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The Friends of the William P. Faust Library of Westland will hold a used book sale May 4-6, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Priced are \$2 for coffee table books, \$1 for hardcovers, DVDs and CDs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, 25 cents for small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records and 10 cents for small paperback romance books and magazines. Sunday will be a \$4 Big Bag Sale.

A preview sale for Friends members is from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 3. You can become a Friend at the preview.

Bring your own bags when you shop at the book sale, or buy a Friends green bag for \$2.

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**Westland seeks design
work for Central City Park**

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Observer Staff Writer

Remediation of Westland's Central City Park is nearly complete, so plans to make the park into a community attraction are moving forward.

A \$15,480 contract for design services with city engineers Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment was recently approved

by the council. OHM had already done some engineering work for the site which was cleared, regraded and seeded as part of the environmental remediation project.

The contract calls for OHM to develop conceptual site plans for the Farmers Market Plaza, concession stand, athletic fields and the Veterans Memorial Garden in Central City Park along with

adjoining Tattan Park, where Play Planet and H2O Zone are located.

The planned project includes construction of six state-of-the-art soccer fields, a restroom facility, three picnic shelters and a plaza area for special events, including the Farmers Market. The concrete plaza area would consist of an amphitheater and a custom design shelter cov-

ering the majority of the plaza area.

"There is a lot of work, we need design work that includes the pavilions, the styles of the benches and picnic tables," said Westland Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski. "This time the work is nuts and bolts."

The plans call for picnic structures to be added to Tattan Park, bleachers, benches and goals

for the soccer field, pavers, benches, picnic tables and other amenities for the concession stand. Along with structures and what are called site furnishings, OHM would also prepare preliminary landscape plans for the park.

OHM is to work with the Westland Veterans Association, which

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**Parade route
approved**

The route for the annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day parade has received Westland City Council approval.

This year's parade will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

It will begin at Town N' Country Bowling, 1100 S. Wayne Road, south of Ford, and head south on Wayne Road to the Wayne Peace Memorial at the Wayne Public Library, located between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue.

The council also has agreed to a \$300 contribution to help cover costs of trophies, flags and a luncheon for parade participants.

The parade is sponsored and run by the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council.



Stop in to Buffalo Wild Wings and see manager Doug Blair or server Kendra Turner to help benefit the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

**Restaurant makes it easier
to donate to memorial**

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Observer Staff Writer

It's gotten easier to help raise money for the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Beginning last fall, guests at the Westland Buffalo Wild Wings could get 20 percent of their total bill — dine in or take out — donated to the memorial garden just by bringing in a business size-card. Now, guests just can tell their server they want to support the veterans

fund-raiser to receive the donation.

"If they say they are there for the memorial, the server will write it on the receipt," said Ken Mehl, Westland Veterans Association president.

There hasn't been a tremendous response to the fundraiser so far but Mehl is hoping to see an increase in participation. About \$90,000 has been raised toward the \$150,000 estimated cost for the Veterans Memorial Garden which is set to be ded-

icated in Central City Park on Veterans Day Nov. 11.

"A few hundred dollars (raised) doesn't sound like a lot but if we can push this, it can dramatically increase," said Mehl. "Between what we are doing now and other things coming up, we'll accomplish it."

For the past four years, Buffalo Wild Wings has also been a sponsor of the Westland Veterans Association golf outing

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**Farmers
market**

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Westland Farmers Market at the Bailey Recreation Center and Westland City Hall or at www.cityofwestland.com/westland-farmers-market.

The market allows farmers, growers and producers to sell their products directly to the public. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday from May 29 to Oct. 23 in the parking lot of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

**TIFA board,
council look
at city hall
woes, plan**

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Observer Staff Writer

Problems with Westland City Hall and the process used to develop a proposal for a new municipal building were reviewed as the Tax Increment Financing Authority Board and its citizens council met for the first time last week.

Citizens council members, along with residents, got a chance to ask questions and provide input on what should be included in the amended TIFA plan. That plan, which lists projects located within the district to be paid for by recaptured tax dollars, is proposed to include city hall, Central City Park road work, a retail business incubator and Westland shopping district improvements.

What has drawn the most attention is a proposed location of a new city hall behind the William P. Faust Public Library. During two years of study, the TIFA board looked at using existing vacant big box stores, which were rejected for a variety of reasons, including excessive size.

"We don't make the final decision on where city hall would be built — that is up to the city council," TIFA Board Chairperson Marsha Bianconi said. "There would be no land costs. I don't know where else in the TIFA district you could find five acres. You wouldn't have to levy additional millage (to pay for a new building)."

The current city hall is located within the Downtown Develop Authority district, which also captures property taxes for public improvement projects. City officials report the DDA currently captures an insufficient amount of money annually to be able to finance a city hall project on the current site.

Bill Campbell, whose Newberry Estates Subdivision home backs up to the city property behind the library, called on the city to move the TIFA

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Gracin to headline Blues, Brews and Barbecue

Westland native Josh Gracin will headline the second annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16.

The event will feature two days of the area's tastiest barbecue, a car show full of hot rods from across southeast Michigan, hand-crafted beers and music including two hours of Gracin. This will be his first performance in Westland since his *American Idol* days.

A Westland native and John Glenn High School graduate, Gracin first gained public attention on season two of *American Idol* when he came in fourth place, all while serving in the Marine Corps.

Gracin's first album released in 2004 received gold status and had a number one hit and two other top five singles. In 2008, his sec-

ond album was released with more chart topping hits. His newest album *Redemption* was released at the end of 2011.

"Josh Gracin is a real country music star and he will add a nice twist to the great line-up of blues bands we have scheduled," said Mayor William Wild. "Gracin's Westland fans have been eagerly awaiting his return."

Blues, Brews and Barbecue will include several of the area's most popular blues bands - Sweet Willie Tea, Monsieur Guillaume and his Zydeco Hepcats, Jones'n - and returning bands, including The Alligators, Front Street Blues Band and The Boa Constrictors.

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, call (734) 467-3200 or visit www.cityofwestland.com.



Josh Gracin will return to his hometown to headline entertainment Westland's second annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue in September.

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which also raises money for the Veterans Memorial Garden.

"We're trying to give back as best we can to our armed forces with the golf outing and donations," said Doug Blair, director of training and marketing for the restaurant. "We want to help out with the memorial garden."

This year, the golf outing, co-sponsored by North Brothers Ford, will be held Saturday, July 28, at Inkster Valley Golf Course. There is a shotgun start at 8:45 a.m.

The cost is \$90 per person, including golf, lunch, two drink tickets and din-

ner. The awards and buffet following the outing will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings on North Wayne Road just north of Hunter.

Hole sponsorships are available and donations are needed for raffles.

"All the prizes are done by raffle, so everyone has a chance to win," said Mehl.

Ongoing fundraisers for the Veterans Memorial Garden include selling engraved pavers in three sizes ranging from \$100-\$500, shirts, hats and CDs.

For more information on the Veterans Memorial Garden fundraisers including the golf outing, call (734) 335-7943.

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Ken Mehl of the Westland Veterans Association is confident the group will reach its fund-raising goal for the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Businesses get go-ahead to open in Westland

Several new business have obtained needed council approvals to open in Westland.

• Special land use was approved for a body art studio to be located at 8347 N. Wayne Road south of Joy in the Woodcrest Plaza.

• A second body art studio to be located at 5848 N. Wayne Road north of Ford also received special land use approval.

• A special land use approval was granted for a Dairy Queen restaurant to be located at 36520 Ford at the northwest corner of Ford and Central City Parkway. Relocating from Livonia, the business will have carry-out and seating for about 12 patrons.

A revised site plan was

approved for the exterior remodeling of Red Holman Buick GMC, 35300 Ford, just east of Wayne Road. Plans call for installation of a pre-fabricated entry element with updated aluminum trim and painting of existing exterior materials in a black and white color scheme.

Council also recently approved a Class C liquor license transfer from Carino's of Westland, which operated the long-closed Johnny Carino's Restaurant on Warren Road, to Westland Char House LLC.

Cindy Dakis, co-owner of the Belleville Char House, requested the license transfer. The Westland Char House is expected to open in the late summer.

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already has a design for the Veterans Memorial Garden, and the city to reach a consensus for that part of the development.

This design work is being funded from proceeds from the Westland Wild Wings charity hockey game which earmarked money raised for improvements at Central

City Park.

The council has also approved the city's grant application to seek funding from the Department of Natural Resources for improvements to the park for a \$500,000 project — \$200,000 provided as a local match.

Construction at Central City Park had included clearing the 12-acre eastern part of the site along the east side of Carlson. The park was regraded, then covered with a geotextile membrane and

10-15 inches of top soil. Along with passive measures dealing with methane gas, the work is part of efforts to remediate long-standing lead and other contamination in the eastern portion of park.

Wayne County is funding the \$2.5 million project for the 12 acres on the east side of the park, but remediation for the other approximately 21 acres was cost-prohibitive. As a result, that area will be restrict-

ed for the foreseeable future.

A new sidewalk has been installed along the east side of the park on Carlson along with a 200-space parking lot, new curbs and two entrances and exits which don't cross the park walking path.

Exactly when the park, closed since 2006, will reopen hasn't been determined.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding its spring rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday also is bag day with \$2 for a grocery bag and \$5 and plastic lawn bag. Homemade bake goods and refreshments also will be available.

The church is located at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801. The building is handicap accessible.

Mom to mom sale

The Wayne Community Center is hosting a Mom-to-Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12. There will be up to 50 tables with no retail products or home-based businesses.

There will be a separate room for large items. Admission is free. Moms are asked to bring umbrella strollers only.

Anyone interested in renting table can contact Nathan Adams at (734) 721-740, ext. 1300, or by e-mail at nadams@ci.wayne.mi.us for a table agreement.

Flea Market

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is holding a flea market 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the church on Cherry Hill between

Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland.

Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to cleanup, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662.

Derby Celebration

The Wayne Rotary Club and the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a Kentucky Derby Celebration 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne.

The cost is \$20 per person including a tailgate-style dinner catered by Chef Tony of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

There will be Triple Crown Races, live auction, raffle baskets, best dress and hat contests

For more information, contact the Wayne Community Center at (734) 721-7400.

TIFA

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district boundary to include the current city hall site.

Under state law, the city can't expand the TIFA district, City Attorney James Fausone said. In addition, he noted property couldn't be in both the TIFA and DDA districts.

Other residents argued the TIFA was established to stop blight and economically revitalize property — a situation that didn't exist in their neigh-

borhood.

"From what I've heard tonight, it's a pretty done deal," said Stephanie Kleffman, another Newberry Estates resident. "You're not considering options or our property values. No one will want to back up to city hall."

Her husband Robert Kleffman called on the city to utilize the approximately \$8 million in proceeds from a scheduled refinancing of Taylor Towers, along with DDA money, to fund construction of a new city hall on the current site.

Depending on the

size and design, the new municipal building would cost \$8 million to \$13 million and likely be financed by 20-year bonds. The conceptual plan for a two-story building located behind the library locates it on the north side of the city property.

"We'd add one bank of parking beyond what already exists," said Greg Van Kirk of Plante Moran CRESA. "This project would disturb less than 10 percent of the existing site. All the woods to the south would be untouched."

Andrea Clawson, a Wayne-Westland school

board member, commented that with the Bailey Recreation Center closing, the city would have plenty of room to expand the city hall footprint.

Robert Kleffman suggested that the city look again at a big box store and utilize the excess space for a recreation center and pool.

The citizens council is scheduled to meet again at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Bailey Center. The only agenda item will be a discussion on supporting the plan amendments.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Bee good

Alexis Bowman came very close to earning a trip to Washington, D.C.

The Stevenson Middle School student finished second in the Detroit News Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in a spelldown that went 16 rounds to determine the winner.

"Our students did an excellent job," said Aaron Baughman, director of professional development for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "There were 65 contestants and 35 were eliminated in the first round."

The spelling bee, held at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit, lasted three hours and on three different occasions faced elimination but hung on.

"These kids were hit with some of toughest championship words I've seen as student and an English language arts instructor," Baughman told the Wayne-Westland school board into the contest. "I would have been eliminated in the first round."

Bowman and Ian Maas, a student at Marshall Upper Elementary School, were recognized by the school board earlier this month as the winners of the district's 32nd annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bees. Bowen also received a second certificate for her appearance in the regional bee.

Johnson Elementary celebrates Earth Day

Approximately 625 fifth- and sixth-grade students celebrated Earth Day Wednesday at Johnson Upper Elementary in Westland, a Wayne County Green School.

Teachers selected four activities and/or speakers for their classes to attend to learn about the environment and ways they can contribute to a cleaner planet. Options included learning about electric vehicles, weather, state parks and native species, how to pack a waste-free lunch, creating a backyard wildlife habitat, composting and rain barrels, butterfly gardening, container gardening, and where garbage goes. There were also activities to choose from, including a scavenger hunt, cleaning up the school grounds, recycling relay race, recycled art journals and planting shrubs and flowers on the school grounds.

Andrea Pensari, parent of fifth-grade student Eric Pensari, contacted the PTA in February with an offer from Yazaki coworker Joshua Dawson to do a presentation on electric cars. Students viewed a power point presentation and then headed outside to see a Nissan Leaf electric vehicle. Students were surprised at how quiet the car was while running.

Wednesday's nice weather was another popular topic, as students gathered to hear from meteorologist Jim Madaus. Lightning and tornadoes were a popular subject from his presentation.

Ranger Dayna LaFlamme from Seven



Dhwani Soni made an art journal out of recycled boxes.

Lakes State Park in Holly talked about invasive insects students should watch out for, and the activities students can enjoy at the many state parks.

Students also learned about butterfly gardening and creating backyard wildlife habitats. At the butterfly garden, led by Johnson parent volunteer Paula Clymer, students created butterfly art projects and artist trading cards, in addition to learning about how to attract butterflies.

Additional hands-on activities included planting seeds and container gardening - students used

like toilet paper tubes and pop and water bottles to create recycled material planters with instruction from parent volunteer Debbie Pline. They were able to choose from cucumber, pepper, green bean or sunflower seeds to plant. Demonstrations were also presented on how to make your own upside down tomato and herb planter. Students were also able to use recycled materials to create art journals and bird feeders.

Students also learned about rain barrels and how to compost. Joshua Rubin of MI Rain Barrels shared his knowledge about the importance of using available resources, rather than throwing them away. Students examined and learned



Taila Anderson weeds a flower bed.

how to use the composters and rain barrel he brought.

Waste-free lunch was another popular topic. Parent volunteer Lisa Ramsay talked with students about the impact they can have on the environment by reducing the amount of packaging that goes into their lunches.

Building Supervisor Dave Gluth and parent Debbie Pline have been working with students and staff, with the encouragement of Principal Richard Steele, to encourage recycling, and as a result, the amount of garbage generated each day during lunch has been significantly reduced. This was a major factor in the building's Green Schools achievement.

Fun and games were also available to students - they had the opportunity to go on an outdoor scavenger hunt, looking for several natural items on the playground, including heart-shaped rocks, feathers and leaves. Other games included a Recycling Relay Race, where students had to run to a recycling bin, grab an item and decide if it was something that should be composted, recycled or thrown out. Rounding out the activities were stations to clean up the school grounds, with a giant bubble station once students finished, and planting flowers and shrubs in front of the building, with sidewalk chalk art once they were finished.



Zack Chantres digs a hole to plant flowers in front of the school.

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NFL Hall of Famer's book signing benefits Relay for Life

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Former Detroit Lions great Lem Barney was a team player during his football career and that continued in his second career in the ministry. Now the NFL Hall of Famer is teaming up with a local Relay for Life team for a book signing to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Barney will be at the Westland Biggby Coffee on Ford just west of Newburgh at noon Saturday, May 5, to sell and autograph copies of his book, *The Supernatural*. Part of the sale proceeds will go to the Reddy to Live a Little Relay for Life team.

"I ran into Gordie Howe and he told me I should write a book. A couple of other guys, athletes, said the same thing," said Barney, 66. "The title is a name I received from Van Patrick, who used to broadcast the Lions games, and Jerry Greene, the Detroit sports reporter. They all said I didn't do it (play football) natural, I did it supernatural."

Writing and publishing his book, Barney worked with Westland resident Del Reddy, whose family is part of the Reddy to Live a Little team.

A Gulfport, Miss., native who played football at Jacksonville State University, Barney was



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Former Detroit Lion and NFL Hall of Famer Lem Barney will do a book signing May 5 at Biggby Coffee in Westland to benefit the Reddy to Live a Little Relay for Life team.



Lem Barney's NFL career record includes 56 interceptions for 1,077 yards, 143 punt returns for 1,312 yards and 50 kickoff returns for 1,274 yards.

a second-round draft choice in 1967. He was named 1967 defensive rookie of the year, and

went on to be selected to seven Pro Bowls.

In Barney's first pro start, he intercepted the

first pass in his direction from Green Bay's quarterback Bart Starr and ran for a touchdown. He spent his career as a Detroit Lion, retiring in 1978.

His number, 20, which was also worn by future Detroit Lions star running backs Billy Sims and Barry Sanders, was retired by the Lions.

Off the field, Barney, and Lions teammate Mel Farr befriended Motown recording artist Marvin Gaye, when the singer/songwriter unsuccessfully tried out for the Lions in 1970. Barney and Farr sing background vocals on Gaye's classic 1971

song *What's Going On*, for which Barney earned a Gold Record.

"The book tells about my life. The ups and downs in athletics and the ups and downs in life," said Barney, associate pastor at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield. "I think it's a good book. I talk about my parents, my coaches, friends and teammates."

Barney credits his parents Berdell and Lem Sr. with getting him on a path that avoided the pitfalls that can arise for some professional athletes.

"They were great parents, motivators and an inspiration," said Barney, who grew up with three sisters. "I'm grateful for my career. Mom and dad taught me humility. I'm the first to say I didn't do

it by myself."

There is a saying that "there is no I in team."

Barney takes it a step further, calling team an acronym for Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Westland Biggby Coffee owner Mo Elfakir wasn't born when Barney retired but he had heard the name.

"I did some research and found that he was in the Hall of Fame, it's exciting to have him at the store and to tie in with Relay for Life," said Elfakir.

The week of April 30-May 6, \$1 from each drink sold at the store will be donated to Relay for Life.

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Upcoming Events

INDOOR SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12
Location: VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale, Westland
Details: Need to clean out the garage, basement or attic of things you've collected over the years and no longer need? Why not make some money at the same time. The VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting an indoor garage sale. The table rental is \$20 per table and set up begins at 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.
Contact: For more information or to request an application, contact Jane Wright at (734) 347-9091.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time: Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12
Location: The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office, Wayne
Details: The church is holding its spring rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is also bag day with \$2 for a grocery bag and \$5 and plastic lawn bag. Homemade bake goods and refreshments also will be available. The building is handicap accessible.
Contact: For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29
Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: St. Mel's Women's Club is looking for crafters for its craft fair. More than 50 eight-foot tables available. They cost \$25 each. A table with electricity is \$30. Helpers provided.

Contact: Call St. Mel's Church at (313) 274-0684 or send an e-mail to stmels-craftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland

Details: Do you have things you're looking to clear out of your house? Do you have craft items you would like to sell? Do you have antiques you don't want anymore? Do you have a business such as Tupperware, Party Lite or Creative Memories that you would like to promote? This is a great opportunity to cleanup, clear out, and promote your small business. It's an outdoor event, rain or shine. Cost is \$20, non-refundable, to secure you a parking space. Food concessions will be available.

Contact: Call Sharon Garcia to sign up at cackles55@gmail.com or (734) 637-2662.

CLOTHING SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5

Location: in the South Lobby of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia

Details: The Michigan Bariatric Institute at is hosting a Plus-Size Clothing Sale for the community. Many post-operative bariatric patients will be selling their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL). The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, performed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital by board certified surgeons, including laproscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. The



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institute is located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia

Contact: For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-WHY-WEIGHT (1-877-949-9344).

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.
Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

For Your Health

W-W NAMI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.
Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

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Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and (734) 956-2600

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/date: 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibroGroup.com

MENOPAUSE & MORE

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.
Contact: (734) 655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.
Contact: (734) 563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

Time/date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.
Contact: (734) 261-7880 or

(248) 380-7748

LIFECARE

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday
Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth
Details: LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.
Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109
Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

Education

WILLOW CREEK

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Contact: (734) 427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

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Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

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Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne
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Contact: For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

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Canoes available to rent at Newburgh Lake

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Wayne County residents can again enjoy canoeing at Newburgh Lake.

Wayne County parks is partnering with an Oakland County canoe rental company to rent canoes at Newburgh. The rentals are now available Saturday and Sunday, and, after Memorial Day, available Friday afternoons.

Alan Heavner, owner of Heavner Canoe Rental, in Milford, said the rentals will help draw parents and their children from the Wayne County area outdoors.

"You don't have to go up north, especially with the gas prices," Heavner said. Heavner then pointed to Newburgh Lake. "This could be Blue Lake, this could be anyplace."

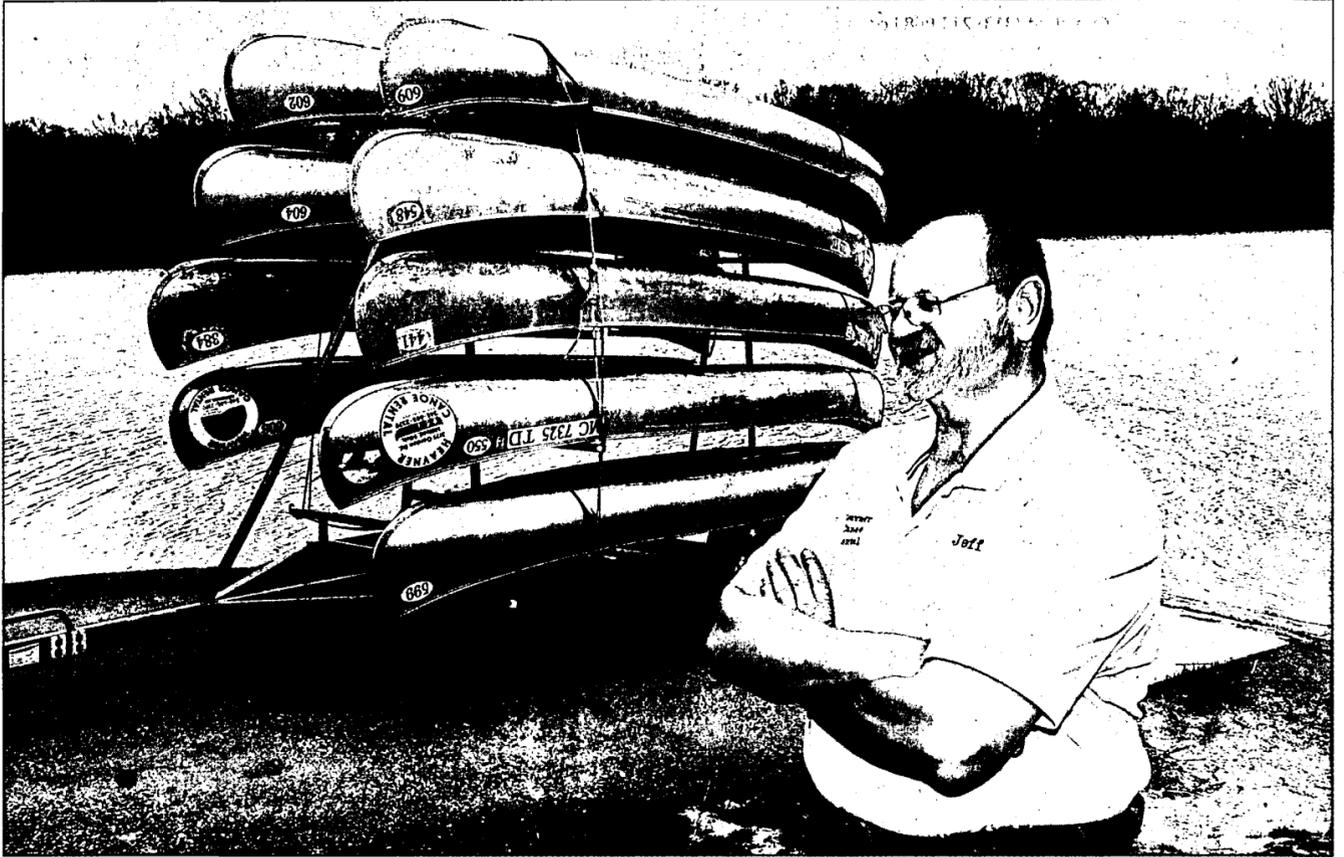
Heavner will use Wayne County's canoes, once used for a canoe rental in the 1990s at Newburgh Lake and at Nankin Mills. Heavner will oversee the canoe rentals at Newburgh Pointe.

He will start with 27 canoes, seven paddleboats and three rowboats in its available inventory, according to Jeff Vallender, project coordinator with Heavner.

Padding Newburgh

The partnership began after Heavner received a phone call from Wayne County Parks. Vallender credited Beverly Watts, director of Wayne County parks, with putting together the partnership. Heavner is also working with parks officials to use an area across Hines Drive for overflow parking.

Rental hours currently are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. After



Jeff Vallender wants to get those canoes in the water.

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Memorial Day, rentals will be available noon to 6 p.m. through Labor Day. Rentals are \$5 for each half hour, with a \$20 deposit.

An adult must be present to sign the rental contract, no alcohol is permitted, and life jackets must be worn, which are provided by Heavner.

Vallender said renters can enjoy "wilderness paddling," enjoy canoeing in combination with a picnic outing with the family or friends, or go fishing.

"It's wilderness paddling closer to home," Vallender said. "This is

wilderness in Livonia. This is pretty."

There is no swimming on Newburgh Lake. Anglers should also check the state of Michigan website for fish consumption advisories on the lake. While the lake, an impoundment of the middle branch of the Rouge River, was cleaned up of PCB contamination in the late 1990s, it still experiences stormwater runoff of contaminants and pollutants after a heavy rainstorm, Vallender said.

Vallender hopes canoe rentals will draw families who want to bring

their children outdoors and friends out for an afternoon, or that teachers bring groups of students and scout leaders bring their troops. They can call Heavner ahead to reserve for group rentals, and that includes rentals during the week.

A learning experience

Heavner said they will also work with special needs kids, from the visually impaired students to those with autism. Paul Augsburger, education coordinator at Heavner's, said getting students out-

doors helps their motor skills.

"We've got sights, smells and touch," Augsburger said. "The trails at Newburgh Lake have really high potential."

Getting children outdoors helps raise self-esteem, confidence and improves grades, Augsburger said.

Segway rentals are also available at Nankin Mills in Westland, which Heavner will be working with to accommodate families. The company also hopes to promote local restaurants, too.

Vallender said he expects rentals will be a

big hit, judging from the honked horns and waves from vehicles driving by on Hines Drive as a Heavner van and trailer hauled canoes the day of this interview.

Heavner said he has already received phone calls from residents who are looking forward to canoeing on Newburgh Lake.

"It's something that will get children outdoors," Heavner said.

For information, call Heavner at (248) 685-2379 or visit heavnercanoe.com. For group rental information, call Vallender at (248) 798-7434.



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Elle goes to Harvard in WM's 'Legally Blonde'

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend, will come to life on the stage of Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium when students present Legally Blonde, the musical, next weekend.

"I picked the show because it's modern and upbeat and it's the show I've hoped to do for a couple of years," said director Katie Sullivan. We're fortunate to get the rights to the show. It came right around the time I was making a choice."

When the curtain goes up Thursday evening, the cast will have spent more than 150 hours rehearsing the musical that features two live dogs playing Bruiser and Brutus and instrumental music teacher Matthew Diroff directing a live pit orchestra with several Wayne High alumni.

Senior Delani Derr will star as Elle Woods. It's the role she wanted.

"I connect with her so much, I told Mrs. Sullivan I wanted to be her," she said. "It would be difficult to watch someone else do it because I have such a connection."

"It actually was one of my favorite movies when I was little," she said.

"Delani had fantastic audition for the character, she has both natural and acquired skills to play the role," said Sullivan. "It was a perfect role for her."

Elle is a big part of the show and as a result Derr will rarely leave the stage. She will have 15 costume changes, some done just off the wings, others behind set pieces. Her biggest challenge has

LEGALLY BLONDE

Show times: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 3-4, and noon and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5

Location: Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School, Glennwood east of Fourth Street, Wayne.

Details: Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. Along the way, she discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends an exercise queen in a murder trial.

Tickets: \$10 each for reserved seating, available at the door.

been the songs.

"The hardest thing has been mastering the vocals and getting my confidence, but the last couple of weeks I've been feeling confident."

Jimmy Walkup plays Warner Huntington III, Elle's ex-boyfriend. He's in his first and unfortunately last production at Wayne Memorial. He's a senior.

"He's a strong singer and actor," Sullivan said. "He's very talented, I wish he had come out sooner. I have kids who come out their junior and senior years and they're just incredible. Sometimes it's nerves on their part, and when they do do it, they discover they enjoy it and wish they had joined sooner."

Junior Josiah Ault is playing Emmett Forrest, a law school teaching assistant who helps Elle. Like Derr, it's the role he wanted.

"I really like the char-



Wayne Memorial High School students Delani Derr (from left), Brianna Wilson, Loren Hubbs, Madeline Abicht rehearse a song from "Legally Blonde" with vocal director/music teacher Ashley Helper



acter, he has some really great songs," said Ault. "I had a picture in my mind of what I wanted him to be like and his relationship with Elle is like the relationship I have with her (Derr) in school. It's kind of the same."

Ault is pulling double

duty as assistant director in charge of costumes and props. He's responsible for acquisitions.

"Pink abounds in this show," said Sullivan. "The dressing room is a rainbow of colors, but it's strong on pink."

Three other cast mem-

bers are serving as assistant directors. Junior Loren Hubbs, who plays Margo, one of Elle's sorority sisters, is in charge of patrons - fundraising and publicity. Senior Zach Hay, who plays Professor Callahan, keeps tracks of the grades of the cast and crew members.

"I'm strict with them about grades," said Sullivan. "I expect them to maintain a C or better in all classes. They've made a commitment of time to this, but they also have to maintain academically. Zach hands out progress reports to them and reports back to me. He's been working really hard the last two weeks to maintain attendance and grades."

And senior Brianna Wilson, who plays Pilar, another sorority sister, does the conflict calendar. Her job is to keep track of attendance at rehearsals and maintain the conflict calendar "so we know who needs to be where."

"It's a balancing act to know who's leaving and where they're supposed to be," said Sullivan.

"Those are the two biggest responsibilities."

Another big task for this year's production is set changes, so Sullivan is requiring that cast put in crew hours and the crew put in cast hours.

"We have an unusually small crew, and the set pieces are larger and there's a lot of scene changes, so the cast is putting in time with the sets," said Sullivan. "The challenge with this show is at times we may have an eight-minute song that has four scene changes. The sets have to quickly transition while people are singing, talking and dancing."

"The crew is coming in and getting to know our side which will help when we get into the technical rehearsals," she added.

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Sharing: Wayne High's Ault 'saves the day' for Glenn play

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The drama programs at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools have had helped each other out over the years. But a call from Glenn's Sheri Grove a week before the production of the spring musical, *West Side Story*, was a first for Wayne Memorial's Katie Sullivan: Grove needed an actor to play Riff for two shows.

According to Grove, Glenn's Riff — Tommie Travis IV — had a family tragedy. Grove found out the weekend before the show and contacted Sullivan to see if she had someone who might be able to "save the day." She did, asking three-year thespian Josiah Ault if he could fill in.

"Josiah was the first person I thought of. He's been with me three years and by far is my strongest male vocalist," Sullivan said. "I knew he was the right person for the job, especially with the amount of vocals."

Ault, who plays the lead of Emmett Forrest in this weekend's production of *Legally Blonde* at Wayne Memorial's Stockmeyer Auditorium, accepted the challenge.

"I read the script 24/7. I had five different people read with me," Ault said. "I'm thankful Riff died at the end of Act 1."

Ault divided his time



between the two schools, taking in Glenn's rehearsals 2:30-5 p.m., then dashing back to Wayne Memorial to rehearse until 10 p.m. The challenge was that Riff and Emmett are two totally different characters. He had to have two totally different mind sets. Riff is a "totally angry character," something Ault isn't in real life. He also had to learn several musical numbers, including two solos, and several dances, and all the lines in five days.

"It was a really great experience, with different

directors, a different cast and different people in charge," Ault said. "They

were like, "You'll have to come back next year."

"He performed wonderfully at both shows at Glenn on Saturday. He worked very hard and truly

Wayne Memorial High School junior Josiah Ault can focus on playing Emmett Forrest in *Legally Blonde* after doing a two-show stint as Riff in John Glenn High School's production of *West Side Story*.

ly 'saved the day' for us," Grover said.

Sullivan and a lot of the *Legally Blonde* cast members took in the Saturday evening performance and were "just amazed to see how much he was able to do with the character in such a short time."

"He's very committed," she said.

Grove and Sullivan are happy with the outcome. It's reflective of the sharing that goes on between the two programs, they said. Both are willing and able to assist each other when the need arises and "the students always give 150 percent," Sullivan said.

"It was a true reflection that our programs and students have learned to support one another and work together versus fostering a rivalry," Grove added.

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Wednesday, May 9, 2012
This is your official notification of a Board of Canvassers meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan to consider the following:
1. Approval of the November 9, 2011 Board Minutes.
2. Canvass and certify results of the City Special Election of May 8, 2012.
3. Adjournment.
Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk-Treasurer
Publish: April 29, 2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment, and programs, which will be used to record and tabulate voted ballots for the City Special Election, to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.
Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
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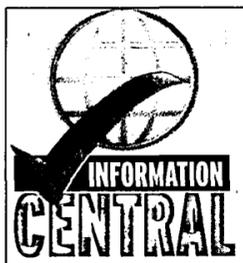
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Nation celebrates National Pet Week

Most of us can identify with being a pet owner some time during our life. In fact, according to statistics compiled by the American Pet Product Association's (APPA) 2011-2012 National Pet Owners Survey, 62 percent of U.S. households own a pet. This is compared to 56 percent in 1988, the first year the survey was conducted and 62 percent in 2008.

Whether our pets swim, fly, run, hop, or gallop the companionship we form with them will always remain with us. So why not take some time to celebrate National Pet Week May 6-12.

As might be suspected, the majority of pets



owned in the U.S. are freshwater fish with nearly 151 million and counting. The next largest number of pets is cats - 86.4 million - and dogs are in third place with 78.2 million owned. However, birds, reptiles and small animals account for nearly 45.5 million pets in our country.

So deciding which kind of pet best suits you and

your lifestyle can be one of the most important decisions you make. Consideration must be given as to the type of pet you want, size, temperament, demands, costs and living condition. Betsy Sikora Siino's *The Complete Idiots Guide to Choosing a Pet and You Want What as a Pet(?)*: A guide to 12 Alternative Pets can get you started down the right path.

Since 2001, expenditures for pets have nearly doubled from \$28.5 billion to an estimated \$52.87 in 2012, with food topping the list at \$20.5 billion and an additional \$12.5 for supplies. With this amount of dollars being spent, it is especially important that pet owners be aware of the basic needs of their

pet verses unnecessary luxuries.

Medical care often becomes more important as we age and our pets are no different. Pet owners are posed to spend about \$13.59 billion in veterinary care in 2012. Health insurance for your pet is an option with available rates ranging from \$250 per year for basic coverage to nearly \$1,000 per year for premium coverage. At those prices it worth picking up Louise Murray's *Vet Confidential: An Insider's Guide to Protecting Your Pet's Health*, Brian Beale's *The Arthritis Cure for Pets*, Chris C. Pinney's, *Home Veterinary Guide or Natural Pet Care* (DVD).

If all this talk about expenses has you interested in learning how you might be able to afford having your own pet, perhaps starting a pet business is for you. Check out Cheryl Kimball's *Start Your Own Pet-Sitting Business and More: Doggy Day-Care, Grooming, Walking, Lori Mangold's The Professional Pet Deter: Your Guide to Starting and Operating a Successful Service* or Cathy Vaughan's *How to Start a Home-Based Pet-Sitting and Dog-Walking Business* to find out how you can be part of this growing industry.

For a special video in recognition of National Pet Week visit You Tube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8Af6fR94vo.

If you are interested in finding out more about everything pets, stop by or call the library at (734) 326-6123 for more information or visit us on the web anytime at westlandlibrary.org.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Friends of the Library

Book Sale: 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 3 (preview sale for Friends Members), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Get books for great prices! All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library who support the mission of the library.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. May 4

Join us as we continue to celebrate Academy Award Nominees and Winners from March through May. Tonight's Movie is *The Iron Lady*, "a look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, with a focus on the price she paid for power." (imdb.com) This movie is Rated PG-13. Snacks and refreshments are available. Trivia and prizes. Door opens at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class: 9:30 a.m. May 4

Get help practicing your English skills in a class room setting with a conversation emphasis taught by Diane and Richard Goers. Classes run from through May 18. Students with children are welcome.

5th Michigan Regiment Band: 2 p.m. May 5, Westland Historical Village, 857 N. Wayne Road

Join the festivities commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The 5th Michigan Regiment Band brings the history of the Civil War alive through authentic and replica music, instruments, attire, flags and customs. This program is proudly presented in conjunction with the Westland Historical Society. No sign-up required.

Natural Hormonal Bal-

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Chess Group: 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays

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

Computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library to find out more. The library offers One-on-one computer classes. Call (734) 326-6123.

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Madonna's commencement marks school's 75th anniversary

Some 1,100 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks during the 65th commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Computare Arena in Plymouth. Among this group will be seven graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program that began in May 2009. Nearly 800 students will receive a bachelor's or associate degree, with some 300 earning master's degrees. As the university cel-



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I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Dennis Bozyk, professor of history. Marlena Hampton, a junior majoring in music, will sing the National Anthem. The mace bearer will be Randal Hoyer, Ph.D., professor of history. All graduates and their families are invited to attend the Graduation Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Bishop Michael J. Byrnes, Archdiocese of Detroit, will serve as the celebrant. A reception hosted by Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa will be held in the University Center Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

Schoolcraft College Board seeks applicants for vacancy

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees invites individuals interested in filling a vacancy on the board to apply for the position before the 3 p.m., Thursday, May 10, deadline. The vacancy is the result of Trustee Patricia Watson's decision to retire after serving Schoolcraft College and the community for more than 20 years. Applications are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from the Office of the President, Room 190, Administration Center, at School-

craft College's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. The Board of Trustees intends to interview qualified applicants and make an appointment in June. The seven-member board serves as the college's policy-making body. To be considered a candidate for the position, an applicant must be a registered voter and a resident

of the Schoolcraft district, which includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, and Plymouth-Canton school districts and part of the Novi school district. Board seats have six-year terms. In order to be considered, applicants must be willing to complete this term, which ends Dec. 31, 2012, and run in the general election in November 2012.

Immediate annuity is an option to replace pension

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I am a widow in my early 70s, living on Social Security and a pension from my husband's former employer. I've been notified the employer is ending the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

pension plan and I'm going to receive a cash settlement. They told me the money can be put into an IRA if I want. In addition to the pension and my Social Security, I have a number of mutual funds that I let the income reinvest. The pension and Social Security more than cover all my living expenses. I like the idea of receiving a pension and the company my husband worked for referred me to an insurance agent who said I could get an immediate annuity. My husband's employer was very good to us and the insurance agent is very reputable. I went to the agent and he gave me a quote for an immediate annuity and the payment is just a few dollars a month less than my husband's pension. Do you like immediate annuities and can you tell me if there are any pitfalls?

A: An immediate annuity is a type of annuity that pays a fixed amount of money, on a regu-

lar basis, for the rest of your life — no matter how long you live. Upon your death, the payments cease and the annuity is terminated. In that regard, it is very similar to your husband's pension. However, with immediate annuities there are options to consider. For example, one option guarantees the annuity will pay you for at least 10 years. Therefore, if you pass away during that 10-year period, the additional payments go to your beneficiary. In addition, you can have an inflation option where based upon the inflation rate, your payments increase on a yearly basis. These are just a couple of the more popular options you can add on to an immediate annuity. Of course, these options don't come free. They come at a cost. Your monthly benefit will be lower, based upon the more options you add.

I believe an immediate annuity is a viable investment product for many people. The key, however, is to make sure that you're dealing with a solid insurance company. Typically, when I recommend immediate annuities, I want to make sure that the company is AAA rated. In addition, I do not want an immediate annuity with all of someone's assets. In your situation,

however, this doesn't apply. The No. 1 downside of an immediate annuity is that it's irrevocable. Once you sign up and begin receiving payments, the contract is irrevocable. Therefore, you have to make sure that it is indeed the way to proceed. One additional note, like everything else in our society, it does pay to receive some competitive bids. Since you're dealing with an insurance agent who you have confidence in, you can ask him to get some bids from additional companies or you can approach someone else to get a competitive bid. You would be surprised by how different companies can be when it comes to an immediate annuity, especially if you add on some of the options available. My philosophy is if you can increase your monthly income without additional risk, why not? After all, the money you get looks better in your pocket than it does in the insurance company's pocket. Good luck!

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO: PAUL ANDREW RUGENSKI AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that the Petition has been filed in the above Court and case by Stephen O. Elston, II, seeking adoption of the above-named minor child, Janice L. Hayes, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 37, Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066, has been appointed to represent Paul Andrew Rugenski in this matter. A hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 6th day of June, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Jefferson County, Kansas, Probate Division, 300 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa, Kansas 66066.

The parents and any other person having an interest in this matter are required to appear before the Court on the date and time set forth above and to file written responses to the Petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or appear before the Court at the date and time shown above will not prevent the Court from entering judgment or granting relief as requested in the Petition.

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Benefit run helps more families

By Brad Kadrach
Observer Staff Writer

Three schools. One Park. One purpose. Organizers have united to expand the second annual "Run for Super Jess" 5K walk/run to benefit more than just Jesse Lindlbauer, a 16-year-old student from Canton High School who suffered a brain trauma in December 2010. This year, they've extended the run, which now raises money to help support three more families facing mounting financial, physical and emotional obstacles as they battle medical dilemmas. Those families could get pretty extensive support, if last year's run is any indication. More than 1,600 runners raised some \$35,000 in the inaugural run in 2011.



Saturday's Super Jess 5K run/walk will also benefit Rick Cigile, a former youth hockey coach who was paralyzed in a swimming accident last year.



A 5K run/walk Saturday benefits the Savage family, who lost dad to esophageal cancer in November and whose mom, Joanne, suffers from pseudomyxoma peritonei. The family also has sons Colin, Jack and Nolan.

"It was something very special seeing this group of supporters all together," said Tommy Halewicz, last year's organizer and a former member of the PCEP National Honor Society, which hosts the run. "I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. It was incredible." This year's event, which starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 6, will also benefit three other Plymouth-Canton families that suffered debilitating medical setbacks:

- The Valchine family of Canton High School — John and Angie Valchine have two children, Canton freshman Katelyn and Jonathan, a fifth-grader at Eriksson Elementary School. John, who helps with Boy Scout Pack 898, assists at church and coaches flag football, has been diagnosed with Phase Four kidney failure due to polycystic kidney disease.
- The Cigile family of Plymouth High School — Rick and Patty Cigile have three sons, Plymouth High School grads Ricky and Ryan, and current senior Jeremy. A swimming accident during a family vacation to Florida last summer left Rick a quadriplegic.
- The Savage family from Salem High School — Joanne and the late Pat Savage and their three sons, Colin, a freshman

at Salem; Jack, a Discovery Middle School sixth-grader; and Nolan, a second-grader at Gallimore Elementary. Joanne was diagnosed with pseudomyxoma peritonei in 2007, and it recurred last year. While she fought that, husband Pat was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. He lost his battle with cancer Nov. 30. The race starts at 8 a.m. at the Canton varsity football field, with a 7:45 a.m. pre-race cere-

mony honoring the 2012 SJSK honorees. Entry fee is \$20 for runners 18 and younger, \$25 for adults. Organizers say there is a strong need for course volunteers, whose responsibilities will include cheering on participants and make them aware of any potential hazards. Race updates/videos can be found on the SJSK Facebook event page or the SJSK2012 Twitter page. Entry fees are \$20 for runners 18 and younger, \$25 for adults. For more information, contact Alexa Rosochacki at alexarosochacki@aol.com

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY Notice of Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that the City Special Election will be held in the City of Garden City on,

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

The following proposal will be voted on:

PROPOSED POLICE AND FIRE MILLAGE

A proposal to authorize the levy of 0.35 percent of the assessed value (3.5 mills) on all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City as new additional millage of 4 years duration for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing for the operation and equipment of the Garden City Police and Fire Departments. It is estimated that 3.5 mills would raise approximately \$1,930,128 when first levied in 2012.

Shall the proposed police and fire millage be adopted?

Yes
No

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of April 10, 2012 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan City of Garden City

Taxing Authority	Date of Election	Voted	Years Increases	Increases Effective
County of Wayne	11/02/2010	1 mill	2015	
Wayne County Jail	08/06/2002	1 mill	2011	
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015	

OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES

Schoolcraft Comm	10/07/1985	.05 mills	Unlimited	
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GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

Garden City Schools	06/11/2001	3.1 mills	2005 thru (not to exceed 30 years)	
	06/10/2002	18 mills	2012 non-homestead	
	08/2011	2 mills	2015	

The places of voting for the City Special Election to be held on May 8, 2012 will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School 33411 Marquette
Precincts 2 and 5	Memorial School 30001 Marquette
Precincts 3 and 4	Lathers School 28351 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Middle School 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8	Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapper accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-793-1620 prior to Election Day. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's Office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 7, 2012 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2760-J. Pyne-1851 Second

Req. for non-conforming structure variance from Ord. 248 to construct a 20.3' x 30' addition to the rear of the existing non-conforming detached garage; whereas Sec. 5:2.3 states that a non-conforming structure may not be enlarged without a variance from ZBA.

Petition #2761-F. Skarbinski

Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence height variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high privacy fence in the north side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING May 7, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the vacation of the alleyway south of Warren Road and running west of Middlebelt.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, State of Michigan, held at City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on the 7th day of May, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Whereas, a platted subdivision was created South of Warren Road and running West of Middlebelt called Folker's Garden City Acres #23

Whereas, the Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision #23 is located in the NE 1/4 Section 11, City of Garden City, T2S R9E, Wayne County, Michigan. The Plat was recorded with the appropriate entities as required by the laws of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the platted alley is no longer being used by the general public and serves no useful purpose; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, and specifically Section 257 of same, it is the finding of the City Council of the City of Garden City that it is necessary for the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the people of the City of Garden City to vacate an alley and

Whereas, Section 275 of Public Act 288 of 1967 goes on to state that the City Council of the City of Garden City may reserve a utility easement in the right-of-way of any street, alley, or public land vacated; and

Whereas, the vacating of the alley and the reservation of a public utility easement can all be accomplished through a resolution adopted by the City Council pursuant to Section 257 of Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended; and

Whereas, Section 277a(2) of Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, provides that "If the lots on opposite sides of the vacated street or alley (court) belong to different proprietors, title up to the center line of the vacated street or alley (court) shall vest in the prospective proprietors of the abutting lots on each side."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garden City that whether the alley right-of-way shall be vacated was hereby set for a Public Hearing on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is advisable that the alley be vacated and that the City of Garden City retain a utility easement in the vacated alley; and

The legal description of the alley being vacated is:

That 20 foot common alley located south of Warren Road and running West of Middlebelt Road and bounded on the West by Lot 3933 and on the East by lots 3934 through 3938 in Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision #23 and on the North by Warren Road and on the South by Acreage, Parcel 11a1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that a copy of this Resolution and the Resolution vacating the alley and the appropriate documents will be recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds to so reflect the above action.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
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Legion honors gold, blue star mothers at luncheon

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

The third annual Blue Star/Gold Star Luncheon honored area mothers with children who are active servicemen and servicewomen protecting the United States.

The luncheon was Sunday, April 22, at American Legion Hall 396 in Garden City.

"We invited the Michigan Military Moms," said historian Gail Truesdell. "Each year this event has grown and grown. This time, we had our first Gold Star Mom attend."

Truesdell said Women's Auxiliary Unit 396 was honored to have 17 ladies attend the luncheon plus

the one Gold Star Mom. "Our Juniors from Unit 396 were lovely young ladies who devoted their time and presented various moms with a banner," she said. "All of our guests received an eagle pin from our auxiliary. The Juniors made everyone a cute table decoration which held various candies and all were wrapped in red, blue or gold tissue."

The luncheon was catered by Cheryl Stanley of Choice Catering and the cake was made by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe.

Each woman introduced herself and said who she was related to in the armed services, as well

as number of children and where they were stationed.

Service banners have been a tradition since World War I and are for display by families who have sons and daughters in uniform in an armed conflict which led to the formation of Gold Star Mothers. The banners are red and white with blue or gold stars or sometimes both colors. The flags may have one or more stars.

The blue star service flag came first in 1917 after America entered World War I.

United States Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of Ohio created the banner to honor his two

sons who were serving in the Army in France. It became so popular that the Governor of Ohio adopted the flag as a symbol of service.

A group of Indiana women with sons in the service organized the American War Mothers on Sept. 27, 1917. Members displayed the blue star banners in the windows of their homes. As soldiers were killed in action they decided to sew a gold star over the blue star.

In May 1918, President Woodrow Wilson officially endorsed the gold star to reflect a child that died in wartime service. The Council of National Defense suggested that a

woman who had lost a son wear a black armband with a gold star.

President Wilson agreed and referred to these women as "Gold Star Mothers."

Many families hung the American flag, then the blue or gold star flag in their window as patriotism was high.

Gold Star Mother's Day

In 1925, American War Mothers obtained a national charter from Congress. In 1936, Congress recognized Gold Star Mothers and proclaimed that the last Sunday of every September was "Gold Star Mothers

Day." During World War II, the display of these blue star and gold star banners reached an all-time high.

Theodore Roosevelt's family had a banner with a gold star in honor of their son who was shot down over France in 1918.

Truesdell also thanked and recognized the cooperation and commitment of the planning committee:

"This was truly a rewarding experience for everyone as they all became friends with one another," Truesdell said.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Fine Arts meeting

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will have its own Betty Felts as artist speaker at its meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, meeting in the First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman at Maplewood, Garden City. Felts will demonstrate the numerous techniques she has brought back from her winter in Florida. For more information, call Susan Trotter at (734) 261-2804.

Presidential Caucus

The Michigan Democratic Party's Presidential Caucus will be Saturday, May 5. Garden City voters can vote at the Garden City Library, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City. Only Garden City resident may vote at that site. Regis-

tration is 9-11 a.m. Voting will begin at 11 a.m. People do not need to be members of the Michigan Democratic Party to vote, they simply have to indicate at registration that they are participating as a Democrat. People who voted in the Feb. 28 primary are welcome to vote on May 5. Young people who are eligible to register to vote before the November election also are welcome.

A list of the statewide caucus sites can be viewed online at www.michigandems.com/page/2012-caucus-site-locations.html.

Zumba Fitness

Try calorie-burning fitness workout with Zumba Fitness classes at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

The class features feature rhythms set to high-energy Latin, interna-

tional, and Christian music. The classes are on Thursdays through May. Registration is at 7:30 p.m., and the class begins at 8 p.m.

Attendees must be 18 years or older. Wear comfortable workout wear and bring a sweat towel and a bottle of drinking water. A donation will be taken at the door for every class to cover the cost of the certified Zumba instructor.

Enter the building through the gym doors on the north side of the facility. Arrive at 7:30 p.m. the first night of class to get registered.

For more information, visit www.MRBC.us and click on Women's Ministries, Girlfriends of Grace and Zumba Fitness for Women or send an e-mail to info@mrbc.us. Or call (734) 421-0472.

Each attendee will be required to sign a liability waiver releasing

the church and the class instructor from any and all liabilities related to the attendee's participation in the exercise class.

Charity bowl

The Garden City Lions Club is holding a bowling benefit 6-11 p.m. Saturday May 19, at Town & Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland. The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games of 9 pin no tap, pizza, pop, raffles and shoe rental.

For more information please contact Cindy at (313) 407-0239, Larry at (734) 660-0920, Terry at (734) 686-8786 or Vicky at (734) 502-7951. Call now to reserve your team of four or come by yourself and they will team you up. Either way it's a night of fun entertainment.

Trivia Night

The Plymouth-Canton

Branch of the AAUW, which provides annual live children's theater at Garden City High School, is holding its second annual Trivia Night Friday, May 11. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m.

The event is being held at The Barn at Colony Farms on Colony Farms Drive in Plymouth. The cost is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of five. Cash prizes for first- and second-place teams. Cost includes snacks. There will be a donation jar for liquid refreshment.

Have fun with friends and family, put your knowledge of facts and factoids to good use. All proceeds benefit the AAUW's scholarship fund.

For more information, call Sharon at (734) 453-5009.

East reunion

The Garden City East

High School Classes of 1968, 1669, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 are holding a combined reunion Saturday, Sept. 22, and organizers are looking for former classmates. That's the easiest part. The hardest part is finding those old classmates.

Information can be found or posted on the Facebook reunion page, Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012. It also can be e-mailed to the Reunion Committee - Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A. Gilligan at lee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, Suzie Wright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com and Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@comcast.net.



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Stevenson races to 7-peat

Stevenson's Stephen Fenech (front) and Jacob Colley finished one-two in the 1,600-meter run during Thursday's Livonia City boys track meet.



Chargers 2nd, Trojans impress

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The gap narrowed considerably in Thursday's Livonia City boys track and field meet, but once again Stevenson emerged the victor for the seventh straight year by scoring a team-high 80 points.

Only 28 points separated the four schools with Churchill placing second with 67 followed by upstart Clarenceville with 57 and Franklin tallying 52.

Clarenceville actually had six first-place finishes while Stevenson and Churchill had four apiece, while took Franklin three

events in one of the most competitive Livonia City meets ever.

Stevenson tallied 26 of its points in the middle distance races (400, 800 and 1,600).

"The middle distance is what pretty much kept us ahead," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "Our long jumpers did pretty well, too."

"We were missing our fastest kid, Kenning (Brichford), and a couple of hurdlers. That hurt a little bit, but I don't know how much difference it would have made at the end."

Please see 7-PEAT, B3



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Clarenceville senior sprinter Kassis Kelly anchored the first-place 4 x 100-meter relay team in Thursday's Livonia City boys track meet.

Taylor makes All-GLIAC

Grand Valley State University sophomore shortstop Brianna Taylor (Livonia Franklin) earned second-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in softball.

Taylor earns her second consecutive all-conference award, being named a first-team All-GLIAC choice last year.

She is tied for first in the GLIAC in triples (five), while ranking second in home runs (11) and RBI (49), third in slugging percentage (.676) and total bases (115), fifth in runs (46), seventh in batting average (.394) and 10th in on-base percentage (.445).

Taylor's stats this season rank her fifth in GVSU single season history in home runs, seventh in total bases, and tied for seventh in RBI.

The 17 career homers are tied for the sixth most in GVSU history.

Taylor recorded 22 multi-hit games for the 24-8 GLIAC champions, who completed the regular season at 41-11 overall and played Friday at the University of Findlay (Ohio) in the opening round of the GLIAC tournament.

Steelheaders meet May 1

Lake St. Clair charter captain Don Miller will be the featured speaker at the Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, located at the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Miller is a well-known muskie fisherman who conducts seminars and is an author.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed. For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790 or e-mail www.metroweststeelheaders.org.

Spartan 5K

The Spartan 5-kilometer run-walk and 1-mile fun run begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 20 at Stevenson High, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Donation entries received by May 7 at \$10 for the 1-mile and \$20 for the 5K (includes T-shirt).

Age-group awards got to the top men's and women's finishers. Refreshments will be available afterward.

For more information, call Jeff Brindley of the Stevenson Booster Club at (734) 748-4909; or e-mail jbrindley@forestersfp.com.

CAP outing

The Churchill Athletic Patrons golf outing will be Sunday, June 10 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Check-in begins at 1 p.m. followed by a shotgun start at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served after golf at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$95 per person (tax deductible) or \$340 per foursome. Dinner only is \$35. Tee box sponsorships are available for \$150.

For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.



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Wayne's Tyler Harnos slides safely into home in front of John Glenn catcher Adam Singleton during Wednesday's KLA South Division clash.

Upper hand Wayne clips rival Glenn in DH opener

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

There was nearly a conclusion to Wednesday's KLA South Division baseball twinbill between rivals Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Host Wayne captured the first game, 4-1, thanks to a 2-run homer by Zach Lankton and the five-hit pitching of Jordan Lowry.

But the second game was called after seven innings because of darkness with the two teams tied at 6-6. The game will resume at a later date.

That left Wayne with a 7-5 overall record and 1-2 mark in the KLA South, while Glenn slips to 2-10 overall and 0-5 in the division.

Wayne led 5-3 through five innings in the nightcap before Glenn rallied to go ahead 6-5 with three in the sixth thanks to a 2-run triple by Zach Quinn.

The Zebras, however, answered with a run of their own in the bottom half of the same inning to knot the count at 6-all.

One more inning was completed before the umpires called it.

Jacob Lefler pitched all seven innings for Wayne, allowing all six runs on four hits and seven walks. He struck out six and added a 2-run single in the fourth inning.

Josh Lowry contributed an RBI triple and Jacob Massey also had an RBI single for Wayne.

Brandon Smeltzer, the Glenn starter, worked the first 3.2 innings before giving way to reliever Jeff Kennedy. The two gave up a combined six hits.

Jordan Lowry pitched all seven innings of the opener to earn the victory. He struck out four and walked only one.

Glenn starter Brandon Martin worked the first five innings, allowing all four runs (coming in the first) on five hits. Kyle Hunter finished up in relief.

Lankton finished with two hits for Wayne, while Daniel Ammons had an RBI groundout in the sixth to spoil Low-

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8 in a row: Churchill girls dominate field

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill has now captured eight straight Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track and field meets.

But Thursday's win by the 2012 Lady Chargers was by far the most dominant of the eight as they piled up an eye-popping 134.5 points to run away from Stevenson (66), host Franklin (39.5) and Clarenceville (12).

Had it not been for Stevenson's Alex Kitz, who took the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches) and long jump (15-11), it would have been a clean sweep of first places for the Chargers, who won 15 of 17 events.

"This is the most bal-

anced we've been ... may be the team two years ago, but top-to-bottom, especially on a day like today, we improved in a lot of areas," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "This is the most balanced we've been in a couple of years. We're just not distance dominant or field event dominant, we scored everywhere. Team-wise, it's the best full team we've had from each event that we've had in a long time."

Churchill captured all four relay events boasted one double individual winner in Molly Jarvis, who swept the 100- and 300 meter hurdle events in 16.4 and 49.2 seconds, respectively.

Other Churchill winners on the track included Ely-

ssa Hofmann, 100 dash (13.2); Leah Heinzelman, 200 (27.4); Sydney Anderson, 400 (1:02.0); Michelle Azar, 800 (2:31.0); Kerigan Riley, 1,600 (5:25.6); and Bethany Pilat, 3,200 (12:02.3).

Churchill's field event victors included Megan Ling shot put (33-1.5); Emily Norscia, discus (119-0); and Senclair McDonnell, high jump (5-2).

"It wasn't any one event, we just were able to rise to the occasion," Daugherty said. "The dual meets so far haven't been very difficult, but today we stepped up. The competition is going to be tougher and every single girl did better than what she did

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Churchill's Jamie Rowland makes an attempt in the long jump during Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

Error-prone No. 1 Liggett rips Warriors

A sloppy defensive effort led to Lutheran High Westland's undoing Thursday against the top-ranked Division 4 baseball team in the state.

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, the defending MHSAA champions, improved to 10-0 overall and 6-0 in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 14-5 victory over the host Warriors.

"It is tough to beat any team committing seven errors, but it is especially difficult against the number one team in the state," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said, "I was happy with our ability to score some runs, but it was very frustrating to watch solid, consistent players make errors that they usually don't make. We are going to focus on cleaning things up and making the every day routine play as we move forward."

Liggett jumped out to a 11-0 lead before the Warriors scored a pair of runs in the fourth in fifth innings. They added another in the sixth.

Taurrek Fikes, Nick Flanery and Matt Sylvester each collected two

hits and knocked in a run for Lutheran Westland (5-3, 2-2). P.J. Gusè also added two RBI.

Losing pitcher Aaron Rosin gave up nine runs, but only two were earned in three innings. He gave up eight hits, walked five and struck out three before Gusè finished up and worked the final four innings allowing three earned runs on six hits and a walk.

CVILLE 15, ECORSE 0: Eric Trotter pitched a four-inning no-hitter to go along with nine strikeouts Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (5-5) mercied the Red Raiders.

The Trojans scored twice in the first inning, added 12 in the second and one in the fourth to end the game.

Trotter, who walked three, also contributed a 3-run triple, while Ben Gehan went 2-for-2 with a double and RBI.

Damien Sanchez (two RBI), Zac Rosen and Elijah Bean all doubled in the victory as well.

HURON VALLEY 3, PCA 2: Winning pitcher Ryan Schaffer aided his own cause going 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI to lead host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-2, 4-2) to a victory over Plymouth Christian Academy (4-1 MIAC Red).

Schaffer threw a complete game scattering six hits and three walks while fanning seven.

Losing pitcher Daniel Slater struck out 13, walked one and allowed just five hits in six innings.

LUTH. WESTLAND 15, GREENHILLS 0: Taurrek Fikes threw a one-hitter and Nick Andrzejewski went 3-for-3 with a double and five RBI to pace Lutheran High Westland (5-2, 2-1) to a six-inning mercy rule win Tuesday over host Ann Arbor Greenhills (2-6, 0-4) in a MIAC Blue Division game at West Park.

Fikes struck out 10 and walked six to pick up the victory.

P.J. Gusè, Aaron Rosin and Mark Mika also collected two hits apiece for the Warriors.

"We played well today despite the tough (very windy) conditions," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We were able to finally get the bats going and were able to come away with the victory."

HURON VALLEY 7, CALVARY 0: Winning pitcher Alex Harris threw a one-hit shutout and went 2-for-3 with two RBI Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-2, 3-2) downed Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a MIAC Red Division game.

Harris struck out 10 and walked only one in going all seven innings.

ROEPPER 8, HURON VALLEY 7: Justin Howell went 3-for-5, but it wasn't enough Monday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-1, 3-1) fell to visiting Bloomfield Hills Roeper in eight innings in a MIAC Red Division clash.

Tom Allen went 2-for-4 for the victorious Roughriders, while Steven Saham got the win in relief.

HVL starter Ryan Schaffer went all eight innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits. He struck out nine and walked two.

Haeger wins 500th in Madonna sweep

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Back in the friendly confines of Ilitch Ballpark after 20 days, the Madonna University baseball team gave coach Greg Haeger his 500th career victory Friday by sweeping double-header Friday from the University of Northwestern Ohio.

The 42-year-old Livonia native and former minor leaguer who played at the University of Michigan is now 500-337-5 in 16 seasons.

The Crusaders captured their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener, 11-1, in eight innings, as Livonian Jeremy Gooding (6-5) went seven strong innings to pick up the victory.

The Dearborn Divine Child grad struck out seven, walked four and allowed just three hits before giving way to Justin Hicks in the eighth.

Josh Deeg belted a grand slam for his third homer of the season and finished



Haeger

with five RBI on the day. Dan Harder went 3-for-5, while Matthew Cook and Steve Pelletier contributed two hits apiece for the Crusaders.

In the nightcap, MU improved 33-18 overall and 17-9 in the WHAC with a 6-5 win in 10 innings over the Racers (30-20, 14-12).

Tyler Cotter (Livonia Churchill) reached base on a dropped third strike, which allowed Deeg to score from third with the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

Harder went 3-for-5 with two RBI, while Spencer Sarel added three hits and Deeg added two in the victory.

The third-place Crusaders used four pitchers with Andy Omilian holding the Racers scoreless in the top of the 10th to pick his first win of the season.

Starter Matt Cook allowed three earned runs on seven hits and a walk before giving way to relievers Randall Stempel (two earned runs) and Peter Renaud.

MU closed out the regular season Saturday with a Senior Day ceremony with the first pitch being thrown at 1 p.m.

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Split verdict Pats take 1st, Churchill wins 2nd

The hits just kept on coming during Wednesday's KLAAS South Division baseball double-header between host Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill.

Franklin collected 11 hits to win the opener, 9-8, while Churchill racked up 14 hits to earn an 8-1 victory in the nightcap.

After the split, Churchill stood 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the division, while Franklin is 7-4 and 2-2.

Josh Gorman, who went 4-for-5 in Monday's 14-6 win over Salem, finished 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead the Patriots to the Game One victory.

Other top Franklin hitters included Garrett Fetner (2-for-3, two RBI); Joel Trudell (2-for-4, two RBI); and Adam Carver (2-run singled in the fourth inning to key a 5-run uprising).

Justin Forrestall pitched the first six innings to earn the victory. He allowed all nine hits, walked four and struck out one before giving way to Alex DeYonker, who picked up the save.

Churchill starter Brent Ochodnick, who took the loss, gave up five earned runs in 4.1 innings.

John Szymanski went 3-for-3 and scored two runs for the Chargers, who committed three errors. Derek Jakubowski and Jake Otto each went 2-for-4.

Otto belted a 2-run homer as the Chargers won Game Two by scoring three times in the sixth and five more in the seventh to break open a close game.

Connor Dwyer, Dan Cameron and Szymanski each collected two hits in the victory.

Alex Tsakos, who pitched the final three innings in relief of starter Nick Misiak, earned the victory.

DeYonker, the Franklin starter, pitched five scoreless innings before giving up three in the sixth. He allowed nine hits, walked two and struck out five before giving way to Trudell.

Fetner collected two of the Patriots' five hits.

STEVENSON 11, SALEM 6: Mike Vomaszek went 3-for-4 with a homer, double and three RBI to spark Livonia Stevenson (10-1, 6-0) to a KLAAS Central Division victory Thursday over the visiting Rocks (3-9, 0-4).

Stevenson collected a total of 17 hits while getting contributions from Chris McDonald (2-for-3, homer, two RBI); Cody Coleman (2-for-4, three RBI); Josh DeYonker (2-for-3, two runs); Brandon Jurczynski (2-for-3) and Jake Semak (2-for-3).

Austin Stevens also scored three runs for the Spartans, who led 6-3 before scoring six runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Mike Kanitra, who pitched five innings allowing three runs on three hits and four walks, earned the victory. He struck out four.

Brett Ramirez was Salem's top hitter going 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Aaron Moore and Demetrius Dunlap also added two hits apiece.

Jeremy St. Laurent, who gave up six runs on 10 hits and four walks in five innings, suffered the loss for Salem.

CHURCHILL 11, HARRISON 10: On Thursday, reliever Tyler Keeter got the final four outs - all on strikeouts - to pick up the save as Livonia Churchill (8-2) held off host Farmington Hills Harrison (2-6) in a non-leaguer.

Connor Dwyer paced Churchill's 15-hit attack going 4-for-4 with an RBI, three runs and two stolen bases.

Mike Rybinski added two hits, two RBI and scored three times, while Nick Misiak contributed a pair of triples and tallied two runs.

Churchill starter Chris Lewan, who earned the victory, pitched the first five innings allowing seven runs on six hits and four walks before giving way to James Targus.

Harrison starter Brett Kramer, who pitched the first four innings, suffered the loss.

Kieran Roman (2-for-2, two walks, three runs) and Dan Sanders (2-for-5, two RBI) paced Harrison's eight-hit attack.

STEVENSON 4, SALEM 3: On Wednesday, Josh DeYonker's 2-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning sent the game into extra innings and host Livonia Stevenson (9-1, 5-0) went on to beat the Rocks (3-8, 0-4) in a KLAAS Central Division battle.

Jake Semak, who led off the bottom of the 10th with a single, scored the game-winning run when he came home on a balk by Salem reliever Nick March, who pitched the final two innings and suffered the loss.

DeYonker, Mike Vomaszek, Chris McDonald and Austin Stevens each went 2-for-4 for the victorious Spartans, while Demetrius Dunlap and Aaron Moore each went 2-for-5 for Salem.

Nick Lagerstrom, who pitched five scoreless innings in relief of Semak, the starter, earned the victory.

Lagerstrom allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out seven.

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND GLENN 175 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 184
April 26 at Fox Creek G.C.
John Glenn scorers: Mitch Dean, 41; Tim Moran, 43; Austin Valentine, 45; Josh Wakeford, 46; Andy Snyder, 47; Nick Doupe, 48.
Franklin scorers: Brian Bekkala, 38 (medalist); Dan Butler, 45; Alex Regish, 49; Adam Stadler, 52; Alex Nagy, 54; Dylan Smith, 59.
Dual match records: John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAAS South Division; Franklin, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAS South.
PLYMOUTH 152 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 153
April 25 at Whip. Willows
Plymouth scorers: Josh Heinze, 36; Kyle Rodas and Chris Koziar, 38 each; John Tatti, 40; Ryan Rieckhoff and Craig Whately, 41 each.
Churchill scorers: Ben Proben, 35 (medalist); Eric Hill, 38; Doug Simpson and Andrew Ioanou, 40 each; Cory Dare, 43; Nick Proben, 46.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAAS South Division; Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAS South.
LIVONIA STEVENSON 150 NOVI 156
April 25 at Walnut Creek
Stevenson scorers: Dante Cicchelli, 35 (medalist); Nick Marsh and Eric Attard, 38 each; Austin Harris, 39; Connor Humitz, 42; Cam Tetrault, 43.
Novi scorers: Garrett Buckley and Johnny Walker, 38 each; Brad Kozinski, 39; Bryan Ferget and Jason Corless, 41 each; Chris Park, 44.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS Central Division; Novi, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS Central.
CANTON 162 WAYNE MEMORIAL 216
April 25 at Hilltop G.C.
Canton scorers: Donnie Tropper, 36; Josh Maxim, 37; Carter Schenk, 44; Chris Dooley, 45.
Wayne scorers: Zachary Williamson, 46; Jarret Williamson, 49; Austin St. Peter, 50; Mike Smith, 71.
Dual match records: Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAAS South.
PINCKNEY INVITATIONAL April 21 at Rush Lake G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Pinckney (Black), 316 strokes; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 321; 3. Birmingham Groves, 325; 4. Plymouth, 327; 5. Richland Gull Lake, 330; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 332.
Stevenson scorers: Nick Marsh and Austin Harris, 82 each; Eric Attard, 83; Mike Blaesser, 85; Cameron Tetrault, 86.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA STEVENSON 4 SALEM 4
April 24 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Ashley Walker, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Caroline Hay (LS) def. Sushmi Diraviam, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; No. 3: Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Narges Pourmandi, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Taylor Tinham (LS) def. Tiffany Chan, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Laura Shureb (LS) def. Courtney March-Katie Vena, 7-6 (6-4), 6-3; No. 2: Kathy Kemp-Sarah Bellaire (Salem) def. Batool Hussain-Shelby Seay, 6-2, 7-5; No. 3: Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (Salem) def. Josie Abdulkali-Maddie Chimento, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Sam DiGivanni-Sarah Morse (LS) def. Abi Collingwood-Julia Mierales, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; No. 5: Maggie Sneiderman-Lilly Gonzalez (Salem) def. Lauren Schaffer-Arryn Dochenetz, 6-2, 6-1.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS Central Division; Salem, 1-4 overall, 1-4 KLAAS Central.
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 CANTON 4
April 24 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Nicole Kruse (LC) defeated Janani Shanmug, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Quincy Banini (LC) def. Hannah Ferree, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Hayley Cook, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Maddison Johnson, 6-2, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (Canton) def. Rujuta Patil-Kristi Fata, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour (Canton) def. Becky Snyder-Sneha Patil, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Claire Rose-Erin Strayhorn (LC) def. Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; No. 4: Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (Canton) def. Allison Hill-Kim McClain, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 5: Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (Canton) def. Lexi Fata-Maggie Trinka, 6-1, 7-5.
Churchill's dual match record: 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAAS South Division.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 8 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
April 24 at Wayne
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McMullen (LF) def. Stephanie Tornlin, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Lil Reid, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Natalie Mays (LF) def. Janae Strickland, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Kelsey Sitarski (LF) def. Destiny Bullock, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan (WM) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; No. 2: Morgan Witherspoon-Anna Mozota (LF) def. Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Saah Godsinski-Laura Corp (LF) def. Katie Penrose-Sam Schoonover, 6-4, 7-5; No. 4: Naomi Hedeem-Madison Eisenhower (LF) def. Kendelle Hood-Erin D'Arcy, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Allison Karczyski-Amanda Lyon (LF) def. Korinn Pintar-Sarah Marshall, 6-2, 6-1.
Dual match records: Franklin, 2-3 overall, 2-2 KLAAS South Division; Wayne 3-5 overall, 1-3 KLAAS South.

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7-PEAT

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Sophomore distance runner Stephen Fenech garnered two of Stevenson's four first-place finishes by winning the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 4:33.23 and 10:18.29, respectively.

The Spartans also got a first from long jumper Nick Podulka (20 feet, 11.5 inches) and another victory its 4 x 400 relay team of Zaid Shareef, Adam Wheeler, Craig Wilkinson and Matt Garon (3:37.26).

"Even the small places make a big difference along the line," Shaw said. "Adam Wheeler and Tony Wilson taking fourth and fifth in the 200 - with Kenning out - is three points and important in a tight meet like that. And they ran from the second heat. And Nathan Falzon ... with all of our hurdlers hurt right now, he runs from the second heat in the 300s (hurdles) and takes a fourth. That helped out quite a bit.

"Those kids stepped up, performed pretty well and ran hard. With five places scoring - everybody is going to take their first places - but it's the seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths that make the difference."

Clarenceville was the smallest school in the field, but had the meet's best sprinter in senior Kassius Kelly, who swept



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Churchill's Bryan Bartig unloads a throw en route to a victory in the shot put during Thursday's Livonia City boys track meet.

the 100- and 200 dashes in 10.89 and 22.8, respectively. Last year's Observerland champion also anchored the first-place 4 x 100 relay team which also included Jalen Bryant, Mike Demmons and Sam Brown, who were clocked in 45.15.

Other Clarenceville individual firsts came from Shawn Cummings, discus (146-2), Austin

Douglass, high jump (5-7); and Ma Sambou Jatta, 300 hurdles (42.09).

"Clarenceville is impressive, they won six events," Shaw said. "If they had 45 or 50 kids like the other three schools ... they could win this thing probably. They just didn't have enough depth to take some of those places there."

Churchill, rebounding from a close dual meet

defeat Tuesday against Franklin, got individual firsts from Alex Ryktarszyk and Jacob Hage, who tied for first in the pole vault (12-5 each), along with Bryan Bartig in the shot put (47-11.75) and Ryan Wise in the 800 (2:00.46).

The Chargers' also took the 4 x 800 relay (8:22.28) led by Joe Hage, Ben Yates, Robert Howard and Wise.

Franklin's 4 x 200 relay team of Andrew Crechiolo, Andrew McGaughey, Alex Perelli and Jordan Bickham crossed the line first in 1:33.69.

Other Franklin firsts were garnered by Tom Brokaw in the 110 hurdles (15.53) and Brett Gutowski in the 400 (53.1).

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET April 25 at Stevenson
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson, 80 points; 2. Churchill, 67; 3. Clarenceville, 57; 4. Franklin, 52.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Bryan Bartig (C), 47 feet, 11.75 inches; 2. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 45-0.5; 3. Deavon Wilson (Cville), 41-1.25; 4. Michael Harper (C), 40-10; 5. Jacob Staff (C), 39-10.
Discus: 1. Cummings (Cville), 146-2; 2. Bartig (C), 141-6; 3. Danny Pocalujka (S), 130-9; 4. Tony Vella (S), 130-9; 5. Joe Murray (S), 117-7.

High jump: 1. Austin Douglass (Cville), 5-7; 2. Devin Kelly (S), 5-5; 3. Chad Evans (C), 5-5; 4. Terry Burford Pendergast (S), 5-5; 5. Nathan Falzon (S), 5-3.

Long jump: 1. Nick Podulka (S), 20-11.5; 2. Mike Demmons (Cville), 20-1; 3. Anthony Wilson (S), 19-1.75; 4. Jordan Bickham (F), 19-0.25; 5. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 18-11.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Alex Ryktarszyk (C) and Jacob Hage (C), 12-5 each; 3. Jim Bagazinski (F), 11-11; 4. Stephen Fedak (C), 10-11; 5. Mike Farner (S), 10-5.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Tom Brokaw (F), 15.53; 2. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 16.15; 3. Kenzel Jefferson (C), 16.45; 4. Zach Zoltowski (C), 16.53; 5. Jeremy Kozler (S), 16.58.

300 hurdles: 1. Jatta (Cville), 42.09; 2. Andrew Crechiolo (F), 42.1; 3. Sam Brown (Cville), 43.4; 4. Falzon (S), 43.53; 5. Brokaw (F), 43.72.

100 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 10.89; 2. Alec Perelli (F), 11.38; 3. Podulka (S), 11.56; 4. Joe McRobb (F), 11.73; 5. Darius Lambert (C), 11.87.

200: 1. Kelly (Cville), 22.8; 2. Perelli (F), 23.45; 3. Andrew McGaughey (F), 23.97; 4. Adam Wheeler (S), 24.01; 5. Wilson (S), 24.05.

400: 1. Brett Gutowski (F), 53.1; 2. Zaid Shareef (S), 53.18; 3. Craig Wilkinson (S), 53.31; 4. Matt Garon (S), 53.73; 5. Bickham (F), 55.12.

800: 1. Ryan Wise (C), 2:00.46; 2. Jacob Colley (S), 2:06.69; 3. Mike Sopko (S), 2:08.32; 4. Robert Howard (C), 2:08.6; 5. Joe Hage (C), 2:10.86.

1,600: 1. Stephen Fenech (S), 4:33.23; 2. Colley (S), 4:35.18; 3. Wise (C), 4:41.26; 4. Alec Jones (Cville), 4:45.69; 5. John Lynch (S), 4:47.57.

3,200: 1. Fenech (S), 10:18.29; 2. Ben Yates (C), 10:29.08; 3. Andrew Malik (C), 10:31.5; 4. Colin Murphy (C), 10:31.53; 5. Sean McKeon (C), 10:33.8.

400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Jalen Bryant, Demmons, Brown, Kelly), 45.15; 2. Franklin, 45.67; 3. Stevenson, 45.89; 4. Churchill, 46.3.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Crechiolo, McGaughey, Perelli, Bickham), 1:33.69; 2. Stevenson, 1:34.25; 3. Churchill, 1:36.25; 4. Clarenceville, 1:44.89.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LIVONIA INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET April 26 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 134.5 points; 2. Stevenson, 66; 3. Franklin, 39.5; 4. Clarenceville, 12.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Ling (C), 33 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Nwanko (S), 32-2.5; 3. Billingsley (S), 32-2; 4. Johnson (Cville), 31-3; 5. Norscia (C), 30-0.

Discus: 1. Norscia (C), 119-0; 2. Muzzin (S), 96-9; 3. Branton (S), 95-3; 4. Pummill (C), 88-4; 5. Gruden (F), 86-5.

High jump: 1. McDonnell (C), 5-2; 2. Cochran (C), 5-0; 3. (tie) O'Brien (F) and Koessler (S), 4-8 each; 5. (tie) Rowland (C) and Collins (S), 4-6 each.

Long jump: 1. Kitz (S), 15-11; 2. Cochran (C), 15-8.5; 3. Jed (S), 15-4; 4. Modes (F), 15-3; 5. Craig (F), 15-0.5.

Pole vault: 1. Kitz (S), 10-6; 2. McKinley (F), 8-0; 3. Dorton (F), 7-6; 4. Gerbode (C), 7-0; 5. Fox (C), 6-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Jarvis (C), 16.4; 2. O'Brien (F), 16.5; 3. Anastopoulos (F), 18.7; 4. Willingham (Cville), 18.9; 5. Osborn (F), 19.2.

300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (C), 49.2; 2. Spala (C), 53.3; 3. Willingham (Cville), 54.4; 4. Osborn (F), 55.1; 5. Burges (S), 56.1.

100 dash: 1. Hofmann (C), 13.2; 2. Agnew (F), 13.3; 3. Crossman (C), 13.3; 4. White (F), 13.5; 5. Thomas (F), 13.6.

200: 1. Heinzelman (C), 27.4; 2. Crossman (C), 27.5; 3. Hofmann (C), 27.6; 4. Agnew (F), 27.7; 5. Buckley (Cville), 27.9.

400: 1. Anderson (C), 1:02.0; 2. Timberlake (S), 1:03.0; 3. Strong (C), 1:04.0; 4. Szuba (C), 1:05.0; 5. Brewer (S), 1:06.0.

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200: 1. Kelly (Cville), 22.8; 2. Perelli (F), 23.45; 3. Andrew McGaughey (F), 23.97; 4. Adam Wheeler (S), 24.01; 5. Wilson (S), 24.05.

400: 1. Brett Gutowski (F), 53.1; 2. Zaid Shareef (S), 53.18; 3. Craig Wilkinson (S), 53.31; 4. Matt Garon (S), 53.73; 5. Bickham (F), 55.12.

800: 1. Ryan Wise (C), 2:00.46; 2. Jacob Colley (S), 2:06.69; 3. Mike Sopko (S), 2:08.32; 4. Robert Howard (C), 2:08.6; 5. Joe Hage (C), 2:10.86.

1,600: 1. Stephen Fenech (S), 4:33.23; 2. Colley (S), 4:35.18; 3. Wise (C), 4:41.26; 4. Alec Jones (Cville), 4:45.69; 5. John Lynch (S), 4:47.57.

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OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

Stevenson's Rachel Collins tied for fifth in the high jump during Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational girls track and field meet.

CHURCHILL

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last time." Under blustery conditions, Daugherty also had to like that this team took six second places and four thirds.

"The most improvement we've seen is being competitive and winning, no matter who you go against," the Churchill coach said. "And that's everybody. I'd love to point out some individuals, but I'd leave five or 10 people out. It was a total team thing."

Churchill was coming off a 107-30

dual-meet win just two days earlier against Franklin so the wide margin of victory didn't come unexpectedly.

"It went about the way I figured it would," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "I figured Churchill would run away with it. I knew Stevenson would outscore us in the distance events. I knew we'd do well in our sprint relays and some of our field events like the pole vault. We had some good efforts out there today, but we seemed a little tired. We'll get back at them on Tuesday."

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Blazers' ace hurls perfect game

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

State-ranked Livonia Ladywood prepped for this weekend's 16-team girls softball tourney in Anchor Bay by sweeping Warren Regina in a Catholic League double-header Tuesday at home, 2-0 and 9-0.

The Game One victory was highlight by right-hander Briana Combs' perfect game as the senior set down 21 batters in order, including 11 via strikeouts.

Lauren Hayes provided just enough offense with two hits, including a triple. She scored both Ladywood runs on Regina wild pitches.

Combs was equally as impressive in the nightcap as the Cleveland State-bound hurler threw a two-hitter, including 12 strikeouts and no walks.

Combs, Celeste Fidge, Allyssa Kashat and Michelle Nelson each collected two hits.

Fidge finished with four RBI, while Kashat added three as the Blazers improved to 11-1 overall and 5-0 in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

Ladywood was coming off a 3-1 showing in Saturday's South Lyon Tournament with the only blemish coming against eventual tournament champ South Lyon East (13-2) as Hayes, making a rare start on the mound, had control issues as she walked 10, hit two batters and threw two wild pitches.

The Blazers cruised in the other three games including shutout victories over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (15-0), Pincckney (10-0) and South Lyon (8-0).

Ladywood opened Catholic League play April 19 by sweeping a double-header at Farmington Hills Mercy, 5-2

and 3-1, thanks to homers from Andria Gietl and Carli SanMillan.

A day later, the host Blazers blanked Birmingham Marian in the first game of a double-header, 10-0, but the second game was called because of rain and will be made up at a later date.

HVL 19-2, BERKLEY 7-12: On Friday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and the host Bears (3-5) divided a non-conference double-header. The visiting Hawks took the opener, 19-7, as freshman Bethany Schaffer went 4-for-5 with three RBI and three runs.

Sophomore Ashley Hower and freshman Jessie Strauch each added three hits and four RBI. Freshman Julie St. John survived an 11-hit Berkley attack to pick up the win.

Berkley won the nightcap, 12-2, in five innings as HVL starter Brooke Kuehn took the loss. Strauch went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Berkley pitcher Abby Brandon scattered seven hits, walked one and struck out five.

C'VILLE 15, ECORSE 0: On Friday, host Livonia Clarenceville (8-5) rolled to a three-inning mercy rule win over the Red Raiders as winning pitcher Angela McAlpine struck out nine and allowed just one hit and one walk.

McAlpine also went 2-for-3 with a pair of walks, two RBI and two runs scored.

The Trojans collected six hits and took advantage of nine Ecorse walks en route to the 15-run victory.

HVL 14, GREENHILLS 0: Junior Lauren Jones went 3-for-3 with three RBI and scored three runs Thursday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-3, 3-0) took five innings to mercy visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills (7-3, 4-1) in a MIAC Red Division encounter.

The Hawks collected 13 hits off Greenhills starter Lauren Abbott with winning pitcher Julie St. John going 2-for-2 with a triple and three RBI to help her own cause.

Dayna Schroeder also chipped in with two hits, including a double, and scored three runs. "We started a little slow, but got our bats going," HVL coach Eric Ruth said. St. John, a freshman, struck out five, walked only one and allowed three hits in posting the shutout.

"Defensively, we had a strong performance," Ruth said. "Greenhills hit the ball, but we made the plays we needed to behind St. John today."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 30

Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Canton, 4 p.m.

South Lyon at Glenn, 4 p.m.

S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m.

L. W'sld at L. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

HVL at Luth. South, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

L. W'sld at Frank. Rd., 4:30 p.m.

HVL at Cville, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Churchill at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.

Franklin at Canton (2), 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Novi (2), 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Glenn (2), 4 p.m.

Summit at Cville, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

L. W'sld at SF Christ, 4:30 p.m.

Baptist Pk. at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.

Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.

Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Schwyn Inv. at Adrian, 10 a.m.

Mason Invitational, TBA.

Farmington Inv., TBA.

(Luth. W'sld/HVL Tourney)

Macomb at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.

Blazers drill Foley; Wiemer notches 5 goals for Warriors

Two state girls soccer finalists from a year ago squared off Wednesday night with Livonia Ladywood putting on a dominating display of soccer en route to a 6-0 win over visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Blazers, last year's state runner-up in Division 2 and ranked No. 3, improved to 12-0-1 overall and 6-0 in the Catholic League with the victory. "Our roster was extremely solid from top to bottom tonight," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot the Ventures, 33-2.

The Blazers scored five times in the first half including three goals during the opening 12 minutes. Kelly Capoccia scored twice in the seventh and 12th minutes from Emily Huddleston and Liz Danger. DeYana Walker also added a goal in the 11th minute from Huddleston.

Domenique Sarnecky made it 4-0 in the 32nd minute from Paige Brennan and Erin Cronyn notched her 10th of the season from Brennan just a minute later.

Capoccia completed her hat trick five minutes into the second half off an assist from Marissa Ozog. Foley, the defending Division 4 state champion and ranked No. 10, falls to 2-6 overall and 2-5 in the league.

Ladywood goalkeepers Sara Even and Whitney Bauriedl did not have to make a save in posting the shutout.

Rachel Fischer and Taiesha McCoy combined for 14 saves for the Ventures.

The Ladywood win set up a showdown with defending Catholic League champion Birmingham Marian Saturday night at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

LUTH. WESTLAND 8, SUMMIT 0: Taylor Wiemer

scored five goals Friday to lead Lutheran High Westland (5-1-2) to a non-conference win over Romulus Summit Academy.

Wiemer scored three unassisted goals during the first half and added two more in the second with both assists going to Sabrina Morrison, who also scored twice.

Sadie Schultz also added a goal, while Michelle Greening contributed an assist.

Goalkeeper Angela Morrison made three saves to post the shutout.

LUTH. WESTLAND 8, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Senior Taylor Wiemer and freshman Sabrina Morris each notched hat tricks Thursday to lift Lutheran High Westland (4-1-2, 3-0-1) to a MIAC Blue Division mercy rule win over Southfield Christian (1-4, 0-1).

Wiemer also finished with three assists, while freshmen Sadie Schultz and Michelle Greening added the other Warriors goals.

Freshman Allie Lange also had an assist, while goalkeeper Angela Morrison, a junior, made two saves for the shutout.

"The entire team played well," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said. "Our passing game is improving every game."

Chargers' defense shines in tie

Livonia Churchill was able to hold its own Thursday night with KLAA South Division girls soccer leader Plymouth.

The Chargers earned a 0-0 result thanks to a stellar defensive effort.

"We were absolutely resolute on defense against a good team with good players," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team is 2-3-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the KLAA South. "Plymouth came at us, but we were organized and did a lot of nice stuff. While there were some standout players, namely Kelsey Parrinello and Rachel Tomassi, it was a total team effort to tame a very good Plymouth squad that had many weapons."

Kylie Robb posted the shutout in goal for the Wildcats (4-1-3, 3-0-1), while Alexis Tzafaroglou also earned a clean sheet for Churchill.

"Our team came to play," Hebestreit said. "We were in the underdog role and we played it well. This was a big

step for us. We've improved every single game."

NOVI 2, STEVENSON 0: A pair of second-half goals by Natalie Krygier proved to be the difference Wednesday as the Wildcats (5-1-3, 3-1), two-time defending Division 1 state champion, downed host Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 2-1) in a KLAA Central Division matchup. Stevenson goalkeeper Rylee Jayson made four saves in the setback.

FRANKLIN 0, JOHN GLENN 0: In a physical KLAA South Division matchup Wednesday, host Livonia Franklin (2-4-2, 1-2-1) and Westland John Glenn (1-4-2, 1-2-1) fought to a scoreless draw.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made six saves, while Glenn's Jenna Redden made eight stops.

The Patriots hit the post twice and got good offensive runs from Michelle Tuyo and Jenna Michniewicz, while Franklin coach Dean Kowalski also singled out the defensive play of Jane Modes.

Glenn's center-defender Raven Buck played a strong first half before going down with an injury. The Rockets also received strong defensive play on the backline from Mariah Richards, Elise Penhollow, Lori Thompson and Katelyn Johnson, according to coach Ralph Cabildo.

Churchill bats bop Patriots; Rockets bash Wayne twice

Livonia Churchill hitters were swinging a hot stick in Wednesday's KLAA South Division double-header sweep of host Livonia Franklin.

Rachel Jason, Katie Shereda and Julia Cavagnini each went 3-for-4 as the Chargers unloaded for 16 hits to win the opener, 7-5.

Casey Bias also added a 2-run homer in the fifth inning, while winning pitcher Abby Jewell and Missy Sidor each added two hits for the victorious Chargers, who improved to 4-4 overall and 2-4 in the KLAA South.

Jewell pitched all seven innings, allowing 11 hits to go along with a pair of walks and seven strikeouts.

Freshman Morgan Larkin belted a 3-run homer in the bottom of the third inning to give the Patriots a 3-2 lead. She also had a single, while Becky Giacobbi, Katelynn Devers and Maggie Leins added two hits apiece.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble, who went all seven innings, took the loss.

Churchill also won the second game, 4-1, as Sidor scattered eight hits over seven innings to pick up the victory. She struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

Julia Twigg paced the Chargers' offensive attack going 4-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Nicole Salloum, Rachel Jason and Jewell also added two hits apiece.

Mackenzie Lukas singled three times for Franklin (4-3, 4-2), while Larkin contributed who hits and an RBI.

Lamble (4-2) suffered the loss. **JOHN GLENN 17-11, WAYNE 2-4:** Westland John Glenn (6-7, 2-4) used a couple of big innings Wednesday to sweep a KLAA South Division twinbill against host Wayne Memorial (0-9, 0-6).

Glenn scored four times in the third inning and added nine in the fourth to mercy the Zebras, 17-2, in the opener.

Kailey Vowles went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI to pace the Rockets, who also got two hits apiece from winning pitcher Alexis Lester, Dani Saunders, and Taylor Bonarek.

Brittany McGrath also knocked in three runs. Wayne starter Alicia Nielson suffered the loss. In the nightcap, Glenn tallied five runs in the fourth inning en route to an 11-4 win.

Cassandra Huren went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI, while Nicole Quaine added two hits and walked twice.

Lester struck out five to pick up the win, while Wayne's Shelby Hooper took the loss.

STEVENSON 7-2, SALEM 2-1: Back-to-back complete games by Jackie Johnson and Morgan Copperstone carried Livonia Stevenson (6-3-1, 4-0) to a KLAA Central Division double-header sweep Wednesday of the visiting Rocks (0-6, 0-6).

Johnson scattered 12 hits and struck out five as Stevenson took the opener, 7-2.

Alex Ferguson went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI, while Molly Knoph and Sarah King each added two hits for the victorious Spartans. Salem's Emily Marcero went 3-for-4 in a losing cause and starter Alyssa Meagher took the loss.

In nightcap, Copperstone scattered eight hits and fanned four over seven innings as Stevenson edged the Rocks, 2-1.

Sarah Fier knocked in the game-winning run and Ashley Avery, who went 3-for-3, also singled to tie the game in the bottom of the third inning.

Knoph added two hits for the Spartans. Kristine Zink and Lexi Epley each collected two hits for Salem.

PLYMOUTH 2, CHURCHILL 1: Mikayla Marciniak tossed a three-hitter and Beth Senkbeil broke a 1-1 tie with the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to lead the Wildcats (7-1, 4-0) to the KLAA South Division win Tuesday over visiting Livonia Churchill (2-4, 0-4).

Marciniak struck out five and walked only one in going the distance. She also doubled in Elaine Gerou with Plymouth's first run in the bottom of the first.

Losing pitcher Abby Jewell allowed just five hits, walked three and fanned two.

Jewell's double in the second inning scored Nicole Salloum with the Chargers' lone run.

S.L. EAST 13, JOHN GLENN 9: In a slugfest Monday, host South Lyon East (7-0, 2-0) outgunned Westland John Glenn (4-4, 0-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Olivia Nelson was the winning pitcher, while Alexis Lester (four strikeouts) took the loss.

Leading hitters for the Rockets included Dani Saunders (3-for-4, RBI); Lester (2-for-5, two RBI); Cassandra Huren (2-for-3, RBI); Kailey Vowles (2-for-4) and Katlin Keast (2-for-3).

STEVENSON 16, WAYNE 3: On Monday, Sarah King went 4-for-4 with a double, homer and five RBI to power host Livonia Stevenson (3-3-1, 2-0) to a Kensington Conference crossover win over Wayne Memorial (0-7, 0-4).

Maddie Omietanski added two hits, including a double, and scored twice in the five-inning mercy.

Stevenson pitchers Jackie Johnson and Morgan Copperstone combined on a three-hitter and struck out five.

Wayne pitcher Alicia Nielson gave up 12 earned runs on 14 hits and seven walks.

Over the weekend, Stevenson finished 2-2 in the South Lyon Tournament defeating Dearborn Divine Child, 2-1 and Pinconning, 10-5, while losing to Farmington Hills Mercy and Richmond by identical 9-0 scores.

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BASEBALL

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ry's shutout bid. **WAYNE 8, CRESTWOOD 5:** Junior right-hander Chris Briggs fanned 14 batters Friday to propel Wayne Memorial (8-5) to a non-conference victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Briggs allowed just three hits over seven innings. He struck out 14, walked four and hit one batter.

Tyler McCurry paced Wayne's six-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a double, RBI and two runs scored. Tom Briggs contributed an RBI triple and Jordan Lowry also got credit for an RBI when he walked with the bases loaded.

Crestwood starter Steven Phillips, who worked the first four innings allowing all three runs on six hits and four walks, took the loss.

Colton Dawdy pitched three scoreless innings in relief. The two combined for eight strikeouts.

Tanner Doumont had an RBI triple for the Chargers.

JOHN GLENN 7, DEARBORN 4: Winning pitcher Jake Fox went 2-for-3, including a key 3-run triple to spark a 6-run uprising in the third inning to give Westland John Glenn (3-10) a non-conference win Friday over the visiting Pioneers (7-6).

Fox pitched the first five innings, striking out three, walking two and allowing all seven Dearborn hits. Reliever Kyle Hunter came on to throw two scoreless innings and earn the save.

Jeff Kennedy, Daniel Ammons and Adam Singleton each added two hits for the Rockets.

Josh Young, who gave up all six runs on nine hits in three innings, suffered the loss.

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Local CROP walks raise awareness, money for hunger relief programs

By Sharon Dargay
 O&E Staff Writer

Lea Luger, executive director of Yad Ezra, the kosher food pantry based in Berkley, advocates for hungry children and adults every day.

On Sunday, May 6, she'll pound the pavement for them, too.

Luger will log several miles with other "like-minded" advocates during the 27th Annual Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield CROP walk. Yad Ezra, which serves 1,500 families with supplemental food each month, is among the fundraiser's beneficiaries and a sponsor of the event, which begins and ends at First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

"The reason Yad Ezra participates is that as a kosher food pantry, we are not only concerned about Jewish families lacking sustenance, but we're concerned about the hunger issue globally. It's one way to partner with anti-hunger agencies in the greater community, to raise awareness and funds for the issue," she said. "We don't believe anyone should be hungry. Hunger is solvable. There is enough food in this country. The issue is making it the priority it should be."

Church World Service, a Christian organization with a mission to eradicate hunger and poverty, sponsors CROP walks in local communities nationwide in the spring and fall. Participating churches and synagogues choose beneficiaries for 25 percent of the funds raised through the walk in their community. The rest of the money goes toward Church World Service's programs nationally and around the globe.



Gwen (left) and Elizabeth Fair take the lead as they walk in last year's CROP walk through Westland. That's Bradley and Jodi Ross walking hand-in-hand behind them, with Cheryl Evancho taking up the rear.

Yad Ezra will share 25 percent of the Farmington CROP walk proceeds with Neighborhood House, The Salvation Army, Baldwin Center in Pontiac and St. Alexander's Food Cupboard. Last year approximately 200 walkers, representing 18 churches and synagogues, raised \$26,747.

The Rev. Mary Biedron of North Congregational Church, coordinator of the Farmington walk for the past 11 years, expects 300 or more walkers this year for the 10K (6.2 miles) route or the two-mile mini-walk. All participants will receive a teal-colored event shirt that they can wear as they walk through neighborhoods in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"We have people who run the walk. The mini-walk is favored by people with strollers and their dogs," Biedron said. "We've walked through these neighborhoods for years now. We have lots of people who come out and wave and say hi."

In Westland

Marlea Pfeil, co-coordinator with Linda Bierbaum for the 18th annual Wayne-Westland CROP walk, says a neighborhood route is important.

"We like to walk throughout the neighborhoods for awareness," she said. "We like to let the neighborhood know what we're doing. We have pledge sheets. People can donate or just walk with us. The community is invited."

Wayne-Westland CROP walk participants will register at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and begin their two-mile walk at 3 p.m. Optional 3- and 4-mile walks are available on the Stevenson Junior High track.

Last year approximately 120 walkers from 10 churches raised \$14,000.

"Our goal is really \$12,000," Pfeil said. "We welcome other churches to join. We've had some Canton churches participate and a Garden City church."

Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City is among the walk's beneficiaries this year. The church runs a food pantry and will share 25 percent

of the Wayne-Westland CROP walk proceeds with FISH of Wayne-Westland, The Salvation Army in Westland, and the John Bolde Memorial Community Food & Commodity Bank run by St. Mary Catholic Parish in Wayne.

Pfeil said Church World Service's sterling reputation as a hunger and poverty relief agency, is part of the reason that local residents participate in CROP walk year after year.

"It's a good organization. They work through established agencies in other countries and do disaster relief. But a lot of the work is also sustainable projects like water projects for growing food. Or empowering women.

"If you know where the funds are going, then you are more willing to participate," she noted.

Food and refreshments will be served after both the Farmington-area walk and the Wayne-Westland walk.

For more information about the Farmington walk, call Biedron at North Congregational Church, (248) 848-1750. For more about the Wayne-Westland walk, e-mail Pfeil at marlsew@aol.com or call Bierbaum at (734) 728-7054.

Other local CROP walks: Redford's CROP Walk starts with registration at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia, Redford Township; (313) 534-9000.

Southfield's CROP Walk starts with registration at 1 p.m. May 6 at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield; (248) 569-2972 or e-mail fbcdetroit@comcast.net.

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Women's workshop benefits African mission



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Members of Helping Hands Touching Hearts distribute mosquito nets in Africa.

Women can learn to let their "brilliance shine" at a one-day workshop, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at 27565 Spring Valley Drive, Farmington Hills.

Sidney Bonvallet, founder of Helping Hands Touching Hearts Charity will host the event. Liz Kearns, a healthy lifestyle coach, will lead the workshop.

The workshop is designed to help women understand that it's never too late to "follow your star" to seek, grow and re-invent yourself.

- Participants will learn to:
- Step out of the shadows and step into brilliance
 - Drink from the well of collective feminine wisdom
 - Identify underlying beliefs that hold them back from embracing their true worth and living the life of their dreams

• Stimulate their inner world and do what is possible and brave

• Know it is okay to shine
 Cost is \$99 and includes lunch if registered before or on May 14. Cost is \$109 at the door. Make checks payable to Helping Hands Touching Hearts. Credit cards and cash also will be accepted. Register at Liz@AwakenMindfulness.com or call Liz at (248) 474-3982. RSVP by May 14. Call Bonvallet with any questions at (248) 514-3022.

Half of the proceeds will go Helping Hands Touching Hearts charity for its work with the Venda tribe in Africa. The charity aims to build classrooms, provide mosquito nets for malaria protection, fund poultry and garden projects, teach useful skills to tribe members, and provide shoes and clothing for children.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

• Paula Kraus, past president of the Master Gardener's Association of Wayne County, will present "Herbs in the Garden," 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. She will talk about growing and using herbs. Visitors are welcome.

• The Club sponsors its annual plant sharing, rain or shine, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Questions? Call (734) 425-6880.

Tomato, pepper plants

Wayne County Master Gardeners will sell heirloom tomato and pepper plants they've grown, 9-11 a.m. May 12 in the News Herald parking lot, One Heritage Drive,

Southgate and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Wayne County Extension Office Parking lot, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Proceeds from sale help to support community gardens and food pantries in Wayne County. For information, e-mail to mgwvcorg@gmail.com.

Peony Festival

The Peony Garden in the U-M Nichols Arboretum at Matthai Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor shows 27 beds of peonies arranged by season and color and boasts the largest collection of antique and heirloom peonies in North America. Because of winter's warm finale last month, the peony garden is expected to bloom a few weeks earlier this year. The Peony Festival runs May 15-June 5 at 1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor and will include self-guided tours, peony-inspired art and a cut-flower display. For more information, check the The Peony Garden at Nichols Arboretum Facebook page or call (734) 647-7600.



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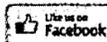
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April

CELEBRATING FAMILY

Time/Date: After all Masses, April 28-29
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society
Contact: (734) 425-5950

CLOTHING DRIVE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 30-May 16
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: The clothing bank is the Western Wayne drop off center for the Everyone a Chance to Hear clothing drive. Donate "like new" clothing on hangers in these categories: men, women, boys, girls, infants. Shoes also are needed. The clothing will be given away at the Lovin the D Resource Fair May 19 near Wayne State University
Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29
Location: St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham
Details: The St. James Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Freewill offering.
Contact: (248) 644-0820

May

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Details: Most healthy individuals over 17 are eligible to donate. Participants should bring a driver's license or two other forms of identification to the blood drive. Bringing a list of medications they take also may be helpful.

Walk-ins will be accepted until 6 p.m. or telephone in advance to make an appointment
Contact: (248) 474-0584

CINCO DE MAYO

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, May 5
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: The dance is aimed at adults with developmental disabilities, special needs and their caretakers. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be served.
Contact: For reservations call (248) 442-8822

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6
Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit
Details: The Fort Street Chorale performs Dvorak's "Stabat Mater." Tickets are \$20
Contact: (313) 961-4533; www.fortstreet.org

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. buffet dinner, Sunday, May 20
Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100

Merriman, Livonia

Details: Annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance to benefit retired Orthodox priests and priests' widows will include music by the Offbeats and entertainment for children. Tickets, including dinner and refreshments, is \$40 per person, with children, 12 and under, admitted without charge
Contact: Mihaela Charlier at (313) 595-7640 or e-mail to mihaelacharlier@sbcglobal.net; or Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Time/Date: Register from 6-7 p.m.; play begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12
Location: St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Walk-ins are welcome but registration is encouraged. Cost is \$15 per player and all skill levels are welcome. Must be 18 and over to play. Partners will be randomly assigned for each round. Food and snacks are provided and players may bring their own choice of beverage. All proceeds will benefit the eighth grade class trip

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23
Location: Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi
Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bob La Croix as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Register by calling the church or visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.
Contact: (248) 349-8847; www.holyfamilynovi.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 1 for six weeks
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: No charge, nonsectarian community service of SPACE for Changing Families, National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, is aimed at those who have lost a spouse or partner. Registration required
Contact: (248) 355-9936 or e-mail Space@ncjwgds.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19
Location: Grace Lutheran Church, located on Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center, in Canton

Details: Radio host Bob Dutko of WMUZ, 103.5 FM's "The Bob Dutko Show" is the guest speaker. Dutko also hosts a nationally syndicated talk show called "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko." No admission charge, although freewill donations will be accepted
Contact: (734) 414-7422

LADIES LUNCHEON

Time/Date: Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon, Saturday, May 5
Location: St. Theodore Parish social hall, 8200 N. Wayne, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women presents the lunch and guest speaker, Piera Domenica Burzio, who survived the sinking of the Italian luxury liner, Andrea Doria, in 1956. In her book about the shipwreck, she includes a technical account of the incident. Tickets are \$10, available at the St.

Theodore Parish office or from Mary at (734) 425-4421, (voice mail #10).
Contact: (734) 425-4421

LADIES NIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17
Location:

Details: Donna Jones, wife of Catholic deacon Alex Jones, will be the evening's keynote speaker, sharing the story of her two-year journey into Catholicism, along with 14 family members and another 54 members of their evangelical Detroit congregation. Her story explains this momentous, life- and career-changing spiritual decision and what it took to convince herself and her husband that it was God's will for both of them. Tickets are \$28 per person and includes a full dinner served family style. A cash bar is available. Reservations are required either as an individual or by tables of 10
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

MOVIE

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; showtime is 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12
Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3885 Venoy, Westland

Details: This action-packed drama involves four law enforcement officers who are facing a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle — fatherhood. No strings, no sign up. Just enjoy the movie at no charge. Concession items will be available for purchase.
Contact: (734) 425-0260

PARENTING SERIES

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through May 23
Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5. The series began April 18
Contact: (248) 348-7600

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Time/Date: Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 3; regular sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 4 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Pre-sale admission is \$2 for adults. Event includes boutique and bake sale

Contact: (734) 422-0149

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 4 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 5
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 West 13 Mile, at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Bag sale and half-off discounts are on Saturday, May 5. Tax deductible donations also are needed for the sale. Drop off gently-used items from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at the back door of the church. The church also will recycle used eye glasses, computer ink cartridges and cell phones
Contact: (248) 626-7619

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: Pre-sale, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16; regular sale, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, May 17-18 and bag sale, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 19
Location: St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, north of Ford, south of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Pre-sale admission is \$1; \$5 bag sale on Saturday
Contact: (734) 425-0260

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

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 In most instances, the doctor knows several orthopedic surgeons, neurologists and vascular specialists. Which one he chooses depends on his assessment of the temperament of the surgeon and the state of mind of the patient. At other times the doctor wants to match up the needs of the patient with the expertise of the specialist. For example: a patient with instability of the ankle may be better off seeing an orthopedic ankle and foot specialist rather than being evaluated by a general orthopedist.
 In most cases, the doctor making the referral will send a letter to the physician being referred, with the patient's diagnosis, the reason why the patient needs the referral, and what the patient expects to learn from the referral appointment.
 Obviously one specialist cannot fit all patients. So if disappointed with the one seen, the patient should ask the original doctor for another referral.

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Post-operative patients from the Michigan Bariatric Institute will sell gently-used, plus-size clothing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, Livonia.
 There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women in sizes 14-32 and for men in sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL.
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Vote, donate or golf to help rescued animals

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Escanaba or Redford? Vote for Better Life Canine Center in AnimalRescueSite.com's shelter challenge and you'll nudge the Redford-based dog rescue and retraining organization closer to a top prize.

For several weeks, the Center held the top slot among the Michigan animal welfare groups that are competing in the online contest. Supporters can vote daily on the site. But an Escanaba-based shelter recently surged ahead, and Better Life Canine Center, a nonprofit organization, dropped into second place.

"I believe we will win a regional prize of \$1,000 if we remain #1 in Michigan," said Amanda Brooks, a member. "If we win, the majority of the funds will go towards vetting and training. That is what most of our funds go to all the time. Along with love, those are our top priorities for each of our rescue dogs."

The contest ends June 17. To keep Better Life Canine Center at the head of the pack, vote every day at www.theanimal-rescuesite.com.

Working the streets

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue recently pulled a puppy, now named "Blue," from an abandoned home in Detroit. He was the only dog from a litter of four still alive in the house. Volunteers for the Livonia/Westland-area nonprofit also rescued a kitten from the same house. He's dubbed Miracle.



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A neighbor told the volunteers that a man hit the de-clawed kitten with a shovel as he played outside the house, said Guardian Angels president, Sandra Mezza, in an e-mail.

"There is not enough skin left on his head to stitch so they are going to take skin from his neck," Mezza wrote. "Keep him in your prayers and also pray that no other animal crosses the path of this monster who did this to him."

Guardian Angels Animal Rescue accepts donations to help pay for medical costs for its rescued animals, such as Miracle and Blue. Donate online at www.gaarmichigan.org.

Watch some of Guardian Angel's rescued dogs strut their stuff on the fashion runway during the International Women's Show at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. For more about the show visit www.internationalwomenshow.com.



Guardian Angels Animal Rescue found this puppy, Blue, in an abandoned home in Detroit.

On the greens

Mark your calendar for the Third Annual Shelter to Home Charitable Golf Outing, on Saturday, May 19, at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth. The outing includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, and a banquet served with a steak and salmon dinner or a vegetarian meal. The dinner includes all-you-can-drink beer,

wine and pop, along with prizes, awards and raffle items.

The golf outing format is a four-player scramble, with mini games on the course. The player fee is \$100 per individual or \$400 per team of four. Or attend only the banquet for \$35.

Shelter to Home is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that was founded in 2007.



Jason Turri, coordinator of Shelter to Home's golf fundraiser with one of the shelter's charges.

The group's mission is to work to save impounded animals in southeast-

ern Michigan by placing them into a home foster care setting until permanent and loving homes can be found. The proceeds from this fundraising event will help Shelter to Home volunteers with day to day operations and build towards the group's longer term goal of supporting the Shelter to Home Adoption Center to help save more animals.

For registration forms and more information, e-mail to info@sheltertohome.com or call Jason Turri, the event coordinator, at (734) 260-3043. Shelter to Home also is accepting donations for event raffle prizes and golf outing sponsorship opportunities are available.

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BUCKNER, ISABEL SUE

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buckner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin (Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Guile) Buckner. Dearest sister of Nancy Bauer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 2:00PM AT THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH, 38651 WOODWARD AVE, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304, (248) 647-2380

DEXTER, REV. MARGÓ BYERS

Peacefully passed with her family surrounding her on April 22, 2012 at the age of 55. Loving mother of Justin, Ashleigh (Matt Schiffman, Charles Jr., and Brent. Beloved daughter of Thomas and the late Alice Byers. Dear sister of Jason (Patty) and Lori Byers. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday April 26, 2012, 11 am at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, with a luncheon to follow. Memorial Visitation will be Wednesday April 25, 2012 1-4pm and 5-9pm also at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Orchard UMC Rev. Margo Dexter Memorial. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



HANSON, JOANNE ELIZABETH

Passed on Tuesday, April 24th after a courageous battle with cancer. A longtime resident of Birmingham, Mi. Joanne, daughter of Harold and Carolyn Melin, is survived by her daughter Kristin Hanson Propp, son Brian and her siblings Linda Melin, Richard Melin, Phyllis Rowlands, and Kristin Rourke. Joanne was delighted to have had the opportunity to hold her two-week-old grand-daughter, Brooklyn Propp. Joanne was a loving and dedicated mother, daughter, sister and friend who enjoyed visiting her cottage in Tawas, spending time with her friends and golfing with all the family dogs. She will be missed deeply by all. Memorial tributes may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research (www.nfcr.org)

HERRICK, VERN D.

Age 88, April 22, 2012. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear father of Dick (Georgia), Bob (Muriel), Judy (Jeff) Jones and Don (Peggy). Loving Grandfather of 6. Beloved great grandfather of 7. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Garden City. Memorials suggested to First United Methodist Church (Endowment Fund). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

HOLET, JOHN A.

Age 52, dear father of John and Shana Holet. Son of Nancy Guthrie and the late Hassan Holet. Brother of Marion Holet, Susan Otter, Greg Holet and Holly Dreher. Funeral services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to the family. santeiufuneralhome.com

HOPP MCKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE

Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012. Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brocklehurst. Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan), Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne Poe), Jean Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele Ashcraft, Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. Also survived by step-children Wm. M. McKinley, Pam McKinley Letzing (Kurt), T.C. McKinley (Kris), and Cheryl McKinley Drucekniss (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-in-law, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Interment Redford Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Cincinnati Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for many years with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities, Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's groups. Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her Family, Faith, Friends, and the Future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she resided for over 60 years. She was loving and well loved and will be greatly missed.

KELLEY, PHYLLIS F.

84 of DeKalb, IL; passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Pine Acres in DeKalb. She was born on Jan. 10, 1928 in Long Branch, NJ to William A. and May E. (Presley) Finlay. Phyllis married Walter A. Kelley on June 15, 1946 in Long Branch, NJ and he preceded her on Oct. 6, 2003. She had been a secretary for Ducks Unlimited in Long Grove, IL. Memberships include Rochelle United Methodist Church, Orchid and African Violet Society. Phyllis was a Master Gardener in both Illinois and Arkansas and also helped build the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR. Survivors include son: William (Tanya) Kelley of Ashmore, IL; 3 daughters: Susan (William) Paulin of Rochelle, IL, Patricia (Robert) Brewer of Yorkville, IL and Elizabeth (Martin) Kerstens of Plymouth, MI; sister: Shirley May Finlay of Warsaw, IN; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church in Rochelle on Wed. April 25, 2012 with Rev. Cindy Marino at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers: Memorials to the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR or the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, MI. Online guest book at www.ungerhomer.com.

RICHARDS, BETTY

Age 90 passed away on April 20, 2012 at home surrounded by her loving family. She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Donna, Debbie, and Devon and her sons-in-law, Roger and Tom. She was a devoted grandmother and proud great grandmother of five. A celebration of her life will be held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI on Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be to the Salvation Army, Angela Hospice of Livonia, or Riverside Park Church.



SANDERS JOHN M. "JACK"

April 19, 2012 after a valiant battle with lymphoma. Age 86. Brother of Nancy Sanders Chickering and the late Frederick Sanders, III. Uncle of Christopher Sanders (Chris Theisen), John Sanders, Duncan Sanders-Fleming (Alison), Charlie Frick (Nancy), Joan Marquart (Rob), Betsy Petoskey (Charlie), Susie Carlman (Dan) and Carol Burden (Bill). Also survived by many great nieces and nephews and innumerable dear friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Fred W. and Dorothy (nee Martin) Sanders. Memorial service Monday April 30th 11:30a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Horizons Upward Bound, Cranbrook Schools or Amherst College. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



YOUNG, VERA BROWN

Departed this life on July 29, 2011 at "Just a Whisper" in Lake Leelanau at the age of 94. Vera was born on March 1st, 1917 in Nyack New York. On the 4th of July 1942 she married Wendell Maris Young who preceded her in death in October of 1995. Vera's life was bright, exciting, and full. Teaching pottery in Detroit segued into building a hilltop ranch house in Franklin with her and her husband's own hands, raising two small daughters, teaching school fulltime in Farmington while attending night school to complete her degree in elementary education. That was in 1962, at which time she accepted a teaching job in the Birmingham School system where she remained well into her 70's. She received her Masters of Arts in teaching from Oakland U in 1979, at the age of 62. After she retired she taught pottery to Seniors and continued to substitute teach until her 80's. Vera loved to cook "without a book", loved teaching, art, music, nature and Northern Michigan. Every summer was spent at the family cottage in Empire. Vera is survived by her two daughters, Marion "Tedi" Collier, and Joy Clenet, her grandchildren, Kelly Clenet, Tim Collier and Jill Collier and her five great-grandchildren, Alexis Clenet, Michael, Samuel, David and Isaac Collier. A memorial service will be held for Vera on Saturday May 12th at 11am in the Chapel of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham and guests may join the family for a light lunch afterwards at the Church. No flowers please but memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Alzheimer Assoc. www.alz.org.

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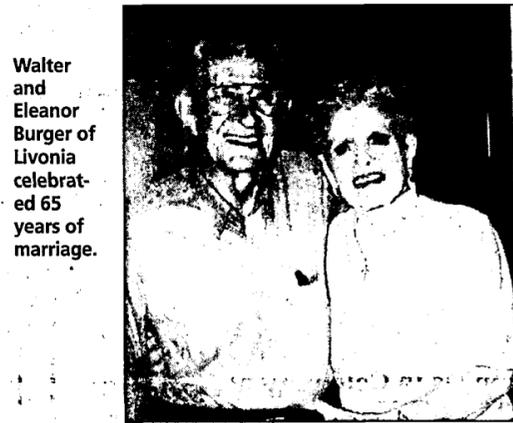
Milestones



Paul and Carolyn Herrick of Redford at Christmas last year



Paul and Carolyn Herrick of Redford on their wedding day in 1962



Walter and Eleanor Burger of Livonia celebrated 65 years of marriage.



Walter and Eleanor Burger of Livonia on their wedding day in 1947

Panko-Grevell

Kimberly Panko and David Grevell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Margo and Richard Panko of Canton, graduated in 1997 from Plymouth Salem High School and in 2003 from Western Michigan University with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish. Since leaving Michigan, Kim lived in Thailand for nine months and the United Kingdom for three years, before settling in Australia. She has lived in Brisbane, Australia for more than four years, and has known David for most of this time.

David, son of Lynne and Paul Grevell of Mt. Gravatt, Australia, graduated in 1998 from Mt. Gravatt High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in



Kimberly Panko and David Grevell with their dogs, Scuba, (left) a Labrador retriever, and Nitro, a Lab-golden mix.

microelectronic engineering and a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology in 2003. David worked in Japan for three years as part of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, but now

50th wedding anniversary

Paul J. and Carolyn M. (Waring) Herrick of Redford marked their 50th wedding anniversary April 28. The couple married in 1962 at St. Gregory the Great Church, Detroit.

The couple has two children, Raymond Herrick of Northville and Christine Pendleton of South Lyon.

They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Paul retired in 1999 from Detroit Diesel Corporation. He also was an elected UAW official for more than 30 years.

Carolyn, a homemaker, has held every elected board position in the Redford Suburban League, including president. She has been on the board for the Redford Library millage election and area captain for Judge Karen Khalil's election team.

The Herricks are longtime supporters of Redford Union High School athletics. Carolyn served many years as the sponsor of the Redford Union High School Flag Twirlers.

The Herricks winter in Cape Coral, Fla., and have traveled extensively throughout the world.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family and friends at the Courthouse Grill in Plymouth.

65th wedding anniversary

Walter and Eleanor (Brown) Burger marked their 65th wedding anniversary April 12. The couple, from Livonia, married in 1947 at St. James Lutheran Church in Elmer.

The couple's children are Denise Mazzei of Brighton, Paula Nelson of Redford, Deborah Burger of Oak Park, David Burger of Holly, and the late William Burger. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Eleanor is a retired nurse and an "amazing" cook, according to her daughter, Paula Nelson.

Walter is a retired carpenter and piano tuner. He's also a multi-talented musician who performed with the Farmington Brass, Franklin Village Band and the brass band at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Eleanor and Walter are longtime members of the church, where they also sang in the choir and actively participate in outreach to homebound church members.

The Burgers marked their anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. They also celebrated with family and friends at Bakers of Milford.

works as an electrical engineer.

David and Kim met learning salsa in Brisbane in mid 2008, and quickly became best friends.

A February 2013 wedding is planned in Puerto Vallarta in Mexico.

Leukemia survivors 'pay it forward' with bone marrow donor drive

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The Bad Blood Club wants you to "swab a cheek" Sunday, May 6, at the US 12 Bar and Grill in Wayne.

Club founder, Gloria Dunford of Westland, says you might just save a life if you do.

"We're blood cancer survivors and we're hosting a bone marrow donor drive," Dunford said. "The National Marrow Donor Program will be there. Our goal is to grow the National Marrow Donor registry."

Representatives from the national program will be on hand to explain what it takes to become a bone marrow donor. They'll also begin the process of adding volunteers to the Be The Match Registry that helps doctors find matches for patients in need of a bone marrow transplant.

"There will be swabbing for DNA," said Dunford, explaining the first step toward becoming a match. "No pokes or needles. The first thing is to swab a cheek. You go into a preliminary registry."

If that first test indicates a possible match, the potential donor may be asked to provide a blood sample or another cheek cell sample. A registry representative will ask about the donor's health — some individuals can't donate because of medical conditions — and ask if there's still an interest in participating.

The chance of being selected for the process



The Bad Blood Club members are (from left) Gloria Dunford, Kerry Brooks, Lisa Lambert and Laura Western.

is 1 in 12.

If selected, the potential donor attends an information session and takes a physical exam.

The patient's doctor will decide which kind of donation — bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cells — is best. A marrow donation involves an outpatient surgical procedure. The stem cell donation is a nonsurgical procedure.

"Ninety percent of the time it doesn't come from marrow," Dunford said. "It comes from peripheral stem cells."

Ethnic communities

Dunford, 47, diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia in 2004, says she was lucky to be matched with a donor and receive a bone marrow transplant just two months after signing up for the registry.

"There's a young woman who is 26, she's Asian American, in California, who in two months could



The first step in joining the national registry for bone donors is swabbing the cheek for DNA.

lose her fight," said Dunford, referring to leukemia patient, Janet Liang.

"Janet is desperately searching for a donor match and her time is literally running out at this point and this is due to the fact that there is such a dire need for marrow donors, specifically within the ethnic communities of Asians, Hispanics and African Americans.

"We're hoping to get more people in ethnic communities to come

out," she said. Dunford urges Asian-Americans to attend the drive next weekend to help Liang find a match.

New organization

After learning about the California woman and the need for more donors from ethnic communities, Dunford decided to turn the The Bad Blood Club into a nonprofit organization with a mission to sup-

port the National Marrow Donor Program. Initially, The Bad Blood Club merely was a team name, chosen a few months ago, for a group of former bone marrow transplant patients who will run the Relay for Life in Canton next month. The group includes Dunford; Kerry Brooks, 47, of Canton, who received a transplant two years ago for acute lymphoblastic leukemia; Lisa Lambert, 49 of Holly, who had a transplant in 2003 for chronic myeloid leukemia; and Laura Western, 57, of Howell, who was a transplant patient in 2004, battling acute myelogenous leukemia.

"I set a goal for my team to raise \$10,000 which was a pretty big aspiration considering we are newbies to Relay For Life," Dunford said. "As of Thursday April 26, with the help of our wonderful family and friends



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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who make up the rest of our team, we have made that 10K goal."

View The Bad Blood Club's Relay for Life team page at www.relayforlife.org. Under the "get involved" tab, click on donate. On the next page, click on "donate to a team." In the search box, type Bad Blood Club. It will bring up a link to the team page.

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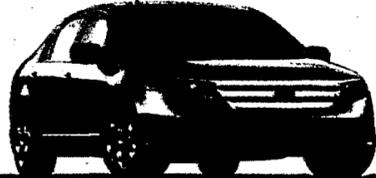
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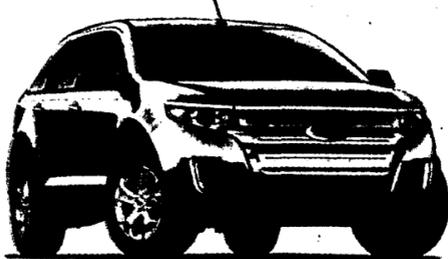
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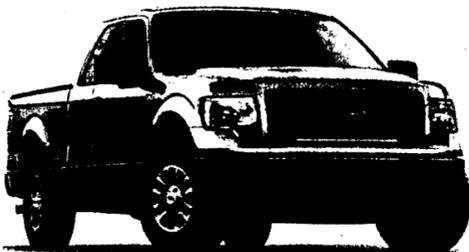


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