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School candidates

The Observer is featuring four more candidates who are campaigning for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in today's paper.

as part of its coverage of the Tuesday, May 3, school election.

See the responses of the final four candidates – Scott Davis, Harold Dunn, Charles Griffin and appointed incumbent Jeffrey Hayton – to questions asked by the Observer on Page A8.

Kindergarten round-up

Wayne-Westland Community Schools is inviting parents and their youngsters to "come and see what all the buzz is about" at its annual Kindergarten Round-up.

All 11 of the district's elementary schools will host a round-up for parents and children 9:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school and explore programs, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, receive registration materials and a free T-shirt, school supplies, and a backpack for youngsters.

For parents who can't make it during the day, school offices also will be open 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, so that you may register your incoming kindergartner. Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2011, in order to attend kindergarten.

Wayne-Westland currently offers all-day kindergarten at all of its K-4 elementary schools. For more information, call (734) 419-2083 or go online to wwcsd.net/kindergarten-round-up.

Library Board meets

A study session to review applications for the vacant post of director of the William P. Faust Public Library has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, by the Westland Library Board.

At a library budget study session Monday, the five board members were provided with a packet on the nine applicants for library director. The director position has been vacant since November when Cheryl Napsha left after more than three years to become director of the Provincetown, Mass., library.

Interim Library Director Marilyn Kwik was not among the applicants for the permanent job.

Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom. Include a photo of your mom or better yet you and your mom.

E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your first and last name, your hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours.

The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute to Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Grant helps Youth Assistance expand services

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Programs for at-risk Westland youths are getting a boost through a nearly \$1.5 million grant to be spent over three years.

The funding focuses on diversionary programs through Westland Youth

Assistance and a police youth bureau which will increase the number of referrals to the program.

"We will maintain our existing services but we are expanding and enhancing them. This takes us to the next level," said Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz. "We will hire three more case

managers. We'll be able to work more closely with kids and families. It's a great thing."

In addition to the caseworkers, the grant will also fund for a Westland police officer to be assigned to a youth bureau, pay a portion of the School Resource Officer position and provide expanded recreational programs for youths.

"There has always been a need for a Youth Bureau and this brings it to the forefront," said Westland Police Chief Alan Ramsden. "Our focus with the grant will be for us to up our referrals to the Youth Assistance Program. We will be able to more proactive."

The county-administered state grant comes through

CASASTART — the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows.

Youth Assistance has eight service components to provide for each child and family in the program, including social

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Order up!

Romanowski VFW Post continues long tradition of Lenten fish fries

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barbara Gucwa describes herself as not being a fish eater throughout her life until the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 started offering a fish fry some years ago.

"I came very week when we did the fish fries when the post was on Lonyo," said Gucwa, who was having a Lenten fish dinner at the current post located on Joy in Westland. "I'm taking fish home. My bachelor son will eat it cold tomorrow. He used to help out at the fish fries — that's how he starting eating fish."

A Detroit resident, Gucwa is president of the Romanowski Post Ladies Auxiliary and her late husband, Edmund, was a past post commander.

"I've been coming for the fish fry for as long as they've

had it. It's very good fish and the cole slaw is good, too," said Gerald Gennett, a Livonia resident. He's a member of VFW Post 3941 in Livonia but lives near the Romanowski Post.

Sponsored by the Men's Auxiliary, the fish dinners — fried or baked — are served 4-7 p.m. each Friday in Lent

wrapping up on Good Friday, April 22.

"When we first got a Men's Auxiliary, they wanted to do something each year to benefit the post so they do the fish fry," said John Welchman, post commander. "It's their way to make a couple of dollars. They help us and in turn, we help veterans — that's the bottom line."

With three to five people working in the kitchen and another two or three helping out front, Men's Auxiliary member Dave Banks said the more volunteers the better.

"We use however many people we can get. We're not quite as big as some of the church fish fries — they get parishioners who favor theirs — but we have a solid core of people who

come here all the time," said Banks, a Livonia resident. "We do more than 100 dinners each week for post members and friends. It's one of your biggest fundraisers."

After the fish fry on April 1, a free family game night will be held at 8 p.m. It's part of the post's efforts to attract a

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Kathy Coleman serves up dinner during the Lenten fish fry held

Friday evenings at the Romanowski VFW Post in Westland.

Canton resident Wanda McQueen and Diane McQueen of Livonia are served their fish dinners at the Sgt.

Police seek two women in reported wallet theft



A surveillance camera at Best Buy photographed this woman allegedly trying to use a credit card from a wallet reported stolen at Kroger Sunday afternoon.

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two women are being sought for stealing a wallet from a Westland Kroger store shopper and attempting to use a stolen credit card at Best Buy.

A Westland woman, 73, told police that while she was shopping at the Ford and Central City Parkway store about 4 p.m. Sunday when a woman approached her and asked about a product on the shelf. The Westland woman said she walked over to help

the other woman, leaving her wallet and purse unattended in the cart.

"When she got to the checkout, she had no wallet and thought she had left her wallet home," said Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano.

By the time the woman arrived home, Serrano said she received a call from the credit card company about suspicious activity on her card.

"The suspect was attempting to purchase a \$2,100 laptop at Best Buy (on

Central City Parkway near

Wayne Road). That was denied. There were multiple attempts to make purchases," said Serrano, adding that none of the purchases were approved.

Police obtained a photograph of the suspect attempting to use the stolen credit card at Best Buy. Serrano said the victim described the woman who distracted her to facilitate the theft as a tall thin black female, who had abruptly walked away after seeking assistance and left the store.

Police are in the process

of obtaining a photograph of the second suspect from Kroger store security video.

"We might be able to see the whole incident. The victim was specific about where and what time the incident happened," said Serrano, adding "You should always maintain control of your purse and wallet at all times."

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Serrano at (734) 722-9600.

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Proposed amendment would limit fund to support only K-12

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may not go to voters until the next statewide election in 2012, but Senate Democrats believe a proposed constitutional amendment will go a long way in upholding the promises made with Proposal A.

The proposed amendment

would guarantee money from the state's School Aid Fund is dedicated to K-12 education. It comes in response to Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal which would divert money from the School Aid Fund to higher education.

"This is one way to protect the School Aid Fund," said Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who supported the

measure. "It's been introduced because the governor is trying to raid the fund in a major way this year to spread money to community colleges."

Snyder has proposed cutting per pupil funding for K-12 schools by \$300 at a time when the School Aid Fund has a surplus and diverting

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Euchre Tournament

Time/Date: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday,

April 2

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9381 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Team Red, White and Blue is holding a euchre tournament to benefit Relay for Life. Entrance fee is \$20. There will be cash prizes, 50-cent euchres, free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, \$1 Jell-O shots and 50/50 raffle. Seating is limited and tickets are available in advance at the Legion Bar or contact a team member.

Bowling benefit

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, check-in is at 4 p.m.

Location: Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Enjoy some Cosmic Bowling and help Team AMVETS Post 171. Cost is \$20 of adults and \$15 for children age 13 and under for bowling, pizza and pop. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles and door prizes.

Creative Memories

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21

Location: AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Bring your friends and family and have some fun scrapbooking - traditional, digital, shop and make memories. Team AMVETS 171 will receive 30 percent of sales which will go toward the team goal for Westland Relay for Life. The event will be held in the club room and a cash bar will be available.

LPS board OKs \$2.24 million in building improvements

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school board has approved construction bids totaling \$2.24 million for improvements to the Churchill High School pool room, the Franklin High School gym and the Emerson Middle School heat control system.

It also approved a controversial change to its policy governing the disposition of real property and a two-year concessionary contract with 59 child care workers.

LARGEST PROJECT

The largest bid package, totaling nearly \$1.6 million, is for replacing the pool pump equipment and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the pool room at Churchill, plus replacing the

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unit ventilators in three classrooms.

Rod Hosman, director of secondary programs and facilities, said the improvements will reduce the humidity in the pool room, making it safer and last longer. "Even the doors rust out because of the moisture," he said. The new pump system will use ultraviolet light to sanitize pool water so less chlorine is needed, meaning students' suits won't bleach out as quickly. And, new energy-efficient overhead lights will be installed in the ceiling. Some painting and patching work will also be done in the pool room.

The three classrooms — the dance studio and two family living classrooms — will get

new unit ventilators that control the heating and cooling in the rooms, as well as new ceiling lighting like 70 classrooms at Churchill received last year.

At the Franklin gym, where the bid package totals \$565,770, the improvements include a new heating system, new lighting, a refinished floor and new lockers. At Emerson, the outdated controls for the entire building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system will be replaced. The bid total for that project is \$84,397.

The bulk of the work will be started and completed over the summer when classes are not in session, Hosman said. But contractors will get a jump start in early or mid-May on the Churchill project with plans to have the pool ready

for the start of the swim season in August.

All of the money for the construction projects will come out of the district's sinking fund. The board unanimously approved the bids.

SPLIT VOTE ON CHANGE

The board policy change governing the disposition of real property was approved 4-3, with Trustees Patrice Mang and Mark Johnson and board Secretary Rob Freeman voting against it.

"I don't think we should sell land and use the money for things that are disposable," Freeman said.

Vice President Colleen Burton said she voted for the policy change because the money would be used for long-term assets like capital equipment, not supplies like paper.

The board is expected to discuss the proposed sale of 5.5 acres of land to the Basilica of St. Mary Church for \$140,000.

The board also unanimously approved a two-year agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Livonia Community Education Association. The agreement, retroactive to July 1, 2010, and in effect until June 30, 2012, calls for a wage freeze and one less paid holiday. The agreement was ratified by AFSCME-LCEA members Feb. 15. The members work in child care at the Jackson Early Childhood Center and in before- and after-school child care programs at other buildings.

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FISH FRY

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broader section of the community.

"There used to be an old saying that you go to the VFW to hear war stories and drink beer," said Welchman. "We're not getting the vets. We're changing. We're making it more family-oriented."

The Sgt. Romanowski Post was founded in 1947 in Detroit and met in different locations — for the longest time on Lonyo in Detroit — before the move to Westland on Joy between Inkster Road and Middlebelt. With the majority of members being World War II era veterans, the post membership has been declining to the current 453 members.

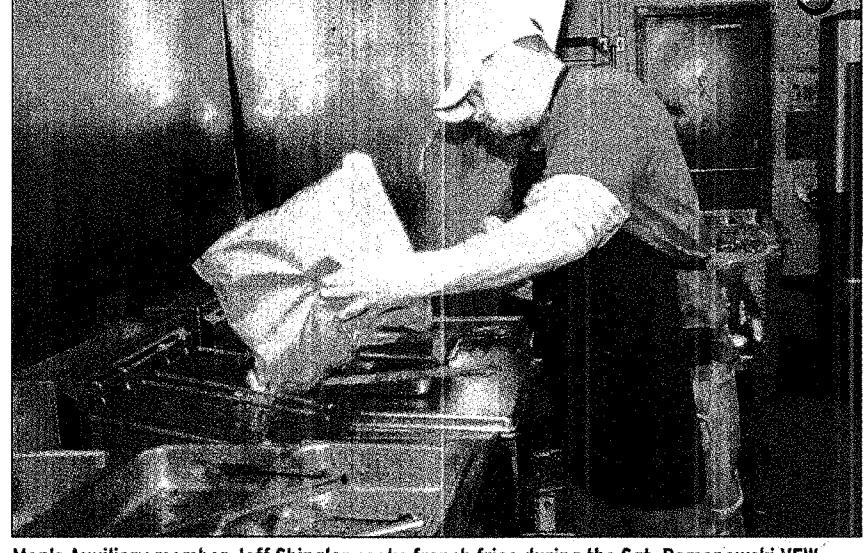
"We're looking for members — 85 percent of our members are World War II veterans. We expect to lose them in the next few years," said Welchman.

"At one time, we were the largest post in Michigan with over 2,900 members. I feel strongly that all posts should look at their membership and future membership. There may need to be some consolidation."

Upcoming is a Legends show and dinner Saturday, April 9. The post hosts monthly trivia nights — the next at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, April 16 — and in May will begin a new Monday car cruise night.

For more on the post activities, call (734) 525-9454 or go online to www.vfw6896.com.

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Men's Auxiliary member Jeff Shingler cooks french fries during the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 Lenten fish fry held Friday evenings.

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support/intensive case management, family services, education services, after-school and summer activities, mentoring, incentives, community policing/enhanced enforcement and juvenile justice intervention.

"What I really like about it

is that the case managers can also serve as mentors. Kids with mentors do better," said Motz. "If each case manager has 20 cases, that's 60 kids who can do better."

Youth Assistance is already providing weekly tutoring sessions for youngsters at the Bailey Recreation Center. The grant will also allow other supervised recreational activities to be set up, Motz said,

such as martial arts, other exercise programs and jewelry making.

"The great thing about this why Wayne County wants us to have this — there are cuts all over. They are putting more money into diversion to keep kids out of the court system," said Motz. "The most expensive part is when kids' behavior puts them out of the

community."

With earlier intervention, Motz said behaviors of at-risk youths can be addressed locally — more serious offenses involving larger quantities of drugs or guns can require removal from the community.

Having a Youth Bureau — something Westland police lost through attrition — will result in more investigation

into juvenile crime and as a result, more referrals to Youth Assistance, said Ramsden.

"The goal is to be more thorough in response to juvenile crime in the city and this allows us to do that," said Ramsden. "This will certainly refocus our enforcement efforts on juvenile."

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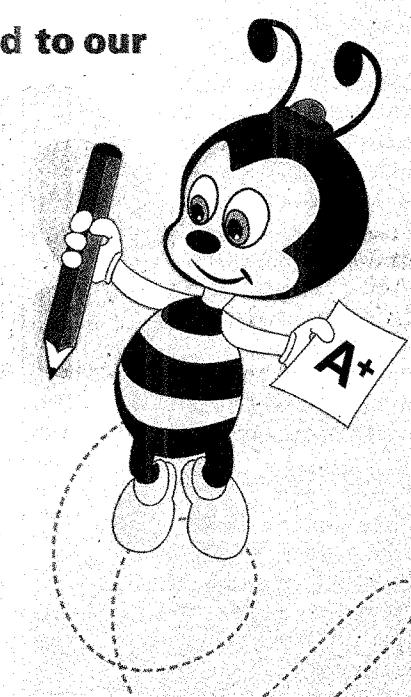
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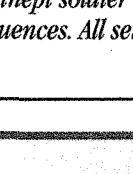


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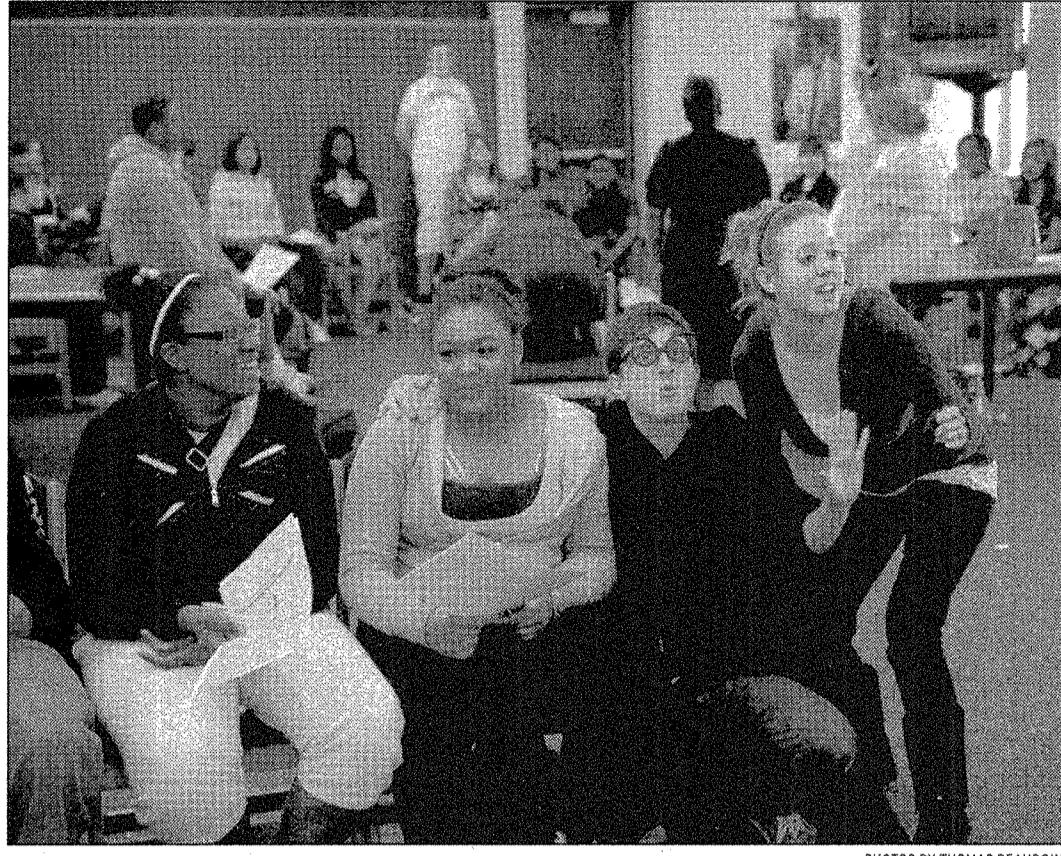
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Freshmen Aisha Salaam (from left) and Alexandra Bright get up close and personal with seniors Cody Buege and Jessica Pesenecker during the "Harry Potter" vs. "Twilight" skit.

Skits promote books to freshmen

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Hollywood had been casting the villain in a horror movie, Daryl Shahid would have gotten the part. Dressed in black from head to toe, the John Glenn High School senior rolled his eyes back in his head, wagged his tongue and warned freshman students about reading his books.

"If you read my books and are still alive by tomorrow, you've passed my test," he told them. "If you can't read anymore, I'll have your soul."

Shahid and fellow senior Adewale Daramola were among students who tackled the job of explaining literary genre to the freshmen as part of the second annual Reading Day in the high school media center.

The John Glenn Kick-Off Mentors as well as members of Sheri Grove's drama classes presented 11 different skits, covering genres from horror and fantasy to humor and mystery.

"We'd like to see check-outs increase in the library," said ninth-grade coordinator Deanna Strong. "We got a grant through Wayne RESA last year to encourage sustained reading. The kids did this and enjoyed it so much that they kept asking if we're doing it again, so we put it in as part of reading month."

The students picked the books and wrote the skits that they performed throughout the day for the ninth-grade English classes. The ninth-graders cycled through each skit and at the end were given time to check books.

While Shahid and Daramola kept their audience captivated with their looks and a casket that required some repairs near the end of the day, the fantasy group was going for looks with *Harry Potter* vs. *Twilight*.

Harry's shouts of "expecto patronum" didn't seem to phase *Twilight*'s Edward Cullen who struck a pose with Bella Swan and told the boy wizard, "That won't work here because we're hot."



Adewale Daramola (left) and Daryl Shahid scare the students with their skit about horror stories.

Across the way, Thing 1 and Thing 2 joined the other characters in *Cat in the Hat* to introduce the freshmen to humor.

"I think throughout the day we've gotten better, we're adapting to their humor," said Katie Moran, who played the Cat but without the hat.

The group, which included Jennifer Drum, Brooke Graham, Patrick Boda, Jake Ferguson, Allie Murphy and Allyson Shaker, spent five minutes brainstorming "It was like here's a genre, grab a book and make up a skit," said Murphy.

While their skit followed the Dr. Seuss book, it let their audience know that reading can "take you to other places than a boring house."

"It lets you explore your imagination," said Leila May.

When it comes to mystery, the students picked the best bone-loving sleuth they could find — Scooby Doo, who, with his two-legged pals, tried to figure out who killed the president while zombies tried to kill them.

"They seem to like, some of them even play a long," said Paul Porter.

"They seem entertained by it," added Jordyn Davis.

The group had a few days to pull the skit together, according

to Shannon Salisbury.

"When they come into the library, they don't think reading is cool, so our job is to show them that it is cool," she said. "They're definitely a hard audience."

While the students did their best to convince the freshman to read, senior Cody Buege was more specific.

"Clearly fantasy is the best section of the library," he told the ninth-graders.

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NOT INTENT OF VOTERS

According to Anderson, when residents voted in 1972 to create the Michigan Lottery and again in 1994 to pass Proposal A, they did so with the understanding that the funds generated by these measures would be dedicated to supporting public education. The governor's proposal to divert that money to fill a deficit in the state's General Fund budget is a clear strike against the intent of the voters.

"Proposal A primarily dealt with switching K-12 funding to a sales tax from property tax, I don't think it created this loophole," said Anderson. "Is this legal right now? There's still a constitutional question if school aid can be extended to community colleges."

"If these cuts takes place it will create an upside down situation for these school districts," he said. "I believe the governor looked at the numbers from the 40,000-foot view."

The proposed amendment would require a super majority — two-thirds — vote of each house to have it placed on the next statewide election ballot. Anderson believes it will pass both the Senate and House "overwhelmingly."

'ACCOUNTING GIMMICK'

State Sen. Bert Johnson, Detroit, said the budget proposal is the type of "accounting gimmick" the governor said he wanted to avoid, and is yet another example of this administration saying one thing and doing another.

"The citizens of Michigan have made it clear that they expect education to come first," Johnson said.

Senate Democrats also plan to host a series of town hall meetings throughout the state to seek input from Michigan's

families on their concerns and priorities for the state budget.

Anderson has been fighting to get adjustments in the governor's K-12 budget. If it passes as proposed, two school districts in his Senate district would use enhancement money they receive en lieu of millage not allowed when Proposal A took effect.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools would be the most severely hit school district in the state with elimination of the more than \$6 million payment along with the per pupil cuts and hike in the retirement costs. Estimates are that the district will lose \$1 million or \$1,150 per student.

The Garden City Public Schools would stand to lose more than \$700,000 in addition to the per pupil cuts and retirement rate increase. The per pupil loss would be \$953 per student.

"We don't want to be known as the state that cut education to the bone," Anderson said. "You can't try to turn this state around in one budget year."

"The citizens of Michigan have made it clear that they expect education to come first," Johnson said.

"It's really sad to see what's happening to education in Michigan," he added.

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Appr. grant app. from MDNRTRF for "Central City Park Restoration Plan" City's share \$200,000.00.
Adopted Ord. 254-A to amend Ch. 34, Art. II, Sec. 34-32 & 34-37 of City Code to amend definitions of annual shelter rent & mortgage loan and automatically return the development to tax rolls upon tax exemption expiration.
Intro. Ord. 255-A to amend Ch. 26, Art. XIII, Sec. 26-902(10) of City Code to provide for annual registrations & renewals for precious gems & metals dealers.
Intro. Ord. 192-A-3-C to amend Ch. 22, Art. VI, Sec. 22-131 & 22-132 of the City Code to adopt International Property Maintenance Code as amended.
42: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 3/7/11.
43: Set 5/2/11 as Public Hearing Date for Vacation of Water Main Easement, MJR Theater site.
44: Appr. Spec. Land Use for Scriptway Pharmacy, 1207 S. Wayne Rd.
45: Appr. amendment to YAP Contract as a result of Wayne County Grant Agrmnt.
46: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Country Court Apts.
47: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Westland Woods Apts.
48: Adopt. Prep. Res. to grant PILOT Program for Country Village Apts.
49: Appr. checklist: \$332,205.94 & Prepaid: \$3,894,874.28.
Mtg. adj. at 8:03 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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Armed robber takes cash from Check and Go store

Armed robbery

1 Garden City police are investigating an armed robbery at the Check and Go, 2083 Middlebelt, at 6 p.m. March 25.

The masked man, armed with a short shotgun, entered the store and demanded that the employees open the cash drawers and place all of the **GARDEN CITY** money in a bag.

During the commotion, one of the employees remembered that the outside of the bag said, "Thank You."

Before he fled in an easterly direction, the gunman told the employees, "Sorry that I had to do this but do what you got to do."

Canvassing the area, the police learned from an observer at the nearby McDonald's restaurant that the man got into the passenger side of a gold Chevy Malibu parked at the curb near the restaurant. The car had a large dent on the front driver's side fender.

Reviewing a store surveillance tape, the police said that the black man wore a blue canvas-style jacket, blue jeans and black tennis shoes with white soles and white toe caps.

Fires

2 A call to dispatch summoned the police and fire departments to a home in the 31000 block of Marquette about 5 a.m. March 27.

The wife admitted to starting a chest on fire after she and her husband fought about her "past."

When the officers arrived, they observed burnt "property" in the kitchen.

According to the police report, the woman was casually smoking a cigarette at the

kitchen table near two lighters and lighter fluid which she had used to light the fire. The police also observed broken dishes and glasses in the kitchen.

During the incident, the woman reportedly announced to her husband that she set a fire in the kitchen in order to destroy her "past."

He entered the kitchen to find a fire up to his knees. He walked through the fire in order to get to the kitchen sink where he used the sink sprayer to douse the fire.

The husband and his daughter retreated to a bedroom where his daughter called her mother to tell her what had happened at the home. The mother, who was elsewhere, called the police.

The woman who set the fire was arrested and her husband's burns were treated by the fire rescue team.

Her husband said he was in too much pain at the time to give the police a statement, but planned to do so later.

The police and fire department responded to call of a burning couch placed at the curb of a home in the 32000 block of Florence about 11:30 p.m. March 24.

During this time, the owner of the couch, a 39-year-old resident, returned home. She said that she is moving and has been placing items at the curb for people to take. She didn't know who or why anyone would start her couch on fire.

Stolen copper

3 A vacant home in the 5700 block of Helen was broken into sometime before 11 a.m. March 25.

A Westland woman said that she is in the process of moving

and found that an unknown suspect entered through a bedroom window and stole copper plumbing from the basement. The plumbing was valued at \$1,500.

A Real Estate One representative reported a break-in of a home in the 29000 block of Barton some time before March 22. Copper plumbing, valued at \$1,000 was cut and removed from the basement.

A new owner of a home in the 27000 block of Sheridan who had not yet moved in reported March 22 that someone broke in and stole a small portion of copper plumbing from the basement. The plumbing was valued at \$120.

The police said that there was no water damage. They found muddy boot prints in the home. One boot print measured 13 inches long and five inches across.

Theft

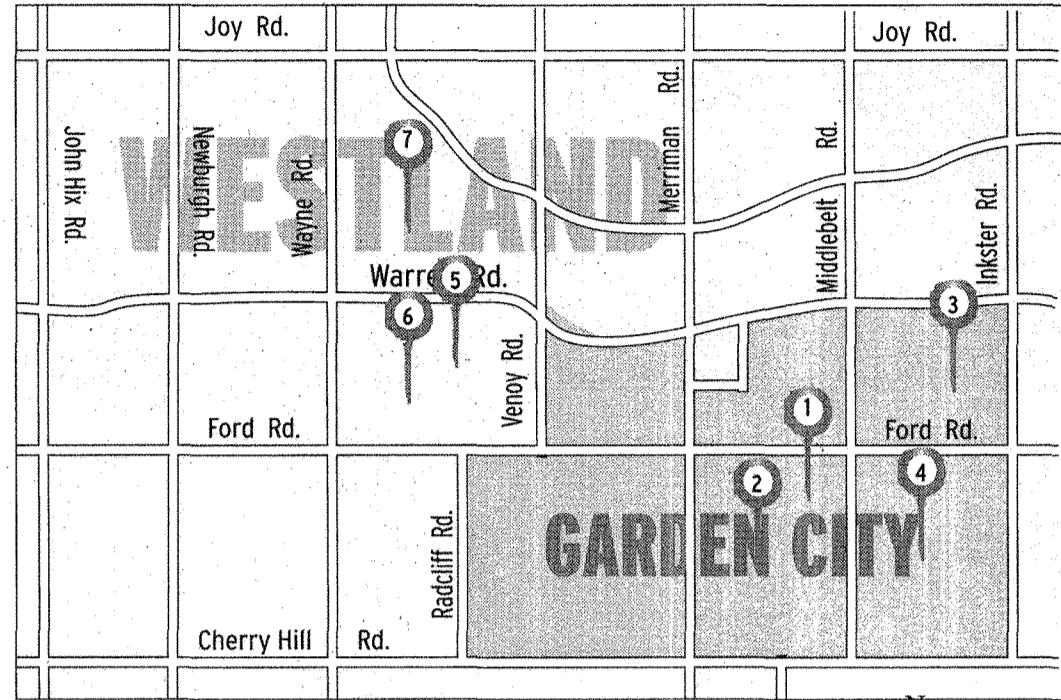
4 The owner of a 2008 Chrysler 300 found his vehicle damaged at 5:30 a.m. March 25 in the 29000 block of Bock. He said that the thief took a stereo and a GPS unit that was in the dashboard. He estimated the damage at \$2,570.

The owner of a 2006 Chrysler 300 reported that someone stole a stereo and a GPS unit from his car which was parked in the 29000 block of Beechwood March 25.

Stolen car

A Garden City man reported that sometime March 27, someone stole his 2001 Dodge Stratus that was parked in the driveway in the 500 block of Clair.

-By Sue Buck



Bogus job costs unemployed man \$20

Check fraud

5 A resident in the 34000 block of Sheridan told police March 23 that he is unemployed and found a website offering a job as a mystery shopper. He said he applied and was immediately hired by Shopping Spys as a mystery shopper. He was to evaluate a shopping experience at Kmart, J.C. Penney and Western Union.

The man said he received a \$2,950 check from which he was to receive a \$250 payment in advance of his work. The balance of the check was to be sent back to the company via Western Union.

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Instead, after the check was deposited, the man said he was notified by the bank that it was fraudulent. The man was charged \$20 for the bad check transaction.

Larceny

6 On March 28, a resident in the 500 block of North Hanlon told police that someone had stolen the rear bumper and tailgate from his 2001 Dodge Ram pickup truck while it was parked on the street. The missing items were valued at \$1,000.

Break-in

7 Police were called to the Petland store, 34610 Warren Road, March 23 when a witness reported the front door of the store had been smashed out. The officers reached in and unlocked the door to check the business as someone could have been inside.

The officer said it appeared the store was in the process of closing as there were no animals and no heat in the building although there was still merchandise. Officers were able to locate a telephone number for the store owner and left a message telling him the door need to be secured.

-By LeAnne Rogers

AROUND WESTLAND

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healinghearts.com.

Dinner-theater

Inspire Theatre will be serving up a heaping helping of Elvis when it presents

infant under 1 year old.

The shower will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Corps Community Center at 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served, and all moms will receive prizes and gifts. No children will be allowed at the event.

To reserve a seat, moms can call (734) 722-3660, Ext. 107.

Singles skate

Looking for a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun atmosphere? Look no further, come and enjoy a great night out at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. Singles Skate Night is every Tuesday 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Rates for residents are \$4 and non-residents are \$4.50. Skate rental is \$3. This event is for ages 18 and older. For more information, visit the city website at www.cityofwestland.com.

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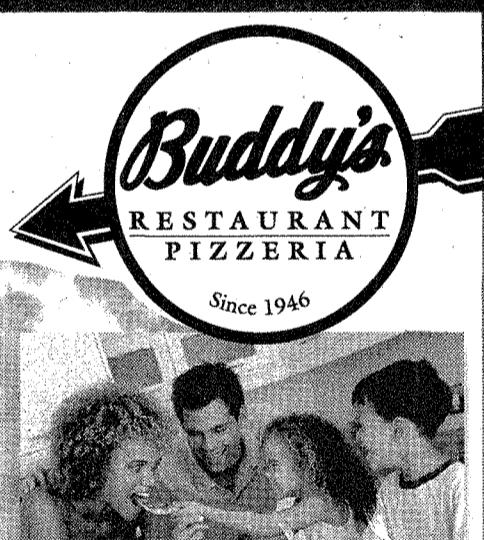
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Corey "Hippo" Rettino

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Business phone and/or website: (734) 727-4845, our website is under construction

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

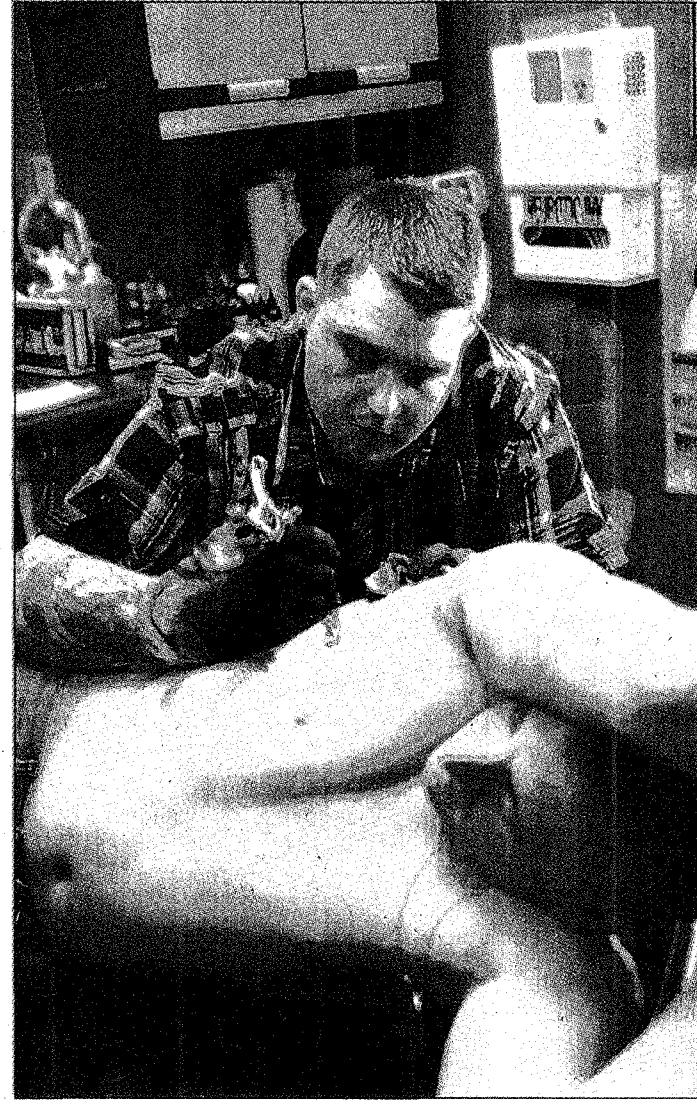
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Observer: Why did you choose Westland?

There was not a whole lot of competition in Westland and Ford Road is prime location for a prospering business.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

We strive to set our self apart from the average hole in the wall tattoo parlor. We decided that a clean sterile medical look would suit us best, plus the padded walls and strait jacket add a nice touch.



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Neurotic Ink manager and artist Corey "Hippo" Rettino works on a tattoo for Alex Pierpoint of Garden City.

We all had poor experiences in the industry, whether it be the pure lack of respect for the customer or just down right dirty, so we said enough is enough and decided we should run our own tattoo studio and

run it right.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share?

It astounds me that all of our artists have made a living hurting people ... and they pay us to do it.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Grand re-opening

Customers are finding a new look and a convenient new layout at the Westland Kroger at 200 S. Merriman at Michigan Avenue.

A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand re-opening of its 57,271-square foot store was held Wednesday, March 30.

The newly remodeled Kroger store features new fixtures, new shelving and equipment and a bright and cheerful décor. There's a variety of new amenities and services available, including a cheese island, soup bar and olive bar. The combined deli/bakery will offer a sandwich station and a hot and cold food combo case.

Other amenities include new meat and seafood service cases, with three new islands for fresh meat and frozen meat and seafood; a new wine and beverage area; and a Nature's Market natural and organic products department, located adjacent to produce. The produce department has been updated with new orchard bins, tables and a new island.

"The store underwent a major renovation that touched every department," said Stacey Goodell, Westland Kroger store manager. "The goal was to provide customers a pleasant shopping experience with a tremendous product selection offered at the right prices."

Shoppers will notice other updates, such as new check lanes and Uscans to speed the checkout process. The floral department, which is enhanced with new cases and a new cooler, moved to the front of the

store. Kroger also installed new lighting fixtures and energy saving control systems.

The store is open 6 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. Kroger's fuel center is open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call (734) 713-1122 or visit www.kroger.com.

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No purchase necessary. The contest is open to legal U.S. Residents 18 years of age or older (excluding Puerto Rico and U.S. Territories and Possessions). Contest Submission period ends at 11:59 p.m. April 30. Go to the Dairy Queen website, www.dairyqueen.com for rules and more information.

Achievement Award

St. Mary Mercy Hospital has been awarded the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement

Award. The award recognizes hospital's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment for at least 24 months, according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations.

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and St. Joseph Mercy Livingston were awarded gold and bronze recognitions, respectively.

"This recognition exemplifies our ongoing commitment to provide research-driven stroke care for patients in the communities we serve," said Todd Larson, director of Inpatient Rehabilitation at St. Mary Mercy.

To receive the Get With the Guidelines-Stroke Bronze Performance Achievement Award, St. Mary Mercy demonstrated 83 percent adherence in the Get With the Guidelines-Stroke key measures for 24 or more consecutive months. These include aggressive use of clot busting and blood thinning medications, cholesterol-reducing drugs, and smoking cessation.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and one of the leading causes of long-term disability. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds, someone dies of a stroke every three minutes, and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

For more information about St. Mary Mercy, please the website at www.stmarymercy.org.

at (734) 326-7222 for more information.

Also, circle Tuesday, April 19, on you calendar. That's when the Five Star After Hours Event will take place 5-7 p.m. at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Five Star events are joint networking opportunities between the Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Redford, Wayne and Westland Chambers of Commerce. There

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How to backup your electronics, data

Last month, users of Google's popular e-mail system, Gmail, experienced a service interruption. For one weekend — and, in some cases, longer than that — users lost e-mails saved in their inboxes, sent folders and more.

The service disruption came as a wake-up call to Gmail users, many of whom use the reliable service as a filing cabinet for important communication and documents.

Although only a small number of users were impacted by the snafu, the loss of service for even one weekend served as a reminder that not even technology giant Google is perfect. Computer and Smartphone users should regularly back up their information.

Here are a few inexpensive ways to keep your documents, e-mails, even multimedia safe and secure:

- E-mail backup: There are countless websites and programs that can help you back up the entire contents of your e-mail account, but none may be easier than Mozilla Thunderbird. In less than five minutes, users can configure Thunderbird to back up their Gmail, Hotmail or other e-mail accounts. The system essentially duplicates each file in your e-mail account, storing it in a secondary location. If your e-mail host goes down like Gmail did, your files will still be available.

- Google storage: If you already use Gmail and Google Docs, Google storage is another

option to store your larger files or large collections of files. Google offers 20GB of storage for \$5 per year up to 1TB of storage for \$256 per year. I wouldn't suggest storing 1TB worth of your life's collection of music, video and tax returns solely on Google, but the site does provide some peace of mind in case your computer and/or external hard drive goes down.

- External hard drives: You may already have one and, if not, you've likely heard of them. External hard drives are a terrific storage option for computer users who have multiple computers, or users who require more space than is available on their laptop. CNet.com offers comprehensive reviews for the best and worst external hard drives of all sizes. Don't have the money to purchase an external hard drive? You might already have one and not realize it. You know that expensive XBOX 360 or PS3 that you have lying around? It has plenty of storage — the PS3, for example, can have 250GB of storage per unit or more. It's not the most ideal place to store your music or video, especially if you only use it for gaming — but it is an economical option.

- DVDs, USB drives: If you only have a few files to save, burning them to a DVD or saving them to a USB drive are other options. Both types of storage are cheap and you can always save multiple copies of what you need on multiple USB devices or DVDs.

- Dropbox.com: Another online storage site that is ideal for storing files that are shared between non-networked computers or shared between multiple users. With dropbox.com

you can save, share and sync all of your folders. Dropbox.com and other online storage sites are ideal for, say, storing things between a work and personal computer.

- Backing up your Smartphone: While just about everyone knows about their phones removable storage (mini SD cards, or SD cards), do they actually back it up? Or do they complain about the difficulty of re-entering new numbers and downloading new apps when they get a new phone to replace the old one they dropped in the toilet?

Transfer your phone book and other secure information to your computer in case it ever breaks, gets lost or ends up in a body of water. From there you can even store it on a USB drive, an external hard drive, with Google or anywhere you please. For apps, BlackBerry even offers a site that keeps tracks of what you've downloaded and purchased in case you lose the copy on your phone. You can find out more at blackberryappworld.com.

Of course there are many other ways to secure your data and information. As long as you are using at least one information backup method, you won't have any problems the next time Gmail crashes or you accidentally drop your computer down a flight of stairs.

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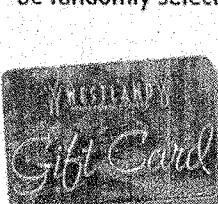
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EASTER ACTIVITIES**Easter Egg Scramble**

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16
Location: Westland Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road
Details: The Westland Jaycees in association with Westland Parks and Recreation Department will hold their annual Easter Egg Scramble for youngsters age 14 and under.

Contact: For more information, call the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620 or the Westland Jaycee Hotline at (734) 226-0400.

Bunny Brunch

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16
Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland

Details: The Westland Civitan Club and Westland Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast that includes a special visit by the Easter Bunny. The cost is \$3 for children ages 1-2 and \$5 for those age 3 and older. The meal includes homemade, hot off the griddle pancakes with butter, syrup, breakfast sausage, juice, coffee, tea and milk. Children are encouraged to make and wear an Easter bonnet or hat for their picture with the Easter Bunny. Bring your own camera for Easter Bunny portraits. Tickets are available at the Bailey Center.

Contact: For more information, call Donna Jensen at (734) 729-8075.

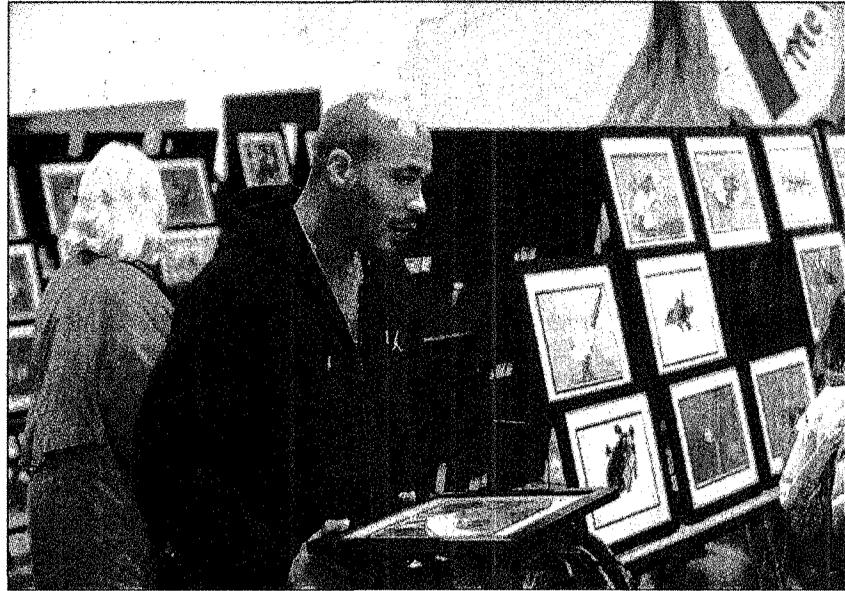
Easter Delight Night

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19
Location: Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland

Details: Kids ages 3-12 (children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult) will decorate their basket and make different types of Easter eggs. The cost is \$10 per child and includes all supplies included. The Westland Civitan Club has arranged for the Easter Bunny to visit briefly on his way to decorate his own eggs. Parents can bring their cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Pre-register at the Bailey Center by April 15. Supplies for projects will not be available, if youngsters aren't pre-registered.

Contact: Call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620 for more information.

Budding artists show off work at school fair



Art collector Tabarus Wilson goes shopping for a framed print done by his daughter Haven, a first-grader at Memorial Elementary 1/2 Campus.

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

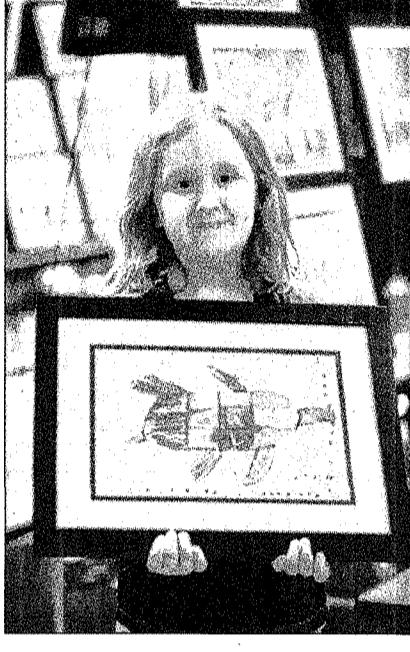
It wasn't quite like a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, but there was plenty of original artwork to behold when Garden City's Memorial Elementary 1-2 campus recently held a Student Art Fair.

Art "aficionados" packed the building for the show that was organized by art teacher Wendy Betway and ran concurrently with the school's book fair.

"The kids were so proud of their work," said Betway. "First- and second-graders can create some awesome art and to put a frame

around it is even better."

In her second year as an art teacher, Betway decided she was ready to take on an art fair. She worked with Kids Art Fair which provided frames and matting for the students' artwork. Parents had the opportunity to purchase the framed pieces at cost during the show.



First-grader Devon Collins is happy her mom bought her framed drawing of a turtle.

The students made four-five pieces of art. Some they chose, some Betway chose. The projects included crayon resist art in which the students used crayons and chalk to create designs, an arm of batik, using Kosher salt to create patterns in the paint.

The youngsters also used tissue paper, watered down glue and tem-



First-grader Jenna Preece admires her work displayed at Memorial Elementary's recent Student Art Fair.

pera paint to make snowman collages.

"We also did cutouts like Matisse in primary and secondary colors," Betway said.

Besides seeing the artwork framed, Betway was pleased to see the crowds at the show.

"It made me feel good to have a lot of parent volunteers, I was touched,"

she said.

The success of this year's art fair has Betway thinking about doing it again. However, it may be every other year.

"The one thing with an art class is that you can make a student feel successful," she said.

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Davis: Hold Lansing accountable for funding

Scott Davis is campaigning for a seat on the Wayne-Westland school board because he wants to "serve my community and offer my expertise to the district." As a parent, former educator and business leader in the


community, he believes he brings a lot of experience to the table that can benefit the district and help it through the challenging times ahead.

"I am the best candidate for this position because I am not a career politician," he said. "I am a concerned parent and citizen and I can bring a different perspective on how to work through the financial challenges facing the district."

He describes himself as "a proven business leader" who is always challenged to "think outside of the box" when it comes to solving issues, especially budget and cost saving issues. As a former educator, he is always putting students and their needs first, he said. And as a father of two school-aged children, "I have a vested interest in the quality of my children's education."

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is facing severe financial problems. As a school board member, what ideas or proposals do you have to cut costs and save the district money?

Due to the financial hardships facing Wayne-Westland Community Schools, the district is forced to operate differently. We must reduce expenses by performing a detailed spending analysis. We must also work together with all employee groups for cost saving measures while maintaining relationships. And lastly, we must carefully scrutinize how every dollar is being spent. This all must be done without compromising the integrity of the student's education.

Observer: A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of "putting more money in the classroom" and how would you accomplish that? Please be specific.

Putting more money in the classroom means to hold our legislature in Lansing

SCOTT DAVIS

Age: 42

City: Westland

Employment: General manager of Value City Furniture of Westland

Family: Married and father of two students enrolled in district, one at Graham Elementary, one at Stevenson Middle School

Education: Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1986, bachelor of arts degree in secondary education from Eastern Michigan University

Community Involvement: PTA member and school volunteer, business sponsor for John Glenn High School football and basketball teams for past five years

accountable to how funding is allocated for education.

The quality of our student's education cannot be compromised due to budget cuts. It's not unreasonable to expect that a large portion of the money spent on our public school system should directly benefit students. As a school board member, I will urge our lawmakers to stop tapping into public education funds as a means to balance other state debts. I will work at convincing all parents in the district to contact their legislature to do the same.

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools faces the loss of more than \$14 million, if the governor's budget proposal is approved as presented. What steps do you believe need to be taken to handle the revenue losses? Please be specific.

Obtaining a balanced budget is not going to be an easy task given Governor Snyder's proposed cuts.

Adding to the problem is the ever-looming housing crisis that has affected more than just homeowners. The loss of revenue from fewer and lower taxes being collected has already had a negative impact on our schools. The district must look at every dollar being spent, cut unnecessary spending, and work together with the employee groups to share in the sacrifices that are necessary for the district to operate. We owe it to our students and our community to operate effectively in these

difficult financial times.

Observer: What do you see as the positives about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools? What are the negatives?

Positives: We have great teachers, administrators and staff in our buildings. In my experiences as a parent, they have all exhibited an unwavering commitment to educating our students and preparing them for the future. Our buildings have state-of-the-art technology that the students need in order to be competitive in society. The district has a proven track record of being able to make difficult decisions and changing with the times. Wayne-Westland has already consolidated operations and closed buildings to save money.

Areas for improvement: Maintaining relationships with all employee groups, focusing on necessities, and continually working toward improving parent involvement.

Observer: Is there anything that you believe school officials could do differently to help the school district? If so, what would it be? If not, why?

Things school officials could do differently: Work diligently with parents and urge them to contact the legislature in Lansing about rethinking the proposed budget cuts. Because of the "Wayne-Westland language" attached to Proposal A, the funding cuts being suggested for us are the most drastic of all districts in Michigan. I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't receive any budget cuts, everyone needs to make sacrifices during difficult times. I'm suggesting that our lawmakers really take a close look at how severely the proposal is affecting one district vs. another.

Observer: What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

My main goal as a school board member is to provide our children an excellent education that prepares them for the future. I also want to make our community an attractive choice to potential new residents by having excellent, sought-after schools. I am confident I am the right person to help the district through the difficult times ahead and I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and taking on the challenge.

Charles "Trav" Griffin believes his experience is what sets him apart from candidates in Wayne-Westland's May 3 school election.

He has served as the treasurer of the Wayne-Westland school board, served on the Westland City Council and as mayor of the city and has been an MEA Uniserv Director, during very tough economic times. That he said has served "to teach me just how important it is to have actual experience when dealing with these budget shortfalls."

Griffin is seeking one of two four-year terms in the May election. He said it is "merely a continuation of that involvement and my lifelong passion for quality public education."

"I believe having a thorough understanding of school district finances will be an asset to me in weathering this storm with a minimum disruption to our core curriculum," he said.

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is facing severe financial problems. As a school board member, what ideas or proposals do you have to cut costs and save the district money?

The bond issue passed by the voters addressed the district's technology needs quite well and placed us in a position where we can now capitalize on our extensive technological infrastructure. Moreover, I believe the future holds a greater role for technology in the classroom, irrespective of current financial constraints and now serves as an asset to be utilized to improve scores and reduce costs.

Observer: A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of "putting more money in the classroom" and how would you accomplish that?

Griffin: Experience prepares him for board

a school district wants to avoid because it reduces the one-on-one time between teacher and student.

I think the proper application of our technology assets can improve our results by providing students requiring more personal attention the time they need while students with a greater grasp of the subject matter can forge ahead at their speed thereby providing every student an equal opportunity.

Observer: What do you see as the positives about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools? What are the negatives?

We are in a strong position on several fronts. First and foremost is our community involvement. When a board member recently resigned from the board over a dozen citizens applied, which is a strong indicator of an involved citizenry and a healthy school district. Secondly, we have taken very good care off our school district buildings and equipment so we have no massive repairs to deal with. Third, our communities continue to offer quality housing that will continue to attract young families to our district. One negative is while our teachers do a great job of communicating with parents, the board must adopt better procedures for informing the public about ongoing board-level issues.

Observer: Is there anything that you believe school officials could do differently to help the school district? If so, what would it be? If not, why?

They need to improve communication to parents.

Observer: What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

My main goal is to make sure our budget shortfalls do as little disruption as possible to the students' classroom experience and quality of education. This will be accomplished by prioritizing spending and focusing on classroom instruction.

Dunn: Vows to hold line on taxes

Harold Dunn is no stranger to the elective process. A member of the Constitution Party, he is making his first bid for a seat on the Wayne-Westland school board, after campaigning for a variety of elective offices since 2000.


The Westland resident said that, if elected, he will represent the citizens of Wayne and Westland and vows to hold the line on taxes.

"Since times are tough and are not expected to get much better for some time, I will not agree to any tax increase," he said.

Dunn is among six candidates vying for two four-year terms on the Wayne-Westland school board. He believes that as a retiree, he will "have the time to investigate the problems myself, which I feel is a major benefit."

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is facing severe financial problems. As a school board member, what ideas or proposals do you have to cut costs and save the district money?

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy has determined that the state of Michigan has a gap between what private-sector workers and public-sector employees receive in benefits that amounts to \$5.7 billion annually.

Bringing this disparity into balance without cutting

HAROLD DUNN

Age: 79

City: Westland

Employment: Retired automotive engineer from Ford Motor Co.

Family: Married, he and wife Sharon have seven children and 18 grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University, master of science degree in automotive engineering from the Chrysler Institute

Community Involvement: Active in the Constitution Party, formerly the U.S. Taxpayers Party, he has been a candidate for a variety of elective offices, including the Westland City Council.

a single program, lowering anyone's wages or laying off a single employee is one way to help.

Observer: A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of "putting more money in the classroom" and how would you accomplish that? Please be specific.

I do not agree with this proposal at this time. **Observer:** The Wayne-Westland Community Schools faces the loss of more than \$14 million, if the governor's budget proposal is approved as presented. What steps do you believe need to be taken to handle the revenue losses? Please be specific.

Many school boards around the state are attempting to renegotiate current contracts or negotiate new ones with their local teachers unions to contain costs. And this is the approach I would propose essentially the employee benefits that are way more than the public can obtain.

Observer: What do you see as the positives about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools? What are the negatives?

I attended my first school board meeting March 14 and found nothing but positive approaches.

Observer: Is there anything that you believe school officials could do differently to help the school district? If so, what would it be? If not, why?

Yes! I would recommend the school board contact the Mackinac Center and solicit their help with financial problems.

Observer: What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

My main goal would be to balance the budget with the expected cuts from the state government without any deduction of current school operations. Again, the Mackinac Center has suggested many different proposals to many school boards that cut costs without cutting operations, so I would recommend investigating these proposals. I am currently a member of this organization, so I will be able to obtain what is needed in information.

Jeffrey Hayton's interest in serving on the Wayne-Westland school board position stems from having two children in the district.

Appointed in February to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of longtime board member Martha Pitsenbarger, Hayton is seeking a full four-year term in the May 3 election.

"The ongoing financial situation will require careful cuts to ensure that we do not reduce the quality of education or inadvertently make our financial situation worse," said Hayton, a quality assurance analyst. "I believe my work experience in reducing costs through process improvement and contract administration will be helpful in finding methods to reduce spending without adversely affecting education."

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is facing severe financial problems. As a school board member, what ideas or proposals do you have to cut costs and save the district money?

Identifying specific cuts will require input from parents, teachers, administration and other affected groups. I expect that many ideas will come directly from teachers and other "front line" employees who are in the best position to identify activities which are costly but do not contribute educational value

for our students.

Observer: A lot has been said about putting more money in the classroom. What is your definition of "putting more money in the classroom" and how would you accomplish that?

Please be specific.

"Putting more money in the classroom" is about allocating a higher percentage of our budget into core educational activities. This requires spending less in non-core educational activities, such as administrative and maintenance costs.

Observer: The Wayne-Westland Community Schools faces the loss of more than \$14 million, if the governor's budget proposal is approved as presented. What steps do you believe need to be taken to handle the revenue losses? Please be specific.

We need to continue to put steady but firm pressure on Lansing (not just from the school board but from parents and teachers as well) to provide adequate funding to our schools.

JEFFREY HAYTON

Age: 41

City: Westland

Employment: Quality assurance analyst with the State of Michigan

Family: Married and the father of two children

Education: Master of business administration degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working on a master of public administration degree

Community Involvement: Assistant Boy Scout leader

Because our revenue is tied to student count, we must make sure that when we make spending cuts that those cuts do not result in a losing students ... saving a nickel but lose a dime.

Observer: What do you see as the positives about the Wayne-Westland Community Schools? What are the negatives?

Our classrooms are staffed with excellent teachers and para-professionals. We have a terrific curriculum which a good mix of academics and extracurricular activities that prepares our students for college and work after graduation.

There are opportunities to improve communications with parents.

Observer: Is there anything that you believe school officials could do differently to help the school district? If so, what would it be? If not, why?

We need to look at adding alternative funding methods to supplement the per pupil funds received from the state.

Observer: What is your main goal, if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it?

A critical goal is to improve communication and increase parental involvement. Using web technologies, I believe we will be able to share information in a more usable fashion. For example, our budgets are not always easy for the public to follow.

The information should be presented in a way that is simple but detailed enough that parents can see precisely how programs are funded and the expenses that are associated with them.

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Swing into Spring

Time/date: 6 p.m. Friday, April 8

Location: St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman in Livonia

Details: The New Hope Center for Grief Support is hosting its "Swing into Spring" benefit Friday, April 8. Appetizers begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Chuck Gaidica, WDIV meteorologist, is the emcee. The event features auctions and live music. Tickets are \$40 each (cash bar not included) and must be purchased in advance. Casual summer attire required. Proceeds benefit grief support services at the center.

Contact: Register on-line at www.newhopecenter.net or call (248) 348-0115.

Volunteers needed

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week. Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching, and social opportunities are available as well. The next new volunteer is fast-approaching, and will take place at the office in Canton.

Contact: Call Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, at jgalat@cchnet.net or 888-983-9050 to apply for an interview.

Crafters wanted

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

Location: St. Damian Parish, 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for its Spring Craft show. Cost is \$25 per table.

Contact: Call (734) 421-6130 or send an e-mail to cjneilus@att.net for more details.

American Legion

Time/date: 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Location: Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: American Legion Westland Post 251 meets at the VFW hall the first Tuesday of each month. The post welcomes all veterans male and female who have been honorably discharged.

Contact: Bill Acton at (734) 326-2607, Ron Nickels at (734) 455-3415 or visit the website at www.post251.org.

Fish fry

Time/date: 5-8 p.m. every Friday

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia

Details: Dinners cost \$8.95 per person.

Contact: For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Fish Dial-A-Ride

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers.

Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

Earth Angels

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9-11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9-12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangell1986@comcast.net

Higher Rock Cafe

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Location: Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland

Details: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

Contact: www.tsa.higherrockcafe4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December)

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland

Contact: Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

Westland Rotary

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Salvation Army, 2300 S.

Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome.

Contact: Mary at (734) 729-5401

Writing Group

Time/date: 7 p.m. the second

Wednesday of every month

Location: Wayne Public Library,

3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

Details: The Story Circle Network is made up of women who want to explore their lives and souls through life-writing, writing that focuses on personal experience through memoirs and autobiographies, in diaries, journals and personal essays. Participants should bring a notebook or laptop computer to each meeting to spend some

time writing, and for those who are comfortable doing so, sharing their writing. Membership in Story Circle's National Network is optional. Participation in the group is free.

Contact: www.storycircle.org or send an e-mail to shepny@yahoo.com

Toastmasters

Location: Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

Details: Toastmasters provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

TOPS 869

Time/date: Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland

Details: The group is for people age 18 and older.

Contact: The group which meets on Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

TOPS M128

Time/date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, Westland

Contact: Pat Strong at (734) 326-3539 or Mary Lowe at (734) 729-6879

Garden City Dems

Time/date: 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (September through June)

Location: Room 5 of the Maplewood Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Contact: Billy Pate at (734) 427-2344

Citizens for Peace

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second

Tuesday of each month

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079

In Harmony

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: For men interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting

Contact: call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal

Veteran's Haven

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: (734) 728-0527

ORDINANCE NO. 254-A

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Silver Strings Dulcimer

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass.

Contact: (734) 482-2902, <http://geocities.com/sddsociety>

Garden City Kiwanis

Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary

Time/date: 12 noon Thursdays

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

Habitat for Humanity

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

Contact: (734) 459-7744

Annapolis Retirees

Time/date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month

Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne

Details: All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Garden City Amateur Radio Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio.

Contact: Ben (W8AAA) at (734) 425-2629

Garden City Lions

Time/date: 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events

Contact: Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382

GC Garden Club

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the third

Tuesday of the month

Location: Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events

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OUR VIEWS

Census data Work by count committee pays off for city

With the release of some of the data collected in the 2010 Census last week, the feeling in Westland obviously is one of relief. The city lost population, but the 3 percent drop isn't as bad as it could have been, all things considered.

In fact, it could have been worse — a lot worse — especially with what the city and state have been through for most of the past decade and especially since 2008. Foreclosures and layoffs have taken their toll on the state and the city, but somehow the spectre of a mass exodus of people from Michigan isn't reflected in the Census numbers.

It's obvious that the time effort the committee put in preparing for the count paid off. When it comes to numbers, Westland fared better in the count than some of its neighbors like Wayne and Garden City which saw their populations drop by almost 8 percent and Livonia which lost 3.6 percent.

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More than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year based to a large extent on the results of the U.S. Census. Besides affecting the total federal funding received by the community, data collected in the census is used by the state and local governments to determine exactly how that money is used. By keeping the population loss at a minimum, the city gets to hang on to more of that money.

The most telling part of the Census data released last week is the makeup of the population. Thompson attributed the change to an aging population. The city saw the size of a household go from 2.5 residents to closer to 2 and that may be indicative of the families who have had to leave the city and the state to find jobs or have had to move in with relatives to get by.

We would like to thank the Complete Count Committee for the hours it devoted to getting people to respond to the Census. It's an effort that will continue to pay dividends for Westland during this decade. We hope that the committee's work will become a blueprint for the next Census count in 2020.

And we also hope that in 2030 we will be reporting on a Michigan that has successfully reinvented itself and reversed the population losses we've experienced.

COMMUNITY VOICE

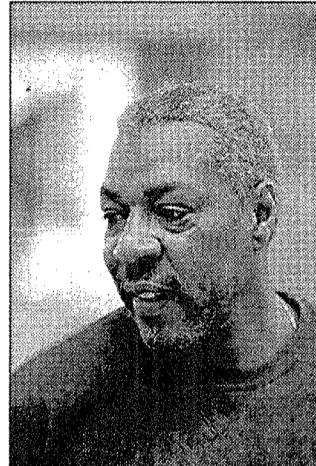
It's baseball season. How well do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



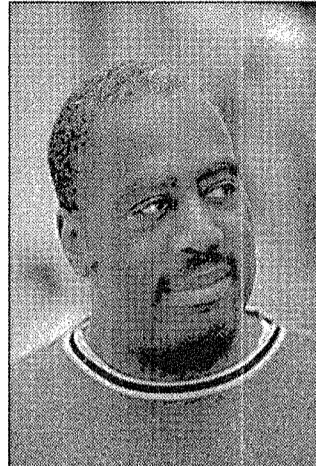
"I hope they do better than last year. They've been doing better in spring training."

Nancy Tripp
Garden City



"It's hard to say. Yes and no, it'll depend on what September looks like."

Cal Baber
Westland



"I think they're going to do well. They have a good team and it looks like they'll be successful this year."

Minister Clifford
Gannaway
Canton



"They sound good so far. We'll have to hold on to that thought."

Cynthia Breisch
Livonia

LETTERS

Governor sets kids up to fail

I am writing to let you and everyone of your readers know of the potential devastating effects Gov. Rick Snyder's State Education Funding Act would have on our schools. I know almost everyone has heard Gov. Snyder is making cuts to our schools. What I am very sure of is though the potential devastating effects this would have on our schools.

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, there could be an up to \$1,150 per pupil loss of revenue! How does Gov. Snyder expect any school district to sustain a loss this huge? Does Gov. Snyder really believe the same quality of educational programs would not be affected? This loss of revenue would be beyond devastation to our schools.

A loss of over \$1,000 per pupil would most certainly set every child up for failure. It would be increased classroom size, layoffs, loss of bus service, loss of programs such as gym, art, drama, just to list a few of the cuts that would most definitely be made. Gov. Snyder should look to the future of our Great State of Michigan. Our future IS our children. By NOT providing them a proper education we most certainly set them up for failure.

I am urging every single parent, grandparent, concerned citizen to write to your state legislators, to write to Gov. Snyder. Tell each and everyone of them how you feel about Gov. Snyder setting every single child up for failure. As a mother I am not willing to accept failure for my children. Do not balance the budget on the backs of our children.

Julie Briese
mother, Westland

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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School Aid for colleges, too

I wanted to take the time to clear up a couple of misconceptions that certain individuals may have regarding the School Aid Fund and any allocation of its surplus to "other" areas.

When Proposal A passed, it was clear by the overwhelming support behind it that voters wanted to have a steady source of revenue that could be dedicated to education. There has been nothing that has occurred in the past fiscal year that would be contrary to that desire and the governor's current proposed budget does not appear to contradict that either.

The first misconception that people have is that the School Aid Fund is only limited to K-12. There

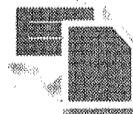
was no language in the ballot proposal or currently in the State Constitution that would indicate this to be the case. The language refers to "school districts" and "higher education." Community colleges should be included in the definition of "higher education." For example, if the governor's proposed budget states that he is going to use a certain amount of money from the School Aid Fund to help community colleges, this would not contradict the State Constitution. Any argument that would exclude community colleges would be quite contradictory to the general purpose of any education funding, that being the necessary education of our young people. To exclude community colleges, which tend to serve a different part of the population than do four-year educational institutions, would greatly restrict access to a public benefit of which the community greatly supports.

The second misconception is that money was directed to "other" areas in FY 2010. During that fiscal year, the School Aid Fund had a \$208 million surplus. The Legislature, with support from the governor, approved a measure to direct those funds toward community colleges. To think those funds went anywhere but education is completely false.

As someone who has greatly benefited from a community college, I struggle to understand why certain individuals would express support for all public educational institutions except community colleges. Those institutions are allowed access to the School Aid Fund just like every other public school.

Alexander Steward
Livonia

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

The issue: Westland census figure

The information in this article is wrong. Westland is still the 10th largest CITY in Michigan. It was the 19th in the 2000 census and 2010 census.

If ranked with TOWNSHIPS and CITIES, Westland was 11th in 2000 and now 12th in 2010.

Canton Township replaced Westland in the 11th spot as everyone would have predicted.

BUT, Westland is still the 10th largest incorporated municipality and has held its own when you look at the full list of cities and townships.

Clinton township passed Westland back in 2000 to move them from 10th overall to 11th.

So, there was no drop in CITY rankings and only a ONE position drop (NOT 10th to 12th) if you were to rank them overall with townships.

[analyticthinker](#)

The issue: Mayor to unveil budget

Hmm... I wonder if anyone in the Mayor's inner circle will get laid off? Lol! Yeah right! Maybe this Mayor should take a pay cut from his 6 figure salary to maybe save some jobs. Nah... he won't. He is really only concerned with his and his "followers" futures. All you have to do is look at the hiring they have done in the past few years of people with NO experience in the job they were hired for. And why are we paying a "deputy mayor" \$80 grand a year? The comment about layoffs is laughable from someone making that kind of money.

[thetruthhurts13](#)

MSU, Mott Foundation team up to reinvent Michigan as a land of great learning

BY TOM WATKINS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Go Green!

Sorry, this column is not about Sparty basketball or football. It is about something much more important — our collective future.

Michigan does not need any prime donnas but will benefit from the expanding mission of Prima Civitas foundation (PCF).

"Prima... what," you ask? Prima Civitas Foundation (www.primacivitas.org)

The PCF is a community economic nonprofit that is working to build a new, sustainable economy for Michigan. The PCF began as a regional Lansing area foundation that is taking its mission statewide.

Knowledge, creativity, innovation and globalization will be a moving force as the second decade of the 21st century unfolds.

The revised PCF exists, "to create,

facilitate, and bridge the network that is necessary for local, regional, and state growth in today's knowledge-based economy. Partnering with four year universities, community colleges, intermediate school districts, local economic development groups, workforce development agencies, and other local and regional partners, PCF seek to bring about foundational change to the culture of Michigan's economy, while stimulating activity for job creation and retention."

The leadership comes from Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon and the C.S. Mott Foundation. The new statewide mission is to tap knowledge to assist communities and business transition and grow in our hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, knowledge economy where ideas and jobs move around the world effortlessly.

Steven Webster, MSU Vice President for Governmental Affairs, becomes the new CEO of Prima Civitas. He will retain his key role in government relations for the university, replacing former CEO, David Hollister who has been an

innovative spark for the region and state for decades. Mayor Hollister will now serve as a senior vice president and senior adviser to PCF. The new President, Michael Brown, a former interim mayor of Flint, will retain his leadership role at the Flint Area Reinvestment Office, a regional economic development agency working to revitalize Flint.

MICHIGAN LOVES GREEN

The expanded role of PCF is good for Michigan as we adjust to the new normal, finding ways not to simply survive, but to lead change and thrive in the knowledge economy.

Leadership matters. As they have since their founding, once again Michigan State University and the C.S. Mott Foundation have stepped up to the challenges facing Michigan.

Expect good things to happen as PCF takes its mission statewide.

Tom Watkins is former state superintendent of schools, state mental health director and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla. He is a proud MSU grad. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com

Caregivers offered coping skills, support at program

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Millie Dallacqua of Redford cares for her husband of 58 years, John.

John, 87, has dementia, but no other physical problems, and lives at Woodhaven Retirement Community in Livonia.

"I'm blessed still to have him," she said. "I never think of it as a challenge. I know he would do the same for me."

The couple has six children and 10 grandchildren. "It used to be 24/7," she said of her caregiving. "I do see him (now) every day."

She's pleased with his care, which also includes Angela Hospice although he's not terminally ill. "It's just another set of eyes, another set of hands," Dallacqua said of hospice.

She was among the attendees Thursday, March 24, at a "Candles of Caring" program presented by Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and Adult Well-Being Services. The afternoon program drew some 40 people to the Redford Township District Library.

"I thought it was wonderful," Dallacqua said of the program, which featured a series of speakers and interludes of harp music by Christa Grix. "Very comforting."

Among the speakers was Dr. Hubert Huebl of Dearborn, a retired Oakwood surgeon who teaches medical students at Wayne State University. He's a past state president and current Dearborn affiliate president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"I have a family member that's had serious mental illness," he said prior to the program.

Professional caregivers can be more emotionally detached, Huebl said, but that's hard for family members. He praised forums like Thursdays, with both sponsoring groups offering support group settings for caregivers.

CARE PARTNER BILL OF RIGHTS

- The right to say no.
- Do what is needed, not all that is wanted.
- The right to feel a full range of emotions.
- You have a right to your feelings. Recognize them.
- The right to make mistakes. Your best is good enough.
- The right to "take a break" from caregiving.
- You have to take care of yourself to take care of others.
- The right to have fun, laugh and be happy.
- It is OK to enjoy yourself.
- The right to say yes.
- When others offer help, just say yes.
- The right to ask questions. The answers will help you be a better care partner.
- The right to say "I don't know." You are not expected to have all the answers.

COPING AND CARING

Huebl reminded caregivers to take care of themselves. He noted dementia and Alzheimer's patients differ from those with physical ailments.

"The relationship is hard to sustain," he said. "In some ways, I've thought mental illnesses are among the cruelest of illnesses for that reason."

Huebl outlined feelings of guilt, resentment, anger, worry, loneliness, grief and defensiveness among caregivers. Having realistic expectations helps with guilt, he said, as does venting to a confidant, perhaps to deal with resentment over other family members who do less.

"Anger can lead to depression and anxiety," the doctor said, noting seeing humor in daily situations helps. For loneliness, it's good to expand your circle, seek respite care and join a support group.

"Grief can be anticipatory, too," Huebl said. "You should allow yourself to feel sadness and express it."

Sometimes, another family member has a good idea and you should keep that in mind before becoming defensive, he said: "You need to accept that you have limitations."

If you become irritable or have trouble sleeping, those are signs you need to change. Huebl recommends setting goals: "Use the 'T' word instead of the 'you' word."

SPIRITUAL SIDE

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Nancy Coman (left) of Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and Christine Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services put the 'Candles of Caring' program together. Both women also spoke Thursday afternoon, with several of Coman's relevant poems read aloud.

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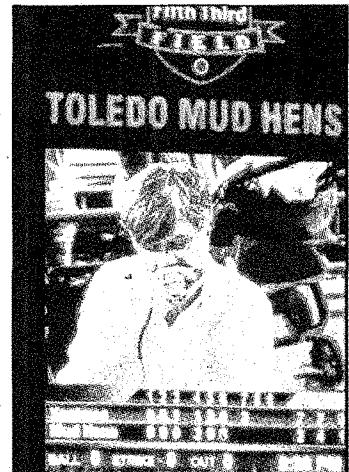
Westland man plays at Mud Hens game

A Westland resident will be performing the National Anthem to kick off a Toledo Mud Hens baseball game.

Chris Badynee, who performs under the name Bogdon Vasquaf, will open the minor league baseball game at Fifth Third Field on Thursday, April 21. He will play the National Anthem with a harmonica solo.

It will be Badynee's second performance for the Mud Hens. Last year, he was invited to perform the National Anthem as the stadium hosted Harmonica Night. That night 4,000 free harmonicas were given to those attending the ball game.

The performance was well received, Badynee said, resulting his performance at minor league baseball stadiums in Lansing and Grand Rapids.



Westland resident Chris Badynee, who performs under the name Bogdon Vasquaf, performed the National Anthem before a Toledo Mud Hens game last year and will be back for a repeat performance April 21.

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IRS extension is for filing, not paying

BY RICK BLOOM
MONEY MATTERS COLUMNIST

I can't believe how fast the first quarter of 2011 has gone. Since the beginning of the year it's been nonstop — one crisis after another. These are the times that we live in and I guess that's just the way it is. However, even though our attention is on international events mostly out of our control, we must never take our eyes off the ball regarding something we can control — our personal financial affairs. This time of year we all have an important deadline to meet and that is the filing our income tax returns.

Some of the recent numbers suggest that not as many people have completed their tax returns as did a year ago

at this time. There are many reasons for that, including the passage of tax reform late last year. That being said, it doesn't matter what they do in Washington, you and I have an obligation to make sure that we file something by the April 15 deadline, or this year because of a legal holiday in Washington, D.C., (emancipation day), April 18. It's not imperative that you complete your return by the deadline, however, if your return is not filed, you must file for an extension to avoid penalties and other unwanted problems.

Every year at this time I stress there is no additional audit risk by filing for an extension. People are under the mistaken belief that extensions mean additional scrutiny by the IRS. That's just not the case. Missing information, incorrect Social Security Numbers, mathematical errors and general sloppiness are what increase audit risks.

My advice is instead of

rushing to complete your return and increasing the risk of mistakes, file for an extension and take your time to ensure an accurate, complete tax return.

Extensions are automatic. The IRS doesn't approve or disapprove extensions. By filing form 4868 with the Internal Revenue Service you automatically receive a six-month extension. However, it is important to remember that when you file an extension, it is an extension of time to file your tax return, not to pay your taxes. Your tax liability is due this year on April 18 and the extension of time does not apply to the payment of your taxes. Therefore, even if you file for an extension, you must guesstimate your tax liability and pay the amount owed with your extension.

If you're receiving a refund, then you don't need to make any additional payments with your extension.

Also remember the State of Michigan taxes are different than the federal govern-

ment. Therefore, if you owe money to the federal government you're required to pay it along with your extension, you must do the same for state income tax. You're not going to owe any money and, in fact, you receive a refund, then your federal extension is sufficient for the state and no additional forms are required.

The clock is ticking, but there is no reason to panic. If you decide to do an extension, pull out last year's return and use that as a guideline for your extension. Remember, if you underestimate your tax liability, the IRS can assess you with interest and penalties. Therefore, all things being equal I'd overestimate and pay a little, as opposed to acquiring unnecessary penalties and interest.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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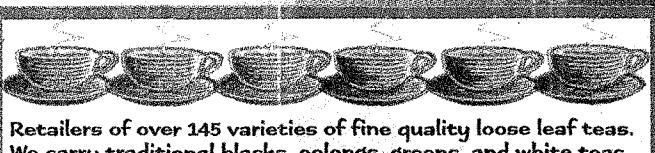
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CLASSIFIED ADS INSIDE**JOBS, B11****AUTOS, B12****PUZZLES, B10****Garden City draws 1st blood in baseball opener****Patriots fall 9-4**BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The combination of Steele, leather and aluminum proved to be a potent mixture for Garden City's baseball team Tuesday afternoon in the Cougars season-opener at Livonia Franklin.

Bolstered by a strong mound performance from junior hurler Tyler Steele, several key hits — including a missile of a home run by Zach Kmet — and some advanced glove work, the Cougars rolled to a 9-4 opening day triumph over the host Patriots.

The game was moved from Garden City to Franklin's field when it was determined the Cougars' field was unplayable due to the recent wave of horrific weather.

Steele was super-efficient

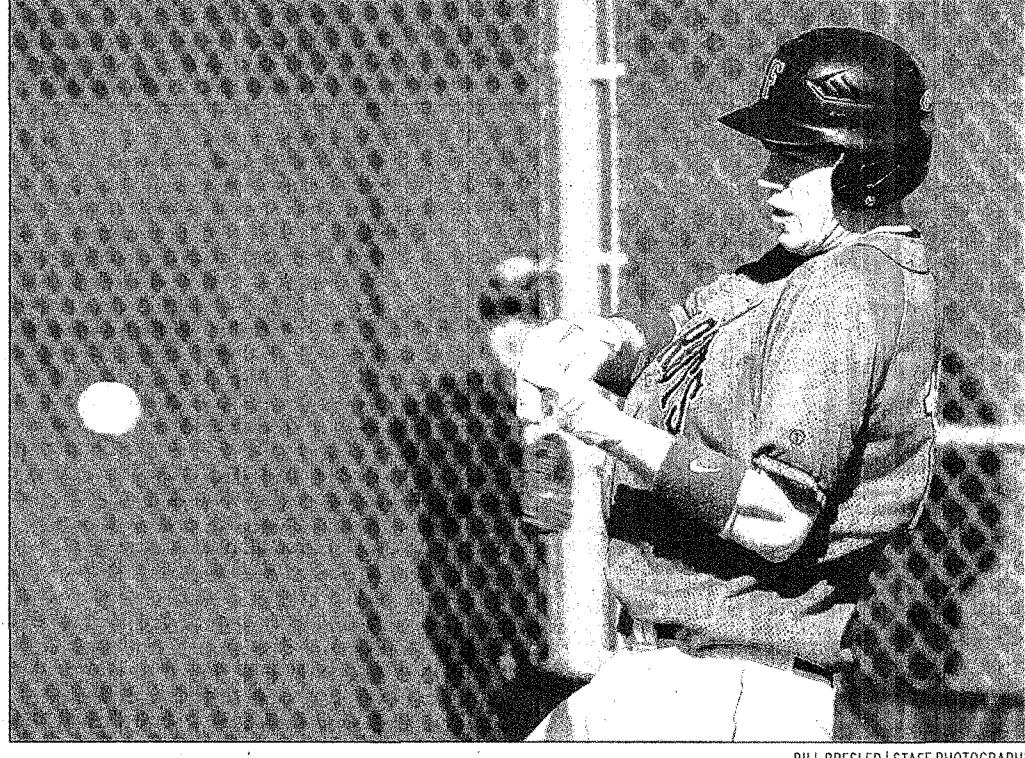
throughout most of his 5.2-inning stint, yielding just two runs and four hits while striking out four.

"My fastball and changeup were working well early in the game," said Steele, who emerged as the Cougars' No. 1 pitcher during the latter stages of the 2010 season. "My changeup was the pitch I got most of the strikeouts from, and I started throwing my curve more at the end."

"I was hoping to pitch a shutout, but my pitch count was up around 90 (in the sixth inning), so that probably would have been my last inning anyway."

Garden City never trailed after putting a run on the board in the opening inning when Austin Kidd led off with a double and scored on Zach Vera-Burgos's one-out single. The Cougars' lead grew to

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin's Travis Barnes takes a cut in Tuesday's season opener against Garden City.

Spartans boot Franklin, 4-0

Three first-half goals proved to be more than enough Monday as host Livonia Stevenson opened its 2011 girls soccer season with a 4-0 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Dayna Stevens scored what proved to be the game-winner in only the third minute of play off an assist from Emily Chrzasz.

The Spartans made it 2-0 just 10 minutes later on Chrzasz's goal from Katie Reamer followed Kelly Vellucci's goal from the top of the box after being slotted the ball from Krista Kane in the 35th minute.

Kane's unassisted corner kick midway through the second half closed out the scoring.

Stevenson goalkeeper

Michelle Krawczyk (first half) and Caite Marchione (second half) combined for the shutout and face only one shot.

Meanwhile, Franklin keeper junior keeper made 15 saves and drew praise from Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki.

"She played a very good game and made some very big saves," Grodzicki said. "She does a very good job commanding the box. She's a good goalkeeper."

Franklin coach Dean Kowalski was satisfied with his team's opener.

"It was an acceptable start to the season and we'll get better," the Franklin coach said.

NORTHVILLE 3, CHURCHILL 0: Second-half goals by Jenni Borawski, Becky Reynolds and Emily Bush propelled

the Mustangs (1-0) to a season-opening victory Monday at home over Livonia Churchill (0-1).

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made seven key saves, according to coach Dave Hebestreit.

"I thought we played well, but we have to do a better job marking in the box," Hebestreit said. "All three goals came on crosses."

"But we were very competitive and had a lot of chances. We had pressure and we dominated stretch of the game. I thought we did a nice job, especially in the midfield."

N.B. HURON 2, WAYNE 0: Goals by Krystal Sears and Kelsey Wolcott carried New Boston Huron (1-0) to a nonconference win Monday over host Wayne Memorial (0-2).

On Friday, the Zebras lost to host White Lake Lakeland in their season opener, 6-1.

Freshman Crystal Fletcher scored the lone Wayne goal off an assist from Keesa Stamper.



JOHN KEMSKI

Stevenson's Krista Kane (14) turns to make the pass against Franklin defender Breanne Koc (20) during Monday's season opener.

Loading it up: Blazers' coach hopes tough schedule pays off

See capsule outlook of area teams.

GIRLS SOFTBALL PREVIEWBY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The postseason means everything for Livonia Ladywood softball coach Scott Combs.

And that's why he'll continue to load up on his regular season schedule.

The Blazers, coming off a 35-8 season which ended in a disappointing regional final setback to Beverly Hills-Detroit Country, won't be ducking anybody opponents again this spring — that's for sure.

Ladywood opens its season later than most area teams, but will travel Saturday, April 9, to play three games in a tournament in Boardman, Ohio.

"We'll be playing two teams that reached the Final Four in Ohio," Combs said. "We'll also be playing in our usual tournaments — Michigan Stars (Classic) and Fred Pieper (Memorial) — among others."

"I tried to find everybody I possibly could. So what if I lose 10, who cares? I want to be ready for our division and districts."

.051 batting average.

The return of senior shortstop Jennifer Rohn (.310, 18 stolen bases), a Western Michigan University signee, along with junior catcher Alyssa Kashat and second-team All-Observer junior outfielder Carli SanMillan (.320, 21 RBI), gives the Blazers plenty of ammunition at the plate.

Last year the Blazers outscored their opponents 221-37, but still dropped eight games.

"We lost four games 1-0 where three of the four we threw a no-hitter," Combs said. "We have to bunt the ball better and we did not do that last year."

Pitching is always name of the game in high school girls softball and this year it's no different.

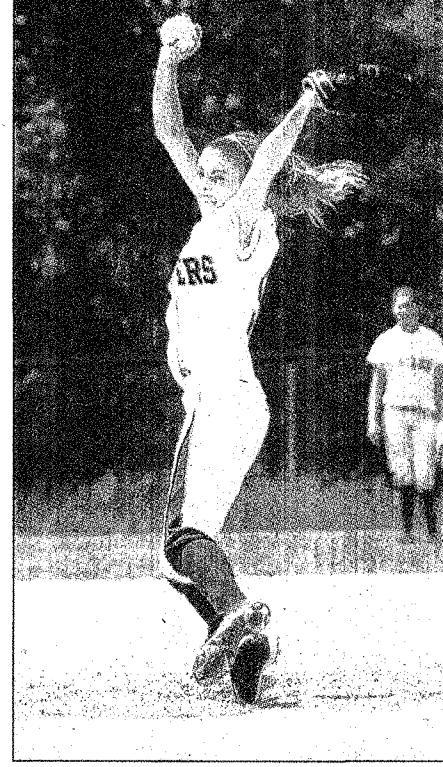
Livonia Stevenson (22-13), a member of the KLAA's Central Division, returns junior Jacqueline Johnson, who went 14-12-1 with a 2.39 ERA.

Johnson will be pushed by sophomore Morgan Copperstone.

"The key to this season, defensively, is to be patient, make routine plays, and not let one mistake lead to several," Stevenson

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0.24 while limiting opponents to an



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Ladywood junior Briana Combs was a first-team All-Observer and All-State selection last year

after going 29-8 with an 0.24 ERA.

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PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL OUTLOOK**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**

Head coach: Steve Gentilia, first season
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 18-14.
Titles won last year: South Lyon East Invitational.

Notable losses to graduation: Taylor Kerr (second-team All-Area), Katina St. Pierre.

Leading returnees: Natalie Hiser, Sr. P-Inf.; Mackenzie Everson, Sr. C-Inf.; Of; Casey Bias, Soph. C; Nicole Salloum, Soph. SS; Essex Sidor, Jr. P-2B; Abby Jewel, Jr. P-Inf.; Rachel Jason, Jr. OF.

Promising newcomers: Jordan Lyndsey, Jr. Of; Katie Sherada, Fr. 3B-P.

Gentilia's 2011 season outlook: "This year we look to continue a strong program and battle for the division and conference title. We will rely on our experience and hard work. Our coaching staff has done an excellent job of changing the way the girls approach the way they practice and the way they play. I feel we have put together one of the strongest coaching staffs in the area and the girls are really putting in the time and it is showing."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Linda Jimenez, 16th season
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 19-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Emery (second-team All-Area), Keely Wilson, Amanda Nixon.

Leading returnees: Audrey Geraghty, Sr. C; Jessica Emery, Sr. CF; Chelsea Williams, Sr. SS (.367); Mariah Barcus, Sr. 1B (.391); Cheyenne Hawthorne, Jr. Inf.; Bailee Keese, Jr. SB; Nicole Williamson, Jr. P (6-2, 2.33 ERA); Tiffany Lamble, Jr. P (13-14, 2.01 ERA); Katelyn Devers, Soph. 2B; Alton DeWye, Soph. LF; Mackenzie Lukas, Soph. OF; Maggie Leins, Soph. Inf.

Promising newcomers: Caitlin Milican, Soph. P; Dana Grescock, Fr. 3B.

Jimenez's 2011 season outlook: "We have a talented group of seniors who are leading by example. Senior center fielder Jessica Emery, has taken charge of the outfielders. Senior shortstop Chelsea Williams is sharing her infield knowledge with the younger players. Senior first baseman Mariah Barcus has taken freshmen Dana Grescock under her wing helping her with her hitting. Senior catcher Audrey Geraghty is giving much feedback and support to the pitchers. In addition, Sophomore Caitlin Milican has added depth to the catching position."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Rob Witherspoon, ninth season.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 22-13.

Titles won last year: Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Shellie Wilson (first-team All-Area); Nina Bonanno (second-team All-Area); Anna Plumley, Jr. Of-P.

Promising returnees: Becca Zarras, Sr. Of (All-KLAAS .382, 20 RBI); Jacqueline Johnson, Jr. P-IB (14-21, 2.39 ERA); Ashley Avery, Jr. SS (All-KLAAS .376); Molly Knoph, Soph. IB-Utility; Sarah Fier, Soph. 3B; Allie Koesterling, Soph. C-Utility; Morgan Copperstone, Soph. P-IB; Mackenzie Shea, Jr. Of-Utility.

Promising newcomers: Alex Ferguson, Jr. Of; Julianne Potvin, Jr. Of; Sarah King, Jr. C; Giovanna Glenn, Soph. Of-P; Kristen Suzio, Soph. Of; Erika Randall, Fr. Inf-P; Maddie Omietanski, Fr. C-Utility.

Witherspoon's 2011 season outlook: "We had success last year and were able to play through some mistakes. The key this year is to eliminate those mistakes and continue to mature and make routine defensive plays. We are going to need to have a true team effort to be successful this year, from role players to the starters. Though we lost three offensive weapons to graduation, I am very pleased with the progress of our players throughout the offseason and confident that we will be able to manufacture some runs. Defensively, we will be led by Becca Zarras. She has been one of our most consistent players over the past three seasons and our team will benefit from her experience."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Co-head coaches: Elisabeth Tyzo-DePaulis (second year); Kristin Potonic (second year).

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-27.

Titles won last year: Division 1 district champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Katie Down.

Leading returnees: Brandi Holbrook, Jr. Of (301); Nicole Quaine, Sr. C-3B; Samantha Fox, Sr. C-3B.

Promising newcomers: Lexie Lester, Fr. P.

Tyzo's 2011 season outlook: "Our team is looking good. Despite our losses (one senior to graduation and two of our starting infielders from last season who decided not to return), we are confident that we have a well built team. With six returners and two strong freshmen, we should have a successful season. Earning the district title last year is a strong motivation for our team to do it again this year, and go further. We only have three seniors and our younger players have a lot of talent. We can't wait to get started."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Crystal Little, third season.

League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 1-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Halee Lankton, Jacqueline Serna.

Leading returnees: Shelby Hooper, Jr.

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Odom, Jr. P; Alyssa Florn, Jr. Inf.; Tawni Kenyon, Sr. Of; Alicia Nielsen, Jr. Of-P.

Promising returnees: Jane Thayer, Sr. SS; Megan Macek, Fr. C; Julia Johnson, Soph. IB; Sam DeJack, Soph. Utility; Jessica Fisher, Jr. Utility.

Little's 2011 season outlook: "We have a young group of girls this year, but they are very hard-working and we're looking forward to a great season."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Scott Combs, fourth season.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 35-8.

Titles won last year: Charlotte Turney, Michigan Stars Tournament, Division 2 district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Alyssa Gietz (first-team All-Area); Jennifer Kelley (second-team All-Area); Gina Sykes, Julie Bushart.

Leading returnees: Brian Combs, Jr. P (29-8, 0.24 ERA); first-team All-Area; All-State; All-Region All-Catholic League captain; Carl SanMilan, Jr. Of (.321, 21 RBI); captain; Megan Hart, Sr. Utility (captain); Alyssa Kashat, Jr. (All-Region captain); Celeste Fidge, Soph. 3B.

Promising newcomers: Haley Lawrence, Fr. Inf.; Lauren Hayes, Fr. P.

Combs' 2011 season outlook: "The good news is that we are coming off a 19-9 year. We grew up a lot last year and learned how to win. Our infield is intact. Three juniors and a sophomore are all back and we played some really good - no, great defense last year. The bad news is that our two biggest losses are at pitcher (Guse) and catcher (Wilson). Killian and Roberts pitched some for us last year and newcomer Lindsay Ermert looks like she has great potential on the mound, so we are waiting for one of them to take on the challenge of being our number one pitcher. The nice thing is that we have some depth in the pitching department that we haven't always had. We are very young again. There are no seniors, but our juniors have two years varsity experience. With only 10 girls in the program we hope we can stay healthy. This is the most athletic team I've ever had and they have a great attitude."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Joe DeCaire, 13th season.

League affiliation: Independent.

Last year's overall record: 10-15.

Notable losses to graduation: Val Schacki, Chelsea Gehani, Megan McLaughlin, Rochelle Haddad.

Leading returnees: Stephanie Bishop, Sr. P; Brittany Tallman, Sr. 1B; Kellie Ankiel, Sr. SS-3B (All-Conference); Joann Burling, Sr. C; Reba Bibik, Sr. Of; Kiana Smith, Sr. Of-P; Izzy Sidon, Sr. Utility; Angela McAlpine, Jr. SS-3B; Rachel Grafke, Jr. Of; Lauren Katz, Jr. P-2B; Jodi Ankiel, Soph. Of; Justine Bateman, Soph. Of-P; Nicole Grates, Soph. Of-2B.

Promising newcomers: Nicole Kurdziel, Fr. 2B; Mikala Kieling, Fr. SS; Erica Katz, Fr. 1B.

DeCaire's 2011 season outlook: "After being part of this program for the past 13 seasons, I am really excited with the ladies that my coaching staff and I have selected for this season. We have a mixture of experience and were able to spread some youth into the program. I am happy with the way that our team has come together over the last few weeks. Team defense and our base running will be our strengths followed by the offense and pitching. If we can find a way to get on base and throw strikes we will be successful. My girls in the offseason,

especially the new pitching staff, have worked especially hard. Bishop, Smith and McAlpine will have the role of replacing two senior pitchers from last year."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Paul Guse, eighth season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 19-9.

Titles won last year: Division 4 district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Emily Wilson (second-team All-Area); Allison Guse, Mary Kreutzkamp, Crystal Deel.

Leading returnees: Marisa Hahn, Jr. SS (.354; 25 RB); Hannah Conley, Jr. 3B (.486, 37 RBI); Erica Killian, Jr. CF-P (.513, 34 RBI); Lindsay Smith, Jr. Of (.365); Sam Roberts, Soph. 1B-P (.426).

Promising newcomers: Shannon Abbott, Soph. 2B; Adreanna Fikes, Soph. C-Of; Lindsay Ermert, Fr. Inf-P; Shelby Abbott, Soph. Of; Chandler Davenport, Soph. C-Of; Madison Conley, Fr. Inf-Of.

Guse's 2011 season outlook: "The good news is that we are coming off a 19-9 year. We grew up a lot last year and learned how to win. Our infield is intact. Three juniors and a sophomore are all back and we played some really good - no, great defense last year. The bad news is that our two biggest losses are at pitcher (Guse) and catcher (Wilson). Killian and Roberts pitched some for us last year and newcomer Lindsay Ermert looks like she has great potential on the mound, so we are waiting for one of them to take on the challenge of being our number one pitcher. The nice thing is that we have some depth in the pitching department that we haven't always had. We are very young again. There are no seniors, but our juniors have two years varsity experience. With only 10 girls in the program we hope we can stay healthy. This is the most athletic team I've ever had and they have a great attitude."

WESTLAND HURON VALLEY

LUTHERAN

Head coach: Eric Ruth, 14th season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 3-13.

Notable losses to graduation: Anna Schaffer, Kelly Kubinski, Claire Wood.

Leading returnees: Meghan Kubinski, Jr. C-1B; Katie Nell, Sr. CF; Lauren Jones, Soph. P; Allie Dest, Jr. 3B; Abbie Kuehn, Sr. 2B; Alyssa Hanley, Soph. 1B; Paige Schmidt, Jr. Utility.

Promising newcomers: Brooke Kuehn, Fr. SS-P; Dayna Schroeder, Fr. P-Utility; Sarah Setian, Fr. Utility.

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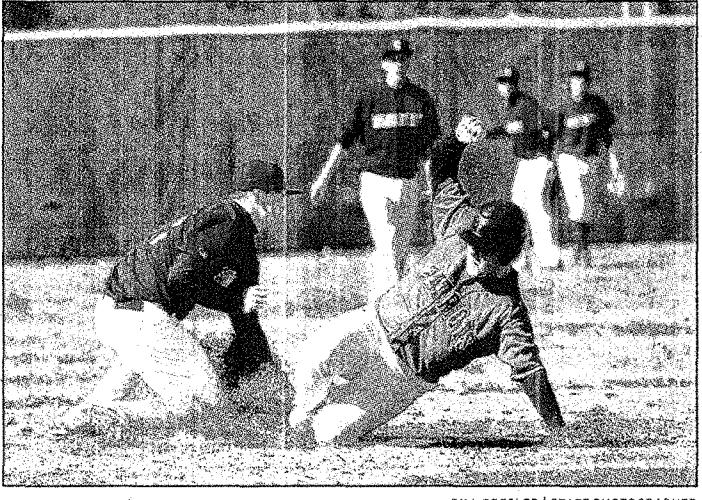
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Garden City's Zak Kmet (left) tags out Franklin baserunner Adam Michael at second base during Tuesday's season opener.

BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

"Steve (Herman) has a good squad over there; we knew that coming in. They played with a lot of fire in their gut today."

MATT FOURNIER, Franklin coach

in the fifth. Kmet opened the frame with a scorching home run over the left-field fence. Vera-Burgos then reached on an error and scored on Kody Richardson's single.

"Overall, I thought we came out a little flat today; that's the only thing I was disappointed in," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "I thought we'd come out a little more fired up than we did. It almost seemed like we were playing in a midsummer type of game as opposed to the first game of a new season."

Steve (Herman)

squad over there; we knew that coming in. They played with a lot of fire in their gut today."

The Cougars exploded for three more runs in the sixth on hard-hit RBI-producing hits from Vera-Burgos, Kirk Barikmo and Richardson.

GC's two seventh-inning runs were the result of four Patriot walks and an error.

Franklin spoiled Steele's shutout in the sixth when Bobby Andrus ripped a two-run double, scoring Dan Muller and Adam Michael, both of whom had walked.

The Patriots added two more in the seventh without the benefit of a hit.

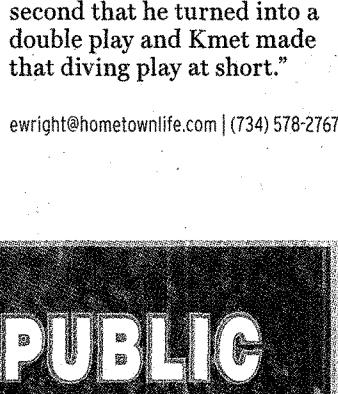
Kmet, the Cougars' shortstop, turned in the game's No. 1 web gem when he dove to his right with two on and two out in the fifth to spear a laser of the bat of Josh Gorman.

Marzion suffered the loss for Franklin, after giving up two runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings of work.

"I thought we hit the ball really well today," Herman said. "We limited our strikeouts and put the ball in play."

"I thought we played really well defensively, too. Tyler Glenfield had a bad hop at second that he turned into a double play and Kmet made that diving play at short."

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FIRST TEAM

Brandon Price, Sr. G, Salem: The senior goaltender fortified Salem's defense with an often-spectacular and always-reliable season.

Price, selected to the Division 1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA squads, tallied a record of 18-5-2, goals-against average of 2.6 and save percentage of .900.

The co-MVP for Salem, his play was instrumental in the Rocks reaching the pre-regional finals (he blanked Plymouth in the playoff opener). Salem also finished second in the tough KLAA South with records of 17-6-2 overall and 7-3-1 in the division.

"Brandon gave us a chance to win every night and we can honestly say that he never had an off night during the season," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "He was called on to play in almost all our games and he was ready for that challenge."

John Mandryk, Sr. Def., Liv.

Stevenson: The senior defenseman ranked a plus-19 en route to D1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA honors.

"John had a great season by any measure for a defenseman, but when you take into consideration he was a forward last year makes it almost unreal," Stevenson coach Gerry Vento said. "Because of John's team-first attitude - which is why he as an alternate captain - he didn't hesitate to make the move back to the blueline after one week into the season. After a week back there, it looked like he had been there his entire career. John has many strengths which make him so effective, but his ability to play with composure is what separated him from the pack."

Mandryk also had 22 assists to go along with one goal for the 16-6-3 Spartans.

"No matter what the scenario, John approached it with the same sense of calm and determination that rubbed off on all of his teammates," Vento added. "John's leadership both on-and-off the ice will be very difficult to replace next season, but hopefully some of our returners learned from him."

Rob Goldi, Sr. Def., Farmington: A former travel player who opted to play for his school as a senior, Goldi was the leader of the Farmington defense. He also scored 29 points with five goals and 24 assists. Goldi, who had two game-winning goals, is an all-state, second-team player.

"There wasn't one time either (assistant coach) Bill (Newton) or I had to tell Robbie to work hard," Vellucci said. "I've never seen anything like it. He never took a shift off in practice, and he competed game in and game out. It's something you wish every single hockey player in general, every athlete, could see. He was known more as a defensive

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Brandon Price, Sr. G, Salem
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COACH OF THE YEAR

Pete Mazzoni, Livonia Churchill

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Churchill: Mike Kutek, Cam Benson,

Brad Mills, Ben Prober, Nick Prober,

Alex Estes; Franklin: Adam Michael,

Michael Diaz, Tyler Dewhurst; Stevenson:

Max Humitz, Chris McDonald, J.J.

Pettersson, Nick Barr; Canton: Garrett

Bryden, Matt Rodgers, Jordan Smith,

Josh Dickson; Plymouth: Zach Campbell,

Tyler Sanders, Tyler Lazorka, Mitch

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defenseman, but he definitely stepped up his game offensively, too.

Nick Elliott, Sr. F, Farmington: A senior forward, Elliott scored 52 points to lead the Falcons to the OAA Division 1 regular-season championship and a 22-4 record. A three-year varsity player, Elliott had 24 goals and 28 assists. He scored on four power plays and twice with his team short-handed; he also had three game-winning goals. Elliott made the all-state first team.

"That's just a great season," coach Mark Vellucci said of Elliott's stats. "He was always a factor, game after game. There are some (Junior A) teams that have shown an interest in him. Hopefully, he can hook on with a team, have a couple good years and maybe play college hockey down the road. He definitely has the talent to play at the next level."

Ryan Urso, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The senior finished with 13 goals and 32 assists for Spartans. His plus-15 rating also ranked best among Stevenson forwards.

"Ryan's a very dynamic player that played a key role in all situations for our team," Vento said. "His skill level was only surpassed by his desire to compete, and that is what made him so



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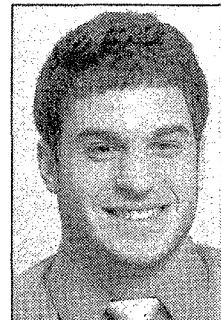
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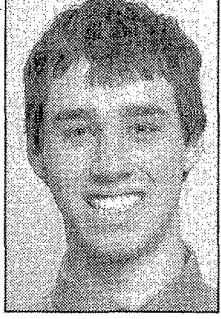
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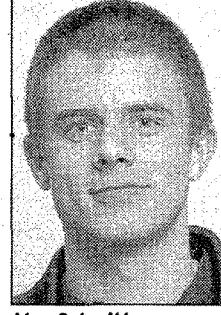
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special. We enjoyed a very successful power play this year, and a lot of that had to do with Ryan's shot from the point, especially his ability to get it off quickly with such velocity and usually on net."

Urso also earned Division 1 first-team all-state along with all-KLAA honors.

"His vision on the ice was made evident by his 32 assists, which helped make players around him better," Vento said. "It will be fun to watch his hockey career in the future."

Ryan Quigley, Sr. F, Salem: A speed demon for opponents, Quigley — who shared team MVP honors with goalie Price — was a prolific scoring machine with 28 goals and 19 assists, along with registering a plus-25 mark.

Salem's co-captain earned Division 1 first-team all-state

and all-KLAA selections as well as plenty of praise from his coach.

"Ryan's stats tell the story, with one of the best single seasons in school history," said Ossenmacher, adding that

Quigley was a "dynamic skater who had the ability to change the game with his speed."

SECOND TEAM

Tim Rogers, Sr. G, Farmington: A three-year varsity player, Rogers was 13-3-0 this year with losses to two state champions and a Division 1 state semifinalist

(Lake Orion). His goals-against average was 2.68 and his save percentage .906. He faced 436 shots and stopped 395.

"Throughout the season, he was our steady force," Vellucci said.

"He kept us in a lot of games when we could have been down and out early on. There were

a couple games, if it wasn't for him in one period when the other team outshot us, we probably could've had a couple more losses. He did his job. He was rock-solid for us in every game he played. He was a great mentor to Cliff, who will take over the goaltending duties next year."

Jimmy LaFontaine, Sr. Def., Canton

The senior blueliner and team co-captain contributed big-time leadership and on-ice skills to a very successful season.

LaFontaine, an all-KLAA selection, registered 12 goals, 15 assists and a plus-24 rating. That sparked Canton to the KLAA South championship (16-7-2 overall, 7-2-2 in the division) and the coveted Lash Cup — for supremacy among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams.

"He was crucial on the ice in every situation," Chiefs coach Jeremy Majszak said. "He led the teams in points and plus-minus" while helping keep the team's goals-against average close to the 3.0 mark.

"His hard work and skill made him instrumental to Canton's success this year."

Garrett Berg, Sr. Def., Salem:

The senior was strong and steady on the blueline for Salem. He earned honorable mention for the D1 all-state team and made the all-KLAA squad.

Berg, a team-best plus-26, helped the cause on offense, too. He scored seven goals and added 16 assists.

"He was a rock back on defense this year," Ossenmacher said.

"He played a tremendous amount of minutes and was vital to our team successes."

Steve Klisz, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill:

The senior captain earned second-team Division 1 all-state honors after scoring 26 goals and adding 20 assists for the regional champions.

A three-year player, Klisz finished with a total of 42 goals and 40 assists.

"Steve is one of our better offensive players we've had the last two years," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said of the all-KLAA forward. "Had a great senior year and scored many big goals for us."

Alex Schmitt, Sr. F, Farmington: Another three-year varsity player, Schmitt was a linemate with Elliott and the team's second-leading scorer with 42 points. The senior center had 22 goals and 20 assists. Schmitt had seven power-play goals, one short-handed goal and six game-winning goals.

"In the three years he played, he was our most intense player because of his enthusiasm and passion for the game," Vellucci said. "There was rarely a time he wasn't going 100 miles per hour."

"Alex has a great shot. He liked to shoot the puck from all angles. His pattern was to go top-shelf on the glove side. He scored quite

a few goals like that."

Andrew Palushaj, Sr. F, Liv.

Stevenson: The senior forward earned first-team all-state honors after scoring a team-high 20 goals to go along with 13 assists.

"Andrew was as pure a goal scorer as you could find," Vento said. "He had that touch around the net that you just can't teach, which was evident by his 20 goals."

Palushaj also posted an impressive plus-15 rating.

"He was another player for us that made our power play so effective because of his quick release and accuracy," Vento said. "He had some memorable goals for us this year — in particular, our (4-3) win against (Novi) CC (Catholic Central) and our first game against Churchill when he had a third period hat trick and scored the winner with eight seconds left."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Pete Mazzoni, Liv. Churchill: The ninth-year coach guided the Chargers to a 15-11-2 record and a berth in the Division 1 state quarterfinals before losing a heart-breaking 5-4 loss in four overtime to Orchard Lake St. Mary.

"This season was a great test for the character and resolve of the guys in the locker room," Mazzoni said. "Our seniors kept the team together and demonstrated great poise and leadership. We had a great locker room. It was probably one of the closer groups of kids that we have had come through since we've been here. We struggled with consistency early on. But for the most part, we thought we played some pretty good hockey most of the year. We had some nights that we felt we played well, and did not get any points."

Churchill's late season run came after a fourth-place finish in the KLAA's South Division.

"I have to give credit to the teams in our league," Mazzoni said. "The KLAA, especially the Kensington side, was extremely tough this year."

"It was definitely a roller coaster of a season, but it is always nice to win a few games in March. Probably sometime early February, we really started to see the big picture and played some of our best hockey of the season. I am fortunate to have a great staff and an extremely supportive administration."

Mazzoni's overall record at Churchill (2001-2011) is 152-78-30 with two regional, four league and five division titles to his credit. He was also 41-6-3 in two seasons at Redford Union (1998-2000) and one league championship.

SPORTS BRIEF**Spring break soccer**

The Michigan Wolves-Hawks will stage a spring break soccer camp for boys and girls ages 7-12 from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, April 18-21, at Livonia's Jaycee Park.

All skill levels are welcome.

The cost is \$50 for the entire camp or \$15 per day. Those registered before Monday, April 11 will receive a free camp T-shirt.

For online registration, e-mail mi.wolves.hawks@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD**PREP BASEBALL**

Thursday, March 31
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 1
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

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Free throw contest

American Legion Post 32 will stage its first-ever Youth Free Throw Championship for ages 7-14 on Saturday, April 2 at the Memorial Church of Christ gym, located at 35475 Five Mile Road (between Levan and Farmington roads).

Age brackets for boys and girls include: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.

Registration for ages 7-8 and 9-10 will be at 1 p.m. followed by competition at 1:30 p.m.

Registration for ages 11-12 and 13-14 will be at 2 p.m. followed by competition at 3 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per competitor with proceeds going to the Michigan Veterans Support Group.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners in each age group.

For more information, call Charles Wagner at (248) 420-8472.

Stevenson pom clinic

Livonia Stevenson will stage a pom pom clinic for grades 5 through high school from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, April 11-13, at the high school fieldhouse (Court No. 3).

Included in the \$40 cost is a T-shirt and CD (if registered by Monday, April 4).

To register, or for more information, e-mail Nancy Earhart at nancy@gnearhart.com.

Spring Learn to Skate

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering its seven-week Learn to Skate spring season beginning the week of May 3 through June 14 at Edgar Arena, 3384 Lyndon (one mile south of Five Mile and just west of Farmington Road).

Each class is on Tuesday and lasts 25 minutes for the following: age 4-and-up - 7 p.m. (passed badges 1-7); 7:25 p.m., hockey skills (passed badge 1-5); and 7 and 7:25 p.m., new skaters.

No equipment is needed for boys hockey skills. No sticks or pucks are used. There is a

SPORTS ROUNDUP

limited free skate rental availability.

The fee is \$55 for residents and \$67 for non-residents.

Walk-in registration starts Monday, April 4 (through April 29) at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Five Mile Road (at Five Mile).

Private lessons are also available for all levels of skating.

For more information, call (734) 466-2412.

WYAA baseball signup

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

The WYAA has openings for all age groups, including: Co-ed T-Ball (5-6), Co-Ed Machine Pitch (7-8), Mustang (10-and-under), Bronco (12-and-under), Pony (14-and-under), Colt (16-and-under) and Palomino (18-and-under).

Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino age divisions involve local travel with interlocking leagues with other cities.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message) or visit www.wyaa.org.

Steelheaders meeting

The Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed.

Captain Jerry Lee will be one of two featured speakers. He has over 30 years of fishing and guiding experience on the Great Lakes.

Among the topics include use of lead-core, rotators, cut bait, in-line boards and the latest downrigger savvy. His presentation also includes tips and tactics to consistently boat limits of fish for his customers on a daily basis.

Open registration fees are \$40 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident), while late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (option No. 2).

Captain Chip Cartwright will also unveil the latest from Wolverine Tackle, which produces the world famous Silver Streak lures.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

Steelhead fishing

The Metro-West Steelheaders invites the public free of charge to learn about fishing for steelhead trout - 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 on the Clinton River at Yates Park in Rochester Hills, and also from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, Huron River in Huron Park, located one block west of Telegraph Road and Huron River Drive, in Flat Rock.

No reservations required. Look for the Steelheaders banner.

Bring your fishing rod and a can of chicken noodle or vegetable soup (non-creamy). Midday, the Steelheaders will serve hot soup and hot dogs.

For more information, call Phil Bustos at (313) 670-2309, or visit www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

Girls slow-pitch signup

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage open registration for 2011 girls 10- and 13-and-under slow-pitch softball until enrollment reaches 160 participants in each division for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts.

Registration forms are available at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

Late registration for school district residents is from 9 a.m. until noon beginning Saturday, April 9, at the Rec Center. Non-resident signup starts at 9 a.m. Monday, April 11 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open registration fees are \$40 (resident) and \$50 (non-resident), while late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (non-resident).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (option No. 2).

Surprise choice

CCHA's Anastos returns to MSU as hockey coach

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Comish is once again the coach.

Tom Anastos' new job will keep him in hockey, but he moves from the front office back to the bench where he last worked in 1992.

The Farmington Hills resident resigned as commissioner of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association last week to be the head coach of the Michigan State hockey team.

Anastos, who played for the Spartans in 1981-85, was an assistant under former MSU coach Ron Mason (1990-92) after three years as head coach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (1987-90).

"I am excited about returning to my alma mater to lead the Spartan hockey program to national prominence," Anastos said in a story that appeared on the CCHA web site.

He has spent 16 years in hockey administration, including the last 13 as CCHA commissioner. The CCHA has its offices in Farmington Hills, too.

Anastos, 47, is considered a surprise choice for the MSU job since he has been out of coaching for nearly two decades.

He was contacted by MSU Athletic Director Mark Hollis to discuss coaching candidates, and that evolved into Anastos being the prime choice.

Anastos was offered the job Monday and was introduced as the new coach Wednesday during an announcement event at Munn Arena in East Lansing.

"I have to tell you it's been a whirlwind few days," Anastos said in a Detroit Free Press story Thursday. "Shock and awe come to mind a little bit. I am so appreciative of the opportunity ... and I can't tell you how (eager) and excited I am to get going."

Hollis believes it will be an easy transition for Anastos to make, to go from running a league to running a team again.

"He's stayed in the business



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all his life," Hollis told the Free Press. "He's given so much."

When you think of a commissioner, it's an ivory-tower position. With Tom Anastos, it's not. He's very much a grassroots-type person.

"I'll take that criticism (for hiring someone who was not presently a coach), but I enthusiastically am excited about this hire. He's what we needed."

Anastos, who had a 68-37-7 record at UMD, also was president of the North American Hockey League before the CCHA hired him as its commissioner in 1998.

Coincidentally, at the same time Anastos goes from the CCHA back to MSU, the Big Ten would like to have its own six-team hockey league. That would take MSU, Michigan and Ohio State away from the CCHA.

Otherwise, Anastos might be the person accepting the Mason

Cup as the CCHA tournament champion instead of the one presenting it.

"I am extremely excited about returning to Michigan State to lead the Spartan hockey program," Anastos said in a story on msuspartans.com, the school's website. "I have maintained a relationship with MSU and been in close contact with the hockey program for the last 13 years in my role with the CCHA, but this opportunity is incredibly special."

"The expectations I have for our program will be to compete annually for conference and national championships. That was the expectation when I was here as a player and as an assistant coach, and I don't believe it should be any different in my role as head coach."

"I am excited to get started, to hire a staff and to get myself re-acclimated with the MSU community."

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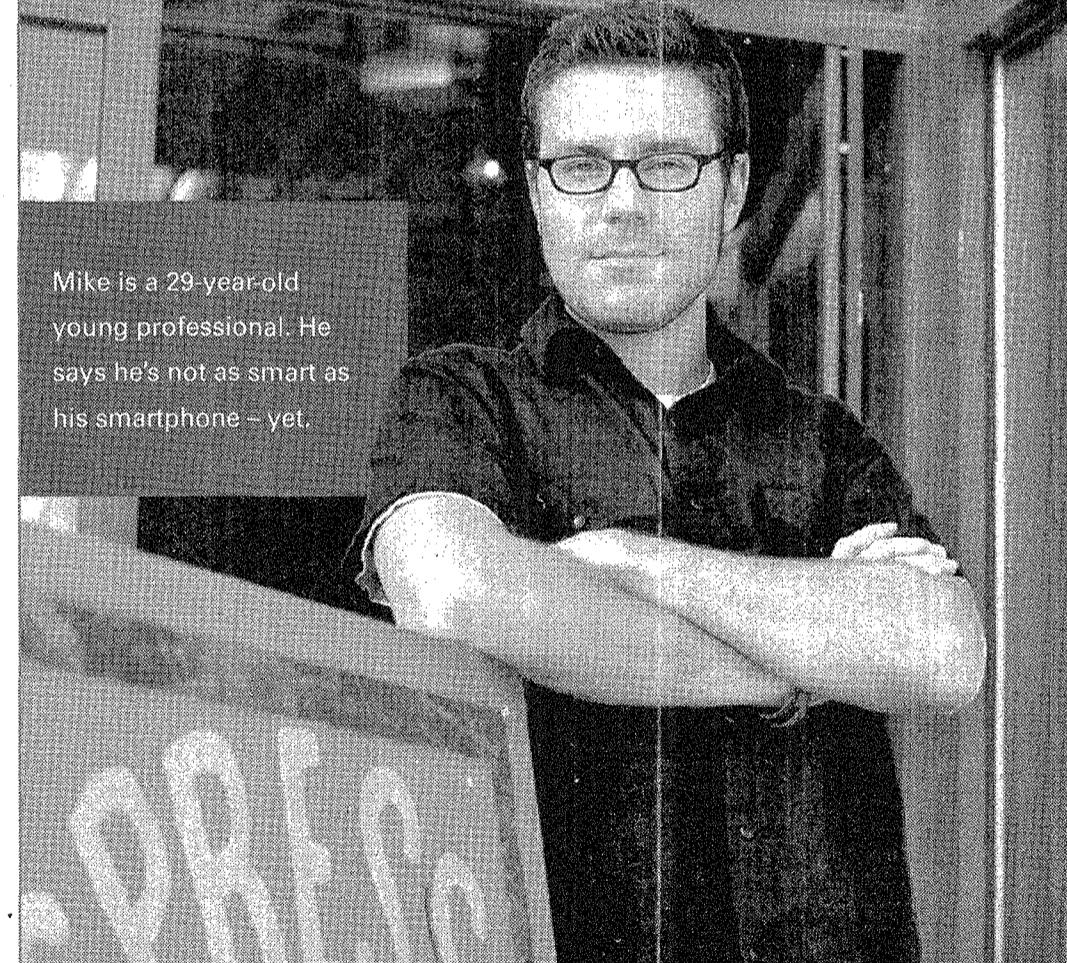
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Actors recreate the Last Supper in the "Living Stations of the Cross." Living Faith - Fine Arts Apostolate staged the musical meditation at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington for 10 years. The show moves to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit for 25 performances in April.

Experience the Passion of Christ at Detroit Cathedral

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Kelly Nieto hopes her show, the *Living Stations of the Cross*, will become at Lent, what *The Nutcracker* is at Christmas: A must-see family tradition.

"It's going to be a visual wake-up call, a realization of what Christ did for us on the cross. God wants us to live our faith and not just check the box that says we put in our time on Sunday. I want to inspire people and help them live the Passion," said Nieto, a Catholic convert from Farmington Hills.

The former Miss Michigan, who performed nationwide as a singer, fiddler and comedian, was inspired to create a theatrical Stations of the Cross while praying at a Good Friday service 11 years ago. The mother of five blended her original contemporary songs with Pope John Paul II's text of the Stations of the Cross and began celebrating the devotion as a dramatic presentation 10 years ago at her home parish, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington. Although Nieto is assisting parish members with the 11th annual Living Stations on April 15 and 17, she's also taking a new, more elaborate production to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit for 25 performances, beginning Friday, April 1.

She and songwriter Nick Dalbin of Crossroads Productions in White Lake have created additional music for the new show, which includes a cast of professional performers, sets, costumes, lighting and sound. Her non-profit corporation, Living Faith - Fine Arts Apostolate,



An actor portrays a blood-covered Jesus during the "Living Stations of the Cross."

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: April 1 and 15 performances are sold out. Tickets are still available for 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. April 5-8 and 12-15; 7:30 p.m. April 2, 8-9 and 16; and 2 p.m. April 3, 10 and 17.

Where: The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets: \$15 with a \$10 discounted price for groups of 50 or more attending matinee shows.

Contact: www.livingstations.org; e-mail Kelly@livingstations.org or mail a check to Living Faith - Fine Arts Apostolate, P.O. Box 343, Farmington, MI 48332.

an organization dedicated to evangelizing through theater and the arts, is producing the show, which Nieto hopes to take on the road to other cities next year.

"At Our Lady of Sorrows, we've never been able to do sets or bring in lighting effects," Nieto said. "We have a \$140,000 price tag on this one. We have \$50,000 in lights and sound. We have \$15,000 worth

of sets. We have costuming and paid actors and singers. Our Jesus (Christopher Vaught) is from Michigan Opera Theatre."

MUSICAL PRAYER

Nieto says that although the production has "something for everyone," its contemporary style and rock concert-like lighting and effects will appeal especially to young people. She hopes the visual and dramatic storytelling will draw them in and make an indelible impression.

"It's something they'll never forget and they'll be back," she said. "It rivals what you'll see at the Gemi or the Fox. It's a performance, a musical drama, and at the same time it teaches people to pray the prayers in the Stations of the Cross. We're creating a new type of musical prayer."

The production encourages audience participation. In addition to praying aloud at the start of each Station, one audience member is recruited to portray Simon of Cyrene and visitors seated along the main aisle wave palms as Christ arrives in Jerusalem.

They sing and see some of the

Stations up close as they are played out in the aisle, as well as at the altar.

Mary Tucker, a long-time Plymouth resident who now lives in Auburn Hills, auditioned for the show because "it would be a good way to reflect on the passion of Jesus."

"It would also give me a good opportunity to look at my life and some things that need to change, which is what the Lenten season is all about," she said. Tucker plays a woman in the ensemble cast.

Elizabeth Mihalo of Livonia, who portrays Mary, also sings professionally at Blessed Sacrament, Christ Church Cranbrook and Temple Beth El. The role enables her to "evangelize and spiritually connect" as she does when she cantors, but also brings theater and dramatic intensity into the mix.

"It's a very different role technically than opera or even musical theater," Mihalo said. "I'm partly speaking and singing."

She suspects the role will affect her own faith journey, helping her to understand the historical, human Jesus, in addition to his moral teachings.

"It's a beautiful drama and I think whatever people are coming to find, they will find it, whether that's for spiritual engagement ... a moving theater experience ... a beautiful lyric love story — God and the world — they'll find it and maybe even more."

Living Faith - Fine Arts Apostolate has prepared a production kit for churches interested in staging Nieto's Living Stations of the Cross. Find more information at its Web site, www.livingstations.org.

Rosedale Gardens calls new pastor

The Rev. Steven Clark will begin a pastorate Monday, April 4 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

His first Sunday in the pulpit at Rosedale will be April 10.

Clark follows the Rev. Richard Peters, who retired after 23 years in Nov. 2009 at Rosedale.

Clark was a pastor in Pennsylvania for 12 years and has pastored churches in New Jersey and Washington. He graduated in 1978 from the University of California, San Diego, in 1981 from Princeton Theological Seminary and in 2010 from Fuller Theological Seminary. He holds degrees in history, divinity and theology.

After more than 25 years of pastoring in churches, he went back to seminary to learn how to help churches better cope with the challenges of change.

His two-year Th.M. program resulted in a dissertation on "Learning for Leading."

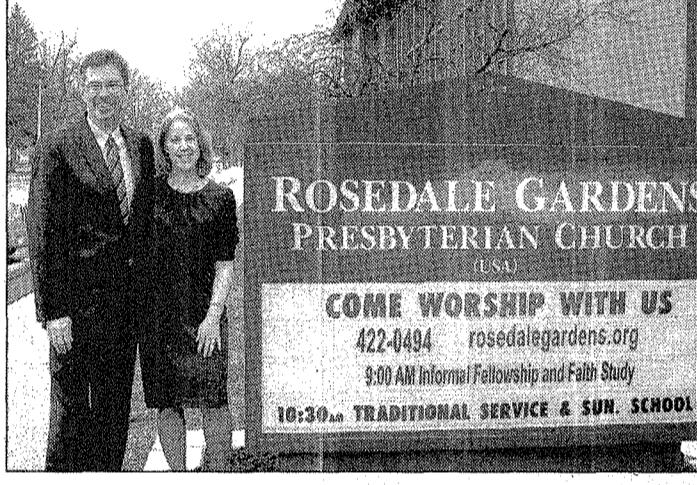
Clark and his wife, Jennie, have two adult children.

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is a congregation of 700 members with a full program of fam-

ily-oriented activities. That includes two Sunday morning worship services: "Friends in Faith" at 9 a.m., and a traditional service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 is for children and youth from nursery through high school. Adult Bible Studies are conducted in small groups during the year in the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Mission activities are an important part of the church life including several mission field trips each year. An active youth program involves about 70 students in middle school and high school people.

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The Rev. Steve Clark and his wife, Jennie will begin serving Rosedale Presbyterian Church on April 4.

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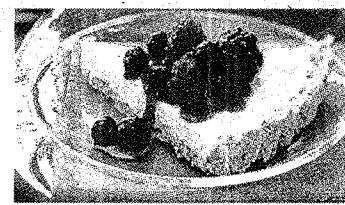
ENTERTAINMENT

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The Redford Theatre will show six films starring Moe, Larry and Curly, during its Three Stooges Festival April 8-9.

Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk,

it's Three Stooges time at the Redford

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Some arrive wearing ties and T-shirts sporting the words "Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk."

They can translate the sounds, "smack," and "doink" as a whack to the head, followed by a quick eye poke.

And they can recite lines like "Why I outta..." and "Calling Dr. Howard, Dr. Fine, Dr. Howard," followed by a rousing chorus of "B-A-Bay."

They are, of course, fans of the Three Stooges and they'll get their twice-annual big-screen fix of Larry, Moe and Curly Friday-Saturday, April 8-9 at the Redford Theatre.

The volunteer-driven movie house created the festival more than 10 years ago at the request of patrons.

"It was Stooges, Stooges, Stooges. It was so popular we decided to do it twice a year. I get e-mails in January asking about it," said Linda Sites, a Redford resident who helps out with publicity and at the box office. "One time we had a family of cousins, uncles and brothers come in who all sat on one side of the theater. Everyone would stand up and do a 'whoop, whoop, whoop,' at times dur-

ing the film."

Not all Stooges fans are as vocal as that family was, but Sites says the fun of watching the Three Stooges — or any other classic film — on the big screen is sharing the experience with others.

"We showed *White Christmas* in December and we had over 1,600 people. We had a huge crowd. It's because people come in with their family and their neighbors," she said. "I always think it comes down to that communal experience. It's the fun of laughing and crying with others."

The shared experience also includes intermission, 65 varieties of candy and "real butter" on the popcorn.

FILM FAVORITES

A film selection committee considers patron requests — a suggestion box is stationed in the lobby — and chooses each season's series.

Summer programming will include *Star Trek* in 70 mm, the classic Hitchcock film, *Rebecca*, and a visit by the *Somewhere In Time*'s international fan club president, Jo Addie. Her appearance will coincide with a screening of the film, which was shot in 1979 mostly on Mackinac Island.

She'll share her experiences as an extra on the set with Christopher Reeve and Jayne Seymour.

"With the passing of Elizabeth Taylor, we want to do something for her in the fall," Sites said. "We're also having our animation festival again. That has become a regular event."

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Diva Dog, Annie, photographer Jill Andra Young's late Basenji. Young will photograph children and dogs in feathers, pearls and tulle Saturday, April 2, at Diva Day in downtown Plymouth.

ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School

Coming up: Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Costick Center. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14

Contact: (248) 473-1856

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Chili Challis, March 30-April 2; Chas Elsner, April 6-9; Floyd J. Phillips, April 13-16; Mark Poolos, April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Laugh for Life

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., April 1

Location: Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Fundraiser for AAA Pregnancy Resource Center in Livonia, features Christian comedian, Bob Stromberg. Tickets are \$15 available at www.aaprc.org. Concessions will be available. School-aged children welcome

Contact: (734) 425-8060

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Lynne Kopitz, March 31-April 2; Steve McGrew, April 7-9; Michael Somerville, April 14-16; T.J. Miller, April 21-23; Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Stand-up classes: A six-week session with comedian Bill Bushart, meets 1:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday, beginning April 2. Cost is \$175. Call the Comedy Castle to reserve a spot

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Matt Wertz, March 31; The Julian Lage Group, April 1; The RFD Boys, April 2; Gemini, April

3; The Civil Wars & White Dress, April 3; Garnet

Rogers & Archie Fisher, April 4; Over the Rhine &

Lucy Wainwright Roche, April 5; David Bromberg & Angel Band, April 7; Steppin' in it, April 8; Mr.

B's Piano Celebration, April 9-10; Brendan James & Matt White & Lauren Pritchard, April 11; Adrian Legg, April 12; Catie Curtis & Amy Speace, April 13;

Breathe Owl Breath & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 17

Shop, snack and mingle at Diva Day

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bring on the feathery boas, hors d'oeuvres and shop-till-you-drop bargains — the third annual Diva Day is expected to bring 500-plus moms, daughters, sisters, and girlfriends into downtown Plymouth Saturday, April 2.

Shoppers will find more than 30 participating shops, boutiques, salons and restaurants, offering discounts, refreshments, giveaways and prizes.

"It's kind of a way to break into the spring season and shop for something fun," said Teri Fry, events manager for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. "Come in groups. Bring a friend, a sister a mother and daughter and have a good time."

Lime green and purple balloons will identify participating stores and the first 500 Diva Day shoppers will receive a purple boa.

Fry said the boas, which are distributed at each Diva Day, generally are gone by noon.

Razzamatazz, Old World Olive Press, Isabella's Copper Pot and Cupcake Station are new to the event. Maps of Diva Day

merchants will be available at participating shops.

Retailers Johanna Ohagan and Kristi Partain opened Razzamatazz at 470 Forest, last fall, just in time for downtown Plymouth's annual Ladies Night Out.

"We had no idea what it was going to be like," said Ohagan, adding that the crowd was bigger than expected. "It was fun."

She said the store will be prepared for Diva Day with appetizers, wine, and a giveaway of light-up wrist bands.

Razzamatazz sells home decorating items and gifts, including jewelry, candles, vases, tools, lighters, and one-of-a-kind handmade items.

"We have a birthday section and a wedding section. We have seasonal items, so we have a lot of Easter right now."

Shoppers who make a purchase at the store during Diva Day will be entered into a drawing for a bunny house and bunny. Ohagan said the item could be used as a "cute centerpiece."

PICTURE PERFECT

Jill Andra Young can never have too much tulle or too many feather boas and pearls on hand during Diva Day.

"We probably did more dogs," said Young, recalling her Diva Day photography session last year.

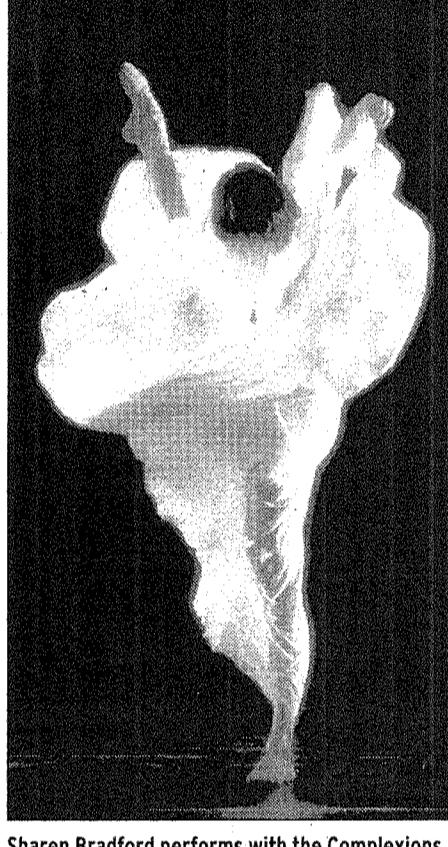
Her "Little Diva and Diva Dogs" event on Saturday is aimed at canines and kids. The \$30 package includes a take-home 4-by-6-inch photo and a \$20 order worth of photos in various sizes.

She keeps a tiara, "blingy rings," tulle, pearls and boas on hand for both human and canine models at her studio, located at 825 Penniman.

"Dogs like the feather boas. We use the tulle and feather boas and wrap them up in it," she said. "If the dogs don't find it objectionable I have stretchy pearls they can wear. It depends on the pet personalty."

Diva Day runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 2. Other participants are Basket Kreations, Bella Mia, Creatopia Pottery Studio, Dearborn Jewelers, Eclectic Attic, Genuine Toy Co., GiGi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Magnolia Fresh Flower Shop, Penniman Gallery, RSVP, sideways, Sun & Snow, That's Awesome, TranquiliTea and Wilcox Consignment.

GET OUT!



Sharen Bradford performs with the Complexions Contemporary Ballet. The group will dance April 2-3 at Music Hall in Detroit.



Mosaics, such as this piece by artist Wesley Wong, will be on exhibit April 1-27 at Northville Art House.

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts

Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmullen@yahoo.com

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7:10-30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert, April 1; Empty Chair Night, April 3;

Putnam Smith, April 8, Melissa Greener, April 9;

The Choir, April 14; Brooks Williams with Mike Vial, April 15; Tim Eriksen with Nick Schillace, April 16;

Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, April 29; Craig Cardiff, April 30

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 2 and 2 p.m. April 3

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Comic Opera Guild performs "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein." Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

Contact: (734) 394-5460; cantonvillagetheater.org

Vivace Music Series

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Eugenia Zukerman will share the stage with Russian/American soprano Svetlana Strezeva and her daughter, pianist, Milana Strezeva. The program will feature music by well known Russian and French composers in folk and classical traditions. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for senior citizens and students

Contact: Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348 or Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338

DANCE

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 2, 2 p.m. April 3

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Complexions Contemporary Ballet interprets U2 and The Rolling Stones, along with compositions by many Jazz, Gospel and Blues greats. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50

Contact: (313) 887-8500; www.ticketmaster.com

FAMILY

Arab American National Museum

Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 2

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: "Spring into Spring" with live butterflies, spring crafts, kid karaoke, cookie decorating, scavenger hunt and more. A pizza feast and sweet seasonal dessert will be served from 2:30-4 p.m. Themed gift basket raffle will be held during the event. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each. Admission is \$6 for children ordered in advance at www.arabamericanmuseum.org or \$8 at the door; all activities and refreshments are included. Adults admitted free. Adult food tickets will be available for \$2 during the event

Contact: Janice Freij at (313) 624-0203 or jfreij@accesscommunity.org

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

FOOD

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FAVORITES REINVENTED WITH FLAVORFUL SURPRISES



With spice consumption at an all-time high across America, it's an exciting time for flavor. According to the McCormick® Flavor Forecast® 2011, different tastes, textures and colors are mixed and matched to deliver fun and excitement to eating.

"We're seeing a more adventuresome spirit in the kitchen — playful takes on America's favorites that bring both the comfort of familiarity and the energy of the unexpected," says Larry Tong, McCormick chef. "For example, a contemporary combination of mustard seed and vermouth sparks a martini-inspired steak kabob, complete with onion and olive garnishes."

Tong sees this lighthearted approach showing up in every course of the meal — right through to dessert. Taking a cue from the report's Herbes de Provence & Popcorn pairing, a deliciously creamy, no-bake cheesecake has a crust of playful and crunchy crushed popcorn accented with savory Herbes de Provence.

For more recipes and featured flavors, visit www.FlavorForecast.com.

DIRTY MARTINI STEAK KABOBS

Makes 8 servings (2 kabobs and 1 cup salad each).

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Refrigerate Time: 2 hours

Cook Time: 15 minutes

3 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Yellow Mustard Seed

¾ cup dry vermouth

½ cup olive oil

¼ cup fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons honey

1½ teaspoons grated lemon peel

2 tablespoons juice from green olives

½ teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Sicilian Sea Salt

1 teaspoon minced garlic

½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Coarse Grind Black Pepper

2 pounds boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes

16 small cippolini onions

16 large pimiento-stuffed green olives

Mixed Greens with Mustard

Vinaigrette (recipe sidebar)

1. Heat large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add mustard seed; cook and stir 1 minute or until fragrant. Immediately pour out of hot pan to avoid over-toasting. Coarsely crush seeds using a rolling pin or a mortar and pestle. Reserve 1 tablespoon for the Mustard Vinaigrette (recipe sidebar).

2. Mix remaining mustard seed, vermouth, oil, lemon juice, honey, olive juice, lemon peel, sea salt, garlic and pepper in large bowl until well blended. Reserve ¼ cup of the marinade for brushing. Place remaining marinade in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add steak; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 2 hours or longer for extra flavor.

3. Meanwhile, bring water to boil in small saucepan. Add onions; cook 5 minutes. Drain well. Cool onions slightly. Cut off top and bottom ends, then peel onions. Remove steak from marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Alternately thread steak, onions and olives onto 16 skewers.

4. Grill kabobs over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until steak is desired done-ness, turning occasionally and brushing with reserved marinade. Serve kabobs with Mixed Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette.

Nutritional information per serving: 418 Calories, Fat 24g, Protein 28g, Carbohydrates 19g, Cholesterol 62mg, Sodium 713mg, Fiber 3g



Dirty Martini Steak Kabobs

MIXED GREENS WITH MUSTARD VINAIGRETTE

Mix ½ cup lemon juice, ¼ cup olive oil, 2 tablespoons honey, reserved 1 tablespoon crushed toasted McCormick Gourmet Collection Yellow Mustard Seed, 1 teaspoon dry vermouth, ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Ground Mustard and ½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Sicilian Sea Salt in medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Set aside. Toss 8 cups mixed greens, 1 small red onion, thinly sliced, and ½ cup crumbled blue cheese in large bowl. Serve with vinaigrette.



Cheesecake Tart with Popcorn Crust and Berries

HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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CHEESECAKE TART WITH POPCORN CRUST AND BERRIES

Makes 8 servings

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Refrigerate Time: 2 hours

Popcorn Crust:

3 cups unsalted popped popcorn

½ cup sugar

6 tablespoons butter, melted

2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Collection Herbes de Provence

Cheesecake Tart with Berries:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

1 cup mascarpone cheese

½ tablespoons honey

½ cup sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Collection Herbes de Provence

½ cup water

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 cup blueberries

2 cups mixed berries, such as blackberries, raspberries and strawberries

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. For the crust, place popcorn, about 1 cup at a time, in bowl of food processor or blender; cover. Process until finely ground. Mix ground popcorn, ½ cup sugar, butter and 2 teaspoons Herbes de Provence in medium bowl until well blended. Press mixture firmly onto bottom of foil-lined 9-inch tart pan. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on wire rack.

2. For the tart, mix cream cheese, mascarpone cheese and honey in medium bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Spread evenly in prepared crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until ready to serve.

3. Mix ½ cup sugar, cornstarch and 1 teaspoon Herbes de Provence in medium saucepan. Stir in water and lemon juice until well blended. Stir in blueberries. Stirring constantly, bring to boil on medium heat and boil 1 minute. Pour into medium bowl to cool slightly. Add remaining berries; toss gently to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove tart from foil-lined pan. Cut into slices to serve. Top with berry mixture.

Nutritional information per serving: 406 Calories, Fat 30g, Protein 5g, Carbohydrates 29g, Cholesterol 98mg, Sodium 182mg, Fiber 3g

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MSU offers 'go green' tips for spring lawns

With spring here, thoughts turn to lush green lawns. Michigan State University Extension has a website offering knowledge on lawn care.

MOW HIGH - RECYCLE CLIPPINGS

- Mow at least 3" high
- Return clippings to recycle nutrients
- Sweep or blow clippings from walks and driveways onto the lawn
- Taller grass crowds out weeds and promotes deeper roots
- Deeper roots help the lawn survive droughts

CHOOSE LAWN-TYPE FERTILIZERS

- Choose lawn fertilizers with low or no phosphorus (the middle number) and follow the directions
- Avoid using "triple" products (e.g. 12-12-12)
- Confirm spreader setting before applying

CLEAN UP - AVOID SURFACE WATER

- Maintain a NO APPLICATION zone near lakes, rivers, streams and storm drains
- Never discharge clippings near lakes, rivers, streams or drains
- Sweep fertilizer granules from walks and driveways onto the lawn
- Wash your spreader on the grass

WATER SMART

- Don't soak your lawn and avoid night watering
- Watering should not produce puddles; lighter, more frequent watering is best
- Brown lawns are OK; dormancy is a natural response to drought, however, some water may be necessary during an extended drought of more than a month
- Following Go Green Lawncare Tips will reduce the amount of water your lawn needs

Soil compaction, soil layering and excessive thatch buildup are common problems on home lawns in Michigan. These conditions do not allow adequate water movement into the soil, drainage of water through the soil profile, adequate oxygen in the soil or easy root growth. The results are shallow rooting, inefficient water use and poor turf health.

Cultivation (also called aerification) is the process of physically modifying the soil by removing plugs from the soil profile. There are several types of specialized equipment designed for this procedure. The most common include those with hollow tines that remove a core of soil. Others have solid tine spikes that punch holes into the soil.

SOIL COMPACTION AND SOIL LAYERING

Soil compaction is the result of soil particles being pushed together. It severely reduces the air spaces in the soil. Maintaining air space in the soil is important for water drainage and oxy-



gen exchange for turf roots. Compaction problems are most severe in fine-textured soils (high clay content). Severe compaction can result when these soils are subjected to high traffic. This is a common problem where turf is established on subsoils excavated from basements during the house construction process. Soils containing a higher sand content are more resistant to compaction, but heavy traffic can still compact these soils. Soil layering occurs when different soils are stacked one on top of another. This condition results in poor water movement between layers and inhibits root growth into the lower soil layer. This also occurs when subsoil excavated from basements are placed on the surface, then a shallow layer of topsoil is placed on top of the subsoils. This problem is also evident when sod is placed directly on very fine- or very coarse-textured soils.

Under these conditions, cultivation techniques can improve water infiltration and increase the air space. This procedure will provide for better rooting, which will allow the turf to be more resilient and better tolerate traffic, drought stress, and weed, disease and insect pressure.

THATCH

Thatch is the accumulation of dead and decomposing turf stems, leaves and roots intermixed with live plant roots. Clippings do not contribute to thatch buildup. Clippings decompose quickly and should be returned to the turf.



Thatch is the brown layer between the soil surface and the green top growth. A thatch layer of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch is beneficial because it acts as a buffer at the soil surface and protects the plants from weather extremes. Thatch that builds up over 1 inch, however, can inhibit water and air movement and eventually weakens the turf stand. The thatch layer is home to a variety of microorganisms that are responsible for its decomposition. A buildup of thatch occurs when it is being produced faster than it is being decomposed. Some grasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass, accumulate thatch faster than others. Compacted soils and overwatering also encourage thatch formation. Effective thatch control requires an integrated program combining proper grass selection, irrigation, fertilization, and timely cultivation and dethatching.

CULTIVATION EQUIPMENT

There are several types of cultivation tools. MSU research indicates that using a machine that removes a core of soil is more effective than those that slice or push holes into the soil using solid tines. For hollow tine machines, the combination of tine size and spacing will determine the amount of soil that you can remove. Tines at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter should be used. Larger tines are suggested for more severe compaction or thatch problems. As a general rule, there should be a hole every 3 inches and you should aerify between 4 and 6 percent of the

surface area (see table below). Wide tine spacing and small tine diameter have little effect on a turf. For example, compare an aerifier in the table below that has a 2- by 2-inch spacing with one that has a 4- by 6-inch spacing. It would require six passes with the latter to achieve the same number of holes as one pass with the closer spacing.

DEPTH OF CULTIVATION

Generally, the deeper the cultivation, the better. As a minimum, we suggest 2.5 inches. Let's say a thatch layer of 1.5 inches exists on a site and the tines reach only to a depth of 2 inches — only $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of soil will be brought to the surface with each tine. Considering the low percentage of area affected (see table), this activity will have almost no impact on mixing soil with the thatch, regardless of the number of passes.

CULTIVATION FREQUENCY AND TIMING

For many bluegrass lawns, one cultivation per year is adequate. If there is a significant thatch layer (1 inch or more) or the area is severely compacted, two or more cultivations per year will be beneficial. When it becomes evident that the thatch has been reduced to less than 1 inch and the turf is rooting well into the soil below, the frequency of cultivation can be reduced to annual treatments. The degree of compaction, soil conditions and the use of the turf will determine how frequently cultivation will be needed.

CULTIVATION TIPS

The cultivation process will cause some injury to turf. Fertilizing approximately a week before cultivation will increase the growth rate of the grass and promote quick recovery. Cultivating during spring or fall is most desirable because the turf will recover quickly. Many cores will be left on the lawn after the operation. These cores can be broken up by dragging a mat over the lawn to sift the cores back into the turf. Seeding the lawn after a cultivation procedure is a very effective way to introduce more desirable grasses.

For best results, pay attention to the moisture content in the soil when cultivating. Soil that is too dry will not allow the tines to penetrate adequately. Wet conditions may cause unnecessary damage to the turf.

Effect of Tine Diameter and Spacing on Percent of Area Affected

	2" x 2"	2" x 4"	4" x 6"
$\frac{1}{4}$	12	0.6	0.2
$\frac{1}{2}$	2.8	1.4	0.5
$\frac{3}{4}$	4.9	2.5	0.8
$\frac{5}{8}$	7.7	3.8	1.3
$\frac{3}{4}$	11.0	5.5	1.8
1	19.6	9.8	3.3

Energy tax credit a boon

Q: Can you give me some information about the Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credit?

A: Individual taxpayers are eligible for a personal tax credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of

qualified solar-electric, solar hot water, small wind energy, and geothermal heat pump property.

Robert Meisner The applicability

of this credit has been extended until Dec. 31, 2016, and the previous cap of \$2,000 has been eliminated. You are best advised, however, to speak with your tax accountant.

Q: I have heard that the Residential Energy-Efficiency Tax Credit has been repealed. Could you describe what it was and what is going to happen, if you know, regarding any extension?

A: The federal tax credit was equal to 30 percent of the amount expended for purchasing new, efficient technologies such as water heaters, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, central air conditioners, insulation, windows, doors, roofs and fans. The maximum amount of this tax credit for all technologies placed in service in 2009 and 2010 was \$1,500. However, this provision expired on December 31, 2010, but there is currently a bill in Congress to extend this program, but it has not passed as of yet. You may want to write your legislators in Congress regarding this act.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or email bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of December 13-17, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	Birmingham	\$130,000
18215 Birwood Ave	1839 Birmingham Blvd	\$236,000
1771 Cole St	\$185,000	
1668 Graefield Rd Unit 64	\$55,000	
1936 Haynes St	\$99,000	

603 Suffield Ave Commerce Township	\$735,000 \$220,000	27560 Royal Crescent Dr Lathrup Village	\$160,000 \$150,000 \$226,000 \$76,000	40892 Kingsley Ln South Lyon	\$271,000 \$355,000
2798 Aldrington Ct Farmington	\$220,000 \$50,000	17630 Rainsgate Dr Milford	\$77,000 \$340,000	25766 Laramie Dr Southfield	\$31,000 \$120,000
1925 Applebrook Dr Farmington Hills	\$842,000 \$125,000	1601 Hidden Valley Dr Novi	\$195,000 \$104,000	18493 Lincoln Dr White Lake	\$100,000 \$103,000 \$10,000 \$22,000
8426 Arlis St 23011 Farmington Rd 22775 Maple Ave	\$83,000 \$135,000 \$105,000	1844 Quendale Ln 219 W Lafayette St	\$104,000	28549 Castlegate Dr 657 Red Bank Dr	\$103,000 \$254,000
8623 War Bonnet Dr 2130 Middlebelt Rd	\$125,000 \$69,000	27434 Carlton Way Dr 27473 Cromwell Rd 21029 Dundee Dr 28919 Hearthstone Dr	\$116,000 \$45,000 \$385,000 \$195,000	17016 Melrose St 30220 Southfield Rd # A243	
	\$59,000				

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. You can learn about the free pre-licensing course.

For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a three-hour Continuing Competency course, required for license renewal for both Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors licenses, on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

For those with licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 2009, three hours of continuing competency are required each licensing cycle. The instructor, Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, of CECS of Michigan, LLC, will present

one hour for each of the required subjects: legal issues, codes, and safety issues. Registration fees are \$55 for members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mable of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit websites, or send e-mail. Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing process will be covered.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and

\$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19.

The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, business coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching. Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19.

The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ford Conference & Event Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held at that location later that day. The June 15

and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including lunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Registration fees for members or guests are \$40 per person for each seminar or \$80 per person, if you register for all three seminars. For further information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org/events.php.

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, the association will host Dennis Priem from Lead Paint Safety Classes LLC. Call (734) 552-3316. He will be speaking on the EPA's lead paint safety standards and liability lawsuits.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 13-16, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Garden City	3933 Cornerstone Dr	\$125,000
Northville	1510 Farmington Rd	\$30,000

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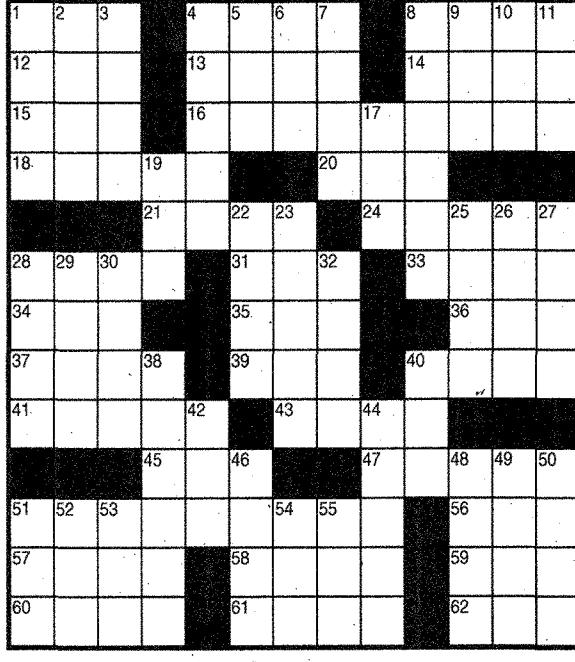
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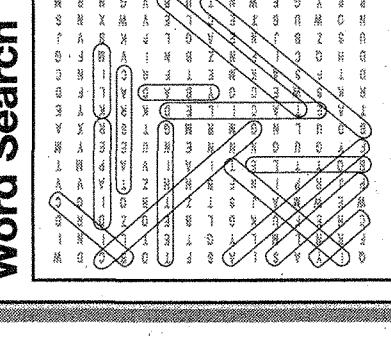
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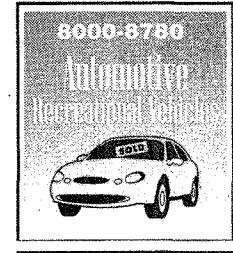
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