory

Spartans get best of soccer rival, 2-0

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On an unseasonably warm evening more suited for state tournament play in June, it was host Livonia Stevenson which got the best of girls soccer rival Livonia Churchill, 2-0.

It's still early, but Thursday night's match may serve as a barometer for later in the season.

Stevenson, which has taken a back seat to the Chargers the past couple of years, is now 2-0-2 overall.

Churchill, meanwhile, is off to a 0-3 start.

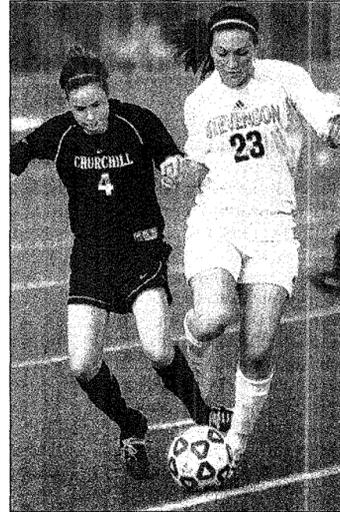
"I like the way my seniors stepped up," Stevenson first-year coach Chris Grodzicki said. "It's a long break since our last game against Troy Athens (March 31), which was two weeks ago now — where we played well — but it was a long layoff."

Senior Shannon Merritt scored what proved to be the game-winning goal with two minutes left in the first half. Amanda Jenaway got credit for the assist.

Senior forward Renee Boudreau, taking a pass chipped over the top from sophomore Dayna Stevens, made it 2-0 with 31:30 left in the match.

It was all the Spartans needed.

"I listened to my seniors all week in practice talk about how much this game meant to them," Grodzicki said. "And there was a handful of them that stepped up tonight and really walked the walk — Shannon Merritt with the first goal, Renee Boudreau scoring that second one and Kayla Kimble, for my money, the best defender going. They



Churchill's Sarah Bauman (4) and Stevenson's Renee Boudreau (23) vie to gain control of the ball during Thursday's match.

did what they said they wanted to do. So I was real pleased with senior leadership today, that's for sure."

Junior goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk posted the shutout. She got ample back row support from her four defenders — Kimble, Ashley Welch, Anastasia Newton and Krista Kane.

"Her confidence is growing every day," Grodzicki said of his keeper. "Jen Barker (assistant coach) has been working with her in practice, and she's been soaking

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SIDELINES

WYAA Pony reunion

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will stage its opening day ceremonies at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at Marshall Middle School. The WYAA plans to honor the members of the 1990 Pony State Championship team during those ceremonies.

If you were a team member or coach of that team, visit www.wyaa.org or call Keith DeMolay at (734) 516-9269.

MHSAA honors refs

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will honor six area game officials with 20 years of plus service at its Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 1, at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

Among those to be recognized include: George Weatherford (Livonia), 45 years; Robert Williams (Redford), 40 years; Gregory Smetek (Redford) and Donna Strang (Westland), 30 years each; and Richard Kus and Thomas Mallon (both of Westland), 20 years.

Free football clinic

Livonia Stevenson High School will be hosting its annual youth football clinic for those currently in grades 2-6 from 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

The clinic is free and instruction will be provided by the Stevenson varsity football team and staff.

Walkup registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Stevenson North Cafeteria.

To pre-register, visit the Stevenson High School Athletic Department Web site for a registration form at www.livonia.k12.mi.us/schools/high/stevenson/athletics/athletics.html.

For more information, e-mail Tim Gabel at tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.

MU golfers seventh

The Madonna University men's golf team finished tied for seventh in last week's NAIA Classic held at the Brickyard Crossing in Indianapolis, Ind.

The field featured 14 teams that are in the latest NAIA Coaches' Top 25 poll or receiving votes, including the Crusaders, who are 32nd.

Indiana Wesleyan (590) edged both Johnson & Wales (Fla.) and Lee (Tenn.) University by one stroke for the team title.

The Crusaders shot 305-305-608.

MU junior Brett Quitiquit, a transfer from Oakland University, placed ninth overall with rounds of 74-73 for a two-day total of 147 on the par-72, 6,994-yard course. It was his seventh top-10 finish of the year.

Other MU scorers included junior Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), tied for 32nd (78-75-153); Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 39th (73-81-154); Kyle Lawery, tied for 60th (83-76-159); and Nick Sears, tied for 64th (78-82-160).

Nate Leonhardt of Johnson & Wales was medalist with a 3-under 69-72-141.

The Crusaders, headed to next month's NAIA Nationals, return to action Friday at the Trine University Invitational in Angola, Ind.

Madonna decks Cards in sweep

The Madonna University baseball team racked up its seventh and eighth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victories Friday with a doubleheader sweep over host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

The Crusaders improved to 28-6 overall and 8-2 in the WHAC.

Canton's Matt Kay went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI, while second baseman Jeff Bultinck went 3-for-3 as MU captured the opener, 7-2.

Zach Flavin and Billy Hardin III (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central)

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also had RBI in the win. Winning pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) improved to a team-best 6-0 with seven-hit complete game. Gooding struck out seven and allowed just one walk in seven innings.

Concordia shortstop Tony Pounders (Livonia Stevenson) went 2-for-3 with two RBI. Zach Johnston added two hits.

The Cardinals' starting pitcher, Ryan Noack, who allowed four earned runs on five hits in 5½ innings, took the loss.

In the nightcap, MU collected 13 hits in a 10-6 triumph as Shawn Little (Canton) went 3-for-5 with two RBI

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Pats get quick divisional start

Sorenson's six RBI, grand slam lift Stevenson over Allen Park

The Livonia Franklin baseball team couldn't ask for a better start to the 2010 season.

The defending KLA South Division champ improved to 5-0 overall by sweeping a doubleheader Wednesday from host Plymouth, 8-4 and 12-1 (five-inning mercy).

Prentice Hawkins had a big game in the nightcap with a three-run double in the fourth inning and a walkoff grand slam in the bottom of the fifth as the Patriots improved to 3-0 in the South Division.

Dan Muller went 3-for-3 with a solo homer in the third inning, while Steven Wells added a two-run shot in the first as the Patriots unloaded for 14 hits.

Justin Dean also got into the act, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Anthony Crechiolo and Jack Chinavare added two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Joel Trudell, a sophomore, went all five innings, allowing four hits and a pair of walks while fanning three.

Trudell had a two-run double in the first inning and Adam Michael added a two-run single in the third as Franklin took the opener.

Winning pitcher Brent Marzion went all seven innings, scattering eight hits and three walks while strik-

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ing out seven. Losing pitcher Harrison Michaels, who worked the first 3½ innings, clubbed a two-run homer in the second inning.

Teammate Kevin Lozier added a two-run blast in the seventh, but it couldn't keep the Wildcats from falling to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the KLA South.

STEVENSON 15, ALLEN PARK 5: Jeff Sorenson collected six RBI, including a grand slam and two-run homer, Friday to propel host Livonia Stevenson (3-1) to a non-league win over the Jaguars (5-4).

Evan Piechota went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI, while Ben Anderson cracked a two-run homer in the six-inning mercy.

Dan Lopez, Mike Vomastek and Alex Dupuie also knocked in runs for the Spartans.

Winning pitcher Matt Shain went the first four innings, allowing two hits and three walks while striking out three.

C.J. Alvarado homered and Kyle Turner had two RBI for Allen Park.

W.L. CENTRAL 11, CHURCHILL 10: In a KLA South crossover Friday, host Walled Lake Central (7-1) pulled out the vic-

tory over Livonia Churchill (4-2).

CHURCHILL 3-14, JOHN GLENN 2-4: On Wednesday, Livonia Churchill (4-1, 2-1) swept a pair of games from visiting Westland John Glenn (0-6, 0-3) in a KLA South Division twinbill.

Senior left-hander Steve Hovemale pitched seven strong innings in the opener as the Chargers pulled out a 3-2 win. Hovemale allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out four.

Churchill tallied all three of its runs in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Drew Loudon followed by an RBI sacrifice fly off the bat of Nate Belyk, along with a balk that scored Christian Leathley.

Glenn's Derrick Ammons went 2-for-3 with a solo homer in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Spencer Dowd went five innings, allowing just four hits and two walks. He struck out three before giving way to reliever Colton Lipinski.

In the nightcap, Churchill took advantage of five Glenn errors to earn a 14-4 victory.

Churchill scored five times in the second (thanks to three Rocket errors), added two in the third and seven in the fifth.

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Ex-S'craft coach Briggs lays new foundation at UDM

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During his days at Schoolcraft College, Carlos Briggs was usually in the limelight as he built a struggling program into a national JUCO power.

These days, the 47-year-old coach keeps a lower profile as a third-year assistant coach at the University of Detroit Mercy.

This past season, UDM posted the third largest turnaround in the NCAA Division I ranks by recording a 20-14 record, which included an overtime loss at home to Butler and a five-point defeat on the road to the eventual NCAA runner-up.

It was also the Titans' biggest turnaround in school history after going 7-23 in Ray McCallum's first season as head coach.

The news, however, got even better this past week for Titan Nation with the signing of Ray McCallum Jr., a 6-foot-1 guard from Class B state champion Beverly Hills

Detroit Country Day.

"It's huge," Briggs said. "You're getting a McDonald's All-American, a kid with high character who understands hard work and dedication. We hope it rubs off on other players. It's huge for Six Mile and Livernois to keep the better players home. And if it's good enough a McDonald's All-American, it's good enough for other kids as well."

"The Butlers, the Northern Iowas, the Cornells and the Gonzagas have shown that big is not always better. And there's no place like home. You're still able to see your friends and families."

"But now we have something to prove." Briggs estimates he's seen more than 50 high school or junior college games alone this season. Just this past week, he was off to Dallas to keep tabs on one of UDM's four signees for the 2010-11 season.

The Titans have also added three other recruits, including Frank Williams, a 6-foot-5 wing player from Kansas City, Mo.; Nick Minnerath, a 6-8 forward from

Jackson Community College who averaged 21 points and eight rebounds en route to third-team NJCAA Division II All-America honors; and 6-4 Chris Blake, a Division I JUCO All-American from Trinity Valley (Texas) CC who averaged 19 points and five assists.

"Being a Detroit native and having played in the city in high school and junior college, Carlos knows Detroit basketball," McCallum said on UDM's web site. "He's had an outstanding career as a coach. He won (junior college) championships and took his team to national tournaments. He's an outstanding person who has contributed to the development of young people, and I think that's important."

"I followed his career as a player and I've known him for a long time. I recruited and signed his (Schoolcraft) players. I felt like I got to know Carlos better through his players."

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Carlos Briggs is in his third year as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit Mercy.

BRIGGS

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Briggs, a former All-American at Schoolcraft who later led the Southwest Conference in scoring at Baylor University, has several different responsibilities as an assistant at UDM.

"I'm handling the scheduling, making sure who we're interested in playing and that our RPI stays high enough," he said. "I also handle the guards with their individual workouts."

"And usually I'll be in charge of what kind of presses we'll use and how we handle other teams' presses. I also do (opponent) scouting. Each assistant scouts a certain team once every three games. I'll go over the scout tape, evaluate each team's strengths and weaknesses, then come up with a plan and how you want to attack them."

"Each (assistant) coach also has an academic person you're responsible for. It's normally the kid you recruited. One coach has five, another one has four. We usually sit down once a week, go over their assignments or tests, and make sure they stay on top of things. We also make appearances at study hall at least once a week."

The transition from junior college to NCAA Division I for Briggs was dramatic.

"The biggest eye-opener is how much time you have to put in to have success, whether it's recruiting or scheduling," he said. "You want them to graduate and you also want your players to have a chance to go on and play, whether it's overseas or in the NBA. We cover a little of everything. We do community service with players. We work with the Pistons and we work at shelters, whether it's Thanksgiving or over the Christmas holidays."

"Summer time, it's same thing. We do individual work with the players and then during the month of July I'm probably on the road 20 of 31 days recruiting."

Briggs successfully recruited at the JUCO level as seven different Ocelots earned All-America honors and 41 went on to play at the NCAA Division I ranks.

"The key to recruiting is getting in early, letting a kid and his family know how inter-

ested you are in them," Briggs said. "I tell them it's education first, with an opportunity to play and a chance to win. There's also chance to make money, whether it's the NBA or overseas. We're bringing them into a family environment. Some will eventually have jobs in the community or perhaps the school. It's a degree that works for them the rest of their life when they go to the University of Detroit."

Following his nine seasons at Schoolcraft, which ended in a messy divorce with the school administration in lieu of NJCAA rules infractions, Briggs spent a year in coaching exile before being hired prior to the 2007-08 season by UDM's Perry Watson, who finished his final season as coach.

"I learned obviously there were things I should do better," Briggs said. "There were things that I did well, but one of the learned things I learned was to understand the big picture, the overall program and success of kids. Education is the most important thing. I've really learned the business."

"The one thing that sticks out about my time at Schoolcraft was that it helped me to have success at the level where I'm now at. When I was there I did the academics, the recruiting, the scheduling and I had to deal with the administration. Both Dr. (Conway) Jeffress (Schoolcraft's president) and Ed Kavanaugh (the A.D.) helped open future doors for me."

Briggs, who played high school basketball at Detroit Benedictine, is grateful McCallum retained him as the only member from Watson's staff.

"Ray (McCallum) is a players' coach, he's also a coaches' coach," Briggs said. "He lets his players play. There's certain restrictions, but he'll let them play with freedom. You have to have some type of freedom. He also gives me freedom to go out and recruit players to fit our program. He'll also groom you to be a head coach one day."

"I was fortunate that coach McCallum recruited some of my guys at Schoolcraft. The same goes with coach (Perry) Watson. I knew them both personally and they gave me an opportunity. Ray fortunately let me continue and I was able to keep my coaching career going."



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All-Area boys bowlers prove exceptional

FIRST-TEAM

Ryan Clark, Jr., Salem: Clark's bowling resume continues to grow with another season to add to the list.

He averaged 215 per game with high-water marks being 277 for one game (and 534 for a two-game series) while leading the Rocks as team captain for a second straight year.

He won 27 out of 30 possible match points, qualified for fourth place at the state finals and was Plymouth-Canton city champion in singles, doubles, team and mixed events.

"Ryan is an exceptional athlete and young man," said Rocks head coach Kathie Hahn. "He displays composure, confidence and all-around wonderful attitude towards bowling and life in general."

Clark's other achievements during 2009-10 include being a KLAA Scholar Athlete for the second time, an honor Hahn said she feels strongest about.

He also has compiled five 300 games (the first at age 14) and two 299 games in recent years and was a 2009 state champion in doubles.

Tyler Vance, Jr., Farm-Harrison: Vance was a state semifinalist in Division 1 match play, losing to the eventual winner, Tyler Greene of Davison. He won the Oakland County championships with a 724 series and 241 average.

Vance carried a 213 average in OAA games and maintained a 207.1 average throughout the season. He qualified fifth at his regional with a six-game average of 216.3. He had a high game of 267 and high series of 473.

Kyle Hamlin, Sr., Westland Glenn: The fourth-year varsity starter and captain posted a team-best 211 average with a 268 high game.

The Glenn MVP also had a 490 two-game set and made All-KLAA along with third-team All-State honors in Division 1.

Hamlin helped establish Glenn records for match game total (1,213), two-match game totals (2,309), Baker game (280) and two-game Baker (506).

He also lifted the Rockets to the Division 1 quarterfinal finish, a KLAA

2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BOWLING FIRST TEAM

Ryan Clark, Jr., Salem
Tyler Vance, Jr., Farm-Harrison
Kyle Hamlin, Sr., Westland Glenn
Jordon Hornes, Fr., Westland Glenn
Elliot Arnold, Soph., Wayne
Davis Vandercook, Soph., Farm-Harrison

SECOND TEAM

Chris Harper, Sr., Westland Glenn
Thomas Brusseau, Soph., Westland Glenn
Shaun Schmidt, Sr., Salem
Erik Grinbergs, Jr., Farm-Harrison
Kyle Newcomb, Sr., Salem
Ryan Turner, Jr., N. Farmington

THIRD TEAM

Andrew Klein, Jr., Canton
Cody Kissandi, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
Kyle Webb, Soph., Plymouth
Justin Thompson, Soph., Plymouth
Justin Lapidis, Jr., N. Farmington
Jeremy Brown, Sr., Wayne

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION

Salem: David Nikkila; Canton: David Blythe; Clarenceville: Chris Diaz; Plymouth: Brandon Congdon; John Glenn: John Cleavenger; N. Farmington: Kameron Caldwell; Farmington-Harrison: John Clarahan, Andrew Kuelbs.

Central co-title and a Kensington Conference championship.

Hamlin, who had a 19-9 match-play record, also sparked Glenn to the Wayne County, Plymouth-Salem-Canton and Ladywood Holiday tournament titles, along with runner-up finishes in the Farmington Early Bird and Clarenceville Open Doubles events.

Jordon Hornes, Fr., Westland Glenn: The freshman, who averaged 209 per game, was a Division 1 state singles quarterfinalist after capturing the regional.

He was third in the state qualifying block with a 1,367.

Hornes also helped the Rockets to the team quarterfinals and a regional title. He had a high game of 279 and a 480 two-game series.

He also helped the Rockets to the Wayne County, Plymouth-Salem-Canton and Ladywood Holiday tournament titles, along with runner-up finishes in the Farmington Early Bird and Clarenceville Open Doubles events.

Elliot Arnold, Soph., Wayne: The sophomore appeared in all 29 regular season games for the Zebras averaging a team

best 206 with a high game of 266 en route to All-KLAA honors.

Arnold was also a state qualifier finishing 24th in the Division 1 qualifying block with a six-game set of 1,178. He finished eighth at the regional with an 1,183.

Arnold also teamed with Jeremy Brown to win the third annual Clarenceville Open Doubles. He also led the Zebras with a 649 series at the Wayne County Invitational and had a two-game series of 463 at the KLAA Championships.

Davis Vandercook, Soph., Farm-Harrison: Vandercook carried an impressive season average of 228, bowling 16 games of 225 or better; in 10 of those games, he bowled 250 or more. He had a high game of 278 and a high series of 546 (for a 273 average). Vandercook did not qualify for state, but his steady performance throughout the season merited a spot on the first team. He had a 224 average in the OAA and was voted team MVP by his fellow bowlers.

The number of games he bowled over 225 "tells you the talent that young man has," coach Hermani said. "With the core of returning guys — Tyler (Vance), Davis, Erik (Grinbergs) and a couple others — I expect them to lead us to our first boys appearance in the state finals."

COACH OF YEAR

Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn: The fourth-year coach guided the Rockets to a banner season in 2009-10 as Glenn reached the Division 1 team quarterfinals after winning the regional at Westland Lanes.

Glenn was also KLAA Central Division co-champion and Kensington Conference champ. The Rockets added the Wayne County, Plymouth-Salem-Canton and Ladywood Holiday tournament titles, along with runner-up finishes at Clarenceville Open Doubles and Farmington Early Bird events.

Under Brusseau's guidance, Glenn set school records this season for match game total (1,213), two-match game total (2,309), Baker game (280) and two-game Baker (506).

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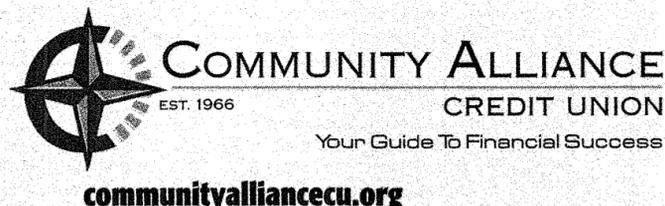


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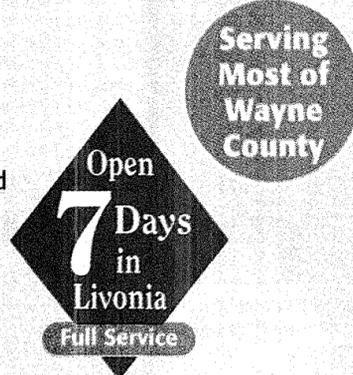
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Late Ladywood goals stun Bishop Foley, 2-1

Livonia Ladywood stormed back with a pair of goals in the final three minutes Thursday to stun visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 2-1, in a Catholic League Central Division girls soccer match.

Kelly Capoccia tallied the game-tying goal in the 77th minute off an assist from Paige Brennan, who in turn scored the game-winner with a minute remaining.

Foley led 1-0 at halftime on Sarah Sinagoga's goal in the 14th minute.

Ladywood is now 2-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the Central, while Foley falls to 1-1 and 1-1.

"We just never stopped working in the second half and it paid off," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the

GIRLS SOCCER

Venture, 17-6. "Kelly Capoccia is establishing herself as a player that can score big goals."

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed made three saves, while Foley counterpart Amanda Mancini had six stops.

JOHN GLENN 2, BELLEVILLE 1: Jenna Williams scored twice Friday as Westland John Glenn (2-1) downed the host Tigers (1-1) in a non-league match.

Assists went to Katie Yax and Jennie Humbach.

Goalkeeper Andee Samborski made two key saves to preserve the shutout.

"We were kind of shocked from the (Waterford) Mott

match and we learned our lesson," said Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada following Wednesday's 7-1 setback. "Tonight we played our game. We attacked and defended well. We changed our strategy a little bit and it worked."

CLARENCEVILLE 1, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Both goals came in the first half Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (0-3-1) and Lutheran High Westland (0-1-1), old rivals in the Metro Conference, battled to a draw.

Lutheran Westland's Sarah Frusti scored unassisted just 53 seconds into the match, but Clarenceville freshman Ashley Murphy counter with a goal with only 19 seconds remaining off an assist from Sadie Zachos. "The second half we had a

lot of good opportunities, but couldn't put the ball in the back of the net," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "But overall it was a good game."

MOTT 7, JOHN GLENN 1: Corey Klein tallied a pair of goals and Hannah Rhoades contributed two assists Wednesday as host Waterford Mott (4-1) rolled to a KLAA crossover win over Westland John Glenn (1-1).

Hannah Messer also scored on a penalty kick for the Corsairs, while Lexanna Siemasz, Alyssa Bolling, Maylani Siemasz and Meggy McConkey had the other goals. The Rockets, who trailed 6-0 at halftime, got a second-half goal off a direct corner kick from Alexis Gaglead.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 19
 S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Redford Union at DH Robichaud, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at DH Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21
 Churchill at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon (2), 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 W. Bloomfield at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
 Birm. Roeper at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Luth. Westland at Romulus Summit, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Farmington at Churchill, 10 a.m.
 Franklin at Belleville, 11 a.m.
 Stevenson at Garden City, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 19
 S.L. East at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 South Lyon at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 S.H. Stevenspn at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
 Macomb Christ. at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21
 Churchill at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at South Lyon (2), 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
 Redford Union at DH Robichaud, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at DH Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Ladywood at Birm. Marian (2), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Monroe Jefferson Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Wayne at Ypsilanti, 11 a.m.
 Anchor Bay-Macomb Classic, TBA.
Sunday, April 25
 Anchor Bay-Macomb Classic, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 19
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 4:30 p.m.
 Thurston at Romulus, 5 p.m.
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Ypsi Calvary, 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 5:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21
 Clarenceville at B.H. Kingswood, 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Luth. South at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Ferndale at Wayne, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Ladywood at F.H. Mercy, 1:45 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, April 20
 Crestwood at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 3:45 p.m.
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Robichaud at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville Tri-Meet, 4:30 p.m.
 Cranbrook-Kingswood, Pontiac Academy at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 Thurston at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Raider Relays at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 D.H. Crestwood Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Phoenix Inv. at Ypsilanti, 10 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, April 19
 Redford Union at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Thurston at Annapolis, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
 Churchill at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 Garden City at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Robichaud at Thurston, 4 p.m.
 Annapolis at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Birm. Marian at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Garden City at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Monroe Invitational, 8 a.m.
 Ladywood at Brighton Quad, 8:30 a.m.
 Taylor Kennedy Invitational, TBA.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, April 19
 Brighton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Franklin vs. John Glenn at Idyl Wylid, 3 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
 Belleville vs. Garden City at Westland Municipal, 3:30 p.m.
 Redford Union vs. Thurston at Glenhurst G.C., 3:30 p.m.
 Thurston at Romulus, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20
 Farm. Inv. at Farm. Hills G.C., 8:30 a.m.
 Huron Valley Inv. at Preswick, TBA.
Wednesday, April 21
 Franklin vs. Churchill at Idyl Wylid, 3 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Canton, Wayne vs. Plymouth at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
 Garden City vs. Thurston at Warren Valley G.C., 3:30 p.m.
 Redford Union at Romulus, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Mason Invitational, 9 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Wednesday, April 21
 A.A. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23
 Troy at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers unless noted)
Monday, April 19
 Rochester College at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 25
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers unless noted)
Sunday, April 18
 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21
 Concordia Univ. at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

SPARTANS

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everything up like a sponge. Her confidence is getting better, and that's half the battle in the goal."

Churchill, which lost all but two starters off last year's Division I regional final team to graduation, failed to mount any type of a consistent offensive attack.

"I think we're still fatigued because we're not fit," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "They tried to play the game plan, which was to send balls longer, but when it wasn't working out, they didn't change on their own. When that doesn't work, we need to go back to our old style."

Hebestreit, however, saw one positive. "I thought my goalie (Kaylie Secord) was outstanding tonight," he said. "It could have been 4-0 or 5-0 easy. She was outstanding."

Churchill, which will try to break into the win column Monday night at home against Plymouth, will learn from its three defeats.

"I think maybe my players didn't come to play tonight," Hebestreit said. "At the start it looked like we hadn't played at all this year. We're 0-3, but I'm not panicked. The character I've seen from this team is outstanding. I think we'll recover. Megan McDonald and Rachel Zukowski I thought were outstanding."

Meanwhile, the game took on added significance for Grodzicki, who coached against his brother Matt, an assistant for the Chargers. But the Spartans coach downplayed the meeting between the two.

"This is the first time I've been coaching in this rivalry," said Chris Grodzicki, a Stevenson grad and former player like his brother. "I know what it means and I know what's happened over the past few years. I was more nervous than I was letting on, so maybe talking to him (Matt) would have showed my hand a little bit."

With some nagging injuries and several players out of town during the Easter break, Chris Grodzicki staged only three practices leading into the Churchill encounter.

"I just crossed my fingers and hoped I could prepare them," he said. "And they responded well."

BASEBALL

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Stephen Foster went 3-for-3 with three runs scored to spark Churchill's 11-hit attack. Sean Servalish added two hits, two RBI and scored three runs, while Belyk ripped a two-run homer in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Ben Matigian allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven in five innings.

Losing pitcher Andrew McGrath was charged with 11 runs in 4 1/2 innings.

Ammons went 2-for-2 with a solo homer.

STEVENSON 4-0, NORTHVILLE 3-7: On Wednesday, KLAA Central Division foes Livonia Stevenson (2-1, 2-1) and the visiting Mustangs (2-1, 2-1) settled split of a doubleheader.

Despite being in the shadow of Lutheran High Westland, a Division 4 state baseball power, how about a little love for the team next door?

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran is off to a 3-0 start following a 12-2 mercy-rule victory in five innings Thursday over Newport Lutheran South.

The victorious Hawks, who improved to 2-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, collected 12 hits in the victory.

Alex Harris led the way going 3-for-4 with four RBI, while winning pitcher Shawn Schaffer also went 3-for-4.

Schaffer struck out seven and allowed just two hits in

Pitchers Mark Wagner and Troy Bodtke combined on a one-hitter as Stevenson took the opener, 4-3.

Wagner, the starter, worked the first 4 1/2 innings to pick up the win. He allowed two runs and the one hit while striking out five.

Bodtke went the final 2 1/2 innings to pick up the save, allowing one run and fanning two.

Dan Lopez, Mike Vomastek and Jeff Sorenson each knocked in a run for the Spartans.

Connor Smith had the lone hit, while Joey Close, Brett McDonald and David Montgomery each knocked in a run for the Mustangs.

In the second game, Northville pitcher Dylan Breault tossed a two-hitter, walked only one and fanned five in a 7-0 triumph.

Smith went 2-for-2 with

three RBI and a homer for the Mustangs.

Evan Piechota and Wagner had the lone hits for Stevenson.

CANTON 12-15, WAYNE 0-3: In a KLAA South Division twinbill Wednesday, the host Chiefs (5-1, 3-0) rolled to a pair of five-inning mercy-rule victories over Wayne Memorial (0-3, 0-3).

Canton won the opener, 12-0, as senior left-hander Kevin Delapaz got the victory on a three-hitter. He struck out seven.

Ben Staley had two hits and two RBI, while Cody Blakita and Joe Galanty each added two hits.

Staley got the victory in the nightcap, 15-3.

Seth Tschetter had three hits, including a bases loaded double. Garrett Bryden knocked in five runs and Delapaz went 2-for-3.

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five innings.

Nate Konkel and Tony Southern had the lone hits for the Saints.

Jacob Diroff, the losing pitcher, gave up seven runs on six hits and four walks in three innings as the Saints fall to 1-1 in the MIAC Red.

LUTH. WESTLAND 16, OAK. CHRISTIAN 1: It took just three innings Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-1, 1-1) rolled to a MIAC Blue Division mercy-rule triumph over Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (0-2, 0-2).

The Warriors racked up 16 hits as Jake Andrezejewski went 3-for-3 with three RBI and two runs score, while Austin Baglow went 3-for-4 with a double, three RBI, three runs and three stolen bases.

MADONNA

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and freshman third baseman Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Bultinck contributed two hits and two RBI, while Flavin had two hits and one RBI.

MU starter John Ballarin overcame a shaky first inning when he gave up four runs, to earn the victory. In seven innings, Ballarin allowed four earned runs on eight hits. He struck out three and did not

winning pitcher Gage Flanery went 2-for-3, including a triple, double with three RBI and two runs. Flanery retired all nine batters he face striking out six.

Marc Rosin also went 2-for-2 with four RBI, three runs and three stolen bases. Tony Cipolla reached base safely three times and scored three runs with a pair of stolen bases.

"It is nice to get a win on the road and get back to .500 in the conference," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We have quite a tough stretch coming up, going to (Dearborn Heights) Annapolis on Saturday for two, hosting Southfield Christian Tuesday (who knocked us out of state tournament last year) and going to (Rochester Hills) Lutheran Northwest who just beat Liggett. We have our work cut out for us and we are going to need to play well if we are going to have a chance of winning."

walk a batter to improve to 4-1 on the year.

Pounders and Kevin Connors each knocked in a pair of runs for the Cardinals, who slipped to 17-22 overall and 4-6 in the conference.

Losing pitcher Matthew St. Kitts gave up two earned runs on eight hits in four innings.

Concordia made a total of seven errors on the day.

Blazers' Combs fans 25 in sweep

Pitcher Briana Combs picked up where she left off last season, leading Livonia Ladywood to a season-opening double-header sweep Wednesday over Catholic League Central Division girls softball foe Dearborn Divine Child, 5-0 and 2-0.

The sophomore right-hander threw a complete-game no-hitter while striking out 12 in the opener for last year's Division 2 state runners-up.

Jenny Kelley, Jenny Rohn and Alyssa Gietl each collected two hits for the Blazers.

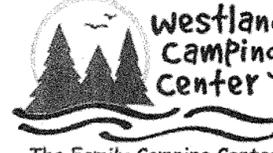
In the nightcap, Gietl broke a scoreless deadlock in the top of the eighth inning with an RBI triple scoring Rohn and Carli SanMillan followed with an RBI single to complete the scoring. Combs allowed just two hits

while striking out 13 giving her 25 Ks on the day against the host Falcons.

GARDEN CITY 10, ROMULUS 2: On Wednesday, the Cougars (2-0) spotted visiting Eagles (2-3) a 2-0 first-inning lead, but roared back with 10 unanswered runs to post a WWAC crossover victory.

The Cougars were sparked by Cassie Ford's three RBI, including a 2-run double in the bottom of the first inning to deadlock the game. Garden City collected a total of 12 hits and took advantage of six Romulus errors.

Kelsey Susalla added a double, triple and three RBI for the Cougars. She also scored three runs. Winning pitcher Hillarie Werda went 2-for-4 with a double. She went all seven innings on the mound, striking out 10 and allowing just one walk. Werda scattered eight hits.



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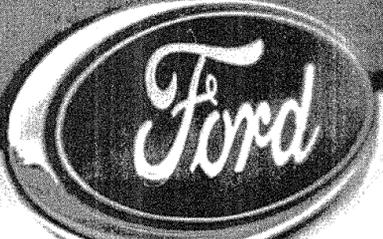
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MU's Irwin throws ninth no-hitter

Madonna University maintained its grip on first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball standings Friday by taking a pair of games from host University of Michigan-Dearborn, 8-0 and 3-2.

The Crusaders completed the sweep in the nightcap as Kelly Lesko went 3-for-3 with all three RBI to improve to 25-6 overall and 9-1 in the WHAC.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill), Erica Landess and Arielle Cox each added two hits in the victory.

Winning pitcher Jess Irwin (15-2) struck out 13, walked three and allowed three hits in seven innings.

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Jen Elliott (11-2) took the loss for the Wolves, who fall to 19-10 overall and 8-5 in the conference.

Irwin tossed a five-inning no-hitter, the ninth of her career, in the opener. She struck out 12 and walked two.

Tara LaMilza went 2-for-2 with an RBI to pace the Crusaders' nine-hit attack. Rachael Kethe and Tara LaMilza each added two hits and an RBI.

MADONNA 9-7, CONCORDIA 0-1: On Wednesday, the Crusaders (23-6, 7-1) rolled to a pair of WHAC victories Wednesday afternoon in Ann Arbor against host Concordia University (6-23, 1-12). MU took the opener 7-0 as

junior pitcher Jess Irwin (13-2) struck out 15 and allowed just one walk and four hits.

Catcher Ashley Shay went 3-for-5 with two RBI, while Katelyn Hamman and Arielle Cox each added two hits.

Grace Muller had two hits for the Cards and starter Catherine Herriman took the loss.

In Game Two, Rachael Kethe went 2-for-2 with a triple and four RBI in a 9-1 MU mercy-rule victory. Kelly Lesko added two RBI, while Tara LaMilza and Cox added one each.

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (10-4) went all five innings, allowing one earned run on five hits and a walk.

Herriman (3-11), the losing pitcher, gave up six earned runs in the first inning and suffered the loss. She went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Chargers shocked

Vikings right ship, rally to topple Churchill, 14-13

Sidney Glanz and Krista Hakola each scored three runs Friday as host Walled Lake Central earned its first girls softball victory in six tries against Livonia Churchill, 14-13, in a Kensington Conference girls softball crossover.

The Vikings, now 1-5 overall, rallied from a 13-3 deficit after the top of the fifth inning with 11 unanswered runs to win the wind-blown encounter.

Junior Natalie Hiser was the losing pitcher as the Chargers fell to 3-2 overall.

Katina St. Pierre led the Chargers' offensive attack with four hits. Hiser added three.

STEVENS 2-0, NORTHVILLE 1-1: Livonia Stevenson (1-2, 1-1) settled for a split of its Wednesday double-header with the visiting Mustangs (4-1, 1-1) in a KLA South Division match.

Becca Zarras knocked in two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Stevenson a 2-1 victory in the opener.

Winning pitcher Jacqueline Johnson struck out 12 and scattered six hits in going the distance.

Losing pitcher Laura Pond gave up only three hits, walked one and fanned six.

Karly Fisher went 2-for-3 in the loss.

Northville won the nightcap in nine innings, 1-0, as Pond scattered 10 hits, walked one and struck out six.

Ellie Asher went 3-for-3, while Fisher and Mary Rounsifer each added two hits.

KLAA SOFTBALL

Shelbie Wilson, Emily Hollandsworth and Katie Bone each collected two hits for the Spartans.

Johnson took the loss, allowing nine hits and a walk. She fanned three.

PLYMOUTH 1-4, FRANKLIN 0-2: In a KLA South Division twinbill Wednesday, the host Wildcats (3-0, 2-0) took both ends against Livonia Franklin (3-2, 0-2).

In the opener, Plymouth's Lauren Smith tossed a 1-hitter to outduel Franklin sophomore hurler Tiffany Lambie.

Smith struck out six and walked four to pick up the win, while Lambie allowed five hits, no walks and fanned four.

Nicole Williamson had the lone hit, a single, in the sixth inning for the Patriots.

The Wildcats scored the game-winning run with two-out in the sixth when Amy Burnard singled, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Franklin infield error.

The Wildcats also took the nightcap, 4-2, as freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou went all seven innings, allowing just three hits and two walks while fanning four.

Stacey Klonowski clubbed a 2-run homer off Lambie (2-2). Marissa Blassic singled and scored on a Brea Giordano double to make it 3-0 after one inning.

Lambie gave up four of her seven hits in the opening inning. She struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Franklin got two back in the fourth when Chelsea Williams sin-

gled and later stoled home. Nicole Emery scored on a wild pitch after a single.

CHURCHILL 13-8, JOHN GLENN 0-1: It was a clean sweep Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (3-1, 2-0) routed Westland John Glenn (0-3, 0-2) in a KLA South Division twinbill.

Junior Natalie Hiser pitched a shutout and freshman Nikki Salloum collected two hits as the Chargers, who took advantage of 10 walks, captured the opener in a five-inning mercy, 13-0.

In the nightcap, Katina St. Pierre had two hits and two RBI, while Casey Bias added a hit and scored three times in an 8-1 Churchill win.

Junior Abbey Jewell, who allowed just three hits, was the winning pitcher.

Claire Truskowski had two of Glenn's three hits.

CANTON 17-16, WAYNE 0-0: In a KLA South Division twinbill Wednesday, the host Chiefs (2-0, 2-0) opened their 2010 season by routing visiting Wayne Memorial (0-5, 0-2) in two mercy-rule shortened games.

The Wildcats pitched one scoreless inning to finish Game 1 (after senior Amy Dunleavy went two frames) and in the second game, Webster went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Dunleavy helped her cause in the opener, going 3-for-3 with two RBI, while junior CarolAnn Sexauer had two hits in each game and five RBI for the day.

Other notable offensive contributions included junior Kaitlyn Matson (2-for-2, two RBI in Game 1), Logan Lankford (2-for-2, two RBI in Game 2) and Jill Tomilenko (2-for-3, three RBI).

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

BOYS TRACK & FIELD DUAL MEET RESULTS DEARBORN FORDSON 74 REDBORN UNION 62

Shot put: 1. DeMarcus Rawls (RU), 42 feet, 1 inch. **Discus:** 1. Ahmed Bazzi (DF), 126-10. **High jump:** 1. Naser (DF), 6-0; 2. Kevin Stevens (RU), 5-0. **Long jump:** 1. Youssef Hajeid (DF), 19-10. **Pole vault:** 1. Awad (DF), 10-0; 2. Brad Billings (RU), 10-0. **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Youssef (DF), 15.8; 2. Danny Venuto (RU), 17.76. **300 hurdles:** 1. Venuto (RU), 45.0 (personal best). **100 dash:** 1. Keith Marshall (RU), 11.2; 3. Ahmad Springer (RU), 11.6. **200:** 1. Marshall (RU), 23.3; 2. Springer (RU), 24.4. **400:** 1. Brandon Tinsley (RU), 54.4; 3. Stevens (RU), 55.4. **800:** 1. Francis Mensah (RU), 2:05.6; 2. Derrick Peterson (RU), 2:17.0.

1,600: 1. Bazzi (DF), 5:07.2; 3. Collin Rankin (RU), 5:14.0. **3,200:** 1. Hamed (DF), 11:11.0; 2. Zac VandenToorn (RU), 11:51.0. **400 relay:** 1. RU (Alex Watson, Marshall, Venuto, Dwayne Pickens), 46.7; **800 relay:** 1. Fordson, 1:46.0; 2. RU (disqualified); **1,600 relay:** 1. RU (Marshall, Rankin, Tinsley, Mensah), 3:45.4. **Dual meet records:** Fordson, 1-0 overall; RU, 0-1 overall.

TRI-MEET RESULTS

April 15 at Lutheran High Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 109 points; 2. Harper Woods, 48; 3. Pontiac Academy of Excellence, 6.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Dawson Davenport (LW), 36 feet, 8 inches; 3. Travis Doney (LW), 31-11. **Discus:** 1. Lewis (HW), 83-0; 2. Doney (LW), 81-10; 3. Davenport (LW), 81-10. **High jump:** 1. Howard (HW), 5-4; 2. Jacob Fairbairn (LW), 5-2; 3. Nolan Edwards (LW), 5-0. **Long jump:** 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 19-4.5; 2. Zach Musial (LW), 18-2.5. **Pole vault:** 1. Matt Erickson (LW), 8-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (LW), 16.9; 2. Micah Kempf (LW), 16.9; 3. Josh Andrezejewski (LW), 16.9. **300 hurdles:** 1. Andrezejewski (LW), 44.9; 2. Fairbairn (LW), 47.3. **100 dash:** 1. Hartfield (HW), 11.4; 2. Derrick Mozham (LW), 11.5. **200:** 1. Hartfield (HW), 24.2; 2. M. Kempf (LW), 25.3. **400:** 1. Caleb Kempf (LW), 57.2. **800:** 1. Dave Moldenhauer (LW), 2:19.0; 2. Stuart Tarp (LW), 2:25.0; 3. Eric Smith (LW), 2:26.9. **1,600:** 1. Moldenhauer (LW), 5:28.0; 2. Josh Kirk (LW), 5:42.0; 3. Peter Sillanpaa (LW), 5:44.2. **3,200:** 1. Dan Bunge (LW), 12:50.0; 2. Kirk (LW), 13:19.8; 3. Philip Welle (LW), 13:36.6. **400 relay:** 1. Harper Woods, 47.1; 2. Lutheran Westland, 47.2; **800 relay:** 1. Harper Woods, 1:36.0; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:38.6; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (C. Kempf, Moldenhauer, Andrezejewski, Fairbairn), 4:01.8; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Smith, Kirk, Bunge, Tarp), 12:04.6. **Lutheran Westland's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TRI-MEET RESULTS

April 15 at Lutheran High Westland TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 126 points; 2. Harper Woods, 26; 3. Pontiac Academy of Excellence, 11.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Alyssa Shirkey (LW), 27 feet, 3 inches; 2. Jannine Erickson (LW), 22.8; 3. Jamie Preece (LW), 22-3. **Discus:** 1. Shirkey (LW), 83-1; 2. Erickson (LW), 47-0; 3. Preece (LW), 45-6. **High jump:** 1. Emilie Freeman (LW), 4-10; 2. Rachel Storck (LW), 4-8. **Long jump:** 1. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-8.5. **Pole vault:** 1. Storck (LW), 7-0; 2. Alissa Flury (LW), 6-6; 3. Marcella Flury (LW), 6-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Storck (LW), 18:22; 2. Amanda Terranella (LW), 19:08; 3. Jackie Schwartz (LW), 19:92.

300 hurdles: 1. Terranella (LW), 53.4; 2. Storck (LW), 54:88; 3. A. Flury (LW), 58:92.

100 dash: 1. Williams (HW), 13:08. **200:** 1. Angel (HW), 28:43; 2. Freeman (LW), 28:53.

400: 1. Hardin (LW), 1:09.5; 2. Becky Rockrohr (LW), 1:15.3. **800:** 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:40.0; 2. Jess Rice (LW), 2:53.0; 3. Becky Rockrohr (LW), 3:14.3.

1,600: 1. Zehel (LW), 5:49.0; 2. Erin Lyle (LW), 6:29.0; 3. Sarah Maynard (LW), 6:33.0. **3,200:** 1. Lyle (LW), 13:40.0; 2. S. Maynard (LW), 14:10.0; 3. Brittany Maynard (LW), 14:38.0.

400 relay: 1. Harper Woods, 57.5; **800 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (A. Flury, Hardin, Terranella, Freeman) 2:05.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Freeman, Hardin, Terranella, Zehel), 4:53.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Maynard, Rockrohr, B. Maynard, Rice), 12:55.0. **Lutheran Westland's dual meet record:** 2-0 overall.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 71, WARREN REGINA 56

April 13 at Ladywood Shot put: Caitlin (WR), 24 feet, 7.75 inches; **discus:** Teresa Wojnarowski (LL), 96-10; **high jump:** Nowakowski (WR), 4-4; **long jump:** Alyssa Achaon (LL), 15-0; **100-meter hurdles:** Megan Yanik (LL), 15.62; **300 hurdles:** Yanik (LL), 47.82; **100 dash:** Messina (WR), 13.57; **200:** Kelly Campbell (LL), 30.42; **400:** Borkowski (WR), 1:10.1; **800:** Megan Vitale (LL), 2:29.89; **1,600:** Meredith Houska (LL), 5:47.0; **3,200:** Houska (LL), 12:09.0; **400 relay:** Ladywood (Achaon, Haley Giordano, Maureen Murphy, Campbell), 56.63; **800 relay:** Ladywood (Murphy, Shannon Scarlett, Campbell, Lauren Karwan), 2:01.0; **1,600 relay:** Regina, 11:25.0; **3,200 relay:** Ladywood (Wojnarowski, Karwan, Vitale, Yanik), 4:22.0. **Ladywood 2nds:** Giordano, long jump (13-7); Sarah Wickman, shot put (21-8.5); Achaon, 100 (13.87); Wojnarowski, 300 hurdles (50.81); 3rds: Sarah Koch, shot put (21-3.5); Wickman, discus (66-2); Scarlett, 400 (1:11.9); Megan Talty, 3,200 (4:20.0). **Ladywood's dual meet record:** 1-0 overall, 1-0 Catholic League Central Division.

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NEIGHBORS

50-year milestone

Artists join Livonia club to mingle, learn, enter shows

BY SHARON DARGAY
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If you love art, there's no better way to enhance your knowledge, meet other artists and gain exhibit opportunities than in a club.

"You learn from other people and it makes you more excited about the art," said Marge Masek, a painter and Livonia resident.

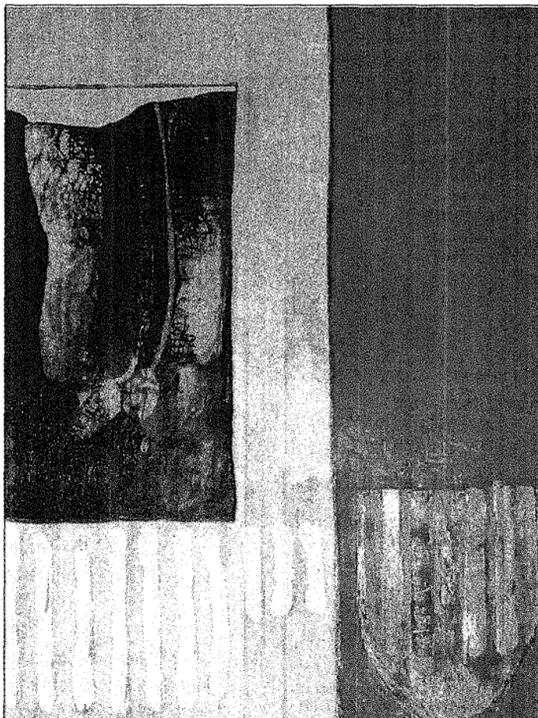
Masek is exhibiting work today, Sunday, April 18, in the Livonia Artist Club's annual spring show. She's also a long-time member of the group, which is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year.

"Anyone can join, whether you're an artist or not. If you're painting and no one sees it, then you're just painting for yourself. It's nice to share the wealth," she said.

"It's a fun club ... a nice friendly group. We enjoy being together. We learn from each other and we have critiques. And a lot of us have been together a long time."

According to member Valerie Pentz, the group was organized in 1960 to stimulate and encourage creative talent. Meetings first were held in members' homes, but as membership increased, moved to the Carl Sandburg Library in 1964. It found a permanent home at Civic Center Library in 1988.

"We use the Atrium and Michigan Room for our spring



Livonia Artists Club member Betty Lewis painted 'The Choir' in acrylics.

show and the Atrium for our fall show," she said. "We have a show at city hall during the summer."

LEARNING ABOUT ART

The group meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month, September-November and February-April. After a

brief business meeting, artists mingle, sample refreshments and watch a video, a demonstration or hear a critique.

"There are some people who don't get into exhibiting at the shows, but they might demonstrate what they do at a meeting," Masek said.



'Mary, Quite Contrary' is a collage by Beverly Johnston of the Livonia Artists Club.



'The Vortex' by Betty Lewis of the Livonia Artist Club. The organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

None of the artists work on their pieces during the club meetings, which are aimed at social and educational efforts. Most either take classes or focus on projects while at home.

Beverly Johnston of Livonia, a member of Livonia Artist Club, also joined other local art groups so she could exhibit in their shows. A member of Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) and the Farmington Arts Club, Johnston won a first place award for a piece

she entered in the upcoming arts festival in Farmington.

She's also exhibiting works in the Livonia Artist Club show.

"All of the shows are juried, except the Livonia Artist Club show," she said. "That's a judged show."

In a juried show, works are submitted but not guaranteed exhibit space. A juror sizes up the entries and decides which pieces to include in the show. Awards are given for the works.

In a judged show, artists may submit a specific number of works. All are included in

the show and a judge awards ribbons for first through third place.

MEETING OTHER ARTISTS

Primarily a collage artist and painter who produces abstract works, Johnston also takes classes at VAAL and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"I knew a lot of people in (the Livonia club) from classes I take. We all take classes. If I go to another art club in the area, there definitely are two or three people I know when I walk in."

"Every club has a different program and it's also a way to meet artists in the area, just like in other clubs."

The Livonia Artist Club spring show runs 1-5 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Works include watercolor, oils, colored pencil, collage, both framed and unframed, as well as note cards and other items. (734) 466-2450

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Celebrate Michigan Stamp Week with a visit to the 41st annual Plymouth Show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club. The show runs 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Central Middle School, 650 Church, at Main in downtown Plymouth. Admission and parking are free. Michigan Stamp Week begins April 18. The stamp show will include 45 dealers from nine states and Canada, with stamps, covers, cachet covers and supplies for both new and experienced collectors. With 2,000 exhibit pages, the Plymouth Show is a qualifying national show in the APS World Series of Philately. The grand award winner will be eligible to compete in the August Champion of Champion exhibition at STAMPSHOW 2010 in Richmond, Va. The grand award winner will receive a framed duck drawing by noted wildlife

artist Larry Hillard. In addition to the grand award, a reserve grand award, the customary five levels of medals, and numerous special awards will be presented. A panel of accredited American Philatelic Society judges will determine the exhibition award levels at the event. At the judge's critique, slated for 11:30 a.m. Sunday, exhibitors will have an opportunity to ask judges questions regarding awards and receive constructive help on how to improve their exhibits. The critique also gives future exhibitors a chance to learn the ins and outs of exhibiting. At the "Stamps in Your Closet" sessions, scheduled both afternoons, experienced collectors and dealers will help identify and provide guidance on a collection's value. The junior program will have stamp-related games, and free stamps for each young collector. The show will host the annual meetings of the Peninsular State Philatelic

Society, regional meetings of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and an APS Town Meeting. The West Suburban Stamp Club also is selling five colored cachet covers honoring distinguished sailors of the U.S. Navy. Each of the four new distinguished sailor stamps issued in February will be used on individual covers. A fifth cover will have the set of four stamps applied. The commemorative cancel is an outline of an anchor with the dates and "Plymouth Show Station" added. Collectors can purchase the single stamp covers at the show or by mail for \$3 each, or \$10 for a set of four. The combination cover with all four stamps and a unique cachet is priced at \$5. To order by mail send a check or money order plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope (#10 size) to WSSC, Box 700049, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more on the West Suburban Stamp Club and its upcoming show, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

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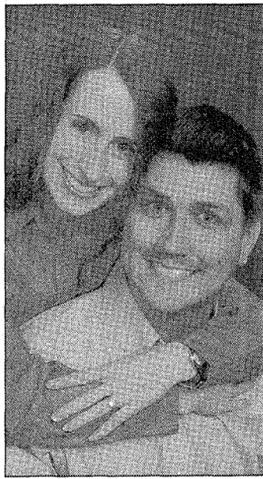
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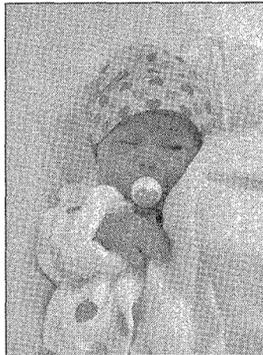
Jennifer M. Dover of Southfield and Dennis S. Hennen of Worthington, Ohio, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Niles and Diana Dover of Brighton, received a B.B.A. degree from Rochester College and is employed as a sales planner for NCC Media. Her fiancé, son of Eugene and Alice Hennen of Wheeling, W.Va., holds a B.S. degree from Lipscomb University and an M.S. degree from Ohio State University. He is the owner and computer programmer at 28 Studios. A June wedding is planned at Royal Oak Church of Christ.



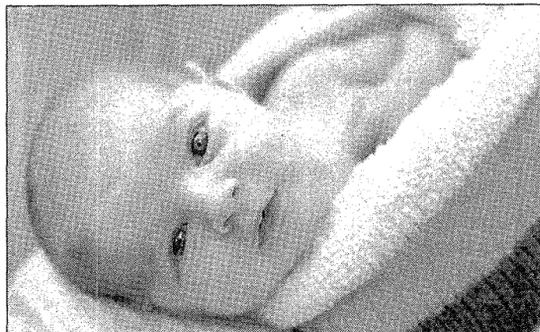
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GARDEN CITY BABY

Todd, Toni and Wyatt Bushway of Garden City are pleased to announce the newest addition to their family, Elise Ann Bushway, born Feb. 12, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.



Elise Ann Bushway



Ellie Jeanne Noechel

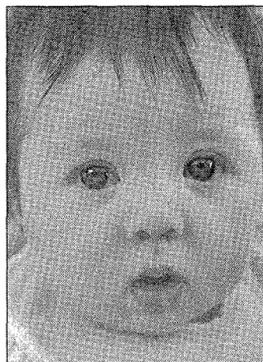
SEPTEMBER BABY

Ellie Jeanné Noechel was born Sept. 17, 2009, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia. She joined her parents, Jeffrey and Maryn Noechel,

and sister, Zoe, 3, at home in South Lyon. Grandparents are Robert and Donna Jeanne Noechel of Livonia and George Emmert of Atlanta, Ga. Great-grandparents are Marilyn Schrottenboer of Lake Placid, Fla., and Elly June Eaton of Dallas, Texas.

PAITYN JOYCE NASHLON

Dan and Kimberly Nashlon of Howell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Paityn Joyce, born Feb. 5, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Howell. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Paityn joins big sister Anna-Marie Davidson. Proud grandparents are Marie Nashlon of Canton and John and Pauline Davidson of Novi. Great-grandmothers are Kathleen Davidson and Ruth Adam of Richmond, Quebec, Canada.



Paityn Joyce Nashlon

REUNION CALENDAR

Submit your announcement to least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. Call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dbeln@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweetie2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information, e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

St. Hyacinth All school

The reunion on Sept. 19 will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the elementary school's closing. The reunion will begin with a Mass at 11 a.m. and include an open house with snacks and refreshments. Contact the rectory at (313) 922-1507.

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JAMIE DeBONO (Leonard)

Age 49, of Belleville, passed away March 13, 2010. Funeral services were held March 19, 2010 at St. Theodore Church in Westland, MI. Cremation has taken place.

KENNETH LEONARD

Age 48, passed away March 25, 2010 in Fort Meyers, Florida. Griffin Funeral Home, Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial service April 18th, visitation 1-9pm, service 7pm. Cremation has taken place.



BEULAH "BEA" CECILE ROSS-PULK-DONATTI

Age 84, longtime resident of Wayne, passed away on April 11, 2010 at home in Wayne, surrounded by family and friends. Bea was born June 14, 1925, in St. Jacques in northern Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Cecile (Groleau) Ross, and was raised in Gladstone, Michigan. She married Alexander D. Pulk and he preceded her in death on November 26, 1977. Bea remarried Daniel R. Donatti and he also preceded her in death on September 1, 1988. In addition, her brothers, William Ross, Robert Ross, infant brother Willard and sister Jane Quinn, preceded her in death. Bea was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. In addition, she enjoyed dancing, BINGO, crochet/knitting, gardening, and bird watching. Bea was also an avid walker. Survivors include her long time dearest friend James Donnelly of Dearborn; her eight children, Alexander (Sandra) Pulk of Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis of Wayne, Errol (Ann) Pulk of Westland, Richard Pulk (Pamela) of Brownstown, Christie (Ahmet) Zeren of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) Pulk of Livonia, and Helen (Patrick) Porter of Howell; siblings Louise Anderson of Grass Lake, Audrey Reese of Rockford, IL, Elaine (Kenneth) DeMars of Rockton, IL, Emily (Milton) Wengert of Rockford, IL, Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, James (Stephanie) Ross of Dexter, and Madelyn (Ron) Trekas of Gladstone; also her stepchildren Kathryn "Kay" Monahan of Alta Loma, CA and Joseph "Tim" (Marcia) Donatti of Howell; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family of Bea Donatti will receive family and friends on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for a memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, with Fr. David officiating. Viewing of pictures will be at 10:00am, Rosary at 10:30am followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow. A private burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Flowers and donations will be accepted at: 34540 Sims St., Wayne, MI 48184. The family would also like to thank, the caring staff at Angela Hospice.



GLORIA J. JOHNSON

Age 63 of Plymouth, April 13, 2010. Loving wife of Terry. Beloved mother of Steve (Tresa) and Chris (Cari). Very proud Nana of Aaron, Brady, Victoria and McKenna. Dear sister of Jerry (Phyllis), Denny (Pat), Tom, and Steve (Carrie). Visitation was held Friday 5-7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Private Memorial Service to be held at later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

HARRY JOSEPH FITZPATRICK

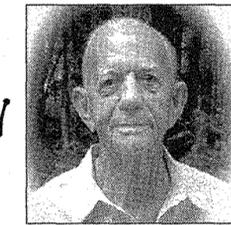
April 11, 2010. Age 84 years. Beloved husband of Evelyn. Loving father of Kathleen (Alex) Kaleta, Kevin (Betty) Fitzpatrick, Timothy (Yolanda) Fitzpatrick, Patrice (Jeff) Williams and the late Michael Fitzpatrick. Father-in-law of Paula Fitzpatrick. Dear grandfather of 15 and great-grandfather of five. Family services will be held in Wauwatosa, WI. SCHMIDT & BARTELT Funeral and Cremation Services Wauwatosa (414)774-5010 www.schmidtandbartelt.com

JOHN IRA MORRISSEY

Of Plymouth, MI passed away on April 10, 2010 at age 71. Admired and respected Plymouth Firefighter and EMT from June 6, 1969 to December 31, 1995. Also a veteran of the United States Army from 1957-1964. Beloved father of Sean (Julia) Morrissey. Grandfather of Sky. Brother of Pat and Mike. Beloved friend of the Jury family. Special thanks to the Plymouth Community Fire Department, the Jury's and all those involved. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

JOYCE J. ROTH

Passed away on April 10, 2010 at the age of 68. Former nurse and administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital - Department of Dermatology. Beloved mother of Steve (Michelle) Roth and Erica (Eric) Hughes. Grandmother of Drew, Brenden, Brette and Grant. Private services were held.



LAMAR (Len) BEDGOOD

Born in Tenniel, GA on Feb. 7, 1931. Departed on April 9, 2010 and resided in Westland, MI. Age 79. Beloved husband of the late Joan I. Most wonderful dad of Brian P. (Alice) and the late Sean. Proud "Pops" of Brian Harnos. Dear brother of Vivian, Randall, Robert and the late Billy. Loving brother-in-law of Jack Stinson (Lou) and Barbara (Al) Myers. Special friend of June Porta and her loving family. Also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by his friends from his Church and Art Clubs. A "special thanks" to the Garden City Hospital doctors and nurses that took such good care of him.

LAWRENCE R. HYSLOP, II East Lansing

Born May 7, 1943, Lawrence R. Hyslop II died April 15, 2010 at the age of 66. Larry graduated from Farmington High School in 1961 and attended Wayne State University. He was a master guitarist, especially flamenco, classical, and jazz, as well as a composer, arranger, and teacher of guitar. With a personal library of thousands of volumes, his life was immersed in books and love of knowledge, especially physics, math, and philosophy. He enjoyed the life of the mind, lively conversation, discussions about theories of how things are, and exchanging puns with friends. His life was enriched by his love of family cats. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence R. Hyslop and Betty H. Hyslop Istratoff, and his beloved grandmothers Pebe Hyslop and Mae Bogan. He is survived by his loving wife, Colleen; sister Claudia (Phillip) Zamora of California; brother Frederick of California; sister-in-law Anne Bednar of Ann Arbor; and nieces Colleen Bednar and Emily Bednar of Ann Arbor, whom he dearly loved. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2010 at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hyslop Endowment for the MSU Libraries, Michigan State University, 100 Library W223, East Lansing, MI 48824; St. Vincent Home for Children, Inc., 2800 W. Willow St., Lansing, MI 48917; or Ele's Place, 1145 W. Oakland Ave., Lansing, MI 48915 in memory of Lawrence R. Hyslop, II. Online condolences may be made at gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com

MARY ANNE KOZLOWSKI

Age 80. Passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on March 30, 2010. She was born on March 3, 1930 in Bellefonte Pennsylvania, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and later from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She is survived by her children Mary Ann Kozlowski (Kip), Richard Kozlowski, Kim Pantaleo (Bruce), William Kozlowski (Ann), Alan Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kristen, Matthew, Sara and William. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20004 or www.lungusa.org



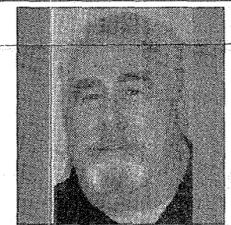
RAYMOND L. HEIMSTADT

Of Davison, age 90, passed away April 13, 2010 at Genesis Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice Care Center, Goodrich. Ray was born on July 11, 1919. He married Colleen Sudekum on June 21, 1941 and she preceded him in death on October 25, 2000. Ray was an avid fisherman and was a charter member of Stoneycroft Golf Club. He founded Heimstadt Associates in 1971 and retired in December of 2004. Ray is survived by his son, John (Cindy); daughter, Leslie Heimstadt (Steve Pangborn); grandsons, Paul (Heather), Adam; great-grandson, Wyeth. He is also survived by many special nieces, nephews and loving friends. Please share your thoughts with the family at: www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com.



MARY COMBES

82, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died Sunday, April 11, 2010, surrounded by her five loving children. Mary was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 28, 1928. When she was very young, Mary's parents moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she lived and was raised. During these years, Mary developed her strong love for the ocean and the beach. Mary married her childhood friend, John Combes, in 1950 and moved to Michigan. Mary and John settled in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where they resided and raised their family of one daughter and four sons. Mary worked as a secretary for the City of Birmingham and Oakland Community College before joining the 47th District Court in Farmington, Michigan, where she worked for 14 years as an administrative assistant for the probation department. In 1995, Mary achieved her dream of moving back to Florida to live the remainder of her life on the beach in the seaside community of New Smyrna Beach, Florida. While living in New Smyrna Beach, Mary became a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church where she enjoyed being an active and productive member of the Flower Guild. Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, John Combes, and she is survived by her five children Linda Tomala (Tom), John Combes (Nancy), Michael Combes (Karen), Stephen Combes (Debbie) and Richard Combes (Kathy) along with 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be sent to St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church for Father Jim's mission trip to Haiti, 4220 Saxon Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. A memorial service for Mary Combes was held on Saturday, April 17, at 10:00am at St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church (see address above). The interment of the ashes took place in the Resurrection Garden at St. Peter's immediately following the memorial service. Send the family a condolence at www.BaldwinCremation.com.



ROBERT C. GAYLORD

Passed away at his home near St. Joseph, Michigan on April 12, 2010, age 60. Was a true and avid sports fan of NHRA Drag Racing, the Detroit Red Wings and University of Michigan football. He loved boating on Lake Michigan and all of Michigan's Sunset Coast. Survived by his daughter Jennifer, his partner E. Lee Benson and two sisters Brenda Rolston and Ann Sylvester. A Memorial Gathering has already occurred. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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Shape up: Spring clean your way to weight loss

TOPS Club, Inc., (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) the nonprofit weight-loss support organization says spring is the perfect time to renew weight-loss and fitness resolutions.

Here's the group's tips for springing into a healthier, active, lifestyle as the weather warms:

- Housework, especially if done to fast music, gets the body moving and the home ship-shape, too. Undertake an old-fashioned spring cleaning from top to bottom, and do it with intensity. Stretch high and bend low, extend your arms, and move as much and as fast as possible. Wash the windows, scour the grout, clean the oven, declutter the closets, and sweep out the garage.

You'll not only feel a sense of accomplishment, but you'll have burned some calories, stretched and toned muscles, as well as brightened up your indoor environment.

- From the inside, move outside. Springtime is a great time to get fit through a walking program. Even gym regulars find that engaging in a walk through the neighborhood or park in fresh air is invigorating. For those who have been sedentary, start slow and walk only as far as it feels comfortable. Build up walking time gradually. Don't forget to warm up before and cool down after to reduce stress on muscles. Wear walking shoes and dress in

loose-fitting, comfortable clothing, appropriate for the weather. When walking after dark, wear bright colors or use reflective tape for motorists to see.

- Plan for a home-grown vegetable garden. Nothing tastes as good, or is better for you, as fresh garden produce. You don't need large parcels of land. Use small containers to grow almost any vegetable or herb on a balcony or patio. Even a windowsill can accommodate a vegetable that is frequently harvested, such as herbs and lettuce, and tomatoes can be grown from the bottom of a hanging planter.

If flowers are your thing, plan out new beds or cultivate old ones. You'll get exercise and enhance the

aesthetics of your yard at the same time.

Here are common springtime activities and the amount of calories each burns if done for 30 minutes:

- Watering lawn or garden - 63 calories
- Fertilizing yard - 104 calories
- Mopping - 146 calories
- Scrubbing floors - 159 calories
- Sweeping - 167 calories
- Weeding - 167 calories
- Planting seedlings - 188 calories
- Trimming shrubs by hand - 188 calories
- Laying sod - 209 calories
- Cleaning gutters - 209 calories
- Painting - 209 calories

- Mowing lawn (walk behind power mower) - 230 calories
- Gardening - 134 calories

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.



JAMIE LEVY

A guest fills in a section of a painting at a 2009 Anti-Defamation League Gala. A Frame Your Face Paint-By-Number activity will highlight a benefit event for The Pink Fund, April 22 at The Print Gallery in Southfield.

Paint-by-number event aids The Pink Fund

Try your hand at painting and help raise money for a good cause at "Frame Your Face: The Art of Giving" 7-9 p.m., April 22 at The Print Gallery in Southfield.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine, special event cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Participants also will have a chance to help fill in, square by square, a Frame Your Face paint-by-number canvas, revealing an image created by artist Tom Maniaci.

Additional entertainment includes a meet-and-greet, live auction and music by Chris Clark. The guest who demon-

strates the best use of pink attire will win a prize.

All proceeds will benefit The Pink Fund, formed to help women and men suffering from breast cancer focus on healing, raising families and returning to the workplace. The Pink Fund provides short-term financial aid during the brief period of active treatment and recovery.

Tickets for "Frame Your Face: The Art of Giving," are available at the door or at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. For more information call (877) 234-PINK or visit www.thepinkfund.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Memory workshop

The workshop, scheduled for April 21-23, at the Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Highway, north of 14 Mile in Royal Oak, will assess and improve driving strategies for older adults. The goal is to help them continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible. The workshop runs 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. \$35 per person. To register, call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service toll-free at (800) 633-7377.

TLC Holistic Wellness

Learn where sugar is hiding in your food and why it is a danger when too much is consumed. This health class will be held 6-8 p.m., Monday, April 26, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No charge for this class, which is limited to 30 guests. Call (734) 756-6904 for reservations. www.TLCHolisticWellness.com

Gilda's Club

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers free educational lectures to anyone who has been touched by cancer:

- Multiple Myeloma Update from the International Myeloma Foundation runs 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. Robin Tuohy, regional director from the International Myeloma Foundation, will discuss how the International Myeloma Foundation can help people diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Dinner will be provided at the lecture.

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