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Summer is here and Westland Shopping Center is going to help make it fun, fun, fun. From 7-10 p.m. this Saturday, June 9, the mall will host a free Family Movie Night, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to sit on and watch *Descpicable Me* on a giant movie screen in the East Court of the mall. There will be free activities and free popcorn, water and candy while supplies last. Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads.

Books donated

With a helping hand from Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-District 12, inmates at the Wayne County Jail recently received a selection of books and literature for their reading pleasure. The Livonia Friends of the Library, Friends of the Westland Library and the Caroline Kennedy Library in Dearborn Heights all made book donations. But it was the persistence by Gebhardt that helped facilitate the exchange and provide this most important source of knowledge to those inside the facility.

Cherished memories

Hundreds of students will graduate in the coming weeks and our photographers will be there to capture all the big moments. Graduation photos will appear in the *Westland Observer* and online at hometownlife.com. And ordering a keepsake photo or page reprint couldn't be easier. To order a photo, go to hometownlife.com and look for the photo galleries midway down our home page. If you see a photo you'd like to purchase, just click on the gold "buy photo" icon above the image and you will be taken directly to our photo store. Once there, you can order everything from framed photos to T-shirts to coffee mugs. If you want an entire page reprinted or made into any of the more than a dozen products available, contact Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at lruehlen@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-8730.

Westland seeks help stopping sales of synthetic marijuana

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

If you go into a gas station or convenience store and notice the business is selling K2, Spicé or synthetic marijuana, Westland police would appreciate a call.

Those businesses can then expect a visit from Westland police officers asking that they voluntarily stop selling the substances, which are currently legal. That is an interim measure while City Attorney James Fausone looks at an ordi-

nance to ban the synthetic marijuana which has been connected to several recent incidents, including two murders and a fatal overdose.

"I asked the city attorney to look at it this last week so we can have an ordinance to prohibit K2 and other synthetic marijuana," said Mayor William Wild Monday. "If you see it on the shelf at a store, call us. We'll ask them to stop selling it."

The synthetic marijuana consists of potpourri, bath salts or herbs treated with chemicals

which create a high when smoked. Those chemicals also are being found to cause violent and paranoid behavior.

"The ingredients are listed on the small packets of potpourri or bath salts, the challenge is to legislate out of existence a legal substance," said Fausone. "But there is no purpose for these small packets of potpourri or bath salts. You don't go to Bed, Bath and Beyond for those small packets. It's not like glue with a legal

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Wayne County has followed Macomb County's lead in banning the substances through an imminent danger order issued by the county health department.



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From seniors to alumni

(Above) John Glenn High School senior Danielle Salter adjusts her cap one last time before walking on to the floor of the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center the commencement ceremony Saturday morning. Thousands of friends and family members filled the arena to watch the Class of 2012 receive their diplomas. For a list of graduates and more photos see Page 8 or visit the photo gallery on the Westland page at hometownlife.com. (At right) Jeffery Kuhary lets the audience know he's happy to receive his diploma during John Glenn High School Commencement ceremony Saturday.



Warren Road work to start July 16

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

The next phase of construction on Warren Road, including the section along Westland Shopping Center, is scheduled to get under way next month.

The project involves concrete pavement repairs from Newburgh to Hambleton and full width milling and asphalt replacement from Hambleton to Wayne Road. Curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements, greenbelt restoration and new pavement markings will also be included as part of the project.

It's the last phase of work on Warren Road from Inkster to New-

burgh. "It's been hard explaining to residents who all have their own opinion on which was the worst section," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "The entire stretch will be done by fall. It will be nice to get it all finished."

The construction is scheduled to begin Monday, July 16, and be completed by the first week of October. "Our goal was to finish in front of the mall by black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving)," said Wild.

The project will be constructed in phases without entirely closing Warren Road to traffic. Plans call for the outside lanes to be closed to traffic and

when the necessary repairs are complete, traffic will be shifted to the outside lanes to allow work on the inside lanes.

More than \$655,000 of the nearly \$810,000 estimated project cost will be federally funded. Westland will pay just over \$72,000 of the \$150,000 local match.

"This is a long overdue project that will greatly improve access to and from the Westland Shopping and Dining District," said Wild. "This is a busy stretch of roadway and there will be delays but the long-term relief and beautification will be well worth it."

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'Not easy': Council approves balanced budget for 2012-13

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A \$56 million balanced budget that projects a \$2.5 million fund balance was adopted by the Westland City Council Monday.

The budget includes the closing of the Bailey Recreation Center and its outdoor swimming pool, projects savings from sharing a fire chief with the City of Wayne — the first step in merging the two fire departments and shifts assessing to a fully contracted service.

Westland works in two-year budget cycles although only single year budgets are adopted. A balanced budget for 2013-14 also projects a slightly higher fund balance.

"The second year gives us a point to work from for 2013. We've been working for five years to handle the budgets in the economic downturn," said Mayor William Wild, recalling that three years ago the city auditors projected a \$37 million budget deficit for 2012-13.

The changes made to the city budget, staffing and operations beginning three years ago have compounded the cost savings, he said.

"I'm very proud of the work we've done, it's not been easy. It has been a collaboration working with the council," said Wild. "As I travel around, and I represented the city at the Mackinac Policy Conference, I didn't come across any other Wayne County community with a two-year balanced budget, no layoffs and getting prepared for the next round of EVIP (Economic Vitality Incentive Program)."

While the council voted unanimously to approve the budget, resident Burke Rock continued his objections to contractual raises for police and firefighters — 2 percent in 2012 and 3 percent in 2013. City department

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Savings mount in new budget

Highlights of Westland's 2012-13 fiscal year budget that goes into effect July 1 include:

- A joint venture with the City of Wayne to merge both city's parks and recreation services, resulting in a savings to Westland of \$900,000 annually. The projected savings doesn't include the more than \$400,000 in revenue brought in by parks and recreation programs.

- Wayne and Westland will share a fire chief, resulting in a savings of \$180,000 for Westland and \$140,000 for Wayne on an annual basis and will begin the merging of the two full-service fire departments.

These shared services agreements will help Westland qualify for \$1.7 million in statutory revenue sharing for the 2012-13 fiscal year as part of the state-mandated Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

- The Assessing Department will be privatized to Westland-based WCA Assessing, for all assessing functions required by the city. The city will save approximately \$30,000 annually and not result in any layoffs.

"During these uncertain economic times, the city administration, city council, union representatives and myself worked very hard to maintain fiscal responsibility while continuing to provide the residents with the quality services they expect and deserve," said Mayor William Wild. "I am particularly pleased with these two budgets as city auditors only three years ago had forecast deficits of \$23 million and \$37 million, respectively."

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School board pink slips 82 teachers

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Livonia school board laid off 82 teachers Monday, but it hopes to call back the majority of them before next school year.

"It's too early to tell," Superintendent Randy Liepa said of the number that will be called back. But, he said, the district has had success in the past recalling most of the teachers it pink slips.

Last June, it also laid off 82 teachers. All but one has been called back, said Cindy DeMan, the district's personnel director.

The layoffs are the result of the budget process, the district's financial situation, a projected 300-student enrollment drop, teachers returning from leave, and program changes.

Contractually, the board must approve layoff notices by its first meeting in June, which is typically

before the board approves its budget for the following school year. This year, the board is expected to adopt its budget June 18.

Some of the laid-off teachers are at the secondary level, where student schedules are not yet finalized.

About 25 are special education teachers for countywide programs run by Livonia Public Schools. Most of those teachers' salaries are paid for by money from the county, which has experienced cuts in Act 18 money.

"The Act 18 budget is getting smaller and smaller," Liepa said.

Liepa said he does not expect any program cuts, increases in class sizes or transportation changes next school year.

The budget will be built around the same foundation allowance as last year, \$8,019 per student.

Livonia may qualify for an additional \$50 to \$100 per student if it meets the

state's requirements for best practices. Liepa said he hasn't seen the criteria for those incentives yet.

Liepa said the state Legislature is working on retirement reform legislation next week, which would also impact the budget. It has already approved the School Aid bill for K-12 funding.

Even with retirement reforms, Liepa said \$2 million will likely have to be cut from the budget to balance it and retain programs, class sizes and transportation. This year's general fund expenditures were \$145 million.

In other action, the board approved policies setting school board members' terms of office at four years and their biannual school election in November of even-numbered years, in accordance with state law.

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Prom Bound

Posing for pictures before heading off to the John Glenn High School senior prom were Aaron Chave (top row, from left) with Kayla Murphy, Garrett Lipp with Megan Porter, Konnor Robinson (bottom row, from left) with Summer Dunn and RJ Hurst with Samantha Holland.

John Glenn senior Samantha Holland was pretty in pink for this year's prom as was her date, 2011 Glenn grad RJ Hurst.



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directors would get the same increases as police command officers.

"I'd ask you to turn down the raises. (Auditors) Plante Moran said that the fund balance at 4 percent is anemic and recommended that all cities have 15 percent," said Rock, who also repeated his criticism of police and fire pensions, describing them as "out of whack with reality."

Presented with the city's financial problems, police and firefighters unions had agreed to open their contracts and postpone scheduled pay raises that had been agreed

to in 2007, said Wild. Manpower was reduced through early retirement programs with changes made to health care and changes in pension and benefits for new hires.

Despite the balanced budget and increasing fund balance, Council President James Godbout said a couple of residents still don't get it. Specifically, Godbout mentioned Rock.

"There are Mr. Rock's constant attacks on police and fire. Not only at meetings but with some disturbing charges in messages left at my home and the homes of other council members," said Godbout.

The police and firefighter unions opened their contracts and

agreed to significant changes when they didn't have to, said Godbout.

"We'd be facing millions in deficit. Thanks to their sacrifice and willingness to put off raises, we have a \$2.5 million fund balance instead of a \$23 million deficit," said Godbout.

Rock's repeated personal attacks against Wild resulted in the mayor at one time publicly announcing he would no longer respond to questions or comments from Rock. At the meeting, Rock announced he was organizing an effort to recall Wild, who was unopposed for reelection in 2011, and council members.

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substance being abused."

A lot of people are working to solve the problem of banning K2 and similar products, said

Fausone, adding a survey found that 60 percent of businesses licensed for tobacco sale were selling the synthetic marijuana products.

Last month, Westland Youth Assistance hosted an informational meeting for parents on trendy

drugs like the synthetic marijuana. Wayne-Westland Schools board member John Goci attended the city council meeting to urge the city to adopt an ordinance banning the synthetic marijuana and similar products.

The Michigan Attorney General is working on ordinance language that could be used at a local level to ban synthetic marijuana and bath salts.

The state legislature is expected to have a statewide ban enacted by the end of the week.

On Tuesday, Wayne County followed Macomb County's lead in banning the substances through an imminent danger order issued by the county health department. The order covers all types of synthetic marijuana and bath salts known by numerous brand names.

Anyone in the Wayne County Health Department jurisdiction, which includes 42 communities outside of Detroit, are immediately ordered to cease selling, trading, giving, bartering, serving, providing or otherwise making available such substances.

The order also states that individuals shall immediately surrender such products or sub-

stances to the Wayne County Sheriff, local law enforcement or the Wayne County Department of Public Health until the imminent danger has been removed by a further order. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department plans to aggressively pursue any store or retail outlet selling the items.

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Racing partnership lets Westland men enjoy Grand Prix

"They had the time of their lives! They were VIPs for the whole day and loved every minute of it," said Evelyn Thompson, a friend of two Westland men who had the privilege to be guests at the 2012 Detroit Grand Prix last weekend.

Andrew Forsyth and Tim Cassa, both roommates who have disabilities, were excited to be a part of the Grand Prix festivities.

"I loved the cars and the drivers and the pretty ladies by the cars," said Cassa. "I had such a great time."

The Arc Western Wayne, an advocacy organization that serves people with developmental disabilities, was able to take a group of people with disabilities to Belle Isle Saturday to see the



Andrew Forsyth (left) and Tim Cassa enjoy the Detroit Grand Prix with Kathy Morrow of The Arc.

race teams practice, qualify and race. They also attended an autograph and chat session with several drivers.

This opportunity was

made possible through The Arc Audi Racing Program, a new partnership between The Arc and Istook Motorsports. Professional race team own-

er Don Istook and wife Laurie (www.istooks.com) have a personal connection to the disability community. Laurie Istook's two brothers

have disabilities.

The Istook's and The Arc's national office formed a partnership which allows participants to watch the race, see The Arc Audi Race Team cars and talk to the crew.

The partnership also includes Volkswagen Group of America and the Pirelli World Challenge Series.

Don Istook and his team won the "Hard Charger" award and while accepting his award he told the crowd that "people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can be 'hard chargers,' too, if they are given a chance."

"The Arc Audi Racing Program gives us a chance to show race fans across the country that individuals with disabilities can do anything, including be a part of a

professional race crew," said Peter Berns, CEO of The Arc. "I'm thrilled that our Detroit area chapters enjoyed this opportunity, and we will share their experience with those in our network that will attend upcoming races in Ohio and California."

The Arc advocates for and serves people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The Arc has a network of more than 700 chapters across the country promoting and protecting the human rights of people with disabilities and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes and without regard to diagnoses. For more information, go online to www.thearc.org.

Free program helps students to develop leadership skills

Area high school students and teachers are invited to participate in a leadership program for the 2012-13 school year offered by USA TODAY Education called "Leadership Challenge."

The program was developed for the Lift a Life Foundation, the personal foundation of David Novak, current CEO of Louisville-based Yum! Brands, whose mission is to teach leadership skills to high school students, and the "Yum! Foundation," whose mission is to eliminate world hunger.

The program, a "lead-

ership challenge to solve world hunger," is a service-learning-based initiative that seeks to accomplish both goals.

The "Leadership Challenge" was created by the Lift A Life Foundation and the USA TODAY Charitable Foundation to encourage students to hone leadership skills as they learn about and try to solve world hunger issues.

Program components include:

- In-classroom, standards-based curriculum on the topic of leadership will be provided to partic-

ipating schools.

- Classroom and training activities will center on the challenge of "solving world hunger."

- Students work in teams to identify a hunger-related problem, develop a solution and execute their plan.

- Each participating teacher will receive "Taking People With You" leadership book.

- \$500,000 will be awarded to winning teams to be applied to their choice of hunger projects.

- Teacher incentives included for those who

participate.

The program is free and open to any high school in the United States. The program is designed to be implemented during the 2012-

13 school year and participating classrooms will receive the electronic edition of USA TODAY to accompany the curriculum. The curriculum is easy to implement and

requires minimal teacher preparation.

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Computer and cash stolen in break-in

Break-in

A resident of the 33000 block of Harvard told police June 1 that he returned home to find a window open and his laptop computer, valued at \$500, missing. He said the master bedroom had been ransacked.

The home has an alarm, the man said, but he had left in a hurry and didn't set it. He also told the officer that the window had been locked but there was no sign it had been pried.

Larceny

A 19-year-old Westland man told police June 3 that he was walking north on Harvey near Palmer about 8 p.m. when a male riding a mini-bike drove past him several times, almost striking him.

Eventually, the mini-bike rider approached him, he said, asking if

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he had any weed. When he said no, the suspect asked if he had any money. Based on the aggressive tone, the man said he feared for his safety and threw the money, \$37, on the ground. The suspect picked up the money and fled.

Break-in

For the second time in a week, an officer was dispatched June 2 to the former Montana's Steakhouse, 34290 Ford Road, about a break-in. The officer said it appeared that entry was made through the roof.

Reported stolen was more copper piping and wiring. Extensive damage to the vacant building was reported. The metal flush-

ers on the toilets were reported stolen, damaging the toilets.

Larceny

On June 3, a resident in the 7500 block of Gilman told police he came home to find his watch and \$173 missing. He said he suspected his former girlfriend, a Plymouth resident, was responsible since there was no sign of forced entry and she knows the alarm code.

The watch, valued at \$6,950, was described as a stainless Jojo Chronograph wrist watch with diamonds.

The man told police he had called the former girlfriend and asked about the theft. She told him the name of a man she suspected was responsible, he said, adding he should check a particular pawn shop for his

watch.

Break-in

A resident in the 2600 block of Cascade Court told police June 4 that sometime during the previous 24 hours, someone had pried a window open and stolen the television.

Shoplifting

Police were called to Kohl's, 35000 Warren Road, June 3 after store security reported seeing a teen remove a stainless steel necklace and a watch from their packaging, then conceal them in his pocket. The teen paid for a Red Wings shirt but walked into the mall without paying for the watch and necklace, valued at \$80.

Stopped as he walked into the mall, store security said the teen dropped the T-shirt he had pur-

chased and ran off, leaving the mall.

Store security had seen the teen talking with a man and located him in the store. He identified the teen as his nephew and provided a name but refused to give police any other information. The man then called his mother, the teen's grandmother, who came to the store.

The grandmother told police she had no information about where the teen was staying. She did call his mother, who got on the phone with store security. Other than a birth date for the teen, the mother also refused to provide any additional information and hung up on the store employee.

The grandmother then called another relative to collect the stolen items from the teen and return them to the store. The

items were returned a short time later. The store wanted the teen prosecuted but the officer said he didn't issue a citation since he had insufficient information about the suspect.

Break-in

Police were called to an apartment in the 36000 block of Palmer June 3 when a Westland woman reported a break-in. She said she had moved out two months ago but left some belongings in the apartment.

The sliding glass door was shattered, causing \$200 damage, and holes had been punched into the walls. She said her belongings and those of her former boyfriend were strewn on the floor with some items damaged.

By LeAnne Rogers

Resident finds checks missing from checkbook

Stolen checks

A Garden City man told police May 30 that someone wrote and cashed one of his personal checks without his authorization.

The resident who lives in the 29000 block of Meadow Lane said that he discovered several checks missing from his checkbook recently when he went to write a check. He believes that someone entered his car where he left his checkbook for three days and stole checks from the middle of the checkbook pack.

One check was written in the amount of \$600 and cashed by a woman whose name he doesn't

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know.

Retail fraud

Store security at the Kmart store at 29600 Ford Road called the police about 2 p.m. June 4 after a woman left with a man without paying for merchandise.

When they confronted her in the vestibule, she refused to come into the store and threw the stolen merchandise on the ground. She had earlier concealed clothing items in her purse while a man waited for her near the jewelry counter.

The two entered a car and drove away on Brandt.

The police were able to trace the car to Enterprise Rental because the woman rented the car used in the getaway. They found out who the woman was and she was arrested.

The man she was with first told police that he just met her but later acknowledged that he knew her.

Fraud

An employee of the CVS store at 27435 Ford Road reported that a customer concealed two bottles of Delsyn Cough Sup-

pression medicine in her purse and left without paying for the medication about 8 p.m. May 30.

She got into a car driven by a woman who was in the store with her at the time of the theft but that woman didn't steal anything.

The thief is described as a black woman in her early 20s about 5-foot-8. The woman she was with and the driver of the car is described as a black female about 40 years old with a larger hairstyle.

A Garden City woman who lives in the 22000 block of Alta reported June 4 that the U.S.

Treasury told her that she wasn't entitled to an income tax refund because someone had claimed her as a dependent in February.

She said that she wasn't anybody's dependent and she filed an accurate return listing her two children as dependents. The IRS advised her to file a police report about the matter.

Vandalism

Several vehicles were damaged the night of Monday, June 4, when someone used a BB to break out car windows. The vehicles were parked in the street in the 30000

and 3100 blocks of Barton, the 33000 block of Rosslyn and the 400 block of Henry Ruff.

After the police received a report, they patrolled the area and found other instances of damage.

Property damage

A woman who lives in the 30000 block of Krauter reported that someone scratched her 2001 Ford Ranger pickup truck sometime before 10 a.m. May 30.

Derogatory words were scratched on the hood and on the side of the truck.

By Sue Buck

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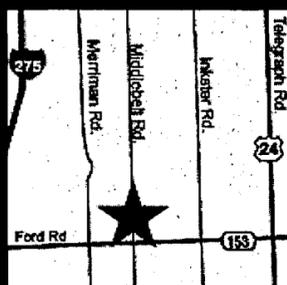
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Cooper students make habit of doing homework, obeying parents

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Ethan Demar, a sixth-grader at Livonia Public Schools' Cooper Upper Elementary, used to procrastinate and let people get under his skin.

Now, "I do my homework, I do my chores and then I do whatever," he said, adding that he has gone from getting mostly threes to consistently getting more fours (the top grade).

And, he said, "I've learned how to ignore people who annoy me."

Mathew Webb, also a sixth-grader at Cooper, used to argue with his parents when they asked him to do something. Now, he knows that if he argues, it takes longer for him to get the chore done so he just does it and then he has "nothing to complain about."

Holli Reynolds has learned how to listen before she talks. "It's helped me to be closer to my family," she said. "We've been talking more and hanging out more."

Ethan, Mathew and Holli are applying Stephen R. Covey's principles from his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* to their academic and personal lives.

They learned them at school this year through a program called The Leader in Me. On Thursday, the student body showed a group of about 35 visitors through skits, songs and classroom projects how they are incorporating the seven habits into their daily lives.

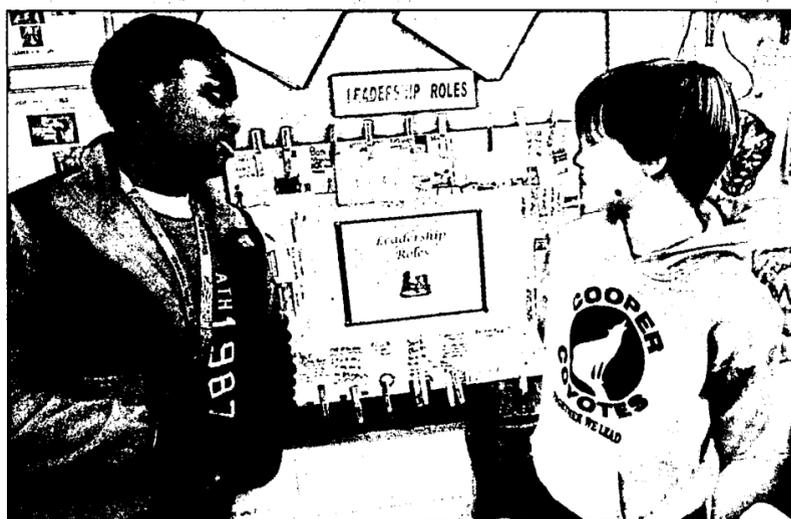
Test scores, behavior improve

Co-Principal Tammy Spangler-Timm said



Hannah Nordstrom shares her Leadership Notebook with John Vail. It's a record of her goals and progress for the year.

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Dalen Cobb and Matt Boyd, fifth-graders in Mary Ann Bubar's class, designed a board that makes it easy to track leadership roles in class. Responsibilities are rotated every two months.

the students' standardized test scores have increased and discipline

problems have decreased since they started teaching the seven habits —

be proactive, have a plan, work before playing, think "win-win," lis-

ten before you talk, work well with others and take care of yourself.

She said 35 schools in Michigan are now using the program. Educators from other districts and schools, including others in the Livonia district, attended the presentation. "We hope it grows like wildfire," Spangler-Timm said.

Co-Principal Terry Taylor said Cooper piloted the program with four teachers last school year after first hearing about it at Oakland Schools. The rest of the staff members were trained last summer.

He said they were so excited about it, they couldn't wait until September.

The program cost \$35,000 to implement, and will cost \$3,000 annually to maintain. The

school was able to use Title I funds to help pay for it. Cooper staff members can now help train teachers at other Livonia schools to save on implementation costs at those buildings, Taylor said: "I hope this can gain some steam in the district."

Teaching about life

William Lietz was one of the teachers who piloted the program at Cooper. "It's not just some gimmick. They really believe in it," he said of the students.

He estimates he spends 15-30 minutes a day teaching and reinforcing the seven habits, but it's more than just another subject. "It's life," he said.

Parents like the program as well. "We noticed at home situations that may have escalated last year are now being diffused by the kids — they work it out," said Gail Hieronimus, whose son is a sixth-grader at Cooper.

Spangler-Timm said a student leadership team used the habits to help make bus rides more pleasant, including reducing the amount of foul language being used.

Students keep "Leadership Notebooks" in which they track their progress in class and toward personal goals.

"It helps me be very organized," said Niki Berridge, a fifth-grader. "It helps me keep track of my grades and know what I have to improve on."

Sixth-grader Mathew Webb admits he was skeptical at first. "But I kind of smuggled up to it," he said. "It's helped me tremendously. I recommend it for everyone."

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Trio named POAM Police Officers of the Year

Three Westland police officers have been honored as police officers of the year for their efforts saving a woman from a burning home.

Westland police Sgt. Norman Brooks, Officer Robert Fruit and Officer Kameron Sleep were selected as recipients of the 2012 Police Officers Association of Michigan Police Officers of the Year awards.

The awards were presented May 24 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids honoring the officers for their

bravery in saving a 78-year-old disabled woman from a house fire in December 2011.

"The bravery that these officers displayed was an example of their commitment to the Westland community," said Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto. "They are heroes and deserve the recognition they received."

The officers arrived on the scene and were able to locate the resident who is confined to a hospital bed. Due to heavy smoke, the officers had to exit

the home to catch their breath, then reentered and carried the woman outside to safety.

Currently assigned to the Detective Bureau, Brooks has served the Westland Police Department for more than 15 years. His previous assignments include Patrol Division and motorcycle traffic officer. He is the former president of the Westland Police Officer Association and military policeman Army veteran.

Fruit has served the Westland Police Depart-

ment for 12 years and is presently assigned to the Patrol Division. Previous assignments have include the driving while impaired enforcement officer.

Sleep is assigned to the Patrol Division and has been with the Westland Police Department for five years.

"These men are true heroes and I commend them for their commitment and dedication to the safety of the residents of our All American City," said Mayor William Wild.

AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The final monthly spaghetti dinner of 2011-2012 at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center is holding game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14. It also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

Health expo

Cardiologist Dr. Vicky Savas will host her 23rd annual Savas Health Expo 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

One \$25 Fun Pack admission ticket includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch, free blood pressure, hearing test, BMI test and relaxing massage. Complimentary gifts, door prizes and health lectures and free literature will be provided during the event.

The day's event includes a auction with autographed Detroit Tigers and Red Wings sports memorabilia, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island golfing package, dinner certificates and gift cards.

The Savas Health Expo is an annual fund-raiser. This year, proceeds are going to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

To become a sponsor and advertise in the Expo booklet or for more information regarding registration, call (248) 356-5033.

Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, June 11, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns.

The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month. Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov. State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, June 11, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Kid's Night Out

Kids can enjoy a night out at the "Summer Beach Bash" 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Want to have a night off? Children ages 6-11 are invited for a night of fun. Activities include swimming, games, pizza, pop and going to Attwood Park. The cost is \$13 per child for resident/member and \$16 per child for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Garage Sale

If you missed the Westland Community Garage Sale, there's another chance to sell unwanted items.

Get a 10-foot by 10-foot spot at the inside the Wayne Community Center Ice Arena to sell everything 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23. For \$20, you can reserve your spot but hurry space is limited.

Contact Nathan Adams at (734) 721-7400, ext. 1300, or by email at nadams@ci.wayne.mi.us for more information or to reserve a spot.

The Wayne Community Center is at 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Book sale

There's bargains to be had at the summer book sale in the Friends Shop at the William P. Faust Public Library.

Stock up on hardcover fiction books only with the shop's buy two get one free. Hardcover books are \$1 each, so get three hardcover fictions for just \$2.

The sale doesn't include hardcover biographies, nonfiction and large-print books.

Dinner show

Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Aoyte will perform Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and more at a dinner show Friday, June 22, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford Road, Westland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$27 per person. Dinner includes a tossed salad, rigatoni, roast beef with gravy, Italian sausage saute, green beans almondine, red skinned mashed potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea and pop. A cash bar will be available.

For tickets, contact Kathy at (734) 216-9451 or at www.angelos1958.com.

'Do Your Part' to prevent underage drinking

Youth violence, traffic crashes, property crime, treatment, and medical aid due to underage alcohol use costs the state of Michigan \$2 billion annually. Underage drinking only happens because adults allow it, because someone over the age of 21 has purchased, provided, or assisted an underage person to obtain alcohol.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is encouraging all adults to "Do Your Part" in preventing underage drinking.

"Underage drinking is a major public health concern," said Olga Dazzo, Director of the MDCH. "Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in our state. It's especially trou-

bling since youth who start to drink before age 15 are seven times more likely to experience alcohol problems as adults."

Although strides are being made to reduce underage drinking, the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that 69 percent of Michigan high school students, 9th- through 12th-grade, reported having at least one drink during their lifetime. For high school senior, the rate is higher at 77 percent. In addition, 35 percent of those high school seniors reported drinking alcohol within the past 30 days.

Recently, MDCH worked with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop a video that focuses on the fact

that adults have a role in preventing underage drinking. Those adults may be parents, siblings or other family members. But it's also beyond family. Coaches, teachers, law enforcement, clergy and retailers can have an impact as well.

Regardless of their roles and identities, adults interact with youth on a regular basis and everyone can help send a clear message that underage drinking is not appropriate. For examples of what individuals can say in their unique roles to discourage underage drinking, "Do Your Part" videos can be found online at www.youtube.com/michigandch.

Here are some ways adults can send a clear message and "Do Your

Part:"

- Parents can set clear rules and expectations with their children that in their family it is not OK to drink before the age of 21.

- Teachers can set rules in their classrooms that talking about parties that occurred over the weekend and involved drinking is not allowed.

- Coaches can set clear standards that drinking by members of their team is not allowed, and enforce these standards consistently and without exception.

MDCH reminds anyone over 21 that it is never OK to purchase or supply alcohol to a minor. Strategies to address youth alcohol use in the community and other information is available at www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas.



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Tracking down an elusive minnow

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Most college students spend their time researching a project surrounded by books in a library or in front of a computer screen — not wading deep in a river chasing fish. But that's where University of Michigan-Dearborn students Bob Muller and Kristina Blott found themselves last week, as they were doing a fish survey in Northville's Johnson Creek.

The students were surveying two sites on Thursday — in Fish Hatchery Park and a little downstream near Seven Mile and Hines Drive. The day was the culmination of eight separate days of doing fish surveys in the Rouge River watershed, as part of an internship the two are doing with Friends of the Rouge, an organization that promotes all aspects of the river. The main goal of their efforts has been to determine the status of fish populations in the Rouge watershed, and in particular to find the presence of a small minnow called the reddsidedace, which has traditionally been found in Rouge tributaries but is now an endangered species in Michigan.

The project has been a huge success. With the help of other Friends of the Rouge volunteers, Muller and Blott found the colorful reddsidedace at four different locations: in Minnow Pond Creek, Seeley Creek, and the Upper Branch of the Rouge — all in Farmington Hills — and in Johnson Creek near Five Mile and Ridge roads in Northville Township.

The presence of the fish, which hadn't been documented in the Rouge watershed since 2005, is something to cheer because the fish requires



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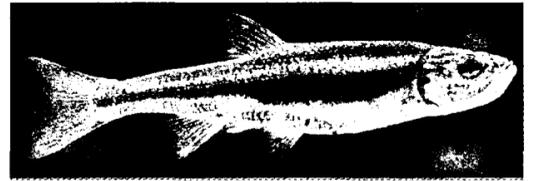
The fish survey team checks their net for a sample on Johnson Creek last week. From left are Nick Lavigne, Sally Petrella, Deborah Hochberg, Kristina Blott, and Philip Kukulski (at bottom).

cold, clean water to survive and is a good indicator of good water quality — something not usually associated with the Rouge River.

"We've found them at quite a few sites, which is exciting because they haven't been found for several years," said Blott,

a 26-year-old Northville resident, who hopes to become a fisheries biologist after graduating later this year. "They're not found in the nearby Clinton or Huron rivers. They're found specifically in the Rouge watershed. So we were quite thrilled to find them."

And the reddsidedace isn't the only fish they've found. During their various survey locations, the team has found and documented nearly 20 different species of fish. In Fish Hatchery Park, alone, they found numerous spe-



One of the colorful reddsidedace the team was able to document. The rare fish grows up to about 4.7 inches long.

cies, including blacknose dace, white sucker, bluegill, green sunfish, creek chubb, sculpin (another very sensitive fish), and more than a dozen brown trout, one of which that measured about 12 inches.

You might say it was a good day on the river, and the team was in a celebratory mood after collecting such a diversity of fish.

Jeff Braunscheidel, senior fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, came out to Fish Hatchery Park to check on the team Thursday. He was also happy to see the presence of pollution-intolerant species including the trout and sculpin, and he was thrilled to know the team had found the reddsidedace at the other locations. He said the data the team is putting together is important because it helps the DNR know where threatened species are present, which impacts how the department grant permits to developers in surrounding areas.

"It ensures a higher level of protection," he said.

At 64 years old, Muller, a Royal Oak resident, isn't your typical grad student. Yet, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone more passionate about fish, particularly the various minnow species found in Michigan. In fact, as happy as everyone else was about finding the trout at Fish Hatchery Park, Muller was a bit disappointed not finding any

reddsidedace at the location. He thinks there is simple reason — the trout, which are stocked by the DNR, eat smaller minnows.

Still, Muller labeled their project a success.

"I've been incredibly pleased," he said. "I am astounded with the diversity we've found."

Now that the students are finished with their field work, Muller and Blott will add up all the data and put together a paper of their work, which will not only help them graduate from college but also be used by Friends of the Rouge and the DNR. Muller said once he graduates, he may even try to do a more comprehensive fish study of the Rouge River, which hasn't been done since 1995.

"I would like to extend this to cover the entire Rouge watershed, so in 20 from now if the water quality improves we can say, 'Wow, look how far we've come.' Or, if things get worse, we can see exactly where," Muller said. "If you don't stick your head under the water, you just don't know what's down there."

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. To learn more about the Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.

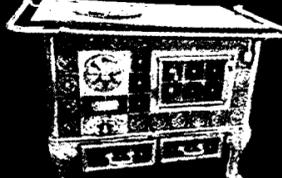
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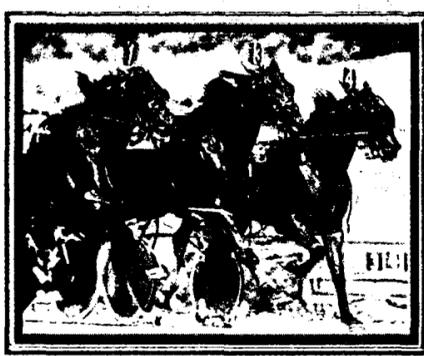
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Also receiving their diplomas were Ashley Marie Abbott, Abdul Aziz Musa Abuzir, Kristen Beverly Acosta, Arika Renee Agnew, Alexandria B. Allen, Courtney Nicole Allen, Zachary K. C. Allen, Heather Ann Anthony, Brittany Michelle Arledge, Alica Jamesee Askins, Michael Louis Authier II, Natasha Ayala, Christopher Robert Babcock, Michael Steven Babler, Brad Lee Barker, Katelyn Raye Barker, Aaron James Barnes, Alesha Monnae Barnes, Tevin Carry Barnett, Danielle Renee Bean, Justin Tyler Bean, Sonny Rose Beaton, Joshua A. Beguhn, Jyrgen Bekurti, Brandon Christopher Benson, Sean Michael Benvin, Andrew Christian Benyo, Lindsey Nicole Bessinger, Michelle Elizabeth Bishop, Rebecca Margaret Bizek, Andre Yuseef Black, Migale Arthur Lee Blackwell, Matias F. Blanc, Gianna Mariah Blannon, Taylor Susan Bonarek, Patrick James Borda, Divarché Alegna Bozeman, Brett Michael Bratcher, Stephany Maureen Brown, Thomas Luke Brusseau, Janet Ashley Burnette, Erica Jo Burzloff, Valencia Rosetta-Jean Butler, Michael David Cach, Adrian Denise Carey, Kathlynn Alison Carmenday, Davion Lamar Carter, Kari Lee Carter, Donaji Carrillo Castro, Brandon Austin-Jacob Caudill, Blanca Rosa Centeno, Da'Miqué Sha'Nice Centeno, Desmond Ricardo Cervera, Aaron Joseph Chave, Victoria Ashlee Claybrooks, Christopher Wayne Cobb, Robert Edward Codd III, Aida Coka, Keith Conway Cole Jr., Jordyn Taylor Coniam, Megan Leigh Cooper, Kiara Lanecia Corley, Jamey Lee Cosby, Candace Mikael Victoria Council, Brittany Jordan Covault, Eric Ryan Covile, Erica Elaine Covile, Dennis Brian Cox Jr., Bréyon Léshay Crawford, Charles Jerome Crawford Jr., Daniel James Croft, Arielle Renae Crump, David Leonard Cygan, Lance Omari Raphael Darby, Raja G. Dave, Matthew R. Davies, Brian Edward Davis, Briana Charon Davis, Mitchell Edward Dean, Brionna Marie Delaforce, Amanda Lynn DeRosia, Gabrielle Katrice Diaz, Tayon Brianna Dickson, Courtney Hope Ditto, Alana Joy Doe, Fatijon Dollani, Jacqueline Elizabeth Donnelly, Michalla Lynne Draper,



Eric Burbridge and Chris Wheeler cheer for the graduates as their names are called to receive the diplomas.



Class President Brooke Femat addresses her classmates for the last time.

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Amritue Dockery waves to brother Anthony Sumpter as he walks in to the arena.

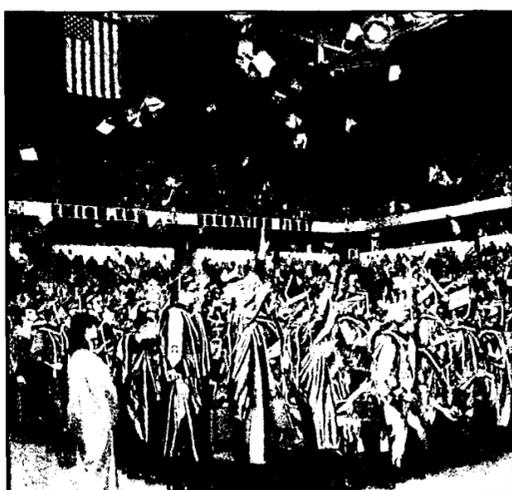
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The graduates toss their hats into the air at the end of the commencement ceremony.



Tevin Varnett and Ajee Hurst say cheese for a snapshot while waiting to enter the arena.

Coming Thursday, June 14: Wayne Memorial High School.

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

Upcoming Events

SINGLES GROUP

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9

Location: US-12 Bar and Grill, 34824 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: Single men and women age 55 and over are invited to gather at US-12 for good conversation and good food. There also will be music and dancing with light refreshments. There's a \$5 cover charge to help pay for DJ. Dress is casual.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 560-6905.

NF WALK

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: West Bloomfield High School track, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. for the "Great Steps for NF, Walk for Neurofibromatosis," a genetic disorder of the nervous system that causes tumors to form on the nerves anywhere in the body at any time. The registration fee is \$15 for ages 13 and up and \$10 for children age 2 and under. Walkers registered by June 8 are guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt. Walk-up registration is available for an additional \$5 fee the morning of the walk. All money collected goes to NF Inc. Michigan and will be used for research. There will be a silent auction as well as vendors, who will donate their proceeds to NF research, at the walk. Bids will be accepted before and during the actual walk. Items will be distributed by the close of the event. Cash and checks will be accepted, although cash is preferred for processing purposes. Donations are welcome and appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to NF Inc. Michigan and mail to the Saikalis Family at 4253 Somerville Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

Contact: Walkers can register online by going to www.nfsupport.org and then clicking on "Events" or by calling the Saikalis family at (248) 681-3703.

INDOOR MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thurs-



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On the sidelines

Stephanie Farkas of Redford, fullback for the Detroit Dark Angels of the Women's Football Alliance (WFA) is rehabbing from an ACL tear and will miss the Angels run in the playoffs. The Dark Angels, which are 7-0 for the season, will be in the WFA Playoffs which will start on June 23 at John Glenn High School in Westland. Farkas hopes that the Angels will be in Heinz Field in Pittsburgh for the WFA Championship game on Aug. 4. For more information, check out www.wfafootball.com.

day, June 27-28

Location: Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, Dearborn Heights

Details: Eton Senior Center is currently in search of people to take part in their indoor flea market. The cost to rent is \$15 for an eight-foot table. Table position will be based on first come basis. Vendors are welcome. Deadline for table rentals is Thursday, June 7. Proceeds will go towards the Eton Senior Center Building Fund. **Contact:** Call (313) 277-7765 for more information.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 13

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inkster Road in Livonia

Details: Widowed of all ages are welcome to attend a social hour at 5 p.m. and an Italian buffet dinner served promptly at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Corsi's Italian Restaurant. Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (exact amount please). Cash bar available. Stay to enjoy cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins.

Contact: Reserve a spot by June 6 by calling Carol at (248) 946-0300, Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183.

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 stmelscraftfair@yahoo.com for applications.

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Location: Perrinville Early Childhood Center, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia

Details: Crafters and vendors are wanted for the

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Lunch Service will start Mon., June 18 - Fri., Aug. 17, 2012* (no service week of July 2-6) at all sites.

Lunch service times will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.* Monday-Friday at all sites.

*Dates and hours may vary by location.

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Perrinville Early Childhood Center fall craft show.

Contact: Tami at holidaycraftfair@yahoo.com or Brenda at wjob2010@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: - Westland

Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

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.

Organizations

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November

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

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson (734) 522-3918

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

Location: Joy Manor,

28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at (734) 261-5010

FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Street at 74 629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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Mystery author Gruley has local roots, Up North characters

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It'll be a homecoming of sorts for author Bryan Gruley when he visits Northville's The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro from 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Gruley, 54, grew up in Redford and graduated from Catholic Central High School when it was in Detroit. During his visit, he'll likely stay with brother Mike Gruley and wife Terri in Northville. Another brother, Dave, and wife Janet call Livonia home.

Bryan Gruley's a reporter at large for Bloomberg News, doing mostly lon-

ger pieces for *Bloomberg Businessweek*. He spent almost 16 years at *The Wall Street Journal*, sharing the Pulitzer Prize for coverage of 9/11.

His "Starvation Lake" mystery series is set in a fictional small town in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. "My parents bought a place on Big Twin Lake," which gets a mention, said Gruley, who graduated from Notre Dame University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in English and American studies.

The book's town of Starvation Lake is some 40-50 miles in from Traverse City. "It's the same general area," he said. His par-



Author and journalist Bryan Gruley, who grew up in Redford, will speak Saturday, June 9, at The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville.

ents are deceased but the six children and their families still have the cottage.

Local haunts

A lot of familiar names and places appear "and

Detroit as well." Starvation Lake has fallen on hard economic times.

His new book, "The Skeleton Box," is being released June 5, just in time for his appearance at

The Next Chapter.

"There's lots of stuff that happens in the past," he said. "There's bad stuff in my books. They're much darker than cozies. Bad things happen."

His protagonist is Gus Carpenter, a Starvation Lake local who went away to the University of Michigan and a career at a Detroit daily newspaper. Gus commits a breach of ethics, and in the first book is associate editor for the small local paper modeled on the *Brighton Argus*, where Gruley worked.

"When I think of the *Pilot* newsroom, I think of that newsroom." Working in journalism has helped

with writing and with meeting deadlines: "I've been doing it since I was a kid."

"It was a difficult book to write," Gruley said of his latest. "It's complex." It's inspired by a 1907 murder of a young nun that was covered up in the Leelanau Peninsula. The book begins with a set of break-ins in Starvation Lake where nothing is taken but older people's homes are invaded when they're out at bingo. A murder soon follows for Gus and others to solve.

"It takes him places he would probably rather not go."

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Ex-inmate delivers message about change

A former prison inmate and a returning citizen will be the guest speaker when Hope 4 Healing Hearts meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, in Westland.

Floyd Hampton, spent 25 years in prison for armed robbery. He was a young man, 18 years of age, heading off to college when in a single moment, armed robbery changed the course of direction of his life. There came a point in time, while severing his sentence that he began to realize that change was needed. The change came, but not without many mistakes along the

way.

Eventually, while still behind bars, Hampton made serious commitments to move forward and become a better person. He completed of numerous programs which allowed him to become certified. He also earned an associate's degree. And when he returned home, he was able to begin earning a small income from the leather trade he also had learned while in prison.

Today, just three short years after release, he is working as a supervisor in a plant, going to college, continuing with his leather business, and

speaking out publicly so others know that they too can succeed after coming home. The choice is there, they just have to make the right choice.

The program is free of charge and open to the public. It will be held at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts is a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. It provides a safe environment, allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. For more information, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Tim Horton's adds 2nd Westland store

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Westland will be getting a new coffee shop to replace a vacant building on North Wayne Road.

The council recently approved a site plan for a Tim Horton's Restaurant with a drive-through window on the east side of North Wayne Road just south of Warren Road. The parcel also has Warren Road frontage.

"It was the Copper Cricket until about a year ago and before that a bank," said Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson.

The existing building will be demolished to allow construction of

a new 1,953 square-foot building. Along with a drive-through window on the north side, the restaurant will have an outdoor patio with seating for 16 on the south side of the building.

The redevelopment and repurposing of the 1.37-acre parcel is located across from another redeveloped property, Thompson noted. That is a former Mexican restaurant which is now used as an office building, including a physical therapy business.

"This plan (for Tim Horton's) has all the details required," said Thompson, adding the building won't have the traditional square or rectangle shape.

Council members also granted a special

approval to allow the restaurant to operate 24 hours a day.

"We're very excited to have a second Westland location," said Tim Horton's representative Patrick Bell. "This will be one of our new style buildings. It's a coffee shop/cafe with soft seating inside, a fireplace and free wifi. It brings back the cafe feel."

The location is just north of the redeveloped site of the MJR Westland Grand Theater.

"How great is it to see business coming in to the city, we're starting to see the light at the end," said Councilwoman Meriam Kadi.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, on a proposed Amendment to Financing and Development Plan for Development Area No. 1 (the "Plan Amendment") proposed by the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Westland.

The Plan Amendment applies to the "development area" in the Tax Increment Finance Authority district as established in the Financing and Development Plan for Development Area No. 1, as amended (the "Plan"). The Plan Amendment does not change the boundaries of the development area. A general description of the development area to which the Plan applies is as follows:

Land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan generally described as beginning at Newburgh Road, an area south of the William P. Holliday Parkway, and includes the parcels adjacent to Newburgh Road from Warren Road to Ford, then east along Ford Road to the east side of Carlson Avenue, then north along the eastern boundary of the parcels adjacent to Carlson Avenue to Elmwood Avenue, then east to Yale Avenue, then north along Yale Avenue to Warren Road, then east along Warren Road including the parcels on the south side of the street to the Warren/Wayne Road intersection, then east along Warren Road to include the Westland Crossing Mall, then north and west to Wayne Road, then north along Wayne Road to a point 340 feet north of Nankin Boulevard, then west to the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway, then west along the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway to Newburgh Road, the point of beginning.

The proposed Plan Amendment restates projects described in the Plan, including the construction of a new City administration building and a new community recreation facility, and proposes several new projects including roadway improvements and resurfacing for Central City Parkway and Newburgh Road, shopping district enhancements, establishment of a business incubator, and a new fire station. A complete description of the restated and proposed projects are included in the proposed Plan Amendment.

The proposed Plan Amendment provides that the term of the Plan will be for 30 years, expiring after the collection of the December 2042 tax levy.

Maps and copies of the proposed Plan Amendment are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

No families or individuals will be relocated pursuant to the proposed Plan Amendment. All aspects of the proposed Plan Amendment will be open for discussion at the public hearing. The City Council will provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference thereto. The hearing will provide for the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the proposed Plan Amendment.

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Nurse Michelle Moccia introduces Pat Hoover of Westland to the stroke robot at St. Mary Mercy's 2011 Senior Health and Fitness Fair.

St. Mary Mercy holds annual Senior Health Day

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting its second annual Senior Health Day Fair 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Lobby

Seniors, families and friends are invited to enjoy a day that includes information on a variety of health topics, health screenings, speakers, exercise demonstrations, a cooking demonstration, and free prizes and giveaways. Hear from our physician experts and learn from exhibitors.

All activities are free and fair includes complimentary valet parking and free boxed lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..

The Health Education will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and include exhibitors addressing heart health and wound care, eye and ear care, stroke awareness - meet our robot, B.U.S.T.E.R. - orthopedics, podiatry and physical rehabilitation, women's health, Senior ER and information about the Geriatric Assessment Center.

There also will be health screenings for balance, blood pressure, bone density and depres-

sion and demonstrations of simple, healthy cooking

The Educational Sessions and Exercise Demonstrations 9:15-11 a.m. include:

- Managing urinary problems with urologist Dr. John Harb, and Gynecological Robotic Surgery Medical Director Dr. Paul Makela.

- How to Talk to Your Physician with nurse Marianne Simancek, director of Community Outreach.

- Making the Best Nutrition Choices (including a food prep demo) with the St. Mary Mercy dietician.

- What to Expect From Medicare with Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

- An 11 a.m. Lunch with a Medical Expert with a Q&A on Healthy Aging Strategies with geriatrician Dr. Erin Divinney Chun, and Aging Wellness in the 21st Century with nurse practitioner and Senior ER Program Director Michelle Moccia and geriatric social worker Kathy Dattolo, and a pharmacist from Ray's Drugs in Livonia.

- At 12:45 p.m., What to Expect From Medicare with Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP), and Yoga for Seniors, an exercise demonstration class with Kelli Joyce, group fitness instructor at the Livonia Family YMCA.

- At 1:45 p.m., What to Expect From Medicare with Betty Hughes, regional coordinator, Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP), Yoga for Seniors, an exercise demonstration class with Kelli Joyce, group fitness instructor at the Livonia Family YMCA and Making the Best Nutrition Choices (including a food prep demo) with a St. Mary Mercy registered dietician.

There also will be prizes and giveaways.

Pre-registration for the event is preferred. Call (734) 655-2929 to register or request more information.

For a complete list of exhibitors and activities, visit the hospital website at stmarymercy.org/SeniorHealthFair. The hospital is at Levan and Five Mile in Livonia.

Tech tidbits you may have missed

By John Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Facebook has dominated headlines recently because of its IPO, flap with GM, and CEO Mark Zuckerberg befuddling Wall Street investors by wearing a hoodie instead of a Brooks Brothers tie.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Here's all the interesting technology and digital information you may have missed.

Verizon Eliminating Unlimited Plans - The cell phone provider money grab continued last week when Verizon announced they will be eliminating unlimited data plans for those who are grandfathered in to the service. Verizon subscribers who get a new 4G smartphone will automatically be moved to a shared, tiered plan. Those who were lucky enough to still have unlimited data will now be seeing a higher monthly fee when they sign a new two-year agreement, unless they pay full price for their phone through Verizon or purchase a new model through a third party. By the way, while Verizon is charging up for data, Comcast recently announced they will be allowing users to access up to 300gb of cable and internet bandwidth usage.

Teacher Sells Lesson Plans for 700k - There are social networks and internet niches for just about any group - and one site geared toward teachers netted one kin-

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Social TV - Real time interaction between television and social media wasn't exactly front page news this week, but it has been taking hold over the past few months. Check Twitter any time of day and you will likely see names of movies or programs trending as viewers Tweet about them. Users can also check-in and alert their friends about what they are watching viewing via the social network "Get Glue". The network also gives users customized viewing suggestions (just like Netflix) and can publish what you are watching to social networks. If you want to be part of the social TV revolution you can visit getglue.com or download the application in your app store.

Social TV goes well

beyond checking into TV shows though. Fans of Mad Men for instance can follow a multitude of characters from the show and catch live tweets pretending to be from the show's setting in the 60s.

Fans looking for more out of a commercial our program can also access it via the app "Shazaam." You may have heard of Shazaam because it is an app that registers and identifies sound. So if you are in a crowded bar and hear a song you like, just pull out your phone and call up the app. In about 10 seconds, Shazaam can identify the music. The app is now also being used by advertisers to drive TV viewers to websites or extended YouTube clips. Not the best use of social integration as it takes most people more than 15 or 30 seconds to fire up their phone and open an app.

Next time you see the blue Shazaam app, think of it as a tech challenge to get the app working an identify the commercial before its too late. If you succeed, you officially qualify as tech savvy.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Health expo

Cardiologist Dr. Vicky Savas will host her 23rd annual Savas Health Expo 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

One \$25 Fun Pack admission ticket includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch, free blood pressure, hearing test, BMI test and relaxing massage. Complimentary gifts, door prizes and health lectures and free literature will be provided during the event.

Low cost medical screenings - blood (cholesterol, PSA, thyroid testing) carotid, abdomen, PAD, bone density, heart rhythm - will be available during the expo for an extra fee.

The day's event includes a auction with autographed Detroit Tigers and Red Wings sports memorabilia, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island golfing package, dinner certificates and gift cards.

The Savas Health Expo is an annual fund-raiser. This year, proceeds are going to Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland.

To become a sponsor and advertise in the Expo booklet or for more information regarding registration, call (248) 356-5033.

Savas completed her

cardiology training at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She has a passion for patient care, as well as patient education. She offers regular no-cost seminars and annual health expos in an effort to reach out to the community.

"Providing great medical care requires team work - both the doctor and patient must work together," she said. "The patient can't be a participant unless they are educated on their individual health care needs, treatment options and alternative care."

Summer treats

Krispy Kreme® is adding some zest to its Fruit Stand Flavor summer treats with a new lemon and lime duo of doughnuts and three new fruity blended beverages. The new Glazed Lemon Cake with Cream Cheese Icing and Key Lime KREME™ Pie doughnuts are available through July 8 at participating Krispy Kreme US and Canada shops. Krispy Kreme also puts a new twist on its iced beverages with the introduction of Frozen Cherry, Frozen Lemonade and Frozen Cherry Lemonade Krispy Kreme Chillers®. They're available through the end of summer at participating Krispy Kreme locations.

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OUR VIEWS

Who's who

Get educated about candidates this election cycle

Change is coming with this year's elections. Redistricting has changed the lay of the land and for residents in Westland, it's important to know where you are in regard to legislative districts.

Last week, City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof sent out new voter identification cards. We recommend residents take a close look at the cards. They're a road map for this year's elections. They list the U.S. Representative, State Senate, State House and Wayne County Commission districts, the school district, voter precinct and precinct location.

That's whole lot of information on a card that fits neatly into a wallet. By using it, residents can identify the candidates who want to represent them. In some districts, like the 12th County Commission District, there's one candidate - Richard LeBlanc - in others there's plenty of choices. A case in point, the new 13th Congressional District with four candidates campaigning for the Democratic nomination. Some are familiar names for Westland residents - State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Wayne-Westland school board member John Goci - and long-time Congressman John Conyers, D-Detroit.

The race has the potential to be a heated one with challenges of signatures on nominating petitions for Anderson and Goci and two other candidates - Shanelle Jackson and Godfrey Dillard - planning to challenge decisions by the Wayne County Clerk that they lacked a sufficient number of signatures to be on the August primary ballot.

The primary election narrows the candidate list to the top Republican and Democrat vote-getters to move on to the November election. In those races in which only one Democrat and only one Republican have filed, the true contest will come in November's general election. That's the case in the 16th State House District where Democrat Robert Kosowski faces Republican Mary Stargell, and the Wayne County Commission's 11th District where Democratic Kevin M. McNamara and Republican Robert Stano are the candidates.

Summer brings vacation time for most, but there can be no let up in scrutiny of candidates this year. To help, the *Westland Observer* will report on the issues and the candidates throughout the months leading up to the election.

But candidates themselves can do a lot to help with the process.

With so many candidates on the ballot, no one political hopeful can rely on name recognition or support from a single voting group for success. It's a start, but all the candidates have pockets of support in the community. Candidates will use any resource they can to pitch why they can help make their city a better place to live and work. Sometimes those campaigns can resort to personal attacks, becoming downright nasty - and sometimes quite misleading.

We urge all candidates to pledge that, during this campaign, they will stick to the issues, putting the greater good of the people before their personal ambition.

Furthermore, voters should be wary of those who simply say, "I want to give back to the community." That just isn't enough. Every other candidate no doubt feels the same way. Voters should demand an accounting from incumbents, and from challengers, specific ways of implementing goals they set forth.

What people want to know is - how. How are you going to improve services? How are you going to manage the budget? What operating efficiencies do you propose? How are you going to attract new businesses? How are you going to rule on drug offenders and drunken drivers that will reduce incidents of such crimes?

Whether running on a platform of fixing problems or improving the good things already in place, a vision for the community's future will help voters find like-minded candidates.

It's only two months until the primary election. But the best candidates likely are the ones campaigning now.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Who was your favorite teacher in school? Why?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



"Mr. Methner, my fifth-grade teacher. He was very interactive and went beyond the normal curriculum. He was heavy in science, especially with the girls. He was awesome."

Terry Vacheresse
Wayne



"Miss Hawley, my first-grade teacher. I loved her. She loved to her students and was always excited to see you. She was so energetic. I loved going into her classroom."

Amanda Vacheresse
Wayne



"My favorite teacher, I'd have to say, was Miss Farmington. She was just patient with me. She was a good teacher."

Charlotte McKinnie
Canton



"Kevin Degan Krause at Wayne State University. He's really engaging and makes his class interesting for his students."

Stephen Yaros
Dearborn

LETTERS

Strengthen law

As a student at Madonna University, I am very concerned with the efforts in, not only keeping the world clean, but improving the quality of life on this great earth. I have recently read a campaign urging voters to oppose the efforts to weaken the Michigan bottle deposit law.

This deposit law has made extraordinary improvements in the effort to keep our streets litter-free and keep more trash out of landfills. Offering a deposit on our empty bottles and cans have provided an opportunity to consumers to dispose of their waste in an eco-friendly way.

New legislation has surfaced, calling for the bottle law to weaken, exempting "pouch" containers from qualification. These "pouch" containers need to be kept under the law.

I urge my representatives to vote NO on HB 5660. The stronger this bottle deposit law is, the less trash there is on our streets.

Sarah Weber
Livonia

Obama attacking religious freedom

President Obama has no respect for religious liberty nor for our U.S. Constitution. This November, the American people need to wake up and vote Obama out of office. Not only have his economic policies been an utter failure in not stimulating the economy, but his attack on religious liberty and in particular the Catholic church has been relentless.

There are important items that Americans need to know in regards to Obama's Health and Human Services Mandate on telling every religious institution that there must be mandatory coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

- The mandate does not exempt Catholic charities, schools, universities or hospitals

- The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral

- The mandate forces coverage of sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs and devices as well as contraception

- People of all political persuasions are unified in their opposition to the mandate

- The federal mandate is much stricter than existing state mandates

- Many people, religious and secular groups, have spoken out in opposition to the mandate.

When the Bill of Rights was ratified, religious freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. It is part of our American heritage and our most cherished freedom. If we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, then all other freedoms can be taken away. We can no longer claim to be the land of the free if government takes our right to worship and

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practice our faith according to one's conscience.

Our religious freedom is under attack by the Obama administration, so I urge my fellow Americans to vote for the Republican nominee and get Obama out of the White House.

The First Amendment as stated in the Constitution:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Jeff Schubert
Livonia

Obama no altar boy

President Obama was overheard saying "You are fed up with him, but I have to deal with him even more often than you," after the president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, called the prime minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, a liar.

Our president lies so much that he makes Adolf Hitler's minister of propaganda Joseph Goebbels and Saddam Hussein's "Baghdad Bob" and Bill Clinton look like altar boys.

Every time President Obama gives a speech, he probably thinks to himself, "What a bunch of idiots." If the young people of today would stop and check on every speech that our president has given, they will find that he's a liar, plain and simple.

As a veteran and a majority of veterans think, he is nothing more than a con artist. Our country is in grave peril and all they look for is a free handout.

The sad thing is that the media know that our president is lying and won't question what the president says. That is how dictators come to power.

Robert J. Siedlik
Livonia

Enough is enough

After hearing the news this week, I can no longer stand mute and not voice my opinion and concern about the state of Social

Security and Medicare. They say Social Security will be broke by 2033, three years sooner than was estimated last year. What will the date be next year. Medicare will be broke by 2024. What is Congress doing about this? Nothing. I'm angry and upset with our politicians for doing nothing to solve the problems of these "going broke."

I also heard since this is an election year, there will be nothing done this year. Why? They have eight months to at least talk about a plan and get the ball rolling. Why are they not concerned? Because, once in Congress, they no longer have to worry about their health care. Us worker bees will pay for their health care for the rest of their lives.

And do they have the same health care worries as we do with Obamacare? No. They have private health care which will be paid by us. Maybe if they had Obamacare, they would start to be concerned. Since they voted it in, why don't they have this health care. If it is good enough for us, why do our President and Congress not have the same?

I have been in the work force for 46 years; since age 16. If I would have been able to save the money that I put in Social Security and Medicare and my employer has put in for me, I would be able to retire and pay my own private health care. Yes, I am now 62 and want to retire. Do I dare when I have no idea what is going to happen to Medicare and Social Security, which I should have been able to collect after contributing for 46 years? I do not have a pension since I've worked for private practices in the medical field all my life.

Our founding fathers would be very upset if they could see that state of this great nation. A country which was built on "In God we Trust" has fallen to greed and ambition. We will never be able to pay China the "trillions" we owe them. What will happen when they no longer extend the "credit card" limit? Look what has happened in Europe when they could no longer pay their bills. It is time for Congress to work for the people and not themselves and their own ambitions.

Jeanne Harmon
Highland

Taking a stand

It is difficult to grasp at this moment in time that a large segment of our population is prevented from marrying their significant other. President Barack Obama's support for marriage equality might not correct this injustice. However, he should be commended for leading on one of the most significant, as well as contentious civil rights issues of our time. Thank you, Mr. President, for taking such a historic and courageous stand.

Jill Farber-Bramson
West Bloomfield



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Canton High School senior Steven Marion receives a scholarship check from Parkside Credit Union Marketing Specialist Heather Gatewood. Marion won the \$500 scholarship for his award-winning essay on how college students handle money.

Parkside, All-Star winning essay

By Steven Marion
2012 All-Star

My generation is like any other that's just starting to be independent, so most of us haven't yet learned to be financially savvy. It is essential to be financially responsible in college; otherwise we could be paying for mistakes far into the future, and in today's difficult economy, we need all the budgeting expertise we can develop. If we learn careful saving and spending habits now, we can enjoy the rewards both during college and beyond.

Unfortunately, college costs are spiraling out of control. So many of us had to make enrollment decisions based mostly on what we could afford, both now and when repaying college loans; we'll need to be financially astute more than ever in order to repay these loans. In addition, there are other potential economic pitfalls for students, such as those associated with using a credit card for the first time. It's too easy to use plastic for that "important" purchase, especially if it "only" costs twenty dollars. The problem is that twenty dollar purchases can add up to hundreds of dollars in a month, thousands in a year. I think it makes sense to get a credit card only when there's enough income to repay the bills. As for learning good economic habits for this and other expenses, my generation is fortunate in that we have a lot of options.

My advice to my peers concerning these options is the same as it is for myself: pick the simplest and most efficient method possible - based

on your own personalities and preferences - of setting up a budget and then following it. First, add the cash coming in from your savings accounts, part-time jobs, and so on, then subtract necessary expenses such as books, clothing, laundry detergent, and similar supplies for a semester. Then divide the discretionary income that is left over to create a weekly budget from which to pull out your weekly spending limit, though you may prefer a monthly target. This would be an "allowance" for extras, such as ice cream with friends. Finally, try to save the rest, if any is left over. The amounts will vary from person to person, but try to pick a reasonable limit and leave something in savings for unexpected occasions. Your parents will be a good source of information about this; they have years of experience and will have their own tips related to your specific economic conditions. For myself, I know that this probably will require a few adjustments after I've started school and have a better idea of the process.

The allowance limit should be flexible because someone might spend a little less one week and more the next, but it's a good idea to try to stay within it as much as possible. To help with this, students will want a system to keep track of expenditures. This is important in itself, because knowing how much they spend on extras is the first step toward successful budgeting. Those who love technology can easily find money trackers or smartphone apps online.

I would test them out ahead of time. The point of using such apps is to simplify the process, so everyone needs to pick what works most efficiently for him or her. For those who like to write lists, it's even easier to just buy a small notebook that can fit in a pocket or backpack. One also could try keeping a weekly or monthly running total on an envelope that holds receipts, something that would work later for credit card use. Others might want to use their college debit cards and only take out money if the available amount was above a specific level. My strategy is even simpler: once a week, I'll take out in cash what I think is reasonable for spending over that time period.

Of course, tracking systems alone won't help anyone stick to a budget; this requires developing a financially responsible attitude. One must be continuously aware of the costs and benefits of all alternatives, which includes learning to wait for some things. This could be turned into a game: How far can I stretch \$10? Is spending \$6 on frozen yogurt today worth foregoing saving up for a hoodie with my college logo? Moreover, leisure doesn't have to be expensive, especially at colleges, since they offer hundreds of free events, and students from different backgrounds can meet and share ideas for fun.

If students learn to budget and keep track of expenses now, by the time they graduate they can live comfortably, hang out with friends, and maybe even have some left over for savings.

Parkside supports All-Star program; Canton senior wins scholarship award

Steven Marion of Canton is the winner of a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union as part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 2012 Academic All-Star Program.

Marion was among 11 members of the All-Star Team who competed in the competition, sponsored by Parkside Credit Union. (See winning essay elsewhere on this page. Other essays can be found at www.hometownlife.com.)

The participating students were asked to write an essay of 800 words or less and discuss "What advice do you have for your generation when it comes to developing smart saving and spending habits? Is your generation financially savvy? Is it important to be financially responsible in col-

lege?" Parkside Credit Union, with its main office in Livonia and a branch office in Westland, has been a Michigan nonprofit organization since 1953. In addition to the Academic All-Star Scholarship, Parkside offers four other scholarships to students in an effort to promote and help finance higher education.

"This scholarship award, one of several offered by Parkside, is an important example of a local business serving local customers in a big way," said Susan Rosiek, Observer & Eccentric publisher, at the all-star awards ceremony late last month.

"Giving back to the community is very important to all of us at Parkside," said Heather Gatewood, marketing special-

ist. "We are proud to sponsor scholarships and programs that members of our community directly benefit from. We were particularly impressed with Steven's essay and know he will have no problem handling his finances through his time in college and beyond. We wish Steven all the best and congratulate him on his accomplishments"

Marion said he is honored by the scholarship and grateful to Parkside for its "commitment to higher education."

"It is through this support that I can afford to attend the University of Michigan," said Marion, who plans to study materials science and engineering at the U-M this fall.

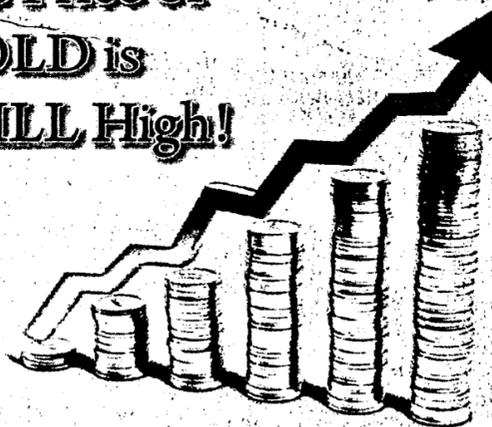
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Ladywood state title dreams dashed

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Dexter played the role of spoiler Tuesday night as the Dreadnaughts knocked off No. 2-ranked Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in the Division 2 regional girls soccer semifinal at Trenton.

Ladywood, the Catholic League champion, ends its season at 21-3-2 overall, while sixth-ranked Dexter, 19-2-2, advances to Thursday's regional championship final at Trenton.

Nicole Lucas scored what proved to be the

GIRLS SOCCER

game-winner in the 30th minute off a pinpoint through ball from Olivia Vollmers.

The Blazers outshot Dexter 13-5, but couldn't get a ball past Dreadnaughts goalkeeper Sarah Silvasi, who made seven saves.

Ladywood outshot the Dreadnaughts 11-2 during the second half, but couldn't get on the board.

"We came out flat the first half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We only had two shots on goal. The sec-

ond half we played with a sense of urgency and dominated the game, but their keeper made two or three good saves and we couldn't get the equalizer."

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even had to make only two saves in a rematch of last year's regional final which Ladywood won, 2-0.

"We knew they (Dexter) would be good," Shingledecker said. "They're very good in the back and they have a great goalkeeper. We knew it would be tough to score and they played a solid first half. I just wish we had played

with that sense of urgency like we did in the second half."

District champs

The Blazers encountered an all-too-familiar foe in winning its third straight Division 2 district title with a 2-0 triumph Saturday at home over Dearborn Divine Child, a fellow member of the Catholic League.

"This is the third year in a row we have played Divine Child in the district final and they always seem to give us a good game, and this year was no different," said Shin-

gledecker, whose team outshot Divine Child 18-2.

Senior Kelly Capoccia notched her 24th goal of the season when she finished a breakaway on a through ball by Dominique Sarnecky in the 37th minute to make it 1-0 at halftime.

DeYana Walker added an insurance goal when she finished a rebound off a shot by Capoccia that hit the crossbar in the 58th minute.

Even made two saves to post the shutout for the Blazers (21-2-2), while Sam Cimino had for stops for the Falcons (6-13-2).

Dutch Lions stop Bucks

Joel DeLass scored on a penalty kick in the 97th minute as the USL Pro League Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions ousted the Michigan Bucks, 2-1, in the fourth round of the 99th Lamar Hunt Open Cup in a match Tuesday at Oakland University.

Eli Garner opened the scoring for the Dutch Lions in the 12th minute off an assist from Gibson Bardsley, but Anthony Grant countered for the Bucks on an unassisted goal in the 55th minute.

The Bucks were the only Premier Development League team remaining among the final 16, which included eight Major League Soccer teams.

Last Friday, Grant scored twice, including the go-ahead goal in the 61st minute as the Bucks improved to 3-0 in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 4-2 win over the host Cincinnati Kings in a match played at Northern Kentucky University.

Stefan St. Louis and Steven Miller also tallied goals for the Bucks, now 6-1 overall.

C'ville's Kelly sets standard

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

One of the most accomplished sprinters ever to grace Observerland put an exclamation point on his stellar high school track and field career on Saturday.

Livonia Clarenceville senior Kassius Kelly stood on top of the podium in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Boys Track and Field Finals held at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids following a meet record performance in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.36 seconds.

Kelly eclipsed the mark of 21.70 set by Clinton Allen of Muskegon Orchard View in 2005. Gary Jones of Allegan was the runner-up in the 200 in 21.61.

Kelly, who accounted for all of Clarenceville's 16 points and a 14th-place team showing, also added a third in the 100 dash with a clocking of 10.79. Kyle Redwine of Auburn Hills Avondale took first in 10.53 followed by Ted Parcher of Linden in 10.67.

All told, the muscular 5-foot-11, 205-pound Kelly ran a total of seven races in the day, including three heats each in the 100 and 200, along with a leg in the 4 x 100 relay (where Clarenceville took 23rd in 44.31).

"It was a pretty long day," Kelly said. "Basically I just had to keep my mind ready, keep momentum and keep my strength. It was hard to keep my energy. It was a little bit cold outside and the weather was changing. I just had to find a way to stay focused. Going through prelims and semis - it was a momentum booster - it gave me more push. And seeing where I was - I was ranked fourth going into it (the 200) - I just had to come out and push a little bit more."

Lining up alongside Redwine, who helped Avondale to the Division 2 state team title, proved to be beneficial late in the season.

"He (Redwine) is a good athlete," Kelly said. "I ran against him in the Oakland meet, the regionals. I ran against him before in my AAU summer league. This year I just had to get the mindset to get out ear-

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Clarenceville senior Kassius Kelly set an MHSAA Division 2 state record in the 200-meter dash Saturday in Grand Rapids with a time of 21.36 seconds.

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Spartans roll to regional

8-2 triumph vs. Panthers

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

After a few years of knocking on the door of a Division 1 district title, Livonia Stevenson's baseball team kicked the door down Saturday at Livonia Franklin.

Several players carried the proverbial battering ram, most notably senior 6-foot-5 right-handed pitcher Chris McDonald, who scattered five hits and three walks over six innings in the Spartans' 8-2 championship-game victory over Redford Union.

Just one of the two runs McDonald gave up was earned.

Stevenson (25-11) advanced to the title game with a 15-2 triumph over Redford Thurston in Saturday's first semifinal contest.

Redford Union (12-18) rode the three-hit pitching of sophomore ace Damon Ellis Jr. to a 7-0 victory over Garden City in the day's second semifinal.

In addition to receiving the game ball following Saturday's trophy-clinch-



Stevenson first baseman Nick Lagerstrom reaches down to tag Redford Union's Robert Seal, who did everything he could to elude the out.

ing win, Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman is the recipient of a post-game ice-water shower.

"This feels tremendous to finally get over the hump," said Berryman, the brim of his cap still dripping from the celebratory soaking. "This group has been in the district final the past three or four years, but had never won it until now. I'm happy for them and I'm proud of them - they have such a strong work ethic."

Stevenson advances to the Division 1 regional final beginning at noon

Saturday at Grosse Pointe North to face 10th-ranked Detroit Western International.

"Perseverance was the key today," Berryman said. "By far, we didn't play our best game, but we did enough of the little things to get one run at a time."

After yielding an RBI triple to RU's Robert Seal in the bottom of the first inning, McDonald shifted into lock-down mode and yielded just three more hits until giving way to

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Chargers no match for N'ville

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Churchill encountered a runaway freight train in Saturday's Division 1-District 32 championship baseball final at Salem.

The Chargers, coming off a 5-3 semifinal victory earlier in the day against Canton, got slammed by Northville, the state's No. 2-ranked team in four innings, 23-6.

The Mustangs, who improved to 31-4 overall, led 5-2 after two innings before breaking it wide open by sending 18 batters to the plate with a 13-run, 10-hit inning in the third.

"You never expect any district game like that," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team advanced to the final with a tougher-than-expected 9-7 semifinal win over the host Rocks. "Usually any time you get to the state tournament, no matter who you're playing or what your record has been, we've learned in the past it doesn't matter. It's the team that

executes when it comes right down to it."

With a stiff west wind blowing towards the outfield, any type of ball that got into the breeze was a threat to go out of the park.

The Mustangs jumped on Churchill starter Tyler Keeter for five runs in the first on an RBI infield single by Jeff Gertley and 2-run singles each by Branton Patrone and Trevor Maresh.

Keeter, who got the save against Canton, was lifted after one-third of an inning in favor of reliever Alex Tsakos, who fared no better allowing eight runs on seven hits.

Northville went scoreless in the top of the second and Churchill countered with a double from Connor Dwyer and a 2-run homer by Mike Rybinski to cut the lead to 5-2.

But that couldn't stop the bleeding as Northville took advantage of a pair of Charger errors to

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MU golfer is All-Academic

Madonna University junior golfer Michelle Hall (Flushing) has been named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Capital One Academic All-America At-Large team along with being name to the group's College Division Academic All-America Second Team.

Hall, a business administration major, led MU to its second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in the last three seasons while capturing individual medalist honors for the second year in a row.

To be eligible for the Capital One Academic All-America Team, a student-athlete must be nominated by their school's sports information director as well as be a starter of key reserve, a sophomore academically and athletically as well as possess a 3.3 GPA or higher.

Hall is MU's school-record fourth Academic All-America selection this school year, joining fellow second-team selections Diana Brda (women's soccer) and Steve Pelletier (baseball), along with first-team pick Karie Altman (volleyball).

Kids' fishing

The Metro West Steelheaders of Livonia will host a Kids' Fishing Outing beginning at 9 a.m. with check-in and registration Saturday, June 9, at the Kensington Metropark-Shore Fishing Area. Take I-96 to the Kent Lake Road exit and turn east to enter the park.

Free fishing gear, bait (Walt's Crawlers) and license will be provided for kids. There will also be a free wildlife safari critter show at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 420-0582 or email jimmerpi04@comcast.net.

Warriors nail down district crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

A subpar regular season has since been forgotten by the Lutheran High Westland baseball squad as the Warriors claimed their fifth straight Division 4 district championship Saturday by sweeping neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 9-7, and host Plymouth Christian Academy, 14-4.

The Warriors, who have won six of eight districts under coach Kevin Wade, will play Royal Oak Shrine in the regional semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"We played really well and we had a good week of practice," said Wade, whose team improved to 9-14 overall. "We told our kids that we're 0-0, we're starting over and refocusing once the state tournament starts. And we really had a good day expect for one inning in the Huron Valley game."

Using his 30-out limit in district games, senior Taurrek Fikes was the winning pitcher in both games for the Warriors.

Fikes pitched five innings in the championship win over HVL allowing two

runs on four hits and three walks while striking out seven.

Fikes also reached base all four at-bats going 3-for-3, including a 3-run homer to go along with three runs scored.

Nick Flanery also went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while Mark Mika went 2-for-4.

Brian Deel's 3-run double in the fifth gave the Warriors an 8-2 advantage.

Ryan Schaffer, who worked five innings, took the loss on the mound for the Hawks, who closed out their season at 13-4 overall. The sophomore also went 2-for-3 and scored two runs as the Hawks scored four runs in the sixth and one in the seventh to close the gap to 9-7.

In the semifinal of the three-team district, Lutheran Westland scored six runs in the first inning and never looked back in the win over PCA.

Fikes worked the first five innings, allowing just two runs — both unearned — on two hits and two walks. He struck out 12 before giving way to Matt Sylvestor.

Flanery went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Nick Andrzejewski went 2-

for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Other top offensive producers for Lutheran Westland included Mika, who went 2-for-5 with a 2-run single in the seventh, and Fikes, who walked four times and contributed an RBI double.

Daniel Slater was the losing pitcher, while Eric Jipping went 2-for-3 with two runs scored for the Eagles (12-8).

DIVINE CHILD 13, CVILLE 9: A 14-hit attack couldn't propel Livonia Clarenceville (10-16) against Dearborn Divine Child (14-11) in its Division 2 district semifinal game played at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark.

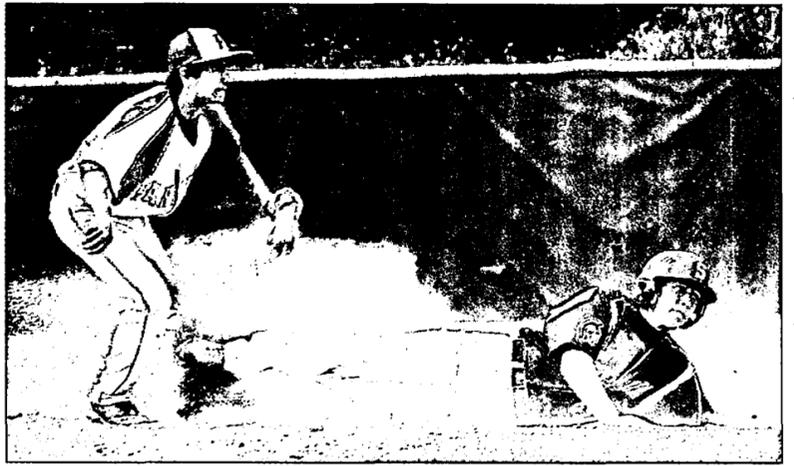
The Falcons scored six times in the first inning and added six more in the third to take a commanding 12-1 lead and never looked back.

Justin Williams had a double, triple and three RBI to lead Divine Child's 10-hit attack. Zach Schmidtke also contributed a double, triple and two RBI.

Falcons starter Justin Chandler worked the first four innings to pick up the victory.

Damien Sanchez, who lasted 2.2 innings, took the loss for the Trojans. Ben Gehan finished up. Offensively, Kyle Kissandi went 4-for-4 with an RBI to lead the Trojans.

Damien Quarles, Mikey Weiss, Tyler Howard, Tyler Weed and Sanchez each added two hits. Gehan contributed a double and two RBI.



ED WRIGHT | PHOTO

Stevenson's Billy Bonanno slides safely into second base as the ball (pictured just above Bonanno's right foot) is kicked out of Redford Union second baseman Corey Davis' mitt.

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Mike Kanitra in the seventh.

"First of all, it feels good to win it for coach Berryman," said McDonald, who improved to 7-2. "Secondly, being a senior, it was nice to finally win a district.

"My fastball was on pretty much the entire game and I got my curveball going toward the end of the game. I also had a splitter that I was throwing pretty well."

"Chris has had a very good year for us, and he's set all kinds of records the past three years, including most wins and appearances," Berryman said. "When he came to us, he was a skinny ninth-grader who wanted to be a catcher — until we transitioned him into a pitcher. Then he did what I asked: He grew."

Stevenson never trailed after jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Travis Harvey and McDonald both contributed RBIs in the early uprising.

RU displayed its mettle in the bottom of the frame when Jon Evans singled and scored on Seal's three-bagger.

The Spartans upped their lead to 4-1 in the second when Josh DeYonker's ground-out scored Justin Small, who had doubled and advanced to third on Kanitra's single. The Panthers got one back in the fourth after Alex Shimmons led off with a walk, advanced to third on an error and scored on Jon Bratcher's ground-out.

But Stevenson added to its lead with single runs in the fifth and sixth, and two more in the seventh.

Small was the Spartans' offensive star, going 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Seal and Evans both

rapped a pair of hits for the Panthers.

Senior Chris McKiddie started and suffered the loss on the mound for RU.

"Our intensity wasn't up as high as it was against Garden City," RU coach Damon Ellis Sr. said. "We relaxed a little bit for whatever reason."

STEVENSON 15, THURSTON 2: Josh DeYonker went 4-for-4 with two RBI and scored four runs in a five-inning mercy rule victory as Livonia Stevenson (24-11) eliminated Redford Thurston (6-22) in the district semifinal at Franklin.

Travis Harvey also went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI, while Nick Lagerstrom went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Austin Stevens also collected three RBI, while Chris McDonald (two), Mike Vomastek (one) and Brandon Jurczyszyn (one) also knocked in runs.

Winning pitcher Jake Semak allowed just two runs on three hits in four innings. He struck out seven and did not allow a walk. Cody Coleman finished up.

Thurston starter Damon Harris took the loss, while David Pudenas and Robert Smith each knocked in runs.

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start the third and 16 batters later, the Mustangs had batted around twice highlighted by Matt Stojkov's 3-run homer and Billy Mitchell's 2-run triple to make it 18-2.

"I talked to Danny (Cameron), our catcher, and we were hitting some spots," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "He said that some of those pitches were balls and they were still spanking it. Give them a lot of credit. I don't think we played as well as we could obviously."

"We helped them out. The inning they scored the 13 runs — first two batters were errors — error by the first baseman and then an overthrow at first. They bunt the guy over and we get the out ... who knows what happens? They may get one or two runs. We talked all year about not giving good teams extra outs. And they're an exceptional team, and even with some very good teams you can get away with it and get out of the inning. You give them an extra out ... they made us pay."

Churchill tallied four runs off Northville reliever Bobby Sable in the third thanks to a bases loaded walk to Rybinski, an RBI single by Brent Ochodnicki and a 2-run single by Cameron to make it 18-6.

But the Mustangs were far from through as Matt Satterfield delivered a 2-run double and Brett MacDonald greeted Churchill reliever James Targus' first pitch for a 3-run bomb over the left field fence.

All told, the Mustangs collected 18 hits.

"Everybody contributed on the offensive end," said Kostrzewa, whose team advances to the Novi regional. "We had great some at-bats, put a lot of balls in play and put pressure on them. We really sat on our pitches and had good swings on them. To come out and swing the bats like that was very gratifying after we had struggled a little bit."

Churchill, meanwhile, ends its season at 21-10 overall.

"What I told the kids after you can't look at that last game and sum up the season," Targosz said. "We had our banquet Thursday night and I told them, 'We did some very good

things.' You just can look at that one game as the season. That's what I told the team, especially the seniors who are not coming back. We had a pretty darn good season and beat some pretty good teams. We're a pretty good team, we just had a bad game."

CHURCHILL 5, CANTON 3: Dan Cameron's 2-run single in the fifth inning proved to be the difference Saturday as Livonia Churchill (21-9) ousted the Chiefs (20-13) in the district semifinal at Salem.

The Chargers took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Jake Otto scored on a Canton infield error.

Brent Ochodnicki contributed an RBI double in the bottom of the third to make it 2-0 before Canton's Nick Tata hit a solo homer in the top of the fifth.

Churchill, however, scored three runs in the fifth as Alex Tsakos got things going with a single and later scored on another Canton error.

The Chiefs got a run back in the sixth when Weston Price scored on a fielder's choice and tallied another in the seventh on JV call-up Nick Schnur's solo homer.

Ochodnicki, the Chargers starter, went five innings to pick up the victory. He allowed two runs on four hits, five walks and four hit batters. Tyler Keeter came on to earn the save.

Canton starter Ryan Bazner, who took the loss, allowed three earned runs on six hits. He walked two and struck out two. Reliever Mike Stafford struck out the side in the sixth.

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KELLY

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ly, get out ahead of everybody, and then once I got ahead, just keep my momentum going."

Kelly, who turns 18 on June 24, becomes Clarenceville's first individual state track and field champion since 2001 when Tim Shaw, a former Penn State football standout and now a linebacker with the Tennessee Titans, took first in the 100 (11.03) and added a second in the 200 (22.57).

"Going to Clarenceville — a school that's rarely in the map — I just wanted to do something to make my school stand out," said Kelly, who placed fourth in the 100 as a junior. "Clarenceville doesn't really stand out in any sport except when Tim Shaw did play football. People don't think of

track that's a sport that stands out. I just wanted to do something different and have an accomplishment for our faculty and do something for the City of Livonia."

Kelly, who is built like a Big Ten running back, had a brief fling with football. He dabbled with the sport his freshman and sophomore years, sat out his junior year, and completed a full season with the Trojans last fall as a senior. But football really isn't on his radar screen anymore.

"I found out what I really like, which was a passion for track," said Kelly, the two-time Observerland Relays 100 dash champ and two-time Livonia City champ in both the 100 and 200.

As for his future plans, Kelly said he was recently accepted to Alabama A&M where he will walk on the track team. He plans to study kinesiology,

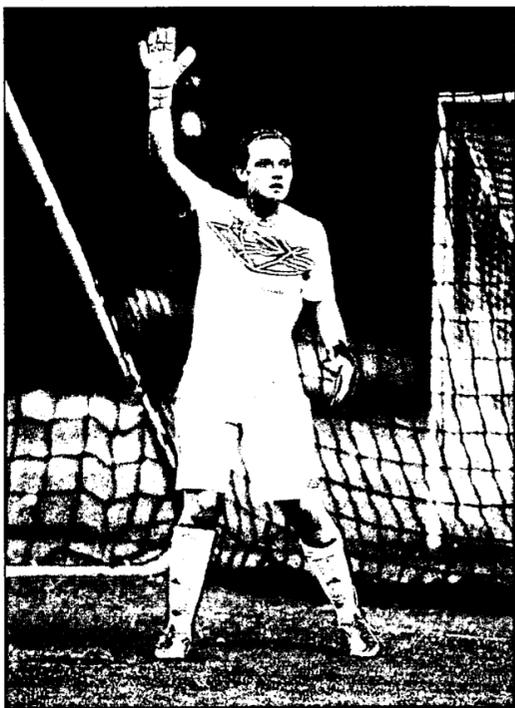
food and nutrition and physical therapy.

He watches his diet, but admits he'll have a Big Mac every once in awhile.

"I won't lie," Kelly joked, "but I do drink a lot of water and stretch."

Also on hand for the victory celebration were his parents, Harold and Harriett, current coach Brady Gustafson and former Clarenceville coach Dean Bergeron, along with his teammates.

"Kassius took advantage of his last event as a senior and ran a record time on Saturday," Gustafson said. "He was clean out of the blocks and was in command of the race from start to finish. Kassius ran the best race of his high school career on the biggest stage. He is the best sprinter Clarenceville has known and a great kid to coach."



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith, a senior, will be sorely missed after leading the Patriots to their first district girls soccer title in school history.

End of road

Saline stops Franklin run, 5-0

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The euphoria of winning their first-ever girls district soccer title in school history quickly wore off for Livonia Franklin in Tuesday's Division 1 regional semifinal against host Saline.

It was back to reality as the Hornets got a goal just 44 seconds into the match from Abbey Sovitch and went on to post a 5-0 victory over the underdog Patriots.

Saline, 15-5-3 overall, moves on to Friday's regional championship matchup beginning at 6 p.m. at home against Canton, which advanced with a 4-0 win over Dearborn.

After a sterling Cinderella state tourney run, Franklin finishes with a 6-12-4 record.

"You could just feel it, it was a punch in the gut," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said of the quick-strike goal for the Hornets. "Heads went down and you knew it was going to be a tough one. We got down in the district playoffs in both games and were able to battle back, but today clearly wasn't our day, and Saline was ready and took care of business."

In the 12th minute of the match, Franklin senior goalkeeper Lexi Smith stopped two point-blank shots and got a save on another ball by her defender, but Saline's Kristina Veal knocked home the fourth attempt on rebound to make it 2-0.

The Hornets then took advantage of a corner kick to score again before the half on the first of two Madison Phillips' two goals to make it 3-0.

"Initially we wanted to start off conservatively," Kowalski said. "We saw (Ann Arbor) Huron play Saline and we thought they were a little too defensive. And Saline got too comfortable offensively. We wanted to have the threat of our speed up top. We just couldn't get them the ball and we got behind early, and the

game plan went out the window pretty fast."

Saline added two more goals during the second half to salt away the victory with one coming from Phillips and the other by Becky Sulkowski.

But it was the goal by Sovitch in the opening minute which catapulted the Hornets to victory and the regional final.

"That is huge, we have been scoring late in a lot of games," Saline coach Dana Restrck said. "So just scoring that early - just take a breath and relax and get settled into the game - was huge. After that I don't think we looked back and we got a lot of players some minutes and were able to rest some people. It was good."

While Saline keeper Hayley Reynolds was rarely tested by the Patriots' offense, Smith was under constant pressure on the other end and finished with 11 saves.

"She kept them in it," Restrck said of the Franklin senior standout. "She certainly made a lot of stops that other goalies wouldn't. She was good."

Kowalski hopes this is only the start of more trips to the regionals following upset wins last week in the district favorites Garden City and host Woodhaven.

"What I told the team is that we don't play a team like Saline if we don't win the district," Kowalski said. "We came a long way. We were able to send the seniors out with a district championship, which was awesome, specifically Lexi (Smith) and Emily McCullen. We're going to miss her (Smith) for sure and for sure our captain Emily McCullen, our right back. You don't replace players like that. But, they left a note on Franklin. When they come back here they know they were the ones that started championships for the soccer program."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (all Saturday, June 9)
DIVISION 1
at GROSSE POINTE NORTH
Semifinals: Grosse Pointe South vs. University of Detroit Jesuit, 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Detroit Western International, noon; **Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 12 at the University of Michigan's Wilpon Complex vs. Monroe regional champion.)
at MONROE
Semifinals: Allen Park vs. Southgate Anderson, 9:30 a.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. Saline, 11:30 p.m.; **Championship final:** 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 12 at the University of Michigan's Wilpon Complex vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion.)

DIVISION 4
at GROSSE POINTE WOODS UNIVERSITY-LIGGETT
Semifinals: Lutheran High Westland vs. Royal Oak Shrine, 10 a.m.; Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, noon; **Championship final:** noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (all Saturday, June 9)
DIVISION 2
at DEARBORN EDELS FORD
Semifinals: Center Line vs. Melvindale, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Detroit Crockett, noon; **Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 12 at Novi vs. Richmond regional

champion.)
DIVISION 4
at GROSSE POINTE WOODS UNIVERSITY-LIGGETT
Semifinals: Marine City Cardinal Mooney vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 10 a.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Royal Oak Shrine, noon; **Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 12 at Novi vs. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest regional champion.)

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE
Friday, June 8 (at Bicentennial Park)
Rams vs. Outlaws, 5:40 p.m.
Red Sox vs. Steel, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 10 (all double-headers) (at Ford Field)
Rams vs. Red Sox, noon.
Steel vs. Cobras, 5 p.m.

Monday, June 11 (at Bicentennial Park)
Outlaws vs. Rams, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Blue vs. Cobras, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13 (at Ford Field)
Rams vs. Bulls, 8:30 p.m.
M.C. Pride vs. Cobras, 5:45 p.m.
Steel vs. Outlaws, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 14 (at Birm. Seaholm H.S.)
Red Sox vs. Blue, 6 p.m.

Churchill duo post 3rds at 'state'

In the Division 1 girls state track and field finals held Saturday at East Kentwood, Livonia Churchill garnered a pair of thirds in the field events to score 12 points.

Senior Senclair McDonnell placed third in the high jump with a school-record leap of 5 feet, 7 inches.

Southfield-Lathrup's Keianna Ingram tied the Division 1 meet record (set by Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ariel Roberts in 2008) by clearing 5-9. Midland's Victoria Blake was second (on fewer misses) at 5-7.

Churchill junior Emily Norscia also added a third in the discus with a throw of 118-4.

Jae'vyn Wortham of Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse took first with a toss of 136-6, while Anna Brunsmann

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of Fraser was second with a throw of 119-3.

Division 4 boys

In Saturday's Division 4 boys state finals held at Jenison, Lutheran High Westland earned a top-ten finish with 19 points led by Jake Fairbairn, who was runner-up in the 300 intermediate hurdles (40.46).

Reading's Josh Jenkins took the title in 40.16.

The Warriors' Caleb Kempf placed third in the long jump (21-3.5), while Dawson Davenport added a fourth in the shot put (48.8.5).

Adam Abbott of Detroit Cristo Rey captured the long jump with a meet record 22-3.75, while Tomas Smith of Au Gres-Sims won the shot put with a throw of 51-5.25.

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Camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 (Session 1) and from 12:30-3 p.m. for grades 7-9 (Session 2) on Saturday, June 16 at the high school fieldhouse and stadium.
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Gietl's leads way as Blazers cruise

Fourth straight district crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Andria Gietl's big day at the plate highlighted Livonia Ladywood's fourth straight Division 2 girls softball district tournament conquest Saturday at home.

The senior first baseman collected a total of six hits as the second-ranked Blazers improved to 36-3 overall by defeating Dearborn Divine Child for the championship, 4-0, after dispatching Livonia Clarenceville, 17-0, in the opening round.

The win moves the Blazers into a regional semifinal matchup beginning at noon Saturday at Dearborn Edsel Ford

where they'll face the Detroit Crockett.

Gietl collected three hits against the Falcons, who finished 12-8 in the Catholic League. Her 2-run double in the fifth inning gave the Blazers a four-run cushion and some breathing room.

The Blazers tallied their other two runs in the second with pair of successful suicide squeeze bunts executed by Nicole Payne and Michelle Nelson.

Winning pitcher Briana Combs allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out 13 for the Blazers.

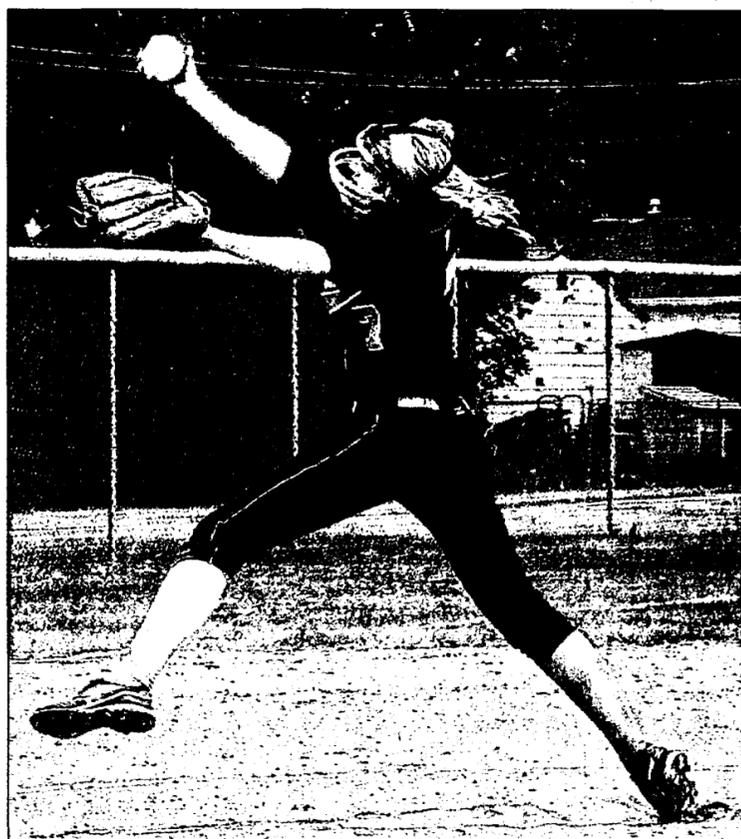
Sabrina Coleman took the loss for Divine Child, which advanced to the final with a 6-3 victory over South Lyon East.

In the other semifinal, Gietl tripled twice and singled, while Celeste Fidge and Allyssa Kashat contributed two hits apiece in a three-inning mercy rule victory over Clarenceville (14-15).

Combs, the senior right-hander headed to Cleveland State, was perfect striking out eight of the nine batters she faced.

Angela McAlpine (9-7) took the loss for the Trojans.

Ladywood, meanwhile, prepped for the district tourney by going 3-0 in the West Branch Invitational (May 26) beating No. 6-ranked Midland Bullock Creek (1-0), Tawas City (10-0) and Ogemaw Heights (15-0).



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Stevenson's Morgan Copperstone delivers a pitch during Saturday's Division 1 district softball final against Garden City at Livonia Franklin.

HVL upstages rival Lutheran Westland

Rally yields district title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran owns 2012 bragging rights when it comes to girls softball on Cowan Road.

The Hawks rallied from a 2-0 deficit with a run in the sixth and two more in the bottom of the seventh Saturday to beat next door neighbor Lutheran High Westland, 3-2, in the Division 4 district final at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The victory puts the Hawks, now 20-5 overall, into a regional semifinal matchup with Royal Oak Shrine beginning at noon Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-

Liggett.

The Warriors jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the top of the fourth on an unusual sequence of events.

Hannah Conley singled, stole second and came all the way home when the throw from the catcher sailed over the center fielder's head. The same exact scenario repeated itself when Emily Hahn singled, stole second and raced home on another over-throw.

Huron Valley, however, pulled within a run in the sixth when Jessie Strauch tripled and scored on Anne St. John's sacrifice fly.

And down to their last out in the bottom of the seventh, Brooke Kuehn drew a walk and Strauch doubled her in to tie the game at 2-2.

Anne St. John then

ripped a shot over the head of the Warriors' center fielder for a walk-off single and the victory.

"It was stressful, but our bats finally came alive early in the fifth inning," Huron Valley coach Eric Ruth said. "They hung in there and did not give up."

Winning pitcher Julie St. John limited the Warriors to two hits. The freshman struck out 10 and did not allow a walk. Lutheran Westland starter Emily Hahn also went all seven innings, allowing seven hits. The freshman struck out six and walked two.

The Warriors advanced to the district championship game with a 15-0 semifinal victory over host PCA.

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Garden City proves too much against Spartans

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

"Everybody hits!" wasn't just a between-innings, rally-sparking phrase for Garden City's softball team Saturday afternoon.

It was a lifestyle. From lead-off batter Kelsey Susalla to No. 9 hitter Katlyn McIntosh, the Cougars' bats were on fire as they handed Livonia Stevenson a 12-0 mercy rule-shortened setback in Saturday's Division 1 district championship game at Livonia Franklin.

Earlier in the day, Garden City steam-rolled Redford Thurston, 12-1, in five innings in the day's other semifinal matchup.

The Cougars will take a 27-5 record into the regional semifinal beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grosse Pointe North where they will face Detroit Cass Tech.

Of GC's 13 hits against Stevenson, nine came

from their No. 5 through 9 hitters. The Cougars also took advantage of seven Spartan walks.

Sophomore Rachel Bommarito swung the hottest stick for the winners, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

McIntosh was super-productive at the bottom of the order, going 1-for-2 with two runs scored, an RBI and a sacrifice bunt.

The Cougars led just 1-0 after two before erupting for seven runs in the third when 12 batters went to the plate.

They capped their stellar day with a three-run fifth when Abby Joseph, Bommarito, Gabby Quintana and Cassie Ford strung together four straight hits.

"The real key today was that we got a lot of production from the middle to the bottom of the batting order," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "A lot of our rallies started with our six, seven, eight, nine and 10 batters, which was huge. When you can get that kind of production from the bottom half of your line-

up, it makes it tough on the other team.

"Susalla was tough on the mound, too. She kept the ball low and didn't give them a lot of scoring opportunities."

Shortstop Ashley Avery had two of the Spartans' three hits, including a first-inning double.

"The walks hurt us a lot today," said Stevenson head coach Rob Witherspoon. "Today's game was a lot like our whole season. We hit the ball hard, but right at people, and we had one bad inning we couldn't end soon enough."

Susalla was brilliant on the mound, striking out six without walking a single batter in her five-inning gem. Avery was the only Spartan to reach second base.

Susalla also reached base in four of her five at-bats.

McIntosh made the defensive play of the game when she leaped high to snag a Stevenson line drive in the fifth.

Stevenson ends its season at 17-17 overall.

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Sharkettes in sync

The Troy-Livonia Synchrono Sharkettes have advanced three teams to the eSynchro Age Group Synchronized Swimming National Championships, June 23-30, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Competing against nationally-ranked teams from Ohio and Michigan, the Sharkettes' 16-17 team was runner-up, while the 16-17 trio and the 11-12 solo teams each placed third in the North Zone Region 1 Synchronized Swimming Championships held May 26-27 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Also, Livonia residents Scout, Bayne and Merrill Fronney advanced in the 16-17 team routine, while Scout Fronney also advanced in the 11-12 solo. Team members include (front row, from left): Katherine Ward, Troy; Charlotte Boehm, Livonia; Scout Fronney, Livonia; (second row, from left) assistant coach Courtney Marjamaa, Troy; Vivien Lee, Troy; Bayne Fronney, Livonia; Merrill Fronney, Livonia; assistant coach Christina Reygaert, Grosse Pointe; (third row, from left) assistant coach Corrie Zitkus, Troy; Aria Spence, Commerce; Abigail Mrachko, Ann Arbor; Carlie Zitkus, Troy; and head Coach Erin O'Brien, Livonia. (Not pictured is assistant coach Beth Borland of Bloomfield Hills.

Gerish's 3-hitter lifts Rams to win

The Michigan Rams received a complete-game three-hitter from right-hander Colin Gerish as they improved to 2-1 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with a 2-1 triumph over the Red Sox Tuesday night at Ford Field.

Gerish, a Northville High grad who will be a junior at Hillsdale College, allowed just three singles, walked four and struck out nine while going all seven innings.

The 6-foot-6 Gerish outdueled Red Sox starter Michael Burgher, who also pitched all seven innings allowing three runs on five hits and five

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walks. Burgher struck out three.

J.P. Maracani (Spring Arbor) went 3-for-4 and knocked in all three runs to pace the Rams' offensive attack.

James Moore, Andrew Grabowski and Ben Matigian collected the lone hits for the Red Sox (0-3).

PRIDE 4-1, RAMS 3-4: The Michigan Rams (1-1) opened their LCBL season Sunday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park splitting a double-header with the Motor City Pride (1-1).

Mike Milligan went 2-for-3 with an RBI as the Pride took the opener, 4-3. Trent Drumheller went

2-for-3 with an RBI, while Justin Sherman and Zach Zott also knocked in runs for the Rams.

Rams starter Sean Koerber, who gave up three runs on four hits and four runs in five innings, suffered the loss. He struck out four and walked four.

The Rams rebounded to win the nightcap, 4-1, as winning pitcher Josh Payzant went six strong innings, allowing just one run on three hits. He struck out three and walked four before giving way to Donnie Eaton, who earned the save.

Maracani went 2-for-4, including pair of doubles and RBI. Garrett Gordon added a 2-run homer, while Miles Sorise also chipped in with two hits.

Garrett Green went 2-for-4 and Sean Bennett knocked in the lone run for the Pride.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CYO volleyball

Registrations are being accepted for the Livonia St. Edith fall volleyball program (grades 2-8).

Members of St. Edith, St. Kenneth, St. Aidan and St. Colette are eligible to play in the Catholic Youth Organization.

To register, e-mail Gary Smart at smart5959@sbcc-

global.net; or call (734) 432-5959.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the WYAA Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington (north of Ford).

The WYAA offers two football units, the Comets and Meteors. Each unit has four squads divided by age and weight restrictions for Junior Freshman (7-8), Freshman (8-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and Varsity (13-14).

In addition, both units have four cheerleading squads (ages same as

football).

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

CAP golf 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.

Call (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

Women's golf

The 10-week, 18-hole Livonia Women's Golf League will begin at 8 a.m. Thursdays starting June 21 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Non-residents are encouraged to join.

For more information, call Beth Nemes at (248) 473-9068; or e-mail tbw4boys@aol.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the email.

June

BIKE DAY

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. Redford Township Unicycle Club performance, June 9

Location: First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Safe cycling tips, repair/maintenance information and handouts, contests and hot dogs. No admission charge

Contact: Sue at sweber2@mrr.com or Lucia at (734) 425-5863

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480



Hear patriotic music and show tunes, along with a tribute to veterans at the "O, America," concert June 10 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10

Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: "O, America" patriotic concert features a variety of patriotic music, show tunes, and a stirring tribute to honor veterans who have served in all branches of the military. No ticket is needed and childcare is available through four years of age. O, America will be Carole Halmekangas' last concert as director of music for the church. She steps down as director after 45 years of music ministry.

Contact: (248) 374-4740

COURAGEOUS LIFE SERIES

Time/Date: June 10, 17 and 24

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: A screening of the movie, "Courageous" kicked off the series on June 3. It also will be shown at 6 p.m. on June 10 and 24. Series topics are "Courageous Versus Complacent," June 3; "Warriors Versus Wimps," June 10; "Fighters Versus Flyers," June 17 and "Team Players Versus Lone Rangers," June 24

Contact: (248) 476-8222

GARAGE SALE

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: "Great Expectations Church Wide Garage Sale," will include such items as clothing, furniture, electronics, and more. The sale will be held in the church parking lot

Contact: (734) 404-2480; www.cantioncf.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Location: Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

Details: The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include the Rev. Denis B. Theroux, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the parish office.

Contact: The church at (248) 349-2621, www.olvnorthville.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 29-30

Location: In the thrift store at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: All items, except those marked firm, priced over \$1 are 50 percent off the price marked; bake sale

Contact: (313) 534-7730

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, June 13

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven

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Details: Cost is \$14 and includes dinner, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay exact amount at the door. Cash bar available. After dinner enjoy cards, games, and conversation until 9:30 p.m. No walk-ins. RSVP by June 6

Contact: Carol at (248) 946-0300 or Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Cookie at (248) 357-2183

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 Shulenberger 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.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

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Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS;

7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Peace pole on display at Farmington Hills church

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills recently rededicated its "peace pole" after completing handicap accessibility renovations to the church.

The peace pole, which sports the word "peace" carved in 12 different languages, is on public display near the main entrance of the church at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. It was restored and replanted after the construction was completed.

It was originally dedicated in 1996 in memory of Sunday school teacher Heather Hicks, who was involved in a fatal automobile accident.

More than 200,000 peace poles have been dedicated around the world since the peace pole project began in Japan in 1955. The nonprofit World Peace Prayer Society's mission is to unite people across the world through the universal saying: "May peace prevail on earth."

For more about the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Hills, visit www.uuFarmington.org or call the church office at (248) 478-7272.

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Music's in the air

Michigan Philharmonic performs outdoors in Plymouth, Milford this month

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

It was a cold and windy day last June when the Michigan Philharmonic performed its first concert at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

A week later, an impending thunderstorm forced the symphony to cancel its debut summer holiday concert in Plymouth's Kellogg Park after just four songs.

But the two outdoor programs, along with first-time appearances at Canton's Liberty Fest and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, drew enough listeners — even in dicey weather — to prompt another try at summer programming this year. The symphony will return at 8 p.m. Friday, June 22 to Kensington and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 to Kellogg Park to perform its "An American Salute" concert. Last year's Kensington Metropark concert also led to a new venue — Lake St. Clair Metropark in Harrison Township —



The Michigan Philharmonic plays at Kensington Metropark last year. They'll return to the park June 22.

where the symphony and the U.S. Navy band will perform a military tribute concert in conjunction with a War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration, Friday, Sept. 7.

"We're hoping for good weather this year. If it's a nice day people like to come early and take advantage of all the cool stuff at the park," said Beth Stewart, symphony executive director, referring to the Kensington concert. "If the weather is good, you can get 10,000 at a concert there. We think it's worth it."

Stewart said the symphony is working with Scott Lorenz, hot air balloon pilot, to fly over the park during the concert, which will be heralded by a trumpeter.

"There's a whole group of canoers and kayakers who paddle to the symphony. They have a whole group that comes across

the lake to hear the concert. There will be a number of sailboats on the water to listen to the symphony," Stewart added.

Tall ships will be on display and available for tours when the Michigan Philharmonic plays its War of 1812 concert in September. A naval commander heard the symphony at Kensington last year and booked the group for the celebration at Lake St. Clair.

"He contacted the (Huron-Clinton) Metroparks and they were delighted to work with him. It was funny because right away he said 'I was at a concert with the Michigan Philharmonic and I want to use them.'"

"We'll take the core of the American Salute concert and change it up. We're adding some things, Anchors Aweigh and more medleys with

the naval band."

Big plans
Playing a large outdoor venue like a Metropark can be challenging. Every musician is miked and the organization supplies its own sound system. But Stewart hopes the concerts, which can attract thousands of listeners, help to grow audience beyond its Plymouth-Canton roots. She envisions the symphony touring the state within a few years and says the organization will reach out to underserved areas in the downriver communities.

The 2012-13 line-up includes a series of concerts at the Seligman Center for Performing Arts in Beverly Hills, along with a variety of venues in the Plymouth area.

"The new thing in classical music circles is that people want to hear classical music in unusual places," Stewart noted.

The Italian American Club in Livonia, Penn Theatre in Plymouth, the Carr Cultural Arts Center

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

The summer music season is underway. Here's a sampling of local outdoor concerts:

• **Concerts in the Park:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26 through July, in Handy Park, located on Capitol between Inkster Road and Beech Daly, north of Plymouth Road, in Redford, features the Redford Symphony Orchestra and other performers. www.redfordtwp.com

• **Music from the Heart:** 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12-Aug. 30, at Larry J. Nehasil Park, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia: Sinjon Smith, July 12; TJ Thomas and Kentucky Strait, July 19; Blue Lakes International Exchange, July 26. Visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us for a complete list.

• **Music in the Air:** 7 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 31, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth: Motor City Soul, June 8; The BluesCasters, June 15; The Shawn Riley Band, June 22; Al Jaquez and Friends, June 29. For July and August performers, visit www.downtownplymouth.org

• **Music in the Park:** Noon, Wednesday, June 20-Aug. 22, at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth: Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express, June 20; Tom Seley & the Troublemakers, June 27; Noah Reimer, July 11; Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady, July 18; Gemini, July 25. For a complete list visit www.plymoutharts.com

• **Rhythms in Riley Park:** 7 p.m. Friday, through Aug. 24 in Riley Park, 33113 Grand River Ave., Farmington, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills: The Luddites, June 8; The Backbeats, June 15; Union Avenue Band, June 22; The Paisley Fogg, June 29. For more bands visit downtownfarmington.org.

• **Stars in the Park:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21-Aug. 23, in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills: FBC Concert Band, June 21; Lookin' Back, June 28; Shout, July 12; FCB Big Band, July 26; Visit www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us for more performers.

• **Summer Jazz Concerts:** 7 p.m. Friday, along Ford Road in Canton: Penny Wells, July 6; Nate Harasim, July 13; Alexander Zonjic, July 20; Demetrius "Krayon" Nabors, July 27. See leisure.canton-mi.org for more.

• **Thursday Night Concerts:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14-Aug. 2 in Heritage Park: Fifty Amp Fuse, June 14; Saline Fiddlers, June 21; Metro Jazz Voices, June 28; Air Margaritaville, July 5. Visit leisure.canton-mi.org for a complete list.

in Detroit, and Inn at St. John Chapel in Plymouth are among its concert venues next season.

The symphony will repeat its Friday night Seligman Center performances on Saturday night at the Village Theater in Canton.

"The ideas was that we could repeat a concert for a fraction of the cost it takes to do it the first time ... we could expand geographically in areas

thought beneficial to us and far enough away from our home market so we wouldn't siphon off audience, but build new audience," Stewart said.

"We've got big plans here. We have the program and the drive to back it up and make it happen."

For more about the Michigan Philharmonic's summer concerts and its 2012-13 season visit michiganphil.org.

See a movie and help homeless animals

Livonia-based Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will benefit from an outdoor family movie night Friday, June 8 at Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital, 1501 Maple, Walled Lake.

The film, Hotel for Dogs, will start at 9 p.m. Admission is by donation.

Guests should bring blankets — no seats will be available — and may pur-

chase hot dogs, pop and popcorn on site.

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Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, June 23; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: Outdoor art festival with works by more than 85 artists from across the country. The event includes a children's art area, miniature art hunt in downtown businesses and musical entertainment.

Contact: www.northvillearts.org or (248) 344-0497

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through June 29; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

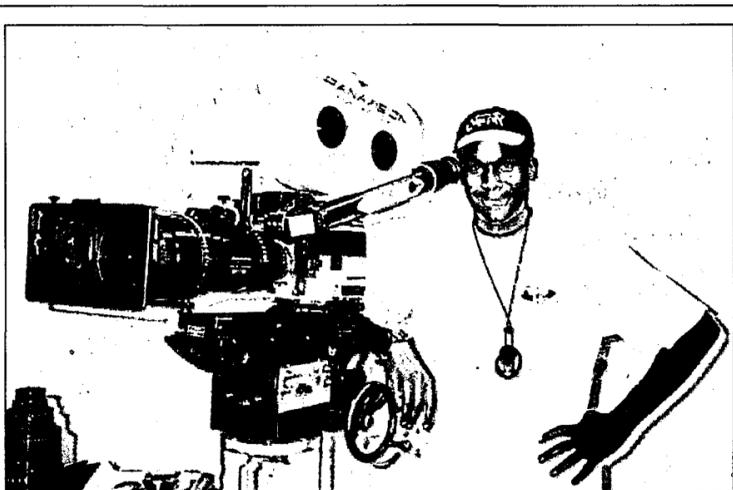
Details: The Colored Pencil Society of America presents works by members of its Detroit chapter

Contact: (248) 473-1856

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: Through May; gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater

Location: 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton



Hollywood in Michigan

Filmmaker Tim Greene will talk about what it takes to "break into entertainment" after the screening of three film shorts, 3-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at In the Truth Book Store, at Northland Mall, located north of Eight Mile, west of Greenfield in Southfield. Detroit actress Aliyah Royale and singer Beth Griffith will join Greene at the workshop. The film shorts, "The Re-programmers," "Supa Kidz" and "73-year-old Rappin Granny," were shot in Detroit and Southfield with local actors and crew. More than 50 prizes will be given away during the free event.

Details: Art of Peggy Kerwan
Contact: (734) 394-5300; visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 24; **Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "West of Center" 4th Annual All Media Show
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: Reception and awards 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 9; exhibit runs through July
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York City
Contact: (734) 416-4267

Visual Arts Association of Livonia
Time/Date: Through June 28; reception runs 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7
Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University. Awards will be given at the reception
Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org.



"Paws for a Rest" by Angela Helt is among the colored pencil works on display through June 29 at City Gallery, in the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7
Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Spring Art Exhibit, "Artistic Expressions," includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media art work, juried by Nancy Wolfe of Eastern Michigan University. Awards will be given at the reception
Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org.

Comedy

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 4
Location: The Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor
Details: Song parodies and sketches by political satirists, The Capitol Steps. Tickets are \$30-\$50
Contact: (734) 764-2538 or A2SF.org

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Steve Lott, through June 8; Mark Poolos, June 13-16; Davin Rosenblatt, June 20-23
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Dance

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24
Location: Power Center, E. Huron at Fletcher in downtown Ann Arbor
Details: Pilobolus performs styles ranging from playful to intense to gravity-defying. Tickets \$30-\$50; kids, \$10
Coming up: Circa performs a fusion of acrobatics, aerial stunts, tumbling and contemporary dance, 8 p.m. July 6-7 at the Power Center; tickets \$25-\$45 for adults, \$10 for children
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Sun Dried Tomato Deviled Eggs



Sun Dried Tomato Deviled Eggs

- 10 large eggs, hard boiled, peeled
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup finely minced sun-dried tomatoes, oil packed
- 3/4 teaspoon basil, sweet
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Halve the eggs lengthwise. Remove yolks and place in a large bowl; mash with a fork. Add mayonnaise, heavy cream, white wine vinegar, sugar, basil, paprika and salt; stir until smooth. Reserve 2 teaspoons chopped tomatoes. Stir in remaining tomatoes into egg yolk mixture.

Spoon filling (using 2 spoons) into the egg white halves. Garnish each with reserved chopped tomatoes. Cover; chill 1 hour.

Beau Monde Dip

- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon Spice Islands Beau Monde Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed

Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, green onion, parsley, Beau Monde Seasoning, and dill weed in a small bowl.

Cover and chill a minimum of 30 minutes to blend flavors.

Beau Monde Dip



Garden Salsa



Garden Salsa

- 10 cups fresh tomatoes, skinned and chopped
- 3/4 cup corn starch
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1-1/2 cups chopped green bell pepper
- 3/4 cup chopped banana or Anaheim peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped jalapeno peppers
- 1 1/4 cups white vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons onion salt
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon celery seed

Place 1 cup of tomatoes in a medium bowl with cornstarch; blend with wire whip. Set aside.

Combine remaining tomatoes, onions, pep-

pers, vinegar, sugar, onion salt, chili powder, garlic powder, cayenne pepper and celery seed in a large stock pot or Dutch oven. Simmer on medium low heat 20 minutes. Add corn starch/tomato mixture, stirring constantly to avoid lumps. Continue simmering an additional 10 minutes or until salsa reaches desired consistency.

To can: Fill clean pint jars with hot salsa, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Wipe rims clean if necessary. Place lids on top, then firmly screw on bands. Process in boiling water canner for 20 minutes.

To freeze: Ladle hot salsa into pint freezer containers, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Place lids on containers. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 6 months.

Recipe Note: To easily skin tomatoes, place whole tomato in boiling water for 15 to 30 seconds. Remove with slotted spoon. Skin will easily peel off!

Chipotle Roasted Salsa

- 4 large Roma tomatoes, halved and seeded
- 3 poblano or Anaheim peppers, quartered and seeded
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 4 tomatillos, halved
- 4 to 5 garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Spice Islands Chipotle Chile Adjustable Grinder
- 1 lime
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat grill to high heat. Toss tomatoes, peppers, onion, tomatillos and garlic with olive oil in a large bowl. Generously grind chipotle chile seasoning over vegetables. Place vegetables on grill pan. Grill on high heat, turning once, for 15 minutes until vegetables are tender and blackened. Remove from grill and cool 5 minutes.

Process vegetables in food processor until coarsely chopped. Add fresh squeezed lime juice and cilantro. Grind additional chipotle chile seasoning to taste. Chill for at least an hour.

Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips



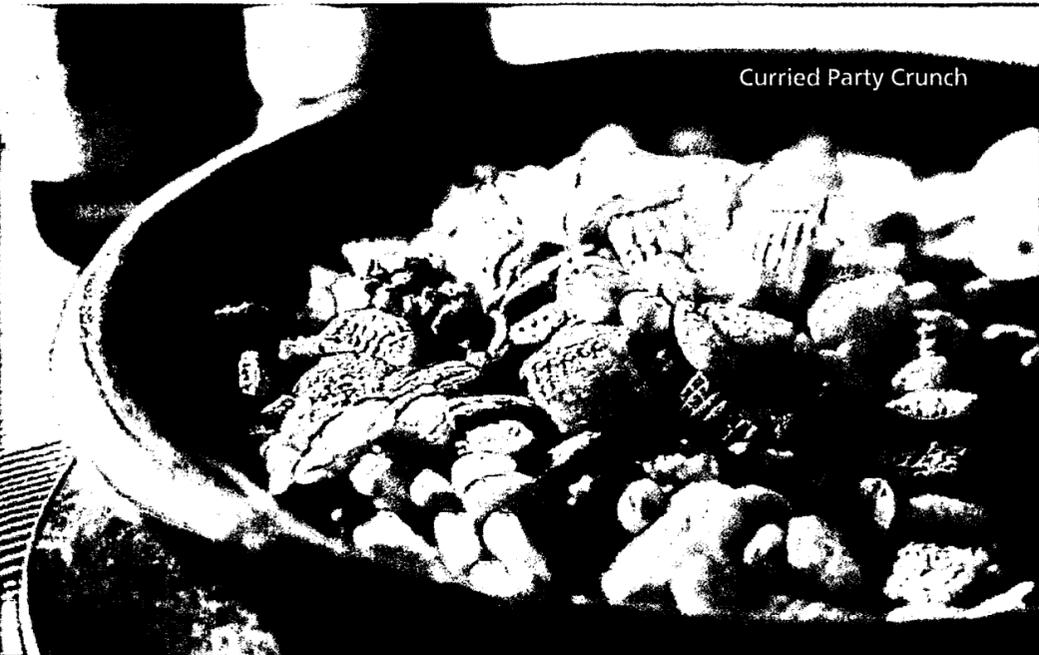
Sweet Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips

- Sweet Fruit Salsa:
 - 2 tart green apples
 - 1 kiwi fruit
 - 1/2 cup red seedless grapes
 - 1 cup fresh strawberries
 - 1 small orange
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon Spice Islands Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
 - 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, ground
 - 2 tablespoons apple jelly
- Cinnamon Chips:
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
 - 10 (8-inch) flour tortillas
 - 1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine

To prepare salsa: Finely chop apples, kiwi, grapes and strawberries and place in medium bowl. Grate orange peel to measure 1 teaspoon. Squeeze juice from orange. Add juice and grated peel to chopped fruit. Stir together brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and apple jelly in small bowl. Add to fruit; toss gently to mix. Refrigerate 1 hour to mix flavors.

To make cinnamon chips: Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. Brush one side of tortillas with melted butter. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture on tortillas. Cut each tortilla into 8 wedges (as you would a pie) and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 5 minutes, or until golden. Cool.

Recipe Tip: Substitute 1 1/4 teaspoons Jamaican jerk seasoning for cinnamon and nutmeg in the salsa.



Curried Party Crunch

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 1/2 cups sweet crunch corn cereal
- 1 1/2 cups corn and rice cereal squares
- 1/2 cup peanuts
- 1/4 cup whole almonds
- 1/4 cup walnut halves
- 2 tablespoons Mazola Vegetable Plus! Oil
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 tablespoons turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon coriander, ground

- 1/4 teaspoon ginger, ground
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves, ground
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Mix together raisins, cereals and nuts in a large bowl. Drizzle oil over all, and stir to coat. Mix spices and salt together in a separate bowl; sprinkle evenly over cereal mixture and stir gently. Transfer mixture to a 15- by 10-inch pan. Bake for 20 minutes, stirring once halfway through baking time. Cool. Store in an airtight container.

Speaking up: Rally in Washington, D.C., promotes homeownership

Local Realtors participated in a rally recently in Washington, D.C., to make their voices heard on behalf of homeowners, real estate investors and those who aspire to homeownership.

At the Rally To Protect the American Dream, Realtors from every state in the country — including many from Michigan — joined invited members of Congress to demonstrate their commitment to preserving access to homeownership and robust real estate investment. The rally was put together by the National Association of Realtors.

"Michigan Realtors turned out in force in Washington, D.C., to send a message to our elected officials," said Tony Schippa, president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors and a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth. "The message was that protecting homeowners' and prospective homeowners' real estate rights is not only vital to Michigan's economic recovery, but to the nation's recovery, as well."

Schippa was part of a Michigan-based contingent that included dozens of Realtor representatives from the Plymouth and Novi areas as well as Bloomfield and Birmingham; in all, nearly 100 GMAR members were there. Also in attendance were representatives from the area's three local Women's Council of Realtors chapters.

"This local Realtor turnout is especially important because there are still homeowners in our communities who own property throughout the state," Schippa said. "Plymouth Realtors are equally beholden to property owners in Cadillac or Grayling. We speak with a loud



Real estate pros gathered for a rally recently in Washington, D.C., with southeast Michigan well represented. The rally was organized to boost homeownership.

voice because we have to."

Working toward home affordability takes a multi-step approach for area Realtors. Toward that end, Realtors are advocating better access to affordable financing, reform of the secondary mortgage market, improved liquidity in residential and commercial lending, and preservation of the tax benefits associated with homeownership.

The rally was part of NAR's weeklong Midyear Legislative Meetings, during which Realtors and guests meet with members of Congress, federal regulators and industry experts

to address pressing real estate issues and public policies in support of private property rights, homeownership and housing issues.

"It went great. It was awesome," Schippa said after the May 17 rally, with over 13,000 agents attending.

"It was just an awesome event." He said the industry pros gathered in front of the Washington Monument.

They were there in part for the press and public. "It will really come down to what the long term will be," Schippa said of long-term impact on the hous-

ing market.

"The enthusiasm from the agents was just overwhelming." People attending wore mostly blue T-shirts, with other color shirts for NAR staff and those on political action committee.

"You start looking when you buy a home how much goes back to the community." Buying a home creates jobs, Schippa said, ranging from furniture stores to gardeners and contractors.

The website for the GMAR is www.GMARonline.com.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Skate ban: Heed lawyer's advice

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Our association is thinking about banning skateboarding in the common areas. Do you think that poses a problem?

A: It may pose a problem in that HUD may take the position that since there is no safety-related justification for the regulation (assuming that is the case), such a regulation would be familial discrimination and would subject the individual directors to liability as well as the association. In any event, I would be very cautious about imposing such a ban without getting a legal opinion from your association attorney and, perhaps, talking to your liability carrier.

Q: What is your experience in dealing with short sales as a vehicle to avoid foreclosure?

A: I could write several pages of a response to that, but to suffice it to say that short sales, under certain



Robert Meisner

circumstances, may be a good way out for the home seller. In any event, you should use a real estate agent or firm that specializes in short sales and an attorney who can advise you as to the programs and different policies regarding short sales being offered by the financial institution that holds your mortgage or others. The attorney may also be able to advise you as to the ramifications of failing to make mortgage payments and buying a second home before the short sale of the first home has been approved. There are also federal incentives available for some owners and banks for selling a home at a loss rather than allowing it to move into foreclosure. Information is available at homeaffordable.gov where you can click on "explorer programs" tab. Short sales may also be beneficial to the lender to ensure the safety of its security and to expedite the process of recouping its losses.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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1866 Century Ct	\$145,000
45765 Drexel Rd	\$178,000
46489 Killarney Cir	\$150,000
264 N Village Way	\$85,000
43300 Oakbrook Ct	\$191,000
1997 Peerce Ct	\$62,000
820 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$253,000
329 S Village Way	\$85,000
596 Sorel Dr	\$200,000
4134 Strathmore Ln	\$105,000
1221 W Crystal Cir	\$166,000
48102 W Oxford Ln	\$40,000

GARDEN CITY	
31560 Bridge St	\$60,000
28840 Hennepin St	\$151,000
28428 Leona St	\$80,000
LIVONIA	
15076 Arcola St	\$79,000
29817 Barkley St	\$97,000
28618 Bayberry Park Dr	\$121,000
8900 Danzig St	\$128,000
17568 Deering St	\$63,000
18339 Floral St	\$75,000
15921 Foch St	\$86,000
30553 Grandon St	\$128,000
31307 Kendall St	\$118,000
19851 Louise St	\$55,000
10001 Marie St	\$133,000
29410 Oakview St	\$120,000
31660 Pembroke St	\$90,000
17462 Rexwood St	\$148,000
31616 Saint Martins St	\$122,000
NORTHVILLE	
19634 Aequeduct Ct	\$85,000
22697 Cyprus Dr	\$50,000

52386 Ferndale Dr	\$50,000
48696 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
48738 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
48808 Freestone Dr	\$110,000
519 Horton St	\$329,000
15629 Johnson Creek Dr	\$130,000
15653 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
15677 Johnson Creek Dr	\$126,000
15701 Johnson Creek Dr	\$125,000
15725 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
15749 Johnson Creek Dr	\$129,000
15786 Johnson Creek Dr	\$135,000
50652 Livingston Dr	\$343,000
19800 Marilyn St	\$165,000
40540 N Northville Trl	\$385,000
48852 Rainbow Ln N	\$294,000
48876 Rainbow Ln N	\$323,000
18161 Shoreline Ct	\$515,000
44669 Spring Hill Rd	\$455,000
16924 Warwick Ct	\$370,000
16966 White Haven Dr	\$235,000
PLYMOUTH	
800 Arthur St	\$85,000

12217 Deer Creek Run	\$435,000
39564 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
41261 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$100,000
50403 Fellows Hill Dr	\$525,000
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50626 W Fellows Creek Ct	\$540,000
50903 Weston Dr	\$365,000
1411 Woodland Pl	\$330,000
REDFORD	
9343 Columbia	\$70,000
19433 Glenmore	\$23,000
14195 Mason Dr	\$139,000
14252 Mason Dr	\$148,000
14323 San Jose	\$18,000
WESTLAND	
35790 Castlewood Ct	\$52,000
7414 Manor Cir	\$28,000
35044 Markey St	\$12,000
2440 S Brandon St	\$52,000
765 S Hawthorne St	\$66,000
1855 S Parent St	\$48,000
35436 Schley St	\$45,000
1536 Woodbourne St	\$20,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 13-17, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
125 Charrington Ct	\$225,000
BIRMINGHAM	
514 Chesterfield Ave	\$358,000
820 Pleasant St	\$1,760,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
699 E Fox Hills Dr	\$19,000
1791 Huntingwood Ln	\$73,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
219 Barrington Rd	\$150,000

5607 Westwood Ct	\$160,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3137 Greenlawn Ave	\$60,000
4221 Lake Pointe Ln	\$243,000
FARMINGTON	
23233 Farmington Rd	\$108,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29490 Ashford Pkwy	\$168,000
30719 Country Ridge Cir	\$298,000
29125 Glencastle Dr	\$45,000
29924 Highmeadow Rd	\$160,000
29184 Leesburg Ct	\$187,000
32260 Tall Timber Dr	\$188,000
35258 White Pine Trl	\$140,000
37762 Windwood St	\$235,000
29796 Woodbrook St	\$122,000
FRANKLIN	
30150 Cheviot Hills Dr	\$345,000
26030 Romany Way	\$727,000

Lathrup Village	
18859 San Quentin Dr	\$130,000
MILFORD	
54300 Belcrest Dr	\$183,000
510 Bellevue	\$104,000
1539 Morgan Ln	\$40,000
1571 Morgan Ln	\$50,000
1737 Morgan Ln	\$45,000
699 Telya Rdg	\$180,000
NOVI	
40611 Lenox Park Dr	\$240,000
23710 Meadowbrook Rd	\$113,000
27850 Middleton Dr	\$157,000
25228 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
23496 Winthrop Ct	\$198,000
SOUTH LYON	
25536 Coach Ln	\$40,000
26085 Cornell Dr	\$50,000
57710 Deere Ct	\$259,000

26464 Mallard Ct	\$60,000
204 Maplewood Ct	\$47,000
61190 Saddlecreek Dr	\$297,000
26355 Shumans Way	\$223,000
26431 Shumans Way	\$50,000
257 University Ave	\$55,000
446 Whipple St	\$13,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29327 E Chanticleer Dr	\$80,000
21727 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$25,000
29790 Red Leaf Dr	\$50,000
25322 Saint James	\$72,000
18406 Westhampton Ave	\$30,000
18437 Westland Ave	\$41,000
WHITE LAKE	
204 Decca Dr	\$46,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee Thursday, June 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. For more information, contact Mike Workman at (734) 459-4700 or mworkman@kw.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Asso-

ciation of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will discuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

Oakland Investors

Buying Real Estate as Sheriff's Sale featuring Oakland County Sheriff representative and Trott & Trott Foreclosure Attorneys, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, June 14, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club

Venetian, John R just north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members; \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.com).

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

On Facebook

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site is a chance for the public to ASKREMAX and get clear, expert answers in real time. Visit www.facebook.com/ASKREMAX.

Finance Seminar

Learn how to finance your purchase and rehab projects in and around Detroit. Hear from an expert in the lending business, Trent Dalrymple, who has more than 25 years of experience. Seating is limited so call (248) 547-3006, or sign up at www.metro-mi.com. These free one-hour seminars will be 6-7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Metro Mortgage Investments, 26711 Woodward Ave., Suite 301, Huntington Woods.

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Ill temper
- 4 Summer getaway, perhaps
- 8 Motel vacancy
- 12 Coral formation
- 13 Range in Asia
- 14 A Great Lake
- 15 Full of striking incidents
- 17 ISS people
- 18 Four-door model
- 19 Classified
- 21 Kilmer of films
- 23 Airport closer
- 24 Agrees to
- 28 Vacation spot
- 32 Frost victim
- 33 River tamer
- 35 Mother rabbit
- 36 — Downs (racetrack)
- 39 Cruise ship fare
- 42 Links org.
- 44 Scribble down
- 45 Dante locale
- 49 Pilot's aid

DOWN

- 53 Futile
- 54 Not simultaneously (hyph.)
- 56 Colleen's home
- 57 Potentially disastrous
- 58 KGB counterpart
- 59 Slide downhill
- 60 "L", "c'est moi"
- 61 Dutch airline
- 1 Applies frosting
- 2 Go wild about
- 3 Got a load of
- 4 Midafternoon refresher
- 5 Politico London
- 6 Claw badly
- 7 Dish with saffron
- 8 Back out
- 9 Kind of surgeon
- 10 River to the Seine
- 11 Honey wine
- 16 Cathedral part

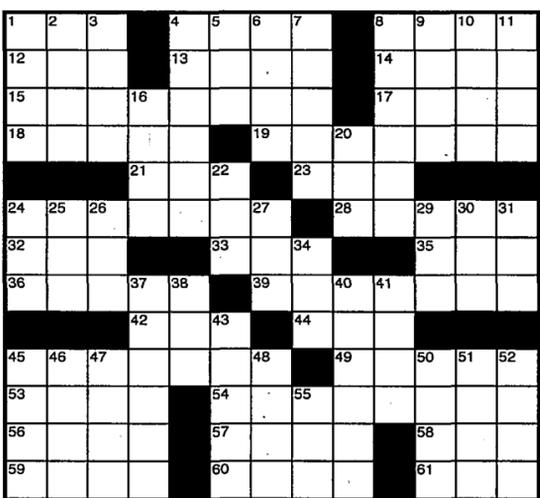
Answer to Previous Puzzle

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G U S H   Q T Y   M A E
F U R R Y   U R E   U R L
R I G I D   A U T U M N S
O D E   E L I C I T
M E S S   E N E   T O A D
E D I T   M E R C I
E N T E R S   B A R R E D
C O O K S   P A C E
O M N I   E O N   D A D S
N A P L E S   L E A
M O N G R E L   E M B E R
A L I   F E E   L A U R A
P E P   S S N   L I M E
    
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- 20 Fishing float
- 22 Soho co.
- 24 Homer Simpson's dad
- 25 Tea holder
- 26 Investment options
- 27 Weaken gradually
- 29 Oklahoma town
- 30 Small worker in a big organization
- 31 Laugh syllable
- 34 Mil. rank
- 37 Raised the lid
- 38 Boss, briefly
- 40 Frozen dessert
- 41 Remain in one place
- 43 Battery terminal
- 45 Noted lithographer
- 46 Do perfectly
- 47 Kind of drill
- 48 Don't count —!
- 50 Wharf
- 51 Indigo shrub
- 52 Paper quantity
- 55 Geologic time period



Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

		7		6				1	
	5	2							
4		6	9	2	3				
								2	
					1	5			
6		1		3			9	7	4
9				7	6			8	
5									2
1			8	5		7	3		

Fun By The Numbers

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Word Search — Oral Care

T N D O E H Y G I E N E S T A
W L E R N D D M V A E C S P S
N D N T L A I H R X G I O G E
T K T H X L S R A M T D L E X
G D A O K Y I M O N J K F B Q
N O L D B N I R E U H T U O M
Q U E O C N I D D D L X R A Y
R R K N A U H T K A R F T D G
T I S T N E M U R T S N I F N
V R I I W Y C O D O Q P D K I
K O T S C A L K N P U L D D H
N H A T V T Q Y S B W S E J S
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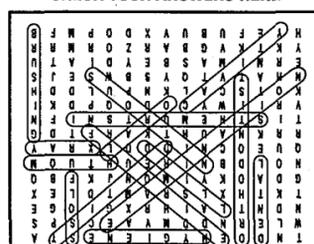
- Brushing
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- Floss
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- Oral
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- Drill
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- Hygiene
- Nitrous
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Sudoku

6	8	7	2	5	8	4	9	1
5	4	9	6	3	8	7	8	5
8	7	1	8	5	4	2	7	6
4	7	6	9	8	2	1	8	9
8	9	5	7	4	1	6	3	2
8	9	3	8	6	9	5	7	4
7	9	8	2	6	9	1	7	4
9	6	9	1	8	7	4	7	8
8	9	7	6	4	2	1	3	5

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Auction Sales

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Rummage Sale/ Flea Market

BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH: 8980 Middlebelt, June 7-9, 9-5pm.

Estate Sales

Another Bernard Davis Estate Sales 313-837-1993 Moving Inventory Jo's Art Gallery

Garage/Moving Sales

BIRMINGHAM: Moving Sale! 2 families! Furniture, collectibles and household items.

Garage/Moving Sales

BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Treasure Sale! 2 sales at the Bowers School Farm, 1223 Square Ln.

Garage/Moving Sales

CANTON ANNUAL SUB SALE The Ravines Subdivision S of Joy, W of Beck, Thurs-Sat.

Garage/Moving Sales

CANTON MOVING SALE: Thurs-Sat, 6/7-6/9, 9-4pm. 45426 Augusta Dr.

Garage/Moving Sales

CANTON VISTAS OF CENTRAL PARK S. of Cherry Hill, W of Beck. Subwide Sale.

Garage/Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS: Multi-family sale! 7-9, 9am-5pm. 22161 Colgate, 3 blocks W of Middlebelt.

Garage/Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS: Indoor/outdoor furniture, antiques, trunks, luggage, etc.

Garage/Moving Sales

FARMINGTON HILLS: Woodbine Sub-wide sale! 10 Mile/Middlebelt, June 7-9th.

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Garage/Moving Sales

Garage Sale - Wide variety, many like new! Furniture, decor, tools, clothes, toys.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA HUGO Garage Sale - June 7-9, 9am-5pm. 34544 Navin, between 7 & 8 Mile, W of G.I. Antiques.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA WIDE VARIETY! Antiques, records, collectibles, furniture, toys, clothes, misc.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA Multi-family sale! Kid's bikes, riding toys, & car bed, exc. cond. Lots of other misc.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA Collector baseball cards, comic books, antiques, furniture, tons of jewelry, crystal, tools.

Garage/Moving Sales

NORTHVILLE - Huge Garage - Sale! 1953 Corrie Rd. All proceeds to Homeward Bound Pet Rescue League.

Garage/Moving Sales

NORTHVILLE TWP. GIANTIC Sub-Wide Garage Sale! Woodland South Condos, SW corner of Sheldon & 6 Mile.

Garage/Moving Sales

NORTHVILLE: Blue Heron Pointe Condo Community Garage Sale - Sat., June 9th 8am-4pm.

Garage/Moving Sales

NORTHVILLE: Huge Barn & Lawn Sale. Antiques, Collectibles & Flea Market Goods.

Garage/Moving Sales

NOVI - SUB SALE Briarwood Village 10 Mile & Beck Rd. June 7, 8 & 9 9AM - 4PM

Garage/Moving Sales

NOVI GREENWOOD OAKS SUB GARAGE SALE - W. of Beck, N. of 10 Mile. Thurs-Sat, June 7, 8, & 9.

Garage/Moving Sales

NOVI Subdivision Garage Sale - June 7-10. Knightsbridge Gate Sub, off of Napier, between Grand River and 10 Mile.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA - 7 Mile & Merriman, Hidden Pines Annual Garage Sale. Something for everyone!

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA - DEER CREEK ANNUAL SUB SALE! Fri-Sat, June 8-9, 9-4pm.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA - SMB Estates Sub-Wide: 22+ Homes, Off Yale, 1 mile W of Farmington, btwn 5 Mile & Schoolcraft.

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA ANNUAL SUB SALE! BROOKWOOD ESTATES ALMOST 100 HOMES

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA BIG QUALITY! 18643 Comstock - 6/7-6/9, 9-4pm.

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LIVONIA BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 9am-3pm.

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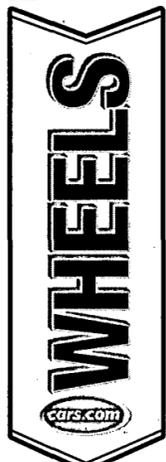
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