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## AROUND TOWN

### Good news

Students who publish the Wayne Memorial High School newspaper, *Zebra Print*, got some good news from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

The student produced newspaper was awarded a gold medal for newspaper production and four of the students received individual honors for their work.

"This is a very prestigious award," said Wayne High Principal Valerie Orr. "There's a whole class that works on this and I'm extremely proud of them."

Orr credits adviser Heather Koch in growing the newspaper which many have mistaken for the *News* and *Free Press*.

"My colleagues come into the classroom and say, 'So this is the creme de la creme,'" Koch said. "I refer to them as the my cream of the crop. They're an English teacher's dream come true. I'm blessed to have this class."

The individual student winners were Shane Kommer, first place for photo story, Andrew Laitinen, first place for editorial cartoon, first place for comic strip, third place for illustration and honorable mentions for editorial cartoon, comic strip and illustration, Lance Gentry, second place for editorial/opinion Page/Spread, and Samantha Kilburn, who with Kommer won an honorable mention for Sports Feature Story.

### Tweet, tweet

In an effort to create an open and casual line of communication with Westland residents, Mayor William Wild will now be tweeting as part of his daily routine. Follow @MayorWild and experience a day in the life of the mayor.

"I am excited for this new endeavor. This will be an excellent way for me to increase communication with our residents on a personal and professional level," said Wild.

Twitter is a free service that allows you to "follow" people or subjects via short, frequent updates. Wild and the City of Westland now offer Twitter users the opportunity to stay informed about the most up-to-date information and breaking events in Westland.

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## Mayor, council work out final budget details

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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With adoption scheduled in a week, Westland council members will hold a study session 6 p.m. Wednesday to go over remaining items in the proposed 2010-11 budget.

Both Council President James Godbout and Mayor William Wild said the budget process is on track for adoption at the Monday, June 7, council meeting. The fiscal year begins July 1.

"We'll go through it and finalize anything that is open. I assume we'll have numbers of positions, buyouts

and where the department alignment is at," said Godbout. "I've had several discussions with the mayor, and he's talked to other council members on items out there."

"I'd say we're coming to closure. We'll have a few items to discuss that night. We're getting to the end of the cycle," said Wild.

In the face of decreasing revenues and projected deficits — \$3.5 million by the end of 2010-11 and \$12 million the following fiscal year, the administration presented a two-year balanced general fund budget. The general fund budget for each year has proposed expenditures of more than \$55 million.

A major change in the budget is the reduction in the number of city employees through a combination of early retirements, layoffs in the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee bargaining unit and vacant positions left unfilled.

"We'll be making an amended manpower budget based on the early retirements. We have to see if we need to do any backfilling," said Wild. "We've got people already gone in this budget. We know people will be leaving halfway through the next year — it's staggered. It will create additional savings."

Other spending cuts were realized through concessions on insurance, lon-

gevity pay and new hire tiers agreed to by city employee unions.

During the most recent budget study session, council members had not been happy with proposed cuts in contracts for the Youth Assistance Program and cable services.

"We'll get the final numbers on the contracts with Youth Assistance and cable. I don't know where we are with that," said Godbout. "I think the proposals they gave (to the mayor and council) are close to what will be agreed upon. I don't see it as a big issue."

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Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon talks to Westland seniors at picnic lunch hosted by himself and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

## Sheriff brings safety message to seniors

BY SUE MASON  
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Jean McGrath said she's "been living in the dark ages" by not having a cell phone. But that ended last Wednesday when she received a free emergency cell phone.

"My kids are all mad at me because I don't have one," the Westland resident said.

McGrath was among a group of seniors at the Westland Friendship Center to take advantage of the free 9-1-1 cell phones given out during a picnic lunch, hosted by Wayne County Sheriff Bennie Napoleon and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia.

Napoleon stopped by the center to answer seniors' questions and talk about personal safety. It was

also a chance for seniors to meet the man who was appointed sheriff last year after Warren Evans was named Detroit police chief.

"He's the most caring person in Wayne County government," Gebhardt said in introducing Napoleon. "He cares about the seniors in Wayne County."

Napoleon fielded questions from the group, ranging from Internet safety to elder abuse and, after lunch, talked to the seniors about personal protection and identity theft.

"I'm concerned about how we treat seniors," he said. "I believe society is judged by how we treat our seniors. These phones are what we do to give you access to safety."

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Jean McGrath says her children can no longer be mad at her now that she has a new emergency cell phone.

## W-W board apologizes to principal for comments

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board has issued an apology to a middle school administrator whose appointment as co-principal at one of the district's 5-6 schools next fall became embroiled in a discussion over his wages.

Board President Skip Monit, at last week's meeting, extended the board's "deepest apology" to Adams Middle School Assistant Principal Mark Cesarz, saying that "we have all reflected on the evening and how the board, as a whole, overstepped our boundaries."

"We must remember our focus is to set the vision for the district and not to micro-manage in any way," Monit said. "We can't lose focus of this."

The apology came in a response to a letter from the Wayne-Westland Building Administration's Association, which found the comments made about Cesarz's promotion, pay increase and job duties "disrespectful and certainly out of place in such a public forum."

"While we respect the board's right to question the decisions made by the superintendent, including those in the human resource realm, we feel that the questioning of an employee's salary in a public forum is inappropriate and, in this case, could have and should have been discussed privately, with the superintendent prior to the meeting," stated a letter from WWBAA President

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## Westland woman pleads guilty to jewelry thefts

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Westland woman has entered a guilty plea to two charges of stealing jewelry from residents at a senior housing facility where she was employed.

Michele Lee Holder, 39, pleaded guilty to two counts of larceny under \$200 Wednesday in 18th District Court before Judge Sandra Cicirelli. Four other counts of larceny under \$200 and possession of narcotics paraphernalia were dismissed.

Scheduled for sentencing on July 8, Holder had been working as a housekeeper at the Westland American House Senior Living Facility. A \$20,000/10 percent bond for Holder was continued.

Westland police began investigating after Detective Bureau secretary Sharon Konfara was

reviewing transaction records submitted by local pawn shops and noticed several pawn transactions since April 2 by Holder involving expensive jewelry.

Among the transactions Konfara noticed was the pawning of a Dearborn Fordson High School Class of 1946 ring — the woman who pawned it was born in 1971.

Police were able to obtain a name of the ring owner and after learning where Holder worked, located the owner, an 81-year-old woman, living at the American House.

The woman didn't know that the class ring had been stolen until she was contacted by officers, police said.

When an officer went to the Barber Shop Exchange, 1916 Venoy, where the ring had been pawned to retrieve it, Holder

arrived with additional items to be pawned and was arrested.

Holder subsequently told police she was addicted to crack cocaine and had been stealing to get money for drugs. Holder later identified the units from which the jewelry had been taken and a number of items were returned to their owners, police said.

Six victims were identified. In addition to the class ring, police also recovered a pinwheel bracelet and a mother's ring belonging to that woman which had been stolen and pawned along with four other rings and three chains which hadn't been pawned, police said.

Additional stolen items couldn't be identified, police said, since they had been pawned earlier and had been melted down.

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# SHERIFF

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While the sheriff doesn't have many first responder duties like the Westland Police, Napoleon and his department's main job is running the three Wayne County jails that house 1,700 inmates. Sheriff deputies also work with Homeland Security, provide security for the Wayne County courts and patrol county parks.

In the case of Internet safety, Napoleon told seniors to see where their grandchildren are going on the computer. Their reaction will give away the fact they are doing something wrong, he said.

"They're children. We should know what they're doing," he said. "We, as adults, are responsible for their safety. Know their friends, know what they are doing."

The Sheriff's Department has an active Internet crimes unit that has nabbed eight people in the 10 months Napoleon has been on the job, he added.

When asked why his office is in Detroit, Napoleon pointed to the Wayne County Charter which dictates that the seat of government be in Detroit. However, he noted that his department maintains a satellite office at Michigan Avenue and Henry Ruff in Westland.

He also urged seniors to use their first responders, the Westland Police, in incidents of elder abuse.

"You have a wonderful department here," he told the crowd.

Napoleon has been delivering



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Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon stops for a photograph with Reasther Everett, Edna Parker, Juanita Singleton, Pearl Childs, Eldora Ross, Velma Wilson, Emma Stephens and Mary Allen.

his message to senior centers around the county for the past two months. He averages four to five programs a week and is "overwhelmed" by the reception he receives "and the good things they have to say."

"It's amazing to go outside of Detroit and to see how many people have followed my career," he said. "It's exciting for me as sheriff and it's very touching."

Dolores Peters was among seniors who attended the picnic and was impressed with Napoleon, describing him as "a very nice speaker" who related to the people.

"I thought his answers were good and liked how he talked to us about safety," she said. "I didn't know he was taking questions. I thought it would be more of a lecture."

This wasn't the first time Margaret Edwards had heard

Napoleon speak. She saw him recently at union hall in Plymouth.

"It was really nice to meet him," she said. "I've been following his career. I've become a fan of his."

"I thought it was excellent, very informative," Dan Newton added.

There also was a raffle for Detroit Tigers tickets as part of the event, as well as free Wayne County Sheriff Youth and Senior Education Fund Seniors for Sheriff T-shirts.

"It's all part of educating senior. They have a lot of issues and feel they don't have access to us for help," Napoleon said. "Instead of them coming to me, I'm coming to them and I plan to continue to do that through my tenure as sheriff."

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# Westland man faces trial in Internet porn case

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on eight felony charges related to the possession and distribution of child pornography over the Internet.

Andrew Peter Bergeski, 39, waived his preliminary examination in Westland's 18th District Court Monday before Judge Mark McConnell. The hearing had been delayed while Bergeski was being examined for mental competency.

After he was found competent and waived the hearing, Bergeski was ordered bound over for trial in Wayne County

Circuit Court. He is charged with four counts of using the Internet to commit a sex crime, two counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and two counts of distributing the materials. Bergeski remains free on bond.

The investigation began with a tip from a youngster in Battle Creek who had received as friendship request through an online social network from someone purporting to be a 14-year-old girl but later identified as Bergeski.

Checking the profile page of the would-be friend, the Battle Creek girl told police she saw inappropriate nude photographs

that had been posted. Battle Creek police contacted Westland police after tracing the posting to a local address.

Westland police executed a search warrant for a computer at a home on Ritz where Bergeski lives with his parents. Police said there was no evidence that Bergeski made any attempt to set up a meeting with the girl he contacted online.

Prior to this case, Bergeski was on two years probation, scheduled to be completed in July, after pleading guilty to malicious use of telecommunications equipment.

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# Rats! Feeding animals causes rodent problem

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Too much of a good thing — that was apparently the problem with animals being fed at a Westland home.

Parkwood resident Barbara Aimone came before the council recently to complain about her yard being damaged by rats, squirrels and other animals attracted by ground feeding by her neighbor.

"Rats are overrunning my property — the rats have burrowed under my paver patio," said Aimone. "My next door neighbor wants to feed the squirrels. She puts out a pan full of peanuts three times a day. She

feeds birds, she feeds cat. Is there something that you can do?"

Aimone expressed regrets about bringing forward a complaint about her longtime neighbor whom she described as a good friend.

"I've asked her to stop nicely for the last three years. She says animals have a right to eat. I say that's God's job," said Aimone. "I'm not anti-animal. I would like it if she could only feed over the winter. If the food is too much, it's got to stop. I opened a rat burrow and there were peanuts in it."

The animals attracted by the feeding destroy plants in her yard which backs up to Hubbard Park, Aimone said, forcing her to

put plastic containers and other barriers around young plants. She said she had also been forced to put out rat poison.

During a recent visit to the homes, Building Director Roger Shifflett said he saw no sign of active rat infestation. He left a warning notice for the neighbor about violating the city's rat harboring ordinance.

"She (Aimone) had done a good job killing the rats. The property maintenance code covers this well," said Shifflett, adding there is a prohibition of maintaining conditions, such as food and high grass, that would attract rodents.

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## APOLOGY

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Stephanie Miller and co-President Scott Burek.

The letter also stated that while members are respectful of needs of the district and understands the financial crisis it faces, "we are disappointed to be referred to as 'overpaid public servants.'"

The letter stems from a discussion at April's school board

meeting in regard to Cesarz's salary as co-principal at Adams Upper Elementary School. The issue was raised by Trustee Carol Middel, who questioned what Cesarz would make in his new position and then pressed him to consider foregoing the pay increase, estimated at \$6,000, in light of the district's financial difficulties.

The discussion was cut short by MEA Uniserv Director Evelyn Baron, who stepped in to remind the board that such discussion should take place in private.

The board approved Cesarz's appointment by a 6-1 vote, with Middel dissenting.

The WWBAA presidents said that what should have been a "proud moment for a dedicated, intelligent and very deserving employee and his family ... was marred by the comments made" to Cesarz at the meeting.

Cesarz has been employed by the district since 1985, first as a substitute teacher and then as an English teacher at Franklin and Adams Middle School. He

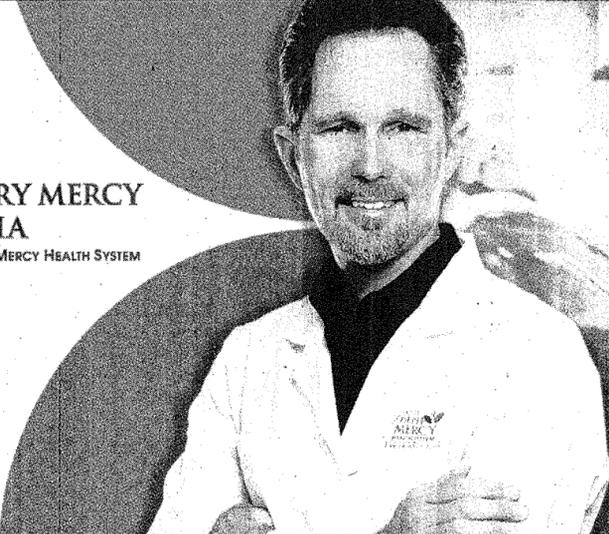
has been an assistant principal at Adams since 1999. A Canton resident, he has a bachelor's degree in English, language literature and journalism and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University.

Under the reconfiguration, the two 5-6 buildings will have two principals who will work with a specific group of students until they move on to middle school.

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# 1 for 1: Nomination wins student national award

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

According to Garden City High School Assistant Principal Keith Anleitner, "adjectives abound" in describing senior Alex Boyd.

"He is thoughtful, skilled in speaking and influencing classmates, industrious, willing to go the extra mile, conscientious, light-hearted and knowledgeable about his school and its history," Anleitner said. "He is one of the most balanced students that I have had the privilege of knowing."

"Alex is extraordinary," added Lynda Bommarito, a marketing and accounting teacher at the high school. "He excels in all those things."

And DECA, the national student marketing association, agrees and has presented Boyd with its Marketing Education Honor Award.

"I didn't know I had been nominated until I won it, I didn't even know it existed," said Boyd. "I wasn't sure what it was about, it was a great mystery to me. It's something I don't mind having, it's something I can show off."

The award recognizes his achievement in scholastics, leadership, involvement in DECA, and school and community service. He is the



Alex Boyd (from left), Brian Sands and Kiana Cronin show off the National Finalist Award they received for finishing in the top 16 in DECA competition.

DECA chapter president and a three-year competitor at the state conference. He is also an active member of Student Council, competes in cross country and golf and has been captain of the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams.

"I joined cross country this year and ended up as the Most Valuable Runner," said Boyd. "I have a talent for running that I didn't find out about until this year."

According to Anleitner, he was a "key component" in leading student

leadership teams as part of Project Beautification. Dubbed "Ghetto Elimination," Boyd helped paint a men's lavatory in the 200 hall and boys locker room and the main office. He also served as a Cougar Club guide when eighth-graders visit the school.

"He has a 3.9 grade point average and works at Kentucky Fried Chicken," added Bommarito.

Boyd has been active in DECA since his sophomore year when a teacher suggested he and a friend try it. His friend dropped out, but he stayed and has competed at the regional and state level for three years.

"I really enjoy being put in the position of having to think on my feet," he said about the competition.

This year, Boyd and teammates Kiana Cronin and Brian Sands went on to national competition, presenting the chapter's earn and learn project, the development of an online extension of Cougar's Corner, the high school store — www.gardencityspirit.com. The team finished in the top 16 in the country.

"To move out of state was a big deal, then to place in the top 16," he said. "There was some competition and we knew we had to be on our A

game. We had to know our project very well and answer the judges' questions."

Bommarito is "just thrilled" that Boyd won the honor award. This is the first time she's ever nominated a student for it.

"I bet on a sure thing," she said. Popularity in business and marketing has grown at the high school. The service industry is an emerging career pathway and the classes and DECA trains students for it, she said.

"All of the entrepreneurial skills, communications, selling techniques are extremely useful," she said. "Students are going to need those skills to succeed."

Surprisingly, Boyd isn't going on to college to study marketing ... at least not yet. He plans to study animation and game production at the International Academy of Design and Technology in Troy. Once he gets that four-year degree, then he'll "get some kind of degree in marketing."

"People ask why I'm not going in to business, and I say I am, but just a little later," he said. "I know how to market myself, I feel I have the edge. Competing in DECA and the marketing classes have helped me out."

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# EDUCATION

## Quackers: Ducks raise brood in school courtyard

BY SUE MASON  
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Enrollment is up by at Madison Elementary School in Westland, but the 13 newcomers aren't your typical students. They're a brood of baby ducklings born May 10 in one of the school's courtyards.

"My friends tell me, 'Oh, Mary Jo, you have a nursery over there,'" said custodian Mary Jo Rehbein, who has been caring for the family. "We've had baby birds in the boiler room, baby rabbits out front and baby ducks in the courtyards. We have a duck in the other courtyard, sitting on five eggs."

This is the fifth year ducks have nested in the courtyards and, by far, this is the biggest brood. Rehbein has a kiddie pool with ramps set up to give the ducklings and their mother access to water and a pan that she keeps filled with duck mash. She also collects worms after a rain for the ducks, puts out crickets and dumps up to 200 gold fish in the pool for the family to eat.

"They go through the fish in a matter of minutes," school secretary Sherry Birchard said.

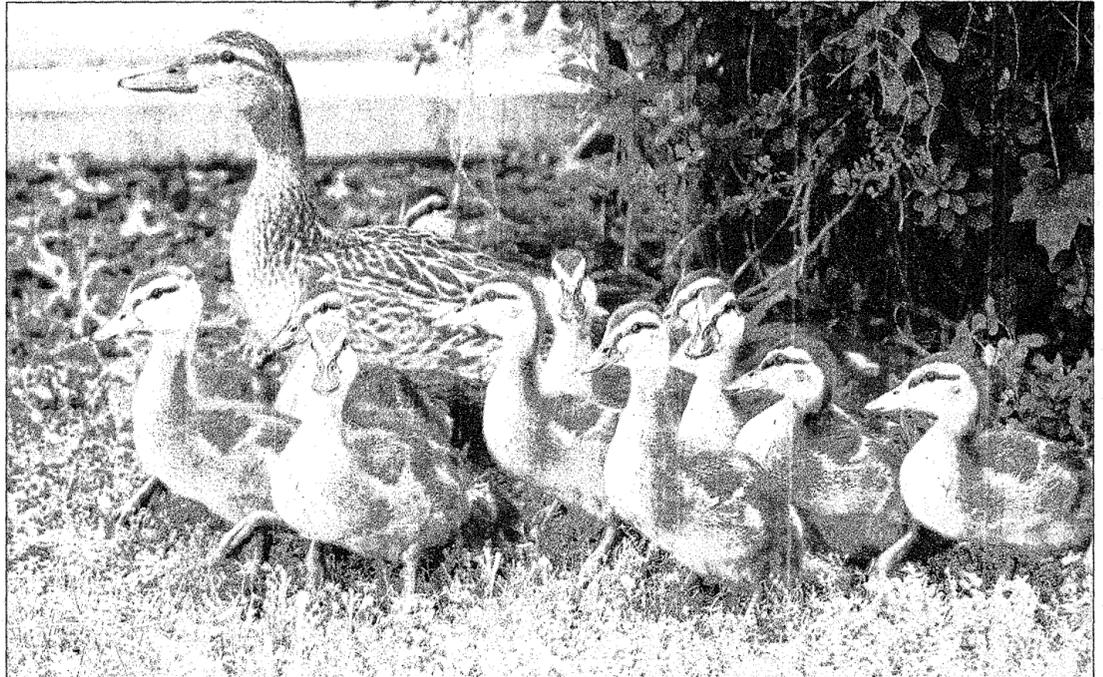
Rehbein gets information about caring for the ducks from her mother, who owns a farm. She told her such things as the type of mash to buy for the newborn ducklings.



Custodian Mary Jo Rehbein puts out food and makes sure there's plenty of fresh water for her feathered family.

According to Rehbein, ducks lay one or two eggs a day until done, and they hatch within 22-28 days of being laid. Based on her calculations, she estimates that the duck in the other courtyard will have babies by the week school gets out.

Students who walk down the hallway past the courtyard windows stop to sneak a peak at the mother duck, who keeps her brood under a large bush during the heat of the day. They've been dropping money in the Dimes for Duck jar in the office to help defray the costs of caring for them. The mash costs



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Mary Jo Rehbein hasn't given names to the mother duck and her 13 babies she's tending to in the courtyard of Madison Elementary School in Westland. She's trying to keep their "home" as much like the wild as possible.

\$15-\$20 a bag, according to Rehbein.

"We've raised \$120," Rehbein said. "It helps a lot with those 13 ducklings and those five that are coming."

Birchard and Rehbein are concerned what will happen next year, if ducks nest in the courtyards. Madison is

one of six Wayne-Westland schools closing in June. Water and food won't be readily available, and the Department of Natural Resources has said it won't move an active nest.

"I'll ask my supervisor if I can come here during the summer. They can't stay here

with no water," said Rehbein, who comes in on weekends to make sure the family has food. "I worry about these little guys. We've got to protect them."

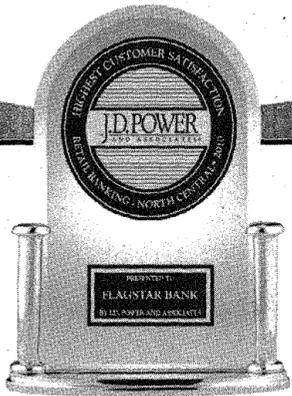
Rehbein also has a theory as to why the mother ducks have chosen Madison's courtyards to nest.

"Everyone on Earth is God's creatures. He had them come down for the kids so they could come and see them grow," she said. "I think this is a good thing. This is a school where the kids come to learn."

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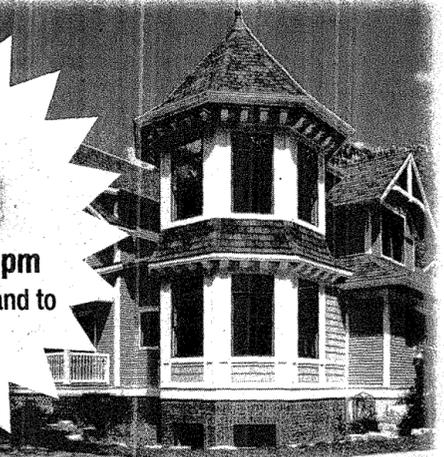


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Yard sale

Looking for treasures? You'll find them at the Westland Historical Commission's annual Trash to Treasures Yard Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Westland Historical Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

For information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Maureen at (734) 728-1232.

Flea Market

Space is available for the UAW Region 1A Veterans Council Flea Market, planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at UAW Local 163 at 450 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

The flea market will take place rain or shine. Participants must provide their own tables, canopies are permitted.

Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$25 per parking space. No food or drinks can be sold.

People can reserve space by sending a check or money order, payable to UAW Region 1A, to the attention of Jane Wolfenbarger, 9650 S. Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180. For more information, call Jim Mull at (313) 291-2750 or Rich Eberhart at (734) 722-3906 or (734) 679-9306.

Rouge Rescue

Volunteers needed for the annual Rouge Rescue 2010 river cleanup 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5, at the Holliday Nature Preserve. Old clothes, including pants, long sleeves and shoes, are recommended.

For more information, call Westland site coordinator Kevin Buford at (734) 467-3242.

Garden Planting Day

The Community Planting Day for the City of Westland's DTE Energy Community Garden will be Sunday, June 6. Volunteers are still needed for planting, weeding and harvesting the food that will be grown and donated to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan to be distributed to children, seniors, disabled people, working families and other individuals in need of emergency food.

Volunteers should plan to bring their own gardening tools, sunscreen, drinking water and closed-toed shoes. The DTE Energy Garden is located at 38155 Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh.

Teens needed

Teens are being sought to volunteer to help with the Summer Reading Program at Westland's William Faust Library, located on Central City Parkway north of Ford. Interested teens can download an application at the library web site www.westland.lib.mi.us. Return the completed application to the Children's Department.

Open house

The Westland Goodfellows are holding a Volunteer Open House 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Westland senior Friendship Center, 1119

Newburgh, south of Ford.

Volunteers are the key tool to the Goodfellows program. Join them for an informational meeting on how to become a volunteer and ensure that "No Child is Without a Christmas."

For more information, call Barbara, Donna or Heather at (734) 721-5100.

Baby Contest

Applications are being accepted for the Westland Festival 2010 Baby Contest for 2010. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 months and two years of age.

There are four categories: boys from 6 months to 1 year old on June 30, 2010, Girls from 6 months to 1 year old on June 30, 2010, Boys 1-2 years old on June 30, 2010 and Girls 1-2 years old on June 30, 2010. The top six vote getters, based on votes collected, in each category will appear on stage July 4 and one final winner will be selected from each category by a panel of judges.

The initial votes for each contestant will be determined by the amount of money deposited at the Baby Contest Booth for each contestant (one penny is one vote) and the top six contestants in each category will be on stage for the final judging which will be based on the judge's opinion of the contestant's appearance, expression and parent's comments.

The final winner in each category will receive a \$50 savings bond. The remainder of the money collected will be used for local handicapped projects and the Civitan International Research Center which is involved in research to prevent and cure mental and physical defects in those less fortunate.

Applications will be available at the Bailey Recreation Center and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Pat Quinn at (734) 729-1993 or by e-mail at patquinn52@wow-way.com.

Skills Camp

The Basketball Academy is holding its Summer Skill Development camps at St. Damian School on Joy Road in Westland. Coach Paul Tripp is conducting a boys camp June 21-24. The Girls' camp will be held June 28-July 1. Grades 3-5 will meet 8-11:30 a.m., while those in grades 6-9 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and a brochure, send an e-mail to BasketballAcademy@hotmail.com or call (248) 563-0858.

Gathering good idea, but results should follow

For the 30th year (June 2-4), the Detroit Regional Chamber hosts its annual public policy conference on Mackinac Island.

Given the tangible outcomes resulting from this gathering, the Chamber should consider taking a page from the new HBO movie about the life of "Dr. Death" Jack Keckorian, *You Don't Know Jack*, and call the event "We Don't Produce Jack!"

This three-day event draws up to 1,700 of Michigan's top civic, business, labor, education, foundation, and religious leaders. Most of Michigan's "movers and shakers" and the elected leader "wanna-be's" will make an appearance.

This year, the conference focus will be on the 2010 election, education, and its importance in rebuilding the American economy and job creation.

For 30 years, our top leaders have been gathering on the island of fudge and road apples (aka horse poop) for conversation, dialogue, food and wine but to what end? What has been accomplished? I do not think I am being

unkind to say it borders on — very little.

This is not a slam at the Detroit Regional Chamber who is to be commended for creating a forum for discussion of issues impacting Michigan. Everyone who attends, however, needs to pull out a mirror and take a look — everyone shares the blame for the lack of tangible accomplishments.

If government, education, and the nonprofit services community had hosted a 30-year gathering, the business community would be quick with their ridicule and scorn for the lack of results.

Part of the problem in Michigan is a cultural unwillingness to say the "emperor has no clothes."

So let's stop pretending and worrying about offending someone. We need bold leadership, action and positive results.

The failure to act is most obvious in how the governor and Legislature have "balanced" the state's books over the last seven years, using the pretend and spend modality.

With the financial issues facing Michigan, doing business as we always have is not the sensible solution. The status quo is quickly disappearing as a thoughtful strategy. We have arrived at a time in Michigan when the unthink-



Tom Watkins

able has become inevitable.

The governor, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop deserve credit for recently pushing through sensible teacher pension reforms which will help redirect hundreds of millions to the classroom. This is a good beginning at reform, but much more needs to be accomplished.

As the second decade of the new millennium gets underway, Michigan is the candidate most in need of transformational change.

This November, Michigan voters have two bites at the change apple. We will be electing a new governor, attorney general, secretary of state and nearly two-thirds of the Michigan Legislature. Choose wisely.

Second, voters get to decide if we should elect a citizen body to rewrite our Michigan Constitution. Every 16 years, we get a chance to decide if our constitution needs to be revised — this is the year.

If I were a Lansing protector of the status quo, I would be afraid — very afraid.

A palpable frustration bordering on anger exists in Michigan's electorate today. This is a rare opportunity for voters to take their frustration and future in their own hands to rewrite the docu-

ment that sets the parameters under which we are governed. (See www.energizemichigan.com for more information on voting Yes on this proposal.)

Clearly the special interests and polar opposites, ranging from the State Chamber of Commerce to the Michigan Education Association, afraid the others side's "reforms" would get adopted in a constitutional rewrite, may join forces in an unholy alliance under the banner "The devil we know is better than what we might get" in opening up a constitutional rewrite can of worms.

Change is avoidable — until it can be avoided no longer. That day is quickly approaching.

Leaders make things happen. They produce results. Will this be the year when the Mackinac Policy Conference does "Produce Jack"?

So, Michigan leader: As you pack for the conference, don't forget your mirror and think of the tangible, positive results that might be produced.

We expect more than just a box of fudge.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010

Please take notice that, on June 14, 2010 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2010-11 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2010-11 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2010-11 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

MARTHA PITSENBARGER, Secretary

Publish: May 30, 2010

**Livonia Public Schools**  
**Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students**

Eleven seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade in fall 2010.  
Twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade in fall 2010.  
**Limited Registration window: May 24-June 7, 2010**

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 24-June 7, 2010 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following appeals will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2704-P. Hellyer-38604 Emerald Ln.**  
Request for a 2 variances (a side location variance & a 6' side yard fence height variance) from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances in order to install a 5' high privacy fence in the east & west side yards of the home; whereas Section 22-304(a) states that only rear yards may be enclosed with a fence and Section 22-303(c) states that side yard fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in height.

**Petition #2705-J. Rodler-35115 Bayview**  
Request for a 3.5% lot coverage variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 6' x 19' addition to the side of the existing detached garage resulting in a lot coverage of 33.5%; whereas Section 7:4.2 allows a maximum 30% lot coverage in the R-5 district.

**Petition #2706-R. Madden-1957 N. Berry**  
Request for a 3% lot coverage variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 20' x 40' addition to the rear of the home resulting in a lot coverage of 33%; whereas Section 7:4.2 allows a maximum 30% lot coverage in the R-5 district.

**Petition #2707-J. Dreumel-802 S. Dowling**  
Request for a 6.5' front yard setback variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct a 7' x 25.5' covered porch addition to the front of the home that would be located 18.5' from the front lot line; whereas Section 7:4.2 requires a minimum front yard setback of 25'.

Publish: May 30, 2010

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:59 p.m.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:59 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed 2010 Tax Levy and Rate which is on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
2010 Tax Levy and Rate

Proposed Ordinance # A 10- \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Garden City Council to authorize the 2010 Tax Millage for all assessed property in the City of Garden City for the purpose of collecting sufficient funds to meet the needs of the services performed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the levy of said millage rate must be accomplished by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, this specific enactment is not permanent in nature and need not be compiled in the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopt the following form for the 2010 Tax Millage Rate:

THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY LEVIES:

General Fund Operating	13.8403 Mills
Central Wayne County Incinerator	0.0000 Mills
Judgment Debt Service	1.7363 Mills
Refuse Collection	2.6000 Mills
	<u>18.1766 Mills</u>

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Post: May 30, 2010  
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# State's new retirement plan needs careful consideration

**Q:** Dear Rick: I'm a public school teacher eligible for the enhanced retirement plan signed last week by the governor. I am single and have no dependents. The amount I will receive from my pension will cover all living expenses. I have a substantial amount of money in my 403(b) plan. I have several questions. If I make the election to accept the enhanced pension, can I change my mind? If I get another job, what happens to my pension? Do you think it is a fair deal?

**A:** I read the new legislation and it is clear that June 11 is the deadline. Before June 11, you have the right to



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Therefore, many individuals must make a tough decision in a relatively short period of time. The key issue pertains to financial considerations. In deciding whether to

revoke your acceptance. However, after that date your decision is irrevocable.

I recognize that the state did not give individuals a fair amount of time, however, it is what it is.

accept the enhanced pension, one needs to make a financial determination whether he/she is able to retire. In today's job market, it may be difficult to land a new job. Therefore, taking the enhanced pension and finding a new job may not be realistic.

In your situation at hand — since your living expenses would be covered — financial considerations don't have to be the primary issue. Other issues to consider include quality of life and that you may love your job and just want to stay working.

As to obtaining a new job.

There is no problem if the job is in the private sector. However, you would be precluded from obtaining another job in the public school system or potentially with another government entity. There is language in the legislation that deals with this issue. The bottom line is that you can work, however, in the public sector your options will be limited.

Is the deal fair? When you look at the state's position, the economy and the fact that this is voluntary, I do believe on the whole it is a fair deal and something that teachers

should consider.

One other decision for teachers who accept the enhanced pension is what to do with the 403(b) money. Unfortunately, too many of the school systems use high-cost annuities for their salary deferral program. I have no doubt that these companies will be very aggressive in trying to keep those teachers in the program.

My advice for the great majority of teachers is to directly transfer their 403(b) money into an IRA. Doing so will enable them to establish portfolios that coordinate with

other investments they or their spouses may have, while also allowing for more control over their investments.

In addition, by using low-cost investment vehicles within an IRA, teachers will be able to significantly lower their costs. Lower cost means more money in their pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money@hometownlife.com](mailto:money@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's website at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

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### Auction

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Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The ticket price includes a buffet style dinner as well as admission to the live and silent auction. Doors open at 6 p.m. and silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m.

St. Dunstan Catholic Church is at 1526 Belton, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 425-6720.

### Free tests

As a service to the community, the staff of Garden

### GARDEN CLIPPINGS

#### City Hospital's Community Services offers blood pressure testing, free of charge, on a bi-weekly basis to senior citizens. The staff will be at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, just west of Merriman, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 2. For more information, call (734) 458-4330

#### Summer reading

Registration for the free Summer Reading Club begins in June for children who have completed first-sixth grades. Children who read and log five Garden City Library books will receive a Read-A-Lottery ticket, a certificate, and coupons for free Kid Meals and treats.

The club will meet 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Maplewood Community Center Gym for programs. On tap are:

- Fiddlers Unstrung on Wednesday, June 23.
- Magician Chris Linn on Wednesday, June 30.
- Ventriiloquist Vicki Gasko on Wednesday, July 7.
- Poof! Kablam! Mad Science on Wednesday, July 14.
- Ocean in Motion with Eugene Clark on Wednesday, July 21.
- Animal Magic with Mark Rosenthal on Wednesday, July 28.

There's also a Read-To-Me Club is for children ages 3 through kindergarten with programs on Fridays geared for preschoolers.

Registration can be completed at the Garden City Library inside the Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 793-1830 for more information.

#### Four Plus program

The Garden City Public Schools is looking children who will turn age four by Dec. 1, 2010

and who may be eligible for free Four Plus preschool program.

Housed at Lathers Elementary School, the readiness program gives preschoolers the tools to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Four Plus is funded through a Great Start Readiness Program grant from the state of Michigan. Four Plus offers a half-day program, morning or afternoon, Monday through Friday, where they work with a teacher who is highly qualified and has a special endorsement for early childhood education, as well as a full-time classroom aide. Transportation and healthy snacks also are provided.

Parents interested in finding out of their children qualify for Four Plus must fill out a survey available at the school, 28351 Marquette. Parents can enter the school through the Sheridan doors. For more information, call (734) 762-8490.

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010 AT 6:54 P.M.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:54 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the proposed 2010 Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance which is on file and can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 53.03 AND 53.04 OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. That Section 53.03 AND 53.04 OF Chapter 53 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:
 

**§ 53.03 WATER SUPPLY RATES.**

(A) *Consumption charges.*  
Base rate \$31.80 per 1,000 cubic feet

(B) *Quarterly meter charges (in addition to those in division (A) above).*

Meter Size	Quarterly Charge
5/8 - inch	\$4.05
5/8 X 3/4 - inch	\$4.05
3/4-inch	\$4.73
1-inch	\$7.65
1 1/2-inch	\$13.49
2-inch	\$20.11
3-inch	\$27.00
4-inch	\$32.91
6-inch	\$38.01

(C) *Service outside city.* Water Supply rates charged for water service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates set forth in divisions (A) and (B), or as may hereafter be established for city water supply service by City Council resolution.

**§ 53.04 WATER SUPPLY RATES.**

(A) *Consumption charges.*  
Base rate, including excess sewage \$55.42 per 1,000 cubic feet

(B) *Sewage disposal rates.* Charges for sewage disposal service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates set forth in division (A), or as may hereafter be established for city sewage disposal service by City Council resolution.

(C) *Industrial waste control charge.* All non-residential users shall pay an IWC charge based on meter size. This is a flat rate without regard to consumption. The following rates shall apply.

Meter Size	Monthly Charge	Quarterly Charge
5/8 - inch	7.54	22.62
3/4-inch	11.31	33.93
1 inch	18.84	56.52
1 1/2-inch	41.45	124.35
2-inch	60.28	180.84
3-inch	109.26	327.78
4-inch	150.70	452.10
6-inch	226.05	678.15

(D) *Industrial waste surcharge.* Commercial and industrial users who discharge wastes into the public wastewater system in excess of the strength of normal sewage shall be charged a surcharge which reflects their equitable share of the costs of wastewater treatment. The surcharge shall be determined as follows:

  - (1) *Purpose and objective.* This section has as its purpose the protection of public health and safety, and because of the widely varying quality characteristics of the sewage discharged by different users of the public sewer and the

publicly-owned treatment works, it is the objective of this section to impose sewage charges which reflect the cost of treating sewage strength factors as well as sewage volume. These charges to commercial and industrial users will be in the form of a payment called a surcharge and will reflect industries equitable costs of wastewater treatment in excess of the strength of the domestic sewage. Sewage charge will be based on a volume rate and surcharged based on volume of discharge and the strength of BOD, suspended solid, phosphorous, fats, oil and grease or other pollutants present in the wastewater. In the event other pollutants are required to be surcharged under this subchapter, authorized variances, or by special arrangements with the owner of the publicly-owned treatment works, the rules and regulations adopted herein will apply, the rules and regulations being on file with the City Clerk.

- (2) *Authority.* This section is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Federal Law Clean Water Act 33, USA 1231 *et seq.* and applicable Federal Regulations, the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in U.S. v City of Detroit, et al, Civil Action #7-71111.
- (3) *Industrial waster pollutant strength surcharges.* It is ordained that the Schedule of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharges is hereby adopted and made effective for users of the wastewater system of the city. The surcharges are to be computed as follows.
 

**Computation of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharge**

The industrial waste pollutant strength surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the following formula.

$$SC = 0.0624 V a (BOD-275) + b(TSS-350) + c(P-12) + d(FOG-100)$$

In which the following apply:

SC = Pollutant strength surcharge fee in dollars for the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

V = Volume of waste discharged in the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

BOD = Five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

TSS = Total suspended solids in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

P = Phosphorus in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

FOG = Fats, oils, and grease expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm). a, b, c, d = Surcharge rates, \$/pound for treating BOD, TSS, P, and FOG respectively.

0.0624 = Factor which converts Mcf to MM lbs.

a = \$.254.285/pound.

b = \$.324.341/pound.

c = \$.3.7293.862/pound.

d = \$.221/2.55 pound.
- (4) *Compliance required.* It accordance with the basic service agreement between the city, the county, and the Wayne County Board of Public Works or other properly designated agent of the county named pursuant to M.C.L.A. §§ 46.171 through 46.185, and M.C.L.A. §§ 123.71 *et seq.*, this section provides that any person, firm, or corporation discharging wastewater into the publicly-owned sewer system shall comply with the standards, rules and regulations controlling the quality or quantity of discharge or wastewater into the system. The standards, rules, and regulations shall be established from time to time by the county or its designated agent.

**REPEALER.**

That Section 53.03 AND 53.04 OF Chapter 53 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City and all other ordinances or parts, of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEVERABILITY.**

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted to be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from such portion as may be declared invalid.

**SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing, under and act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of the City Clerk, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON BETTIS  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Post: May 30, 2010  
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# Unauthorized Biographies

While more and more celebrities are looking to make an extra buck by publishing their memoirs, there are equally as many unauthorized accounts of their lives on the book market now.

The unauthorized biography is a biography written by someone who does not have permission and/or cooperation from the subject to write it. They are not legally required to indicate on the cover that they are unauthorized, although for many people that statement can add to the appeal. These authors also have to be careful that there is nothing included or implied that the biography was written with the subject's cooperation.

Unauthorized biographies are often written about celebrities and public figures. Authors risk being sued for libel when they publish these books but many of them do it anyway. They are protected by the First Amendment right to free speech but must be careful to as accurate as possible. They cannot be sued if they can prove what they write is true.

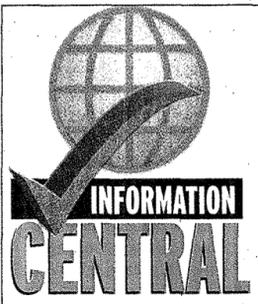
Some of these books are written by career journalists and others are written by someone who knew the person well (and didn't have any qualms about exposing their private lives to the public).

Here at the Westland Public Library, we have a number of unauthorized biographies. The biography section is full of them. Some popular titles include Andrew Morton's "Tom Cruise: An Unauthorized Biography," Kitty Kelley's books "Oprah: A Biography" and "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty," Jan Halperin's titles "Brangelina: The Untold Story of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie" and "Unmasked: The Final Years of Michael Jackson" and Andrew Young's "The Politician: An Insider's Account of John Edwards's Pursuit of the Presidency and the Scandal That Brought Him Down."

If you're in the mood for a good read, try an unauthorized biography. You may just find out some little known secrets about some of your favorite personalities. For more information, visit the library or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123, and we are always available at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org).

### Highlighted Activities

**Poetry Group:** 7 p.m. June 2, age 18 and up  
Interested in reading, discussing, and writing poetry? Please join



us for one of our sessions, whether you're a first-time writer or a serious wordsmith. Sign up by inquiring at the Reference Desk. Check out our blog at [www.westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com](http://www.westlandadultpoetry.blogspot.com)

**Summer Concert Series: Smokin' 45s Rock & Blues Revue**, 7 p.m. June 3, ages 14 and up, at Library Pavilion

The Summer Concert Series starts off with a bang as the Smokin' 45s bring their Rock & Blues Revue to the library pavilion for an evening "packed with heart-pumping, foot-stomping rock and blues with a distinctive Detroit drive." Limited seating, so bring a chair if you're late. For a complete list of Summer Concert performers, stop by the library or check out [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events).

**Local Author Day:** 1-4 p.m. June 5, ages 14 and up

Celebrate local authors and learn about the publishing trade by attending our Local Authors' Day event. From 1-2 p.m., local authors will participate in a panel discussion, engaging topics from publishing your work to writing styles and influences. From 2-4 p.m., you will get a chance to talk face-to-face with these authors, as well as buy and get signed copies of their books. No reservation is required.

**Friday Night Movie Cult Classics:** 7 p.m. June 3, "Rocky Horror Movie Show"

Stop by the library every Friday evening during the summer and enjoy a Cult Classic. This week's movie is "Rocky Horror Movie Show." A newly engaged couple have a breakdown in an isolated area and must pay a call to the bizarre residence of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. Rated R. No registration is required. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an

online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

**Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library:** 7 p.m. every Wednesday

Everyone welcome, including crocheters. Special Demo: How to Wind a Yarn Ball. Materials provided.

**Chess Group:** 7-8:45 p.m.

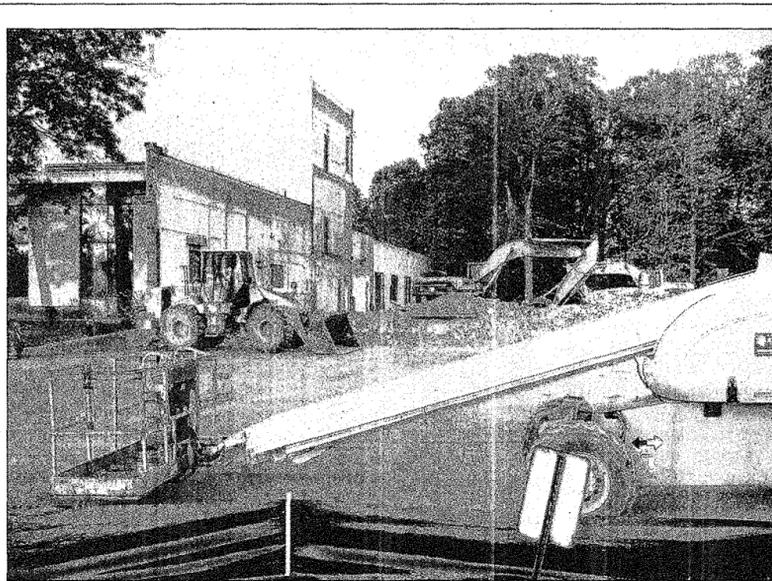
Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No signup required.

**Library Summer Reading Program - Save the Date:** June 12 - Fun for children, teens and adults.

Teens and adults, don't miss the Climbing Wall. Call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for time.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Kristy Cooper. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).



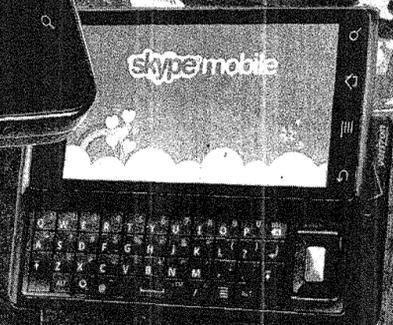
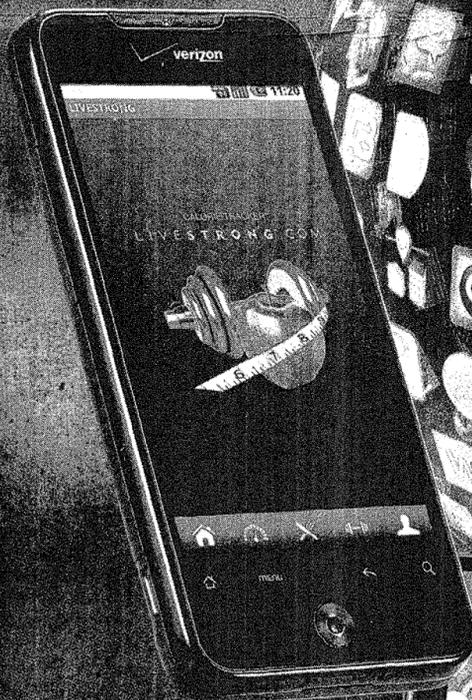
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## Renovations under way at former Observer building

Work crews demolish the loading docks and warehouse space of the former Observer & Eccentric Newspapers building at Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia on Wednesday. Delta/TIFCO, an aircraft gear manufacturer, is renovating the building for a new manufacturing facility. The loading docks and warehouse needed to be demolished to make room for a 40,000-square-foot addition. Bob Sakuta, president of TIFCO Gage & Gear and Delta Research, closed the sale on the eight-acre site in October. Sakuta hopes construction will be completed by the end of this year.

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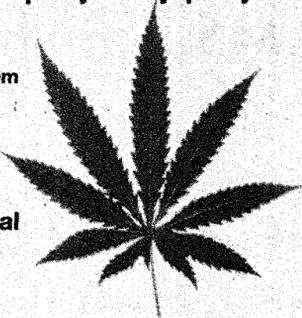
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## Clinic sees would-be marijuana patients

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ernest Mullen wants people to know he doesn't have any marijuana at his Plymouth office, The Medical Marijuana Clinic.

He insists he doesn't want to have anything to do with it — won't even have illustrations of it hanging in the waiting room or hallways. Selling pot there would be illegal, a violation of federal law.

However, people suffering from one of the qualifying conditions under Michigan's new medical marijuana law — including AIDS, cancer and glaucoma — can come to Mullen and, with proper documentation, obtain the medical certification that's a required part of becoming a registered medical marijuana patient in the state.

"I don't touch the marijuana. I don't see the marijuana," said Mullen. "I think that people should have it done the right way."

Mullen, who practices mainly in Detroit and is affiliated with the Henry Ford Health System, sees patients at his office on Plymouth's Main Street only on Wednesdays. But his goal, he said, is to expand his hours in Plymouth and make it the base



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Dr. Ernest Mullen sees patients at his office in Plymouth, The Medical Marijuana Clinic on Main Street, on Wednesdays, and points out he keeps no marijuana in his office.

for his practice, with medical marijuana patients a small part of it.

"This is where I want to be," said Mullen, who lives in Northville. "I want to take care of patients in Plymouth."

Mullen said he was "on the fence" about medical marijuana until a patient with a history of seizures came to him last year with low levels of anti-seizure medication in his blood.

Mullen was alarmed, he said, but the man reported no recent seizures and admitted he had

been smoking pot.

"I thought to myself, 'Maybe there's more in this stuff,'" said Mullen, who began doing research. "I definitely saw validity."

Mullen also advised a brother, a lawyer, on a case involving medical marijuana, he said.

His Plymouth office opened in April; Mullen also keeps Saturday hours at a medical marijuana clinic in Jackson.

His venture comes as the Plymouth City Commission recently passed an amendment to the city's zoning ordinances that prohibits property from being zoned for a use that would be in violation of federal law. A technicality, Mayor Dan Dwyer admits, but one that prevents anyone from formally opening a dispensary or marijuana-growing operation in the city.

Dwyer says officials, like those in many local communities, are waiting for lawmakers to resolve the conflict between the state's medical marijuana law and federal law, and could revisit the issue if that is done.

Lt. Al Cox, Plymouth's acting police chief, said he's aware of activity at Mullen's office, but that, as far as he knows, nothing illegal is taking place.

"It's not a dispensary, he's just providing the recommendation.

It's not a prescription," Cox said. "To sell or buy the marijuana — that's the violation."

Mullen, asked why he's not waiting until Michigan's law is squared with federal law, said President Barack Obama has ordered a hands-off federal approach to medical marijuana. An Internet perusal of the issue appears to bear out that claim.

However, said Mullen, "there're some holes in this law" that he'd like to see addressed.

Though he feels doctors who follow the law are protected from prosecution, Mullen would like to see the state's expectations for doctors explicitly spelled out, and advocates a system of training and licensing doctors who want to use marijuana as a medical treatment.

Medical marijuana is a hot topic among the state's doctors, he said, and some doctors are taking it up, not always as openly.

Mullen said his medical documentation requirement is strict, and that his office can spot people who may not have a qualifying condition and simply want to get high.

"If they get by my front, they're probably pretty good," he said. "We deny a lot of people on the phone."

## Book fair benefits Seedlings

Seedlings Braille Books for Children will be on the receiving end of a book fair being held Wednesday, June 2, at the Barnes and Noble Booksellers at Six Mile and Haggerty Road in Northville.

A percentage of shoppers' purchase will be donated when people present a special voucher or mention the Seedlings name between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. that day. The money raised will help produce children's books in braille.

There also will be braille activities and a special Story Time with one of braille readers. At 2:00 p.m., 18-year old Katie Keel of Redford, who has been blind since birth, will read several stories in braille and share some of the children's books Seedlings creates. Children

attending the Story Time will receive a braille bookmark to take home.

People also can shop online June 2-6 at [www.bn.com/bookfairs.com](http://www.bn.com/bookfairs.com).

Enter the Bookfair number - 10210367 - at checkout and a portion of the online sales will also benefit Seedlings.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization based in Livonia and is dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality children's literature in braille. Vouchers will be available on the Seedlings website at [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org), click on special events to download the voucher or by call (734) 427-8552.

Every \$10 received through the fund-raiser will make a braille book possible.

## Madonna offers college credit to high schoolers

High school students interested in sharpening their analytical skills while earning college credits still have time to enroll in Madonna University's six-week Summer Math and Computer Science Institute, which runs June 28 to Aug. 5.

Designed with high school sophomores and juniors in mind, the Institute offers a calculus and a Web design class. Students can earn eight credits through the program, five for calculus

and three for web design.

Interested students must submit an application, a high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from a math, computer or science teacher. To receive an application, call or e-mail Isaac St. John at (734) 432-5795 or [istjohn@madonna.edu](mailto:istjohn@madonna.edu)

The program costs \$300. Students may choose to take only one of the classes, but the same rate applies.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

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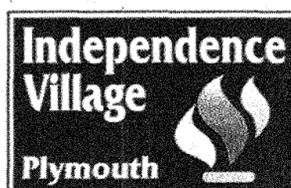
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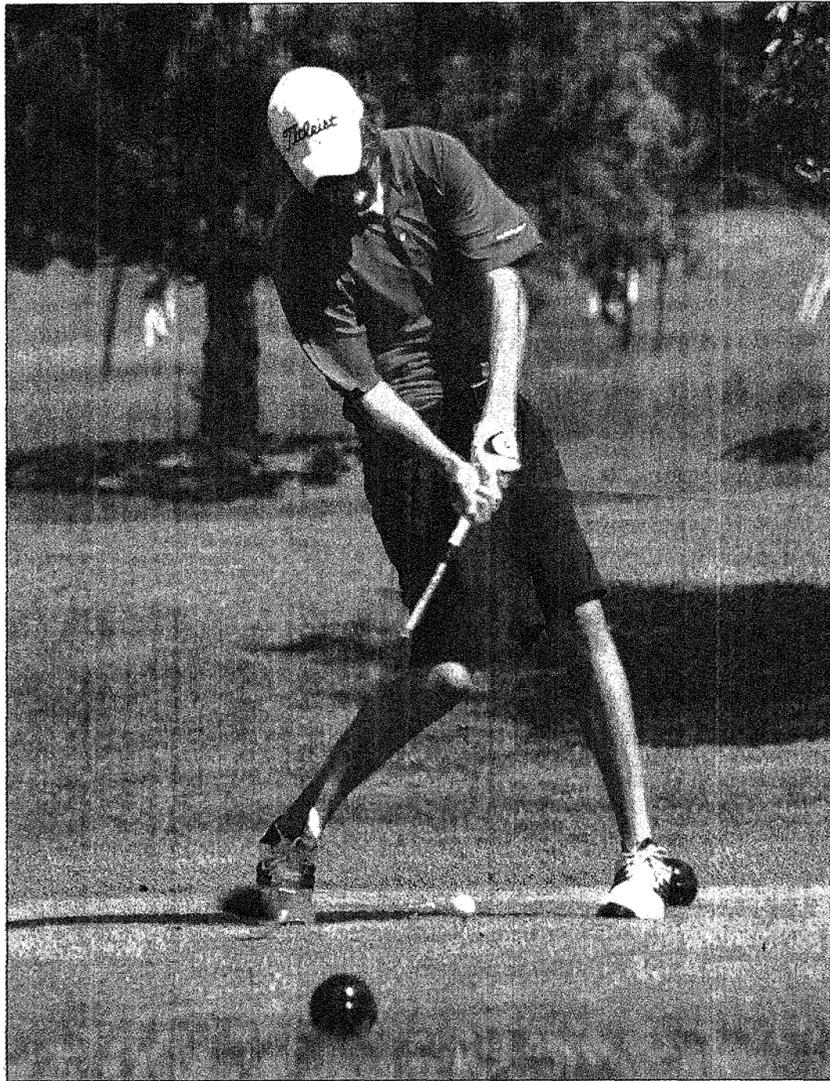
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Churchill's Ben Proben shot a 75 to place ninth individually at the Division 1 district boys golf tournament Thursday at Whispering Willows.

## Making the cut

### Stevenson, Churchill golfers advance to regionals

BY JIM TOTH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who says we miss the PGA TOUR here in Michigan?

As long as high school players continue to card scores like those recorded Thursday in state tournament action, the void of not having a PGA event held in the state has been fulfilled by the incredible shot-making turned in by future stars.

No less than five teams recorded sub-312 totals in claiming the top six spots at the Division 1 district hosted by Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

That impressive field was led by the remarkable 290 total turned in by Northville.

Plymouth, led by senior James Bryans' 73, placed second overall with 304 and Livonia Stevenson, behind a sterling 73 carded by senior Drew Mossioian, claimed third with 306.

The remaining three spots - and cause for celebration since they will all be advancing onto regional action Thursday at West Shore Country Club on Grosse Ile - went to Plymouth Salem (308), Livonia Churchill (312) and Canton (323).

"The talent is getting better and better every year because there is more opportunity to

play and kids are taking advantage of it," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "Northville is such a powerhouse. They had four guys shoot a combined 10-over par.

"Our guys had a very good day. I figured if we shot around 312 we would be right there."

Plymouth coach Chris Moore echoed Omietanski's sentiments.

"A few of the coaches had been talking saying what a fun year it's been," he said. "It's been a very competitive year for all of us - coaches and players.

"I'm real happy for our guys because they have had a great year. They worked their butts off for this. Just their perseverance to never give up has been amazing."

According to Moore, the 304 recorded by his squad marked the fourth time this season the Wildcats have turned in a sub-310 total in an 18-hole event. And for the most part, Plymouth's No. 1 in each of those events has been someone different.

"They are all out there competing for themselves and cheering on each other," Moore said. "It's been great to see."

Following Bryans in the Plymouth scoring column were

Please see GOLF, B4

## SIDELINES

### Burns'em again

Junior Alexa Burns scored six goals and added one assist Thursday as Livonia Ladywood earned a 17-14 lacrosse quarterfinal victory in the regional opener over Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy.

Senior Gaby Meyer added four goals, and sophomore goalie Rana Friej faced 32 shots as the Blazers improved to 8-5-1 overall.

Courtney Rashed, Alyssa Fritz and Ally Schreider each tallied four goals for the Marlins.

Meanwhile, Mercy goalie Christina LaRue faced 27 shots.

Ladywood now leaptfrogs into the regional championship match beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 4 at Ann Arbor Skyline after Tuesday's scheduled semifinal foe Temperance Bedford pulled out of the state tourney.

"The girls are playing well and it's been a good year," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

### MU golfers 21st

The Madonna University women's golf team ended its first-ever appearance in the NAA Women's Championships with a 21st place team finish at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Rapid City, S.D.

The Crusaders had rounds of 355-355-360 for a three-day total of 1,070, which missed the cut by six places (top 15).

Michelle was MU's top scorer tied for 88th with rounds of 87-88-85-260.

Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin) and Sara Sinnitch were next tied for 103rd at 268 each. Meyers posted rounds of 89-86-93, while Sinnitch shot 87-88-93.

Other MU finishers included Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), tied for 112th (92-93-89), and Caitlin Steele, 121st (98-99-100).

### Grid stars on TV

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association 30th annual East-West All-Star Game, featuring 88 of the top senior players in the state, will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19 at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

The game will be televised statewide on Comcast. The MHSFCA has partnered with Schoolcraft College Media Service and the Schoolcraft Sports Network to produce the game.

The broadcast will air on Comcast Channel 900 at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21; 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 22; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24; and noon Friday, June 25.

Matt Shepard will call the play-by-play with former Detroit Lion Rob Rubick as the color analyst. Jamie Samuelsen will be the sideline reporter.

Area players slated to play for the East squad are Westland John Glenn running back Jeremy Langford and Plymouth defensive lineman Darrell Cohn.

Game tickets are \$5 (through June 12) and available by mailing to: attn: Jim Clawson, All Star Ticket Chair, 21681 Thorofare, Grosse Ile, MI 48138 (make check payable to: MHSFCA). You can also phone (734) 676-4486 (through June 17) for will call tickets.

Game day tickets at the Spartan Stadium entrance are \$10.

## Warriors sew up MIAC Blue title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High Westland's maiden voyage into the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference has been nothing but smooth sailing as far as the baseball team is concerned.

The Warriors, No. 4 in the latest Division 4 state rankings, captured the MIAC Blue Division crown outright Wednesday with a convincing 14-3 five-inning mercy rule triumph over visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Warriors, who improved to 18-4 overall and 13-1 in the MIAC Blue, mounted a 15-hit attack to earn their first league title since 1997 going back to their days in the Metro Conference when coach Kevin Wade was a senior member of that squad.

Austin Baglow led the assault going 3-for-3, including his school record 18th double. He also walked and scored four

runs as the Warriors broke it open with nine runs in the second inning.

Other top offensive contributors include Taurrek Fikes (2-for-2, two RBI, three runs); Tony Cipolla (2-for-3, double; two RBI); Jake Andrezejewski (2-for-4, four RBI); Marc Rosin (2-for-3, double, two RBI); and Nick Andrezejewski (2-for-2, double, two runs).

Winning pitcher Gage Flanery went all five innings, allowing three hits and three walks while striking out four. The loss drops Greenhills to 6-16 and 4-10.

**FLAT ROCK 10, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2:** Winning pitcher Zach LaBell tossed a complete-game 3-hitter Friday as the host Rams (12-16) upset Lutheran High Westland (18-5) in a non-conference game.

LaBell struck out four and walked only one. He also went 2-for-3 with a walk, while teammate Alex Buehrer added two hits and two RBI.

Gage Flanery and Kent Krzyske each knocked in a run for the Warriors.

The Warriors committed five errors as starting pitcher Jake Andrezejewski gave up six runs, but only three earned, in four innings. He walked three, hit a batter and struck out two.

"Jake pitched well enough, but we did not come to play," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Our minds were somewhere else and maybe it's because we were physically and emotionally spent from winning the conference. But if we don't come to play next time out, we'll be done with our season."

**HAZEL PARK 4, CLARENCEVILLE 2:** Ralph Hopkins pitched a complete-game six-hitter Thursday as the Vikings downed host Livonia Clarenceville (13-15) in a non-conference game.

Hopkins also tripled in the go-ahead run in the top of the sixth inning to break and 2-2 tie and Hazel Park added another insurance run in the seventh with a pair of hits sandwiched in between a hit batter.

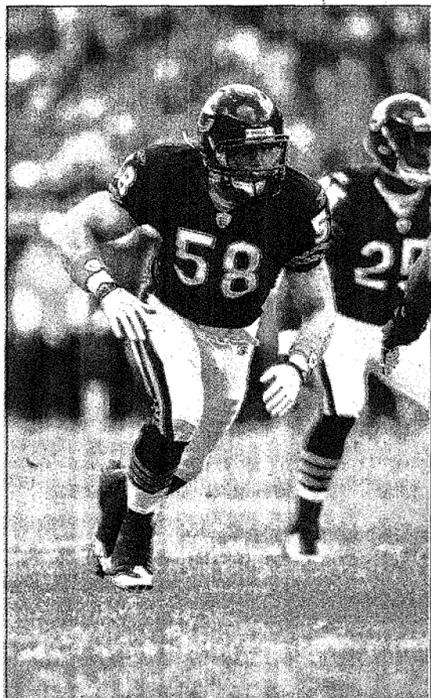
Losing pitcher Damien Quarles also went all seven innings, allowing four earned runs on six hits. He struck out 10.

Ben Gehan led the Trojans' offense with two hits and two RBI, while Eric Trotter scored both runs.



## Tumbling champion

Cassandra Skinner, a freshman at Livonia Stevenson High School, captured the Girls Junior Elite Division in power tumbling at the USA Gymnastics Region IV Trampoline & Tumbling Championships held May 21-22 at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena in Normal, Ill. Skinner, representing AGT Flip City in Warren, completed a rare full-out straight routine (two twists and two flipping rotations) with a degree of difficulty of 4.7. She posted a two-round score of 60.70 and now will represent Team USA at the World Cup Age-Group Championships, Nov. 17-19, in Metz, France.



BILL SMITH

Clarenceville High grad Tim Shaw, now a special teams standout for the Chicago Bears, will conduct a free youth football clinic at his alma mater on Saturday, June 26.

## No ordinary Bear

### Tim Shaw offers free football clinic June 26 at C'ville

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Normally when the Chicago Bears hit town, they're considered the enemy.

But for this player from the Windy City, it's a welcomed homecoming for sure.

On Saturday, June 26, Tim Shaw will stage a free (non-contact) football clinic for youths in grades 4-12 at his high school alma mater - Livonia Clarenceville.

From 1-5 p.m. he'll be back on the gridiron where he set MHSAA records for rushing yards and TDs for the Trojans.

Shaw later distinguished himself as a linebacker and defensive end at Penn State before being drafted in the fifth round by the Carolina Panthers where he played one season before a brief stint with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2009. Last season he landed with the Bears and became one of the NFL's top special teams standouts.

Shaw just completed mini-camp

with the Bears and is looking forward to giving back to the community, while lending his football expertise.

"When I went to camps in high school and colleges, it's different mindset - you were there to impress coaches and I knew scouts were there," Shaw said. "This camp is largely based on improving skills and bringing a positive influence to people from what I've been through and what I'm going through. It's going to be about football and life."

Former Penn State teammate Gerald Cadogan, an offensive lineman recently signed by the Indianapolis Colts, will also help out with the camp, which is sponsored by Eastbay, the athletic catalog company.

New Clarenceville varsity football coach Ken Fry, along with ex-Trojan players Pete Shaw (Tim's younger brother) and Walter Ragland, are expected to attend.

They will be joined by Jim Kielbaso, Director of the Total Performance Training Center in Wixom.

"But what I want this to be a positive learning environment and we'll

speak on goal-setting."

Before returning to Chicago for offseason training, Shaw spent two months in Jacksonville.

"Every offseason you learn how to spend your time," Shaw said. "It was a time to chill and recuperate, enjoy the sun and warm, also see family and friends."

Shaw, meanwhile, is fired up about the upcoming season in Chicago, which will hopefully lead to a return to the playoffs.

"I'm excited about the changes we've made as far as the additions and improvements," he said. "It gets me excited to see what we did in mini-camp. We have lots of offensive power and I think we'll have a good team and a good season."

Enrollment is limited to the first 100 for the free camp. You can download a registration form, which includes a medical waiver, online at [www.timshawfootball.com](http://www.timshawfootball.com); and send it to: Tim Shaw Football Camp, 18341 Pershing, Livonia, MI 48152.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Tuesday, June 1**  
 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 2**  
 Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
 Dearborn at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
**DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**at LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Detroit Cody, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Garden City vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, 12:30 p.m.; **championship final:** 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wayne State University regional Saturday, June 12 vs. WSU district champion.)  
**at WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Inkster vs. (B) Romulus, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. Westland John Glenn, 1 p.m. **championship final:** 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Allen Park vs. Dearborn district champion.)  
**at CANTON**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Canton vs. A-B winner, 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Salem, noon; **championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Novi regional Saturday, June 12 vs. Northville district champion.)  
**DIVISION 2**  
**at MADONNA'S ILITCH BALLPARK**  
**Saturday, June 5:** Dearborn Divine Child vs. Ann Arbor Skyline, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. South Lyon East, 12:30 p.m.; **championship final:** 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 12 at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark vs. Melvindale district champion.)  
**DIVISION 4**  
**at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN**  
**Saturday, June 5:** (A) Plymouth Christian vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; **championship final:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist district champion.)  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Tuesday, June 1**  
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 2**  
 Huron Valley at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
**DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**at LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Detroit Cody, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Livonia Franklin vs. Redford Thurston, 10 a.m.; Garden City vs. A-B winner, noon; **championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wayne State University regional, Saturday, June 12, vs. WSU district

champion.)  
**at WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Inkster vs. (B) Romulus, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Wayne Memorial vs. Westland John Glenn, 11 a.m.; Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. A-B winner, 1 p.m.; **championship final:** 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Allen Park vs. Dearborn district champion.)  
**at CANTON**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Plymouth vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Livonia Stevenson vs. Salem, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. A-B winner, noon; **championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Novi regional, Saturday, June 12 vs. Northville district champion.)  
**DIVISION 2**  
**at LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Ann Arbor Skyline, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Livonia Clarenceville vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 10 a.m.; South Lyon East vs. A-B winner, noon; **championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Livonia Ladywood vs. Melvindale district champion.)  
**DIVISION 4**  
**at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**Saturday, June 5:** (A) Plymouth Christian vs. (B) Lutheran High Westland, 10 a.m.; **championship final:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Saturday, June 12 at Lutheran High Westland vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist district champion.)  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS**  
**DIVISION 1**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON (Host)**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Salem at P-CEP grass field, 5 p.m.; (C) Livonia Churchill at (D) Pinckney, 7 p.m.; (E) Northville at (F) Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, June 3:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; Plymouth vs. E-F winner, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Championship final, noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Canton vs. Brownstown Township-Woodhaven district champion.)  
**DEARBORN EDEL FORD (Host)**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Dearborn Fordson vs. (B) Detroit Western International, 5 p.m. at Edsel Ford; (C) Garden City at (D) Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn at (F) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, June 2:** Canton vs. E-F winner, 5 p.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Championship final, 1, 2 or 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Canton vs. Saline district champion.)  
**at BROWNSTOWN-WOODHAVEN (Host)**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Dearborn at (B) Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.; (C) Lincoln Park at (D) Taylor Truman, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Taylor Kennedy at (F)

Woodhaven, 7 p.m.; (G) Southgate Anderson at (H) Romulus, 5 p.m.  
**Thursday, June 3:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5 p.m.; E-F winner vs. G-H winner, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Championship final, 11 a.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Canton vs. Livonia Stevenson district champion.)  
**DIVISION 2**  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD (Host)**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Melvindale at (B) Redford Thurston, 5:30 p.m.; (C) South Lyon at (D) Dearborn Divine Child, 4:30 p.m.; (E) Dearborn Heights Crestwood at (F) South Lyon East, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, June 3:** A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.; E-F winner vs. Livonia Ladywood, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, June 5:** Championship final, 11 a.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Trenton vs. Trenton district champion.)  
**DIVISION 3**  
**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (Host)**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** (A) Allen Park Cabrini at (B) Flat Rock, 4:30 p.m.; (C) Romulus Summit Academy at (D) Grosse Ile, 4:30 p.m.; (E) Detroit University Prep at (F) Livonia Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.; (G) Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at (H) Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, June 3:** E-F vs. G-H winner, 4:30 p.m.; A-B vs. C-D winner, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, June 4:** Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 at Williamston vs. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day district champion.)  
**DIVISION 4**  
**at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**Tuesday, June 1:** Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Lutheran High Westland, 3:30 p.m. West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy vs. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday, June 4:** Championship final, 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Ann Arbor Huron vs. Madison Heights Bishop Foley district champion.)  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**MHSAA STATE FINALS**  
**Saturday, June 5**  
 Division 1 at Rockford, 10:30 a.m.  
 Division 2 at Zeeland, 10:30 a.m.  
 Division 3 at Comstock Park, 10:30 a.m.  
 Division 4 at Jenison, 10:30 a.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**REGIONAL FINALS**  
**Friday, June 4**  
 Ladywood at A. A. Skyline, 6 p.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**MHSAA STATE FINALS**  
**Friday-Saturday, June 4-5**  
 Division 1 at Midland Tennis Center, 8 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**MHSAA REGIONALS**  
**Thursday, June 3**  
 Division 1 at West Shore G.C., TBA.  
 TBA - time to be announced.

# Lady Ocelots complete stellar recruiting class

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a reason why the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team is 65-5 overall and have finished in the Final Four of the NJCAA Division II National Tournament two consecutive seasons.

It's called recruiting, and it reaches far and wide. Coach Karen Lafata put a bow tie on her eight-player class for the 2010-11 season by signing another gem last week to a letter-of-intent - Diamond Tolliver, a 5-foot-5 point-guard from Saginaw High, who averaged 18 points and seven assists for coach Sophia Jordan's 15-5 squad.

Also in the fold is Saginaw

## COLLEGE HOOPS

teammate Shanequa Braggs, a 5-11 forward who averaged 12 points and 15 rebounds. Braggs, the sister of Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker LaMarr Woodley, carries a 3.58 grade-point average.

Lafata's lone recruit from Wayne County is Cameo Kendrick, a 5-9 forward from Southgate Anderson who averaged 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Lady Ocelots will also have two players from Washtenaw County - Charlise Slater, a 5-8 guard who averaged 10.3 points for 21-4 Ann Arbor Huron, along with 6-4 center Sequaia Hood of Ypsilanti High,

who sat out last season with a knee injury after averaging 10 points for now defunct Canton Agape Christian in 2008-09.

Macomb County is represented by Shawnicka Thomas, a 5-9 forward from Warren Fitzgerald who averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds.

She is joined by Kelcie Jones, a 6-foot power forward from St. Clair Shores South Lake, who averaged 20 ppg, and Class C All-State center Amber Sammons of New Lothrop, who amassed 1,135 points in four varsity seasons.

Sammons also led Hornets to 97 career victories, while averaging 13.8 points and 7.1 rebounds her senior year.

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# Coratti takes reins as Ladywood hoop coach

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Anthony Coratti is entering his final year of law school, but now he can test his coaching skills and put them into practice on the basketball court.

The 27-year-old junior varsity coach was elevated Wednesday to the varsity girls basketball position at Livonia Ladywood.

Coratti succeeds Pat Cannon, who resigned in late March after going 23-22 in two seasons with the Blazers.

If Coratti's name is familiar, it should be. The 2001 Detroit Catholic Central High grad is the son of former CC varsity basketball coach and longtime Shamrock football assistant Rick Coratti.

"We looked at 15 different resumes," Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek said. "We had a lot of great choices, but he (Coratti) had been in the system and understands the Catholic League.

"He's a technical coach and can relate to kids. He has a great background with his

father and uncles. He comes from a coaches' family. And he's proven a lot in the Catholic League going 21-0 and winning the JV championship this year."

Coratti competed in three sports at CC - football, basketball and baseball - before going on to play football for two seasons at Canisius University (N.Y.). After the school dropped football, he transferred to Iona University (N.Y.) where he finished his eligibility and graduated.

He currently serves as a law clerk and is finishing up his law degree at Wayne State University.

Coratti has been part of the Ladywood basketball program for the past three seasons.

"We'll definitely be tough at all ends of the floor," the new coach said. "We'll play loose and score as fast as possible. Kind of the way my dad coached at CC and hopefully he'll be around to help me out a little bit."

With an undefeated JV squad coming up, Coratti is anxious to see what he'll put on the floor for the 2010-11 season.

"I'm pretty optimistic," he said. "We have a solid group of seniors even though we're a little undersized. We're not big, so we'll shoot and run. We want to press - defense is always first - and get into people."

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# Spartans waylaid

## 8-20 Kettering upsets Division 1's 4th-rated team

Livonia Stevenson's state baseball ranking took a definite jolt Wednesday afternoon as the Spartans fell to host Waterford Kettering in a KLA A crossover, 3-1.

Mister Fry, the Kettering starter, went all seven innings to pick up the win as the Captains improved to 8-20 overall.

Fry, who struck out seven, allowed just one run on four hits and three walks.

Stevenson (25-7), ranked No. 4 in Division 1, got a single and double from Evan Piechota, while Jeff Sorenson knocked in the lone run in the first inning. Brandon Dupuis, Jim Zimmerman and Fry each knocked in a run for the Captains, who pinned the loss on Stevenson starter Chris McDonald. In 4.1 innings, McDonald allowed three runs on five hits and three walks.

**WYANDOTTE 6, JOHN GLENN 3:** On Thursday, Hunter Matt collected a pair of hits and one RBI as host Wyandotte Roosevelt (21-8) downed Westland John Glenn (4-21) in a non-conference game.

Jerald Mayhew pitched two innings in relief to pick up the victory, while Travis Rodney earned the save.

Glenn took a 3-1 advantage in the top of the fourth on a 2-run single by Jake DeMoss and an RBI sacrifice fly by Kevin Karsnick.

But the Bears rallied for one in the bottom half of the fourth and added two each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Losing pitcher Rob Schurig went all six innings, allowing seven hits and seven walks. He fanned two.

Mike Pietruszka collected two of Glenn's five hits.

The second game of the scheduled twinbill was called because of lightning with Glenn leading 2-1 in the top of the fifth.

**CHURCHILL 8, HOWELL 6:** Livonia Churchill (15-16) overcame five errors Wednesday to notch a KLA A crossover victory the host Highlanders (17-8).

Drew Loudon, Joe Williams, Christian Leathley and Steven Hovemale each collected two hits on the day for the Chargers, who jumped out to a 5-0 first-inning lead before holding on.

### KLA A BASEBALL

Winning pitcher Ben Matigian went the first five innings, allowing all six runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out seven.

Reliever Jon Targus picked up the save, throwing two scoreless innings while allowing three hits.

**FRANKLIN 9, PINCKNEY 2:** On Wednesday, solo homers by Steven Wells and Travis Barnes during the first two innings catapulted Livonia Franklin (13-16) to a KLA A crossover win over the host Pirates (11-12).

Winning pitcher Joel Trudell went the distance, allowing just two hits. He walked five and struck out three.

Jack Chinavare paced the Patriots' offense going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Wayne Hawkins also added an RBI double.

**JOHN GLENN 7, MILFORD 6:** Andrew Benyo's go-ahead RBI double keyed a six-run, seventh inning Wednesday as Westland John Glenn (4-20) toppled the host Mavericks (12-22) in a KLA A crossover.

Kevin Karsnick's 3-run homer tied the game at 4-4. Derrick Ammons also went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Jake DeMoss, who pitched 1.1 innings in relief, got the victory. Andrew McGrath came on in the bottom of the seventh to squelch a late Milford rally by getting the final two outs to earn the save.

**FRANKLIN 9-2, MILFORD 7-9:** In a double-header May 22, the host Mavericks (12-21) and Livonia Franklin (12-16) settled for a split.

Franklin captured the opener in 10 innings, 9-7, as Jack Chinavare went wild at the plate going 5-for-6 with a pair of doubles, including game-winning two RBI knock in the top of the 10th.

Chinavare also recorded the save by getting the final two outs. Franklin starter Brent Marzion worked the first six innings before giving way to Nick Hopson, who went the final 3.1 frames to earn the victory.

Justin Dean also collected a pair of hits in the Patriot win.

In the nightcap, Andrew Stocker went 2-for-1 and Bryan Miller pitched 5.2 innings to earn the victory as Milford posted a 9-2 triumph.

Franklin was out-hit 8-3.

Starter Josh Gorman, the losing pitcher, allowed six runs over 4.1 innings.



## Gaels JV champs

Livonia St. Michael JV2 I team recently finished 10-0 to earn the Catholic Youth Organization baseball title. Members of the first-place Gaels include (back row, from left): coach Rick Stern, Chris Pavlic, Ian Hogg, Nick Sykes, Quinn Blair, coach Brad Ebben; (middle row, from left) Chris Nehasil, Zak Jordan, Jaden Jraiche, Brett Stern, Sean Ebben; (front row, from left) Shane Ciucci, Joe Targosz, Kevin Behrendt and Sam Bonser.

# Northern pulls out 1-0 victory vs. Stevenson

One run was good enough Wednesday for the Walled Lake Northern girls softball team, who pulled out a 1-0 KLA A crossover victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Knights, who improved to 29-7 overall, tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the fourth inning on Kari Knight's RBI double scoring Deanna Wagner, who earlier singled.

### KLA A SOFTBALL

Winning pitcher Kristina Weltzin allowed just two hits, walked two and struck out eight in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Morgan Copperstone gave up just four hits over six innings. She struck out one and walked one.

Ashley Avery had a single and walked as the Spartans fall to 20-12 overall.

**W.L. CENTRAL 3, FRANKLIN 1:** Pitcher Nicole Renz scattered eight hits Wednesday as host Walled Lake Central downed Livonia Franklin (18-15) in a KLA A crossover.

Chelsea Williams and Jessica Emery each had two hits for the Patriots, while Nicole Williamson singled and scored the lone run.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lambie (12-13) allowed three earned runs on eight hits over seven innings. She struck out four.

**MILFORD 6, CHURCHILL 1:** Sara Cupp

homered and scored a pair of runs Wednesday as the host Mavericks (18-11) rallied for a KLA A crossover win over Livonia Churchill (18-13).

The Chargers led 1-0 until the bottom of the fifth when Milford tallied four runs.

Losing pitcher Natalie Hiser allowed five of the Milford runs, but was the victim of a pair of fielding miscues.

Churchill tallied its only three hits of the game during the fourth inning to score its only run by Nikki Salloum, who had singled.

# Trojans rally but can't catch Knights

Livonia Clarenceville couldn't overcome an early 8-0 deficit Tuesday, falling to non-conference girls softball foe Bloomfield Hill Lahser, 10-7.

The host Trojans, who slipped to 8-13 overall, got two hits from senior Megan McLaughlin, including a 2-run

double which cut the deficit to 10-6 in the bottom of the third inning.

Sophomore Angela McAlpine and junior Reba Bibb added two hits apiece, but the Trojans left three runners stranded with one-out in the fifth.

Losing pitcher Chelsea Gehan (3-4), a senior, allowed six earned runs on seven hits and four walks. Reliever Val Sochacki pitched four scoreless innings, allowing just two hits and a walk while fanning four.

Andrea Smith paced the Knights' offensive attack going

3-for-4 with a pair of runs scored. Monica Kramer added two hits.

Winning pitcher Melanie Heberling went all seven innings, allowing four earned runs on eight hits, five walks and a hit batter. She struck out eight.

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

#### MU volleyball camp

Madonna University will offer three different sessions of summer volleyball camps including: Advanced (elite) and general all skills (June 28-July 1); setters and youth (July 5-8); hitters and defensive (July 12-15).

For more information, call MU women's volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham at (734) 946-6664 (days) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also e-mail jabraham211680mi@comcast.net.

#### Churchill baseball

The Livonia Churchill baseball camp (ages 7-14) will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 21-23.

The cost is \$52 (includes shirt).

For more information, e-mail coach Ron Targosz at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Churchill volleyball

Livonia Churchill will stage two sessions seven-day of summer volleyball camps including grades 7-9 (entering the fall) from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and grades 10-12 (entering the fall), 8:15-10:45 a.m., June 21-29.

The cost is \$99 (no T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail coach Mark Grenier at mgrenier@livoniapublicschools.org

#### Stevenson volleyball

Livonia Stevenson will be offering a volleyball camp for girls in current grades 7-8 from 9-11 a.m. and current grades 9-10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 21-25, at the high school competition gym.

The cost is \$60 (includes T-shirt if registered by June 1). Registration can also be dropped off at the Stevenson athletic office. (Checks should

be made payable to: Stevenson High School.)

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Kelly Graham at kgraham@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Pole vault camp

Livonia Churchill will stage a summer pole vault camp for students entering grades 8-12 from 3-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 14 through Aug. 8.

The cost is \$150 (includes T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail Churchill jumps coach Vern Williams at shyshark177@yahoo.com.

#### Stevenson girls hoops

The Lady Spartan Basketball camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (entering grades 4-6) and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (entering grades 7-9), Monday through Thursday, June 28-July 1, at the Livonia

Stevenson High School field-house.

Included in the \$60 cost, if received by June 4, is a T-shirt. Forms can be dropped off in the Stevenson athletic office (C/O Jen Knoph).

For more information, e-mail Knoph at jknoph@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Stevenson boys hoops

The Livonia Stevenson basketball camp for boys (entering grades 4-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 21-24, at the high school.

The cost is \$80 (includes camp T-shirt if registered by June 1).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson coach Mike Allie at MichaelAllie@yahoo.com.

#### MU cross country

The Madonna University cross country program will

stage its summer base camp for serious boys and girls high school runners from 8-9:45

a.m., Monday through Friday, July 26-30.

The cost is \$75 (includes T-shirt).

MU will also stage long runs at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31; and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park, part of the Wayne County Hines Park systems.

The cost is \$2 each Saturday.

For more information, call MU cross country coach Pat Daugherty at (734) 432-5634 (office); or evenings at (734) 658-0226 (cell). You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

#### MU men's basketball

The Madonna University men's basketball program will be offering three summer camp sessions for its All-Star camps (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday,

June 21-25 (at the Livonia Community Recreation Center); July 26-30; and Aug. 2-6 (both at the MU Activities Center).

The cost for each session is \$200 (includes camp T-shirt, trophies and prizes).

To register, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call coach Noel Emehiser at (734) 432-5610; or e-mail nemeiser@madonna.edu.

#### Churchill girls hoops

The Livonia Churchill Girls Summer Basketball Camp (incoming grades 5-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 12-15.

The fee is \$60 (if registered by June 15); or \$65. Included in the cost is camp T-shirt and awards.

For more information, call Churchill varsity coach Chad Jenkins at (734) 347-1267; or e-mail cjenkins@livoniapublicschools.org.

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CATHOLIC LEAGUE
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET
A-B DIVISION RESULTS
May 25 at Livonia Ladywood
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 187.5 points; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 100.5; 3. Livonia Ladywood, 74; 4. Birmingham Marian, 70; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 53; 6. Warren Regina, 9.

LADYWOOD FINISHERS
Long jump: 3. Lisa Achachon, 15 feet, 2.5 inches; discus: 1. Teresa Wojnarowski, 105-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Megan Yanik, 15.03; 300 hurdles: 1. Yanik, 45.02 (breaks meet record set by Paulette Bryant, Aquinas, 45.5, 1984); 800: 1. Megan Vitale, 2:20.07; 1,600: 5. Meredith Houska, 5:37.46; 3,200: 3. Houska, 12:05.0; 400 relay: 5. Ladywood, 54.53; 800 relay: 3.

relay: 1. Watts, Hobson, Leonard Hogan, Kelly, 1:37.1; 400 relay: 1. L. Hogan, Hobson, Smith Kelly, 45.73; 400: 2. L. Hogan, 51.18; 300 hurdles: 1. Watts, 41.53; 3. Hawk, 45.22; 800: 4. Chevas Dooley, 2:12.7; 5. Carrito Robles, 2:17.4; 200: 1. Kelly, 22.44; 3. Hobson, 23.31; 3,200: 5. Mattius Hoffman, 12:04.8.

Northville secures links title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Golfers came and went Tuesday, playing efficiently and quickly at the KLAAs Kensington Conference Tournament held at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The 12 teams wrapped up by 2 p.m. with first-place honors going to Northville with a total of 294 strokes. The Mustangs had solid competition in runner-up Novi (302) and Plymouth (302).

Novi's Tyler Manning with a 3-under-par 69 while Plymouth's Justin Bauer placed second 1 with a sparkling 71.

"That's 1-under par, that was a good round for him (Bauer)," Moore said.

Manning and Bauer spearheaded an All-Kensington team of 20 golfers who all shot 78 or better.

Leading the all-conference team with four selections each were Northville, Plymouth and Novi with two picks each for Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson's Drew Mossoian was tied for third with a 73, while Livonia Franklin junior Jon Holmes and Stevenson senior Christian Debay tied for 14th with a 78.

Although all of the teams need to quickly regroup to play Thursday in Division I district at Livonia's Whispering Willows, the Wildcats are playing well enough to look further down the tournament road.

"If we can shoot a round under 305, we think we can make the state tournament," Moore said. "We did that today,

so we think we're there." For Plymouth, the 302 was a school record for the conference meet.

Beautiful weather and Pheasant Run's usual top-notch playing conditions contributed to the widespread success, said Ron Hammye, athletic director for tournament host Franklin.

"Course conditions were dynamite," Hammye said. "Greg Bores and his staff do a great job getting this ready for us every year."

According to Moore, whose Wildcats captured the KLAAs South Division title with a 10-0 record, his golfers enjoy playing on what amounts to a "home course" even though it is quite a challenge.

"It's pretty fair, there's a couple tough holes," he said. "But overall it's a good test. You've got to drive the ball well but the greens are smooth and they putt well out here... They all got off the tee very well today."

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Viking hat trick unplugs Chargers

Melissa Seymour's hat trick was the difference Wednesday as host Walled Lake Central stopped Livonia Churchill in a KLAAs girls soccer crossover, 3-0.

Seymour tallied goals in the 42nd, 72nd and 74th minutes as the Vikings improved to 7-8-3 overall.

Defender-midfielder Rachel Zukowski stood out for the Chargers, who slipped to 7-8-2.

Kaylie Secord started in goal for Churchill before giving way to Chelsea Manasian with 18 minutes remaining.

"We've seen it a number of times this year that when we go down 1-0, then we dominate

GIRLS SOCCER

and don't score," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It's our own fault."

BRIGHTON 2, STEVENSON 1: On Wednesday, Shannon Merritt's free kick with 15 minutes left proved to be lone tally for Livonia Stevenson (8-5-4) in a KLAAs crossover setback to the host Bulldogs (10-2-2).

"It was a good response to get that first goal," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Now it's time to get ready for districts."

Michelle Krawczyk (first half) and Cate Marchione (second half) divided the goalkeeping chores for the Spartans, who trailed 1-0 at halftime.

KETERING 3, FRANKLIN 0: Shelby Watts tallied a pair of goals

Wednesday as host Waterford Kettering (5-10-3) blanked Livonia Franklin (1-15-2) in a KLAAs crossover.

Goalkeeper Tailer Roscoe also saved a penalty kick attempt by the Patriots to preserve the shutout.

CLARENCEVILLE 2, HAZEL PARK 2: In a non-conference match Thursday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (5-9-3) and the Vikings fought to a draw.

Teresa Parent tallied Clarenceville's first goal from Ashley Murphy, while Kristen Jolly's shot from 50 yards out with only eight minutes remaining tied the score.

On Wednesday, Ashley Wheeler scored a pair of goals as host Redford Thurston downed the Trojans, 3-0.

MILFORD 7, WAYNE 0: In a KLAAs crossover on Wednesday, the host Mavericks (6-11) rolled to a victory over Wayne Memorial (3-13-2).

Whalers to attend Tim Hortons 'Camp Day'

The Plymouth Whalers, in association with Tim Hortons, will be appearing Wednesday at several of the chain's Plymouth and Canton locations to help raise proceeds towards the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation as part of the international Camp Day promotion.

Camp Day is the one day each year when every penny from coffee sales at Tim Hortons stores across Canada and the United States will be donated to the Tim Horton Children's Foundation.

Campers aged nine to 12 years old attend a 10-day summer camp session or a seven-day winter camp session, at one of the Foundation's six camps in Canada and the United States.

The Whalers will be appearing at the following Tim Hortons Wednesday:

• 3-5pm - Canton (45515 Michigan) - Tyler Seguin, Nick Malysa, Whalers mascot Shooter. Call 734-484-0261.

• 3-5pm - Canton (41276 Ford Road) - Stefan Noesen, Scott Wedgewood. Call 734-981-5236.

• 3-5pm - Plymouth (150 Plymouth Road) - Austin Levi, Garrett Meurs. Call 734-414-5818.

"I think every hockey family I know - in fact, everyone involved in the game of hockey supports Tim Hortons," said Denise Ronayne, Plymouth Whalers Director of Sales and Marketing. "They are an amaz-

ing partner who constantly gives back to the community and actively supports local youth hockey programs. We are proud to get our Whalers players into their stores on Camp Day and we encourage our fans to visit those locations."

Bill Moir, president of Tim Horton's Children's Foundation said customers continue to strongly support the event.

"They're helping make a huge difference in the life of so many children," he said.

"For many, a camp experience is their first time away from home and it's life changing. Shy kids become confident, scared kids become brave. The experience inspires them for years to come."

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DIVISION I DISTRICT
BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
May 28 at Whispering Willows G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 qualify for regional): 1. Northville, 290 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 304; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 306; 4. Salem, 308; 5. Livonia Churchill, 312; 6. Canton, 323; 7. Livonia Franklin, 331; 8. Dearborn, 339; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 344; 10. Westland John Glenn, 357; 11. Garden City, 358; 12. Wayne Memorial, 385.

Individual medalist: Brandon Cameron (Northville), 71.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Northville (290): 1. Cameron, 71; 2. Alex Bernstein, 71; 3. Trevor Grigg, 72; 12. Blake Bonatz, 76; 23. Mike Walton, 80.

Plymouth (304): 6. James Bryans, 73; 12. Ryan Rieckhoff, 76; 16. Josh Heinze, 77; 18. Justin Bauer and Ryan Bauer, 78 each.

Stevenson (306): 6. Drew Mossoian, 73; 12. Dante Cicchelli, 76; 16. Adam Giordano, 77; 23. Christian Debay and Adam Laporte, 80 each.

Salem (308): 3. Aaron Thompson, 72; 9. Brandon Duprey, 75; 21. Patrick Doty, 79; 26. Eric Duprey, 82; 38. Josh Perrin, 88.

Churchill (312): 8. Adam Yerber, 74; 9. Ben Proben, 75; 21. Eric Hill, 79; 33. Chris Theile, 84; 40. Cory Dare, 89.

Canton (323): 3. Zach Conrad, 72; 26. Travis Hall, 82; 29. Brendan Muir, 83; 37. Frank Parzynski, 86; Kyle Korte, 89.

Franklin (331): 26. Drake Hermann (rg), 82; 29. Jon Holmes (rg) and Jimmy Johnson (rg), 83 each; 30. Tyler Miller, 83; 33. Doug Nagy, 84.

Dearborn (339): 9. Evan Bowser (rg), 75; 18. Alex Haam (rg), 78; 45. Patrick O'Brien, 90; 54. Matt Januszowski, 96.

Edsel Ford (344): 12. Chris Wach (rg), 76; 40. Nick Boileau and Tom Prato, 89 each; 45. Robert Neff, 90; 52. Greg Barbour, 94.

John Glenn (357): 33. Josh Duprie, 84; 38. Tim Moran, 88; 49. Conner Monroe, 92; 51. Mitch Dean, 93; 53. Kyle Hamlin, 95.

Garden City (358): 36. Tom Firavich, 85; 45. John Selinski, 90; 48. Jared Cusmano, 91; 49. Allen Eizember, 96; 57. Mike Maiden, 99.

Wayne (385): 40. Zachary Williamson, 89; 54. Jarret Williamson and Corey Robbins, 96 each; 58. Austin St. Peter, 104; 59. Shane Schooley, 107.

(rg): additional regional qualifier.
KLAAs KENSINGTON CONFERENCE
GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
May 26 at Pheasant Run G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 294 strokes; 2. Novi and Plymouth, 302 each; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 314; 5. Salem, 316; 6. Canton, 324; 7. Livonia Franklin, 326; 8. Livonia Churchill, 327; 9. South Lyon, 330; 10. South Lyon East, 342; 11. Westland John Glenn, 354; 12. Wayne Memorial, 361.

Individual medalist: Tyler Manning (Novi), 69.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING
Northville (294): Trevor Grigg, 72; Blake Bonatz, Mike Walton and Brandon Cameron, 74 each; Eric Goebel, 80; Alex Bernstein, 84.

Novi (302): Tyler Manning, 69; Johnny Walker, 77; Sam Palmer and Jason Carlless, 78 each; Steve Rajkovic, 80; Brad Kozinski, 83.

Plymouth (302): Justin Bauer, 77; Josh Heinze, 76; James Bryans, 77; Ryan Rieckhoff, 78; Ryan Bauer, 79; Kyle Rodas, 81.

Stevenson (314): Drew Mossoian, 73; Christian Debay, 78; Adam Giordano, 79; Dante Cicchelli and Adam Laporte, 84 each; Tom Cullum, 90.

Salem (316): Aaron Thompson, 73; Patrick Doty, 79; Josh Perrin and Brian Patterson, 82 each; Brandon Duprey, 84; Eric Duprey, 88.

Canton (324): Zach Conrad and Brendan Muir, 76 each; Kyle Korte, 85; Travis Hall and Frank Parzynski, 87 each; Josh Maxam, 99.

Franklin (326): Jon Holmes, 78; Tyler Miller, 81; Jimmy Johnson, 83; Drake Hermann, 84; Doug Nagy and Jacob Wirgaj, 88 each.

Churchill (327): Adam Yerber, 79; Cory Dare, 80; Ben Proben, 82; Chris Theile, 86; Eric Hill, 87; Dominic DiLisi, 91.

South Lyon (330): Lucas Copp, 78; Cody Tubbs and Sam Lebowksi, 83 each; Travis Tubbs, 86; Alex Whybra and Derek Knauss, 87 each.

S.L. East (342): Matt Sherry, 78; Bryan Hawkins and Mike Sadowski, 85 each; Alec Sturos, 94; Matt Olah, 98; James Smith, 107.

John Glenn: Josh DuPri, 81; Tim Moran and Kyle Hamlin, 87 each; Conner Monroe, 99; Mitch Dean, 100; Joey Wakeford, 105.

Wayne (361): Gary Neill, 89; Shane Schooley, 90; Corey Robbins and Zachary Williamson, 91 each; Jarret Williamson, 101; Austin St. Peter, 120.

ALL-CONFERENCE (top 20)
Novi: Manning, Walker, Palmer, Carlless; Northville: Grigg, Bonatz, Walton, Cameron; Plymouth: Bauer, Heinze, Bryans, Rieckhoff; Stevenson: Mossoian, Debay, Salem; Thompson; Canton: Conrad, Muir; Franklin: Holmes; South Lyon: Copp; S.L. East: Sherry.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
PLYMOUTH 148
WAYNE MEMORIAL 178
May 25 at Pheasant Run G.C.

Plymouth scorers: Justin Bauer, 35 (medalist); Josh Heinze, 36; James Bryans, 37; Ryan Bauer, 40; Ryan Rieckhoff, 42; Kyle Rodas, 43.

Wayne scorers: Gary Neill, Zachary Williamson and Shane Schooley, 44 each; Corey Robbins, 46; Jarret Williamson, 48; Austin St. Peter, 57.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 10-0 overall, 10-0 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 1-12, 0-10 KLAAs South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 163
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 168
May 24 at The Woodlands

Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 37 (medalist); Dominic DiLisi and Chris Theile, 41 each; Adam Yerber, 44; Evan Fargo, 47.

John Glenn scorers: Conner Monroe, 39; Tim Moran, 41; Josh DuPri and Kyle Hamlin, 44 each; Joey Wakeford and Mitch Dean, 51 each.

Dual match records: Churchill, 7-3 overall, 7-3 KLAAs South Division; John Glenn, 4-9 overall, 2-8 KLAAs South.

NORTHVILLE 147
LIVONIA STEVENSON 151
May 24 at Fox Creek G.C.

Northville scorers: Mike Walton, 35 (co-medalist); Alex Bernstein and Blake Bonatz, 37 each; Trevor Griggs, 38; Eric Goebel, 39; Brandon Cameron, 40.

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian, 35; Dante Cicchelli, 38; Christian Debay and Adam Giordano, 39 each; Tom Cullum, 41; Nick Collins, 43.

Dual match records: Northville, 9-0 overall, 9-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 5-5 overall, 5-5 KLAAs Central.

Debay each shot 80.

"This is my last hoorah for the seniors trying to go 'state,'" Omietanski said. "I hope they can make it."

Northville, which will be one of the favorites Thursday to advance to the finals, was led by individual medalist Alex Bernstein and Brandon Cameron, each carding 71s.

Trevor Grigg was right behind with a 72 and Blake Bonatz shot 76.

Salem was paced by Aaron Thompson's 72 and Brandon Duprey's 75. Patrick Doty (79) and Eric Duprey (82) rounded out the Rocks' total.

Churchill, meanwhile, had Adam Yerber and Ben Proben pave the way with 74 and 75,

respectively. Eric Hill added a 79 and Chris Theile posted an 84.

Canton, which grabbed the final qualifying spot, saw Zach Conrad lead with a 72. Travis Hall (82), Brendan Muir (83) and Frank Parzynski (86) completed the total.

Livonia Franklin missed the cut in seventh with a 331, but the Patriots are sending three as additional regional qualifiers including Drake Hermann (82), Jimmy Johnson (83) and Jon Holmes (83).

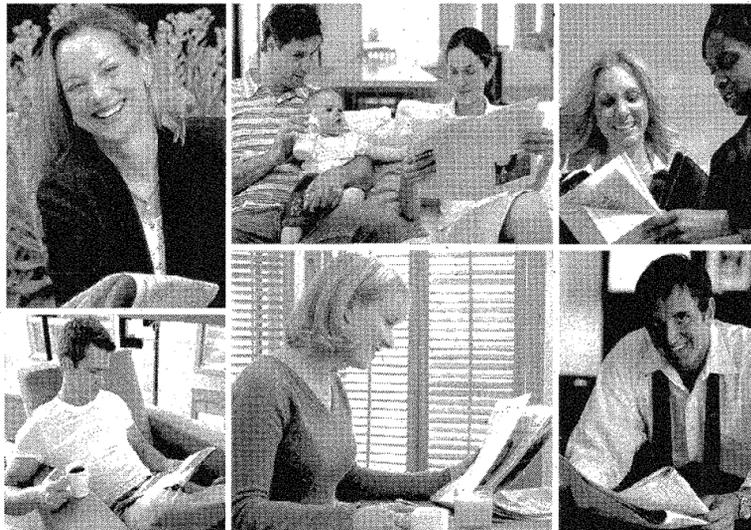
Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial brought up the rear in the 12-school field with 357 and 385, respectively.

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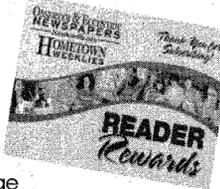


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freshman Ryan Reickhoff with 76, sophomore Josh Heinze with 77 followed by junior Justin Bauer and senior Ryan Bauer with 78 apiece.

For Stevenson, which is seeking to avenge last year's disappointment of not advancing to the state finals, Dante Cicchelli followed up Mossoian's strong performance with one of his own. The Spartan sophomore shot 76.

Junior Adam Giordano added a 77, while seniors Adam Laporte and Christian

WYAA football sign-up

The Westland Youth Athletic Association is seeking Junior Freshman football players (ages 7-8) for both the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors for the upcoming 2010 season.

The Meteors also need cheerleaders for all age levels (age 7-14).

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, at the Lange Compound Building, located at 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford).

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

Ladywood golf outing

The 17th annual Ladywood High School golf outing, a fundraiser to benefit the athletic department, will be Monday, June 21 at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

Check-in is at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start for the four-person scramble beginning at 10:15 a.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Included in the cost is 18 holes (with cart), lunch and dinner. Hole sponsorships are available, along with prizes.

For more information, call the Ladywood Athletic Department at (734) 591-2323.

Franklin needs coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls volleyball and freshman girls competitive cheer coach for the 2010-11 seasons.

For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2889.

Bon Secours Golf outing

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours fourth annual family golf outing will be Saturday, July 12, at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Included in the \$125 cost is 18 holes (with cart), continental breakfast, lunch and steak dinner. The cost for those 18-and-

under is \$100.

Foursomes and individual registrations will be accepted. For more information, call Jim Greene at (734) 207-0503 or Paul Beaubien at (586) 419-8955.

Livonia skate park hours

The Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park will offer free hours on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Normal hours (weather permitting) are 11 a.m.-to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday.

Day pass or annual membership is required. Ages 11-and-under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years and up. First-time visitors must be accompanied by a parent to show proof of residency to the LCRC. Skate Park participants much have a special wristband or an LCRC non-resident day pass. Proper safety equipment is also required.

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

# NEIGHBORS

## League celebrates 50 years of informing voters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

It was business as usual as Esther Friedrichs took a few moments from eating to sign up volunteers for the annual used book sale for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The dedication of members is the number one reason voters have remained informed about candidates for the last 50 years.

On May 22, it was time to celebrate their accomplishments with a luncheon at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford. The 89-year-old Friedrichs, a charter member, attended with her friend, Cary Ormond, a member before moving to Novi.

"I like the group of women. The meetings have good topics," said Friedrichs.

Spirits were high as president Paula Bowman rushed around before guests arrived. Established in 1960 as the League of Women Voters of Livonia, the name was changed in 2001 to identify the communities it serves - Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Garden City, Westland, Redford and Wayne.

Near the end of the program, the Petticoat Ladies of Garden City Presbyterian Church performed as women inventors from the 1800s and early 1900s.

### TIME TO CELEBRATE

"This is a celebratory luncheon, not a lot of speakers," said Bowman. Her mother, Marguerite Kowaleski, was a longtime member before Bowman joined 15 years ago. Both her mother and father, Edward, were involved in civil rights and social justice initiatives so it was only natural Bowman followed in their



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Esther Friedrichs is a charter member of the League of Women Voters.

footsteps.

"Our main mission is to help voters stay informed. We're continually urging them to be participants in their government. They should be going to council and school board meetings, turning on cable, speaking out, being part of the process," said Bowman.

Elected officials such as state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, recognized the League's contributions by offering a framed state resolution. A special certificate signed by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter was on display. Jennifer Trussell presented a resolution on behalf of Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox.

"It's a tremendous service the league provides as far as education and information to make our votes more informed in a nonpar-

tisan way," said Anderson. "We're very appreciative of them and wish them many more years."

The national organization was founded in 1920. History boards showed the local members' work on behalf of voters. State House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, participated in several of the candidate forums.

"We have tough times in the state. The organization has to cut to the chase and inform the voters. No time is the role more important when elected officials are under assault," said Dillon.

League members aren't about to stop providing voters with unbiased information on candidates. They will be planning candidate forums prior to the primary and election as well as printed and online voter guides for the mid-term election this year.

"We get calls. They always want to know who we support," said Bowman. "We direct them to the library or online. They're so grateful we have nonpartisan information for them. It's the judges and little guys at the bottom of the ballot that people need to be informed about. Getting info on local candidates affects schools, kids and roads. Local control is critical. We want to make sure good candidates are elected."

Angela Ryan believes the League's candidate forums, voter guides, voter registration drives, and educational forums for ballot proposals and current issues become more important with each passing year.

Ryan, a Livonia resident, joined the League of Women Voters in Virginia 30 years ago. In 2004, she was elected treasurer of the League of Northwest Wayne County.

### NONPARTISAN GROUP

"Because we are nonpartisan it becomes more important as years pass as politics is becoming more partisan. The league can present both sides of an issue," said Ryan.

"We do a voter guide even for school boards and voter registration at colleges. If people are interested in joining us, there are so many issues we get involved with - prison reform, climate change, health care. We do public meetings several times a year on these issues."

Nancy White of Northville Township remembers when informing voters wasn't as easy as today. She's been a member 40 years, state president from 1985-89. White is especially proud of the League's work in the late 1980s to make it easier for people with disabilities to vote by providing accessible polling places.

"In the '80s we put computers in the state office and expanded citizen information by putting it onto the website instead of by phone. It was so much better when you could go to computers," said White.

Laura Callow joined in 1963, a time when women were primarily homemakers. She learned about the league from a PTA friend.

"I fell in love with the League," said Callow. "They were about issues of doing and bettering society."

During lunch, Bowman spoke briefly about the organization and its early years.

"We don't have phone trees anymore. We send out e-mail blasts and gone is the hand-cranked mimeograph machine," said Bowman. "Men are a welcome addition to the league now. Dues went from \$5 to \$55."

She recalled a 1970 editorial by Phil Power, then owner of the *Observer* Newspapers, about his



County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt and Lena Parker listen to the program.

belief that "an informed voter is a better voter."

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt couldn't agree more.

"The public needs to know who elected officials are and how they get where they are to vote for candidates and issues that fill their needs," said Gebhardt, who's also a Schoolcraft College trustee.

Gebhardt said there are many benefits to joining the League. She's developed many friendships since joining in 2000. Gebhardt was part of the 50th committee that put together history boards on display at the luncheon. The photos, newspaper clippings and memorabilia have been traveling to libraries in Livonia, Canton and Plymouth.

Susan Rowe, a member of Wayne City Council, was grateful for the opportunity to present her views at candidate forums when running for election. She joined the League in Royal Oak in 1978. "I believe as an elected official they are so important because they give us an opportunity to get our voices heard," said Rowe.

County Commissioner Diane Webb showed up in her T-shirt after participating in the Relay for Life in Garden City. "They educate and they're unbiased. They do their homework and let people know who they are voting for," said Webb.

The League of Women Voters is open to any person age 18 or older including men. "You don't have to be a citizen," said Bowman. "We like having a diverse membership. It helps us maintain our nonpartisanship. In addition to advocacy we do voter education. A number of us went up to Lansing April 21 to visit legislators to talk about convenient voting and no reason absentee voting."

### BOOK SALE

The annual book sale for the League takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. Proceeds go to support the work of the League, including providing scholarships. For information, visit the website at [www.lwvwww.org](http://www.lwvwww.org) or call (734) 421-4420.

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### SHOULDER SURGERY

Shoulder replacement surgery is becoming more common as longer life brings on more joint wear. For those who may either undergo an operation for a shoulder replacement, or if a torn rotator cuff occurs, for reverse shoulder replacement, this column offers advice.

Post operative care requires an elaborate shoulder sling and a pain pump. Before surgery, ask the doctor to show you the apparatus and allow you to attach it on and then off a manikin until you are comfortable putting on, removing or adjusting the sling and pump.

Expect a slow postoperative recovery. The rule is that recovery from a hospital stay takes three to four days for every hospital day.

If possible, arrange to have a family member or friend in your hospital room throughout your stay. The reason is not to check if the nursing staff is giving you the right medicines at the proper time. Rather, if you have shoulder surgery you are, post operatively, in pain, one handed and limited by the bulky sling and pain pump.

Even keeping a sheet and blanket over you is difficult. A personal attendant can arrange the bed, make sure your meal tray is set where you can eat from it, clear away the clutter that accumulates as visitors and hospital staff come in and out of your room.

While in the hospital and for the weeks that follow, be prepared for bumps in the road to recovery. Constant pain, intermittent fatigue, sweats and chills, but not accompanied by fever will dog your recovery. Remember, if you had no surgery the pain you feel today would only become worse tomorrow, but the pain after surgery, inevitably resolves.

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# Pet welfare groups planning calendar, vaccinations

## MHS CALENDAR

Got a photogenic pet? The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) wants to hear from you. The organization seeks photos for its annual, full-color 2011 Pet Calendar.

A \$20 entry fee per photo guarantees inclusion in MHS' 13th annual calendar. Twelve top photo entries will be selected for special "Pet of the Month" placement, with all other photos appearing in a variety of formats throughout the calendar.

Dogs and cats wearing collars and ID tags, and cats photographed indoors will receive the best consideration. Photos must be in color, contain only animals and be no larger than 4- by 6-inches. A horizontal orientation and gloss finish is preferred. Polaroid photos are not acceptable. Color prints made at home on-inkjet or laser printers cannot be considered for Pet of the Month placement. But, these types of prints will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

Any photo taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer.

Entrants should mark their name, phone number and pet's name on the back of each photo entry using a permanent felt-tip pen (not a ballpoint, which may damage the photo) and mail entries by June 15 to Michigan Humane Society 2011 Pet Calendar, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Download an entry form at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

The calendars will be available for \$15 (plus tax) in the fall, when they can be ordered online at [www.shopmichiganhumane.org](http://www.shopmichiganhumane.org); calendars will also be available for purchase in late fall at the three MHS adoption centers in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

## VACCINATIONS

Tail Wagger's USA will offer distemper, rabies and bordetella vaccinations for \$12 each — or



all three for \$30 — at its low-cost vaccination clinic, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at Sheehy Animal Hospital located at 18790 Middlebelt, just South of Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Vaccinations will be given by a licensed veterinarian and also includes a mini-office visit. Micro-chipping for pets also will be available for \$30.

The Livonia city clerk's office will be on hand, enabling residents to buy licenses for their pets. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) for licensing requirements.

Tail Wagger's USA also will accept pet food donations to supplement its Pet Food Assistance Program. Families that have fallen on hard time can get food for their pets through the program.

Tail Wagger's founder Laura Zain hopes pet owners will attend the clinic and get their pets vaccinated, to avoid costly health problems.

"Sheehy Animal Hospital doctors and staff are supporting this clinic by donating their services 100 percent — which speaks volumes about caring for the pets in our community," Zain stated.

No appointment is necessary but to help with vaccine planning, RSVP by e-mail to [vaccination-clinic@yahoo.com](mailto:vaccination-clinic@yahoo.com) or by calling (734) 560-4660.

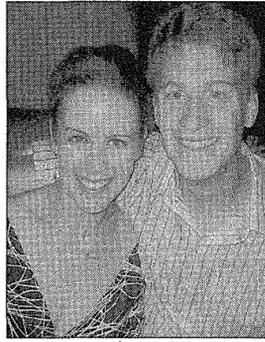
Additional low-cost vaccination clinics are scheduled throughout the summer. For a complete listing of dates, times and locations or to learn more about Tail Wagger's USA and the programs offered to the community, log onto [www.tailwaggersusa.org](http://www.tailwaggersusa.org).

## JULY WEDDING PLANNED

John and Nancy Behr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Nicole, to Derek Patrick Adams, son of Patricia Whittle of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Kent Adams of Redondo Beach, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in English, and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a master of arts degree in education. She teaches English in the Beverly Hills, Calif.

Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Damien High School in La Verne, Calif., and a 2004 graduate of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona with a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is employed as



Behr-Adams

a software engineer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at the Bayer Historic Estate in Honolulu, Hawaii followed by a reception at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens later that month.

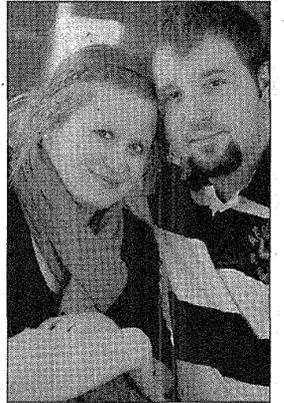
## OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Kristina Marie Dickey and David Anthony Bobrowski announce their engagement.

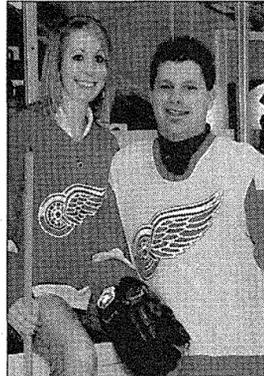
The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Pamela Dickey of Canton, graduated in May 2009 from Central Michigan University and works at Olympia Entertainment in Detroit.

Her fiancé, David Anthony Bobrowski, son of Diana Looney and Brad Swadling of Lake City, graduated in May 2010 from Saginaw Valley State University and works at Dow Corning in Midland.

An October 2010 wedding is planned at McHattie Park in South Lyon.



Dickey-Bobrowski



Pfund-Jakubowski

## AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Makenzie Pfund and Nathan Jakubowski announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Wesley Pitts and Cynthia Behm of Howell. Her fiancé's parents are Kenneth and Robin Jakubowski of Livonia.

An August 2010 wedding is planned in Pinckney.

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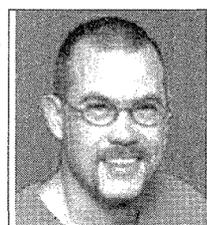
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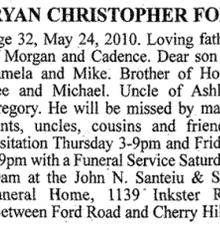
### DONALD GORDON BIRK

Age 80, of Franklinton, NC, passed away Wed., May 26, 2010 in Raleigh NC, formerly of Canton, MI. Memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by: Hall-Wynne Funeral Service, Franklinton, NC [www.hallwynne.com](http://www.hallwynne.com)



### FRANCES MARIE BOWLBY

Age 95; passed away on May 18, 2010, at her home. Beloved wife of her late husband, J. Craig Bowlby. Loving mother of their three children: Marilyn J. Bowlby, Patricia A. Givens and J. Craig Bowlby II. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Denise Davis, Scott Stratton, Steve Robertson, Mark Robertson, J. Craig Bowlby III, and Christopher Bowlby; and five great-grandchildren. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, and married her husband of 62 years in 1935, living and raising their family in Plymouth, Michigan, she then moved to Little Rock, AR in 1995. Frances was an accomplished artist, pianist, and enjoyed golf and choir. A memorial service will be held at a future date.



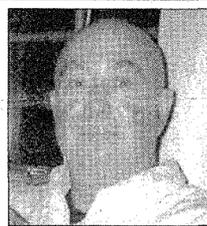
### RYAN CHRISTOPHER FOX

Age 32, May 24, 2010. Loving father of Morgan and Cadence. Dear son of Pamela and Mike. Brother of Holly Lee and Michael. Uncle of Ashley Gregory. He will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm and Friday 1-9pm with a Funeral Service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeju & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Road and Cherry Hill.)



### FRANCES W. YORK

79, of Delaware, Ohio passed away early Monday morning May 24, 2010 at the Cherith Care Center at Willow Brook, Delaware. She was born March 15, 1931 in Mt. Vernon, Maine to William Henry and Barbara Dudley (Sawyer) Williams. She was a 1949 graduate of Gardiner High School and attended the University of Maine, Orono for three years before receiving her BA and MA from the State University of New York at Albany, New York. She taught English at Albany High School in Albany, New York, Nottingham High School in Syracuse, New York, and Frost Middle School in Livonia, Michigan before finally retiring from Franklin High School in Livonia, Michigan. She was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Michigan, and an avid reader. She loved the ocean and family vacations, especially to her summer home in Somerville, Maine which she and her husband built and lovingly shared with their children, grandchildren, extended family, and many dear friends. She valued education and encouraged, inspired, and supported students, family, and friends alike in any academic pursuit. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Frederick York; son, Gregory F. (Regina) York of Delaware; daughter, Linda Cook of South Lyon, Michigan; 10 grandchildren, Joshua and Trisha Cook, Maria, Katie, Gregory, Tina, Tommy, Susie, Bethy, and Johanna York; dear cousin, Rachel Johnson of Maine; very special "niece", Mary Beth Hennes Becker and her daughter Alexis Frances Becker of New York. She was preceded in death by her daughter Maureen Frances York and a brother Everett Williams. The family will receive friends on Thursday May 27th from 11:00 am until time of funeral services at 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan where the Rev. Carolyn Sue Wik will officiate. Graveside services will then be held on Saturday May 29th at 11:00 am at the Hallowell Cemetery, Hallowell, Maine. Rodman Neepner Funeral Home, 1510 W. William St., Delaware, Ohio 43015 is handling the arrangements. To share a memory of Frances or to offer condolences to the family, please visit: [www.rodmanneepner.com](http://www.rodmanneepner.com)



### JOHN TERENCE PARKS

May 25, 2010, Age 61. Former publisher of the Detroit Legal News, the Legal Advertiser, the Oakland Legal News and the Macomb County Legal News. Dear brother of Helen Parks Smith (Larry), Terrence (Judy), Edward (Gerri) and the late Joanne Parks. Uncle of Patrick Smith, Brendan Smith, Allison Parks, Amy Parks, Emily Parks, Brian Parks, Kathleen Parks Hoffman (Steve), Michael Parks (Megan) and Patrick Parks (Katie). Also 8 grand nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Thursday, June 3rd 4:30pm. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 3:30pm. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospital Integrative Medicine Fund, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or the Eagle River Bridge Fund, 7438 E. Main St., Eagle River, MI 49950. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 363-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



### RICHARD BRAUNREUTHER

Born on February 19, 1950, Richard spent the majority of his youth in Farmington Hills, MI. Even at an early age, Ricky made it a point to live life to the fullest. He'd push the envelope on any rule he was given, but always look back with a grin, as if to say that life is too short to always play by the rules. Unfortunately, life is too short. Ricky was taken from us on April 19th when he passed away peacefully in his home in Saginaw. He spent almost half his life married to Deborah Curylo and resided in Toledo, where they raised two sons. "Ricky B" became a common name in the automotive industry where he enjoyed sales, management and even doing radio commercials for dealerships around the region. Rick is survived by Deborah, his sons Chris and David, his daughter Amy (Greg) Hannevald of the Detroit area, and also by his parents, three siblings and countless family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a college fund for Ricky's youngest son, David. Contributions can be sent to Chris Braunreuther, PO Box 4154, Dublin, OH 43016.

### HELEN UNKEFER BUSH 1919 - 2010

Died May 21, 2010, in Sarasota, FL, at the age of 91. She was born in Winchester, KY, raised in Detroit, and graduated from Oberlin College in 1940. Helen met her husband, Merrill, in high school and they were married in 1941. Helen was an active member in several philanthropic organizations both in Detroit and Birmingham, MI. She spent nearly 45 summers at Walloon Lake, MI, and was a founding member of the Walloon Lake Art Group in 1954. A longtime resident of Sarasota, Helen resided at the Fountains at Lake Pointe Woods for the last nine years. She was a talented artist, a true lover of nature, and remained a vibrant individual with strong cultural interests and a keen mind. Her love and devotion to family were recognized by all. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merrill, in 1983; and is survived by her two daughters, Marilyn Morrow and Carolyn Duntley, and their husbands; four grandchildren, David Diltz, Karen Swift, Stephen Diltz and Cindy McKibben; and 10 great-grandchildren. Per her wishes, memorials may be sent to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy, P.O. Box 621, Petoskey, MI 49770.



### LAURICE WILLIAMS

Age 86, of Livonia, went home to be with the Lord May 20, 2010. Beloved mother of Barb, Phil, Ginette, Candy, Mike, and Steve. Loved and cherished by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of Odette Williams. Predeceased by her former husband Phillip, Son, Robert, and Sister; Marguerite Baum. Throughout her life, Laurice was always faithful to the Catholic Church. The things that gave her most joy was making sure that her children and grandchildren were happy, healthy and never (ever) hungry. We will all miss her warm heart, humor and infectious smile. Visitation was held Monday 2-9 p.m. with 7 p.m. Rosary at the Neely-Turoski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Instate was 10:00 a.m. Tuesday until time of funeral mass 10:30 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11300 Fairfield St., Livonia. Memorials to Salvation Army appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Gramer Funeral Home, 248.435.9010 [www.GramerFuneralHome.com](http://www.GramerFuneralHome.com)

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form.

### MAY 30-JUNE 2

**Lighthouse Worship Center**  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m., June 2  
Location: 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia  
Details: Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News anchor and host of the "Job Shop" is guest speaker. During his "Job Shop" segments on the news, Feldman offers advice on finding and landing a job.  
Contact: (248) 476-7933

### JUNE 3-9

**Canton Christian Fellowship Church**  
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6  
Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
Details: Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs \$4  
Contact: (734) 404-2480

### St. Robert Bellermine

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight  
Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
Details: Monthly Bethany Suburban West singles dance. Admission is \$10 which includes refreshments and a ree "Fox Trot" dance lesson from 15-8:15 p.m.  
ontact: (734) 261-5716.

### JUNE 10-16

**11th Community Church**  
me/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., tuesday, June 12  
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
Details: Outdoor sale; spots for t. The church will supply the area

and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church  
Contact: (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717

### St. Anne Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12

Location: 38100 Five Mile, Livonia  
Details: Rummage sale  
Contact: (734) 462-3200

### St. Dunstan

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m., silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m., starts at 6 p.m., June 11

Location: 1526 Belton, Garden City  
Details: "Slide into summer" silent auction with fellowship, food and fun; tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes buffet dinner  
Contact: (734) 425-6720

### Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12

Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia  
Details: Rummage sale  
Contact: (734) 421-1760

### JUNE 17-23

#### Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., June 19  
Location: 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting  
Contact: (734) 513-9479

### JUNE 25-30

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 26  
Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Details: Women in the Word ministry annual prayer breakfast with guest speaker Tara Jenkins; \$30 per person. Attire is dressy. The event colors are purple and white.  
Contact: [www.cantonccf.org](http://www.cantonccf.org) or (734) 404-2480

## ONGOING

### AWANA

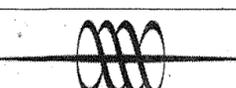
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
Contact: (248) 426-0096

### Breakfast

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, third Sunday each month, October through May  
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia  
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children  
Contact: (734) 261-1455

**Career workshops**  
**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
Time/Date: First and third Mondays  
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.  
Contact: (734) 422-6038

**Classes/study**  
**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**  
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5  
Contact: (248) 348-7600



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# Stay safe during grilling season

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds outdoor cooks not to forget about grill fire safety as the peak months for grill fires arrive.

Individuals with gas grills should take extra precautions. From 2003-2006, gas-fueled grills were involved in 81 percent of reported home grill fires and were involved in 6,400 home fires, including structure and outside fires. The leading cause of gas grill fires was a leak or break in hoses.

"Nobody wants to see their backyard barbecue go up in flames," stated Lorraine Carli, vice president of communications for NFPA. "There are simple measures that can be taken to avoid charring dinner and setting anything on fire."

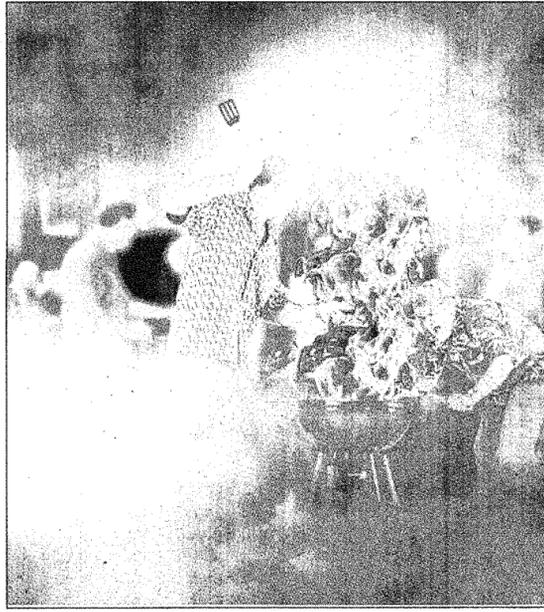
Although gas grills are used approximately one-and-a-half times more often than charcoal grills, they were involved in five times as many fires. Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,300, or 16 percent, of home grill fires. The leading cause of these fires were flammable items too close to the grill.

In 2007, approximately 9,600 people went to hospital emergency rooms because of thermal burns caused by grills. About one-third of the burns from gas grills happened while

lighting the grill. Gasoline or lighter fluid was involved in roughly one-quarter of charcoal or wood grill burns. Children under five accounted for roughly one-quarter of thermal grill burns. Most of these burns occurred when the child bumped or touched the grill.

The National Fire Protection Association offers the following grill safety tips:

- Use propane and charcoal grills in outdoor areas only.
- Make sure the grill is located well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area. Declare a three foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Use long-handled grilling tools to give plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Remove grease or fat build up from the grills and in trays below the grill so it cannot ignite.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- For gas grills:
  - Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose. If there is a propane leak, it will release bubbles. If you do find a leak and there is no flame, turn off



the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If it does not stop, call the fire department.

- If you smell gas at any point while cooking, get away from the grill immediately and call the fire department.
- Use only equipment with the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane gas tanks in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.
- For charcoal grills:
  - If you use a "charcoal

chimney" to start charcoal for cooking, use a long match to avoid burning your fingers when lighting the paper.

- If you use starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid and never add charcoal fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.
- Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquid to get the fire going.
- Keep charcoal fluid away from children and heat sources.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

For more safety tips, videos, facts and figures, and audio clips, please visit <http://www.nfpa.org/grilling>.

## NEW FACES

### AT KARMANOS

Dr. Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., FACOS, a certified surgeon, has joined the staff at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center's Farmington Hills treatment site. He will begin seeing patients on May 14.



Boorstein

Boorstein specializes in diseases of the breast, upper gastro-intestinal tract, colon and rectum and performs GI endoscopy, minimally-invasive surgery and lapa-

roscopic surgery.

He also has received several awards including the Mead-Johnson National Osteopathic Foundation Grant, Surgical Resident Trainer of the Year in 2007. He is a member of the teaching staff at DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital and has written articles for several medical journals.

The West Bloomfield resident is a member of the Michigan Breast Cancer Task Force and is an associate clinical professor of surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Boorstein received his medical education at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his post-graduate training at Botsford Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

The Karmanos Cancer Center in Farmington Hills is located at 31995 Northwestern Highway. It provides suburban patients with outpatient chemotherapy and radiation services, supportive care, physician consultations and laboratory services. To schedule an appointment with Boorstein, call (800) KARMANOS.

### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing. New staff members are:

- Mohammad Khalil, DPM, podiatry, located at 23822 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights.
  - Sayed Y. Zaidi, M.D., pathology, located at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.
  - Nsima M. Usen, DPM, podiatry, located at 23822 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights.
  - David M. Komarsara, D.O., emergency medicine, located at Garden City Hospital.
- For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, call the Physician Referral service at (877) 717-WELL or visit [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org).

# Beaumont tests fibromyalgia screening tool

Researchers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are seeking volunteers already diagnosed with fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis to participate in a research study. The purpose of the study is to assess the accuracy of a newly developed screening tool designed to assist physicians in the diagnosis of fibromyalgia. No current tool exists and fibromyalgia is a condition that is not easily diagnosed because of its potentially wide range of symptoms.

"Study participants will be asked to complete a one-page questionnaire with a researcher during a short, 10 minute inter-

view session," said Dr. Martin Tamler, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician and the study's principal investigator. "The researcher will be unaware of the interviewee's status with respect to having either fibromyalgia or rheumatoid arthritis, or neither of these conditions. Once interviews with all participants are complete, collected data will be statistically analyzed to determine if the screening tool accurately identifies participants with fibromyalgia."

Taking part in the study is completely voluntary. Those interested in participating in the study or who have questions can call the

research team at (248) 898-0161.

There are no direct benefits for participants, but information from this study may benefit other people now or in the future. There are no known risks to people participating in the study.

The Beaumont Research Institute has 430 investigators conducting more than 925 active laboratory and clinical studies involving 96,000 patients that are funded by government, foundation and commercial grants. The Research Institute has an average annual operating budget topping \$30 million.

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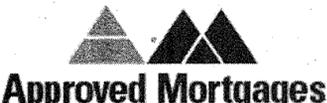
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