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Art Exhibit

An Art, Wine and Cheese Reception will be held 1-4 p.m. today (April 28) as part of the Three Cities Art Club's juried art exhibition at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

Richard Rubinfeld, an art professor at Eastern Michigan University, selected the pieces for the show and those that will receive cash prizes and honorable mention awards. Westland Mayor William Wild will select his favorite, with the winning artist receiving an additional cash prize.

The exhibition is in conjunction with and celebration of the DIA's "Inside Out" program. The artwork will be on display from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 29.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or by email at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

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Wayne OKs dispatch consolidation

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An agreement to operate a four-city consolidated dispatching service operated from the Westland Police Department has been approved by the Wayne City Council.

Contingent on the city attorney signing off, the Intergovernmental Agreement would consolidate

the police-fire-EMS dispatching of Wayne and Garden City, which are currently combined, with Westland and Inkster, which have been combined since 2000.

"This consolidation has two purposes — it will increase our service capability and it will save money for each community," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

Under the draft agreement, the annual dispatching costs would be divided: \$694,228 for Westland; \$552,279 for Inkster; \$331,305 for Garden City; and \$296,305 for Wayne.

That is a significant savings for the communities. In the case of Wayne, the city is proposing a \$421,305 budget for communications — the annual fee plus \$125,000 for con-

tractual services. The current fiscal year budget was approved at \$892,000.

"It isn't just Wayne or Westland, it's all over the country," said Haidous. "The (Wayne-Westland) fire department consolidation is having success. There used to be six firefighters on duty, now there are 26-27 per shift and it is costing us less."

Unlike the firefight-

ers who maintained their jobs, all six dispatchers working for Wayne-Garden City, which handles police runs in both cities and fire/EMS calls in Garden City, would be laid off.

The agreement calls for the laid-off dispatchers to be given priority in applying for jobs in Westland, but if hired they would no

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Food for fines

The last day to participate in the Food for Fines program at the William P. Faust Public Library is Tuesday, April 30. Patrons can receive \$2 per item and up to \$20 in fine forgiveness in return for donating non-perishable food. The program benefits children, families, and seniors in southeast Michigan. The food drive is being held in partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Bring donated items to the Circulation Desk during regular library hours. Donations not connected to fines are also being accepted.

Things parents say

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait 'til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

So here's what the Wayne-Westland Observer wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Email your examples to Wayne-Westland Observer editor Sue Mason at smason@hometownlife.com for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo).

Deadline is Tuesday, May 6.

Guards get students to where they need to be — safely

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Through volunteering and working in food services, Camille Javello spent 29 years at Wildwood Elementary School in Westland.

Now for the past seven years, Javello has been a crossing guard making sure Wildwood students make it safely across busy streets.

"I saw a sign for crossing guards. My husband did at one time, too. We worked the same corner," said Javello. "I like the kids. I didn't want to leave them when I retired from here."

A second Wildwood crossing guard, Diane Marisnick, agreed.

"I just love my kids. I get lots of hugs," she said.

Right on cue, a trio of students wandered to the edge of the playground after spotting Javello and Marisnick on the sidewalk with Westland Police Officer Nathan MacRae.



School crossing guards Diane Marisnick (left) and Camille Javello with Westland Police Officer Nathan MacRae of the Traffic Bureau.

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"I know her," one boy excitedly repeated to his companion.

Retired from working at grocery stores in 1996, Marisnick has been a crossing guard for nine years.

"I was walking once and saw a crossing guard. I decided I wanted to do it," said Marisnick.

There are currently nine crossing guards working at public schools in Westland — they are employees of the Municipal Services Bureau and supervised by the Police Department.

"We need at least double the number of crossing guards. Some areas we need two crossing

guard but only have one working," said MacRae. "It's like other things — you need to prioritize. Some spots that need someone are vacant."

The crossing guards work 20 hours a week handling two posts twice a day — in the morning as youngsters head to school and afternoons as they go

home. MacRae said it's a good job for retirees or someone looking for part-time work.

"I work 20 hours a week. There is nothing hard about this job — your feet and fingers get cold," said Marisnick. "You know you have to be out there —"

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Wayne Council asks attorney for options to fund retirement costs

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Plans are moving forward to ask Wayne voters to approve a separate millage to fund public safety pensions and take that expense out of the city's cash-strapped general fund.

On the third consecutive night of budget meetings Wednesday, the council voted to have the city attorney look at options for either a P.A. 345 plan, which would require a city charter amendment, or a special dedicated millage.

Whichever method ends up being selected by the council, the proposal would ask voters in November to approve the levying of up to 7 mills for a period of 10 years.

The problem outlined by city staff is a loss of nearly \$6 million in general fund revenues which saw a drop from \$22.2 million in 2009 to a projected \$16.2 million in upcoming fiscal year.

The city's primary revenue source — property taxes — has dropped along with property values. In 2009, one mill levied in Wayne would have generated

"The Michigan Constitution doesn't allow retirement benefits to be diminished for public employees."

PAUL BOHN,
city attorney

\$630,000 — now it will generate \$380,000.

"The revenue from the property tax has declined and the fair market value of property is less," said City Attorney Paul Bohn. "The millage is the same but the amount of taxes paid is less."

The city reported a projected deficit of \$3 million for the fiscal year starting July 1. Budget cuts have reduced that shortfall to \$758,000.

"We've lost 30 percent of our revenues and it will take us 20 years to get it back," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. "This is to protect what we have in the city. It's worth it to support the city."

The total public safety retirement cost, including health care costs, would be \$2.7 million in 2013-14. That equates to 7.2 mills currently.

Responding to a question, City

Manager Robert English said over the last five years new hires receive significantly less in pensions benefits. About half of current employees pay 20 percent their insurance costs, with the remainder picking up that cost when their existing labor contracts expire June 30.

"The Michigan Constitution doesn't allow retirement benefits to be diminished for public employees," said Bohn.

For resident Sharon Bunek, the concern wasn't the amount of tax she would pay, if the 7 mills were to be approved and levied.

"It's \$185, that's nothing for us. If I want to sell my home, my house could be similar to Westland but there are higher taxes on me," said Bunek.

The council also asked Bohn's

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Wild hosts Twitter town hall meeting

Westland Mayor William Wild is hosting a Twitter Town Hall on 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, to get input on how to improve the city's website.

Wild and the web team would like to find out more specific areas for improvement, such as online services, content, design or interactivity, and are asking for citizens' help.

Here are the instructions for participating in the Twitter Town Hall — a Twitter account is required.

• Step 1: Follow @MayorWild on Twitter

• Step 2: Between 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, respond to the following question: "What should Westland's website do for you?" In your response, you should include the hashtag #WestlandWeb.

• Step 3: Follow the conversation online to view what other residents who are participating have to say and get input from the mayor himself.

In March, a website assessment survey was done to get residents' general feedback regarding their satisfaction with the current website.

Out of 403 respondents, 60 percent said site was difficult to navigate and 70 percent were dissatisfied with the current site.

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you just do it. People used to bring me hot chocolate and coffee — they thought I was freezing.”

Being a crossing guard is a valuable job, MacRae said, making sure youngsters get back and forth to school safely.

“Kids aren’t awake in the morning and in the afternoon, they are in a

hurry to go home,” said MacRae. “The guards aren’t just crossing them. They are training kids about how and when to cross. They keep them safe all year round.”

Drivers being in a hurry is the biggest problem when it comes to safely getting youngsters across the street, Javello said.

As additional crossing guards are needed, neither Javello or Marisnick have any plans to retire. “Every year we say it’s

our last year but we come back. Now that Nate (MacRae) is back (in the Traffic Bureau) we have to stay,” said Marisnick.

Anyone interested in working as a crossing guard must pass a criminal background check and complete a short training. For more information, contact MacRae at (734) 722-9600.

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PHOTO BY JENNY JOHNSON, WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, talks about the book, “Memoirs of a Goldfish,” which he donated copies of to 11 elementary schools.

RETIREMENT

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office to investigate any recourse the city might have regarding its property assessments which will drop an average 5 percent this year.

“We’ve had a hard time accepting the assessments. We are hoping for flat or a little increase next year to help us survive,” said Haidous. “The property values are based on sales. They added in foreclosures which decreased values.”

It’s also market demand, he said, noting that in a 36-square mile city like Westland there would be more housing inventory and range of construction than in six-square mile Wayne. The city is also expect-

ed to seek a different assessor to replace Wayne County which has handled local assessing for several years.

“We’ve done a lot to keep values up — road projects, we encourage upkeep and updates of homes,” said Councilman Albert Damitio. “Blight ordinance enforcement and dangerous buildings. I think we are unfairly assessed. People come here and want to buy a house but is significantly undervalued.”

Potential buyers are willing to pay for homes in Wayne, Damitio said, but the banks won’t support the sale price.

While he did support the motion to move forward with having the attorney research the millage question, Haidous argued for a proposal to levy only up to 5 mills for 10 years.

“The general fund could afford some money (for public safety pensions),” said Haidous.

Other council members disagreed, noting the city might not see sufficient property value increases to keep the general fund in good shape with only 5 mills for public safety pensions.

“If things get worse, with 5 mills, we could shoot ourselves in the foot. I’ve been hearing for four years that there was light at the end of the tunnel (on property values),” said Councilman James Henley. “We had eight or 10 hours of people unhappy with the lighting assessment and we’ll have that again.”

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longer have their current pensions and only have seniority among themselves in case of layoffs.

“I get asked by citizens if Westland is taking over the city. There is no takeover, it’s working together,” said Haidous. “It’s saving jobs.”

City Manager Robert

English noted that the state is requiring consolidations and mergers as a condition to qualify for funding through programs like the former state shared revenue, now called the Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

The Garden City Council has agreed to the merger concept also but like Wayne made that approval contingent on addressing any issues raised by

the city attorney.

The goal has been to complete the dispatch consolidation by the July 1 start of the fiscal year. Discussions are also under way to bring the Garden City Fire Department into the merged fire department to create a Western Wayne Fire Department.

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Anderson donates books to W-W libraries

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Youngsters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will have the opportunity to read a book written by a local author as the result of a donation from a state senator.

Glenn Anderson, as part of Reading Month, makes a donation of books for libraries in school districts in his 6th Senate District. This year’s selection is *Memoirs of a Goldfish*, written by WDIV-TV news anchor Devin Scillian and illustrated by Tim Bowers.

“It’s a great little book,” said the West-

land Democrat. “I sometimes wonder if our choice is good. I took this to classes and read it for the kids. They really enjoyed it. It created quite a few smiles.”

The book is the story of a goldfish whose simple life changes with the addition of an Angel fish, plants, a snail, a crab, some guppies and a diver. When he’s returned to his fish bowl, he discovers he misses the company. That ends when he’s reunited with them in an aquarium.

The books will be placed in the libraries of the district’s 11 elementary schools.

Board President Carol

Middel thanked Anderson for the donation.

“Each year you come with a stack of books under your arm,” she pointed out. “We never take that for granted. I can tell you that they are most appreciated and will be used.”

Anderson also took time to talk about school funding, which he said “continues to be a challenge.”

“It’s a challenge you have to deal with every day,” he said. “I will continue to work with you and do whatever I can to help.”

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Blue, old Star mothers honored at luncheon

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The Garden City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 has a special place in their hearts for mothers of children in the armed services.

The auxiliary hosted its annual Gold Star/Blue Star Mothers Luncheon on Sunday, April 21. The successful event was held at the American Legion Post 396 located on Middlebelt, north of Ford in Garden City.

"This is the fourth year the Auxiliary has honored our local military moms," said Kim Dold, public relations chair.

The luncheon drew mothers from area communities.

Gold Star Mothers are those American women who have lost a son or daughter in military service to the United States.

The Blue Star Mothers organization can now include grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians.

Both organizations got their name from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a Service Flag in a window of their homes.

"The Service Flag had a star for each family member in the military," Dold said. "Living servicemen were represented by a Blue Star and those who had lost their lives were represented



Attending the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Gold Star/Blue Star Mothers Luncheon on April 21 were Tricia Martin (front row), Sal Haji, Mechele McClain, Debby Ferris, Dawn Kaufman (center row), Regina Adams, Evie Burgess, Sandy Newton, Sue Carney, Barbara Semaah, Renee Roberts (back row), Tracey Roberts, Colleen Allen, Pennie Pilotti, Rosanne Martell, Dina Squires. Not Pictured is Barb Hardoin.

by a Gold Star."

Seventeen mothers attended — 16 Blue Star mothers and one Gold

Star — each one taking a moment to share her story.

Evie Burgess was the

Gold Star mother, Dold said. Her son, Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess, was killed in combat in Iraq in 2006.

"One of the mothers even brought her son, who was home on leave, with her," Dold said. Many of the women who attended belong to a support group called Michigan Military Moms.

They are a nonprofit organization that meets regularly to provide support and encouragement to each other. The group is active in the community, participating in parades, packing care packages for the troops and giving them a sense of comfort by knowing that their loved ones are being cared for while

they are away. Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, was on hand to welcome the mothers and thank them for the sacrifices they have made.

After the opening ceremonies, a catered lunch was served, prizes were raffled, pictures were taken and friendships formed.

"It was a very enjoyable afternoon," Dold said. "The Auxiliary membership that were able to attend received great pleasure being able to give tribute to this remarkable group of women."

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Services planned for National Day of Prayer

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church is inviting people to join them Thursday, May 2, in observing the National Day of Prayer.

Participants will gather on the lawn of the church on Venoy north of Ford Road at 8 a.m. to pray for America and its leadership. Programs also will be held at 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the church. St. Matthew's pastor, the Rev. Kurt Lambart, will officiate.

The National Day of Prayer has been held annually for 62 years. This is the second year St. Matthew has participated. The theme is "Pray for America," based on Matthew 12:21, which reminds people that "In His name the nations will put their hope."

"When we usually see

prayer is at meals and bedtime," Rita Schmidt of Garden City said. "With this, people will come together to pray for their family, their community, their government and the nation. We hope to bring more people together and encourage them to join together in praying for their country."

The programs are designed around people's day. The 8 a.m. program will last 10-15 minutes so people can stop in on their way to work. A 12:30 p.m. program is for people to stop by during their lunch hour, Schmidt said. The afternoon programs will involve students from the day school, and there also will be scripture readings, prayers and singing.

The church also will be open for private, individual prayer, and members of the church's Prayer Team will be available

to pray with people or to answer prayer requests.

Schmidt added that the national prayer, written by Greg Laurie specifically for the National Day of Prayers, will be incorporated into the programs.

"Everyone will recite it so a wave of prayer will go out across the country," Schmidt said.

St. Matthew's is very familiar with patriotism. Lambart has led the congregation in conducting the city of Westland's annual 9/11 memorial service on the steps of Westland City Hall for seven years.

"We're excited to start doing this. We hope to do more in the years to come," Schmidt said. "We hope the community will come and join us in prayer."

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Student Shadowing lets families 'test drive' GC schools

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Prospective nonresident students and their families have a new option this year — shadowing.

From Wednesday, May 1, through Monday, June 10, families interested in enrolling in the School of Choice program can visit the prospective school. The children can become familiar with the classroom, meet other students and check things out by shadowing another student.

"The shadowing program is new this year," said Stanley Szczotka, director of student services. "The program was grown out of the intent to more than simply give a student an option different from their current district through which they may find limiting. This lets them take Garden City Schools for a test drive, so to speak."

The more informed a student and family are, the better decisions they can make with regard to their child's education, he said.

The School of Choice program is available for kindergarten through 11th grade.

"The School of Choice program is intent on making available a quality educational alternative to students in the neighboring districts," Szczotka said. "At times, School of Choice students find Garden City Schools to

be a better match than their resident schools for various reasons including: the supportive climate of learning, class size, research grounded instructional practice, or simply a second chance with a broken past experience in their resident school."

Sometimes a student simply needs a new and refreshed start, he added.

The School of Choice enrollment averages about 3 percent of the total student population.

"We draw from nearly all our contiguous districts," Szczotka said. Families often want a smaller district, "seeking the hometown spirit of Garden City."

"Families can expect to receive a fresh start, a renewed experience with academics and a supportive teaching staff devoted to student success," he said.

Garden City Schools is accepting applications for nonresident students for grades K-11 in limited number.

School of Choice applications must be submitted between July 8 and July 26. Students must be residents of Wayne County.

Applications are available on the school website, www.GardenCitySchools.com or call (734) 762-6342 for more information.

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Schoolcraft College plans \$18 million in improvements, university partnership

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will spend \$18 million on improvements over the next 18 months, including renovating a building it purchased earlier this year that may be used to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a partnership with a university.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said Thursday it was too early to say which university it may be, but the college is hoping to partner with one whose programs are in harmony with Schoolcraft's. He gave health professions as an example.

He said students may one day be able to complete an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree without leaving Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

"I think Schoolcraft has been an asset and what you will have is an improved Schoolcraft," he said of the upcoming changes.

The Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds in a 7-0 vote Wednesday. The bonds will be repaid over the next 15 years without the need to go to voters for a tax increase, Jeffress said.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest grades, an Aa1 rating.

Moody's recently released a statement that said Schoolcraft received the rating because of "solid financial management



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The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million.

that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues." The company also mentioned the "very modest debt burden" the college currently holds.

The 110,000-square-foot building, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was formerly occupied by American Community Mutual Insurance. Schoolcraft purchased it for \$3.4 million, Jeffress said. The money for buying the building is not part of the \$18 million in bonds that will be issued, he said.

The college will likely spend at least another \$3.4 million renovating it for classrooms and offices. Offices for the continuing education department, business office, president's office and business development center are expected to move there, Jeffress said.

But the biggest portion of the \$18 million will be spent overhauling the college's mainframe computer, Jeffress said.

Other projects on the list include tearing down the existing continuing education building and putting a parking lot in its place and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Jeffress said the improvements that will be generated from the \$18 million investment will be far-reaching. "We are committed to educating our public, but we also have an obligation to help stimulate economic development in the region, and that is exactly what we plan to do," he said.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West applauded Jeffress and his team at Schoolcraft for the planned

investment, saying it will give our area's students and business community the tools needed to adjust to an ever-changing marketplace.

"For more than 50 years, Schoolcraft College has been a proactive educational institution and it continues to emerge as a key economic development resource for western Wayne County and all of the metro Detroit," he said. "Many of the skills needed to fill anticipated jobs over the next five to 10 years can be cultivated at Schoolcraft College."

Schoolcraft offers classes at its main campus and at its Public Safety Training Complex. It also operates the Radcliff Center in Garden City and offers online courses at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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Goci questions Wayne-Westland professional service contracts

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Two John Glenn High School students have been honored by the The Kroger Co. of Michigan for their involvement in the "I Can Make History."

Sandra McCrea and Riley McCrea were among 91 students selected as winners in the contest. More than \$67,000 in scholarships, laptop computers and family field trips during the contest's annual awards luncheon held April 13.

This marked the sixth year for Kroger's annual Black History Month competition, with 1,320 students in the fourth-12th grades who submitted work in one of four categories: art, essay, music and poetry.

Professionals in each category evaluated entries and selected the winners. Entries addressed one of two themes: How are you and/or your community making history and What does Black History Month mean to me.

"The judges remarked this year's entries demonstrated a unique level of creativity and talent," said Rick Going, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "We are grateful for each of the judges' dedication and commitment, and for the time and effort each student invested to enter this competition."

James Kurdziel of Garden City earned a master of science degree in finance during summer 2012 commencement ceremonies on Sept. 12.

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Members of the Wayne-Westland school board have agreed to disagree on whether professional service contracts should be put out for bid.

Board Secretary John Goci raised the issue, based on a information included in the board's packet for its April meeting, about the fees paid to McCarthy Smith and TMP, the district's construction manager and architectural firm respectively. Goci had requested the information and it was shared with the entire school board.

As a construction manager, McCarthy Smith is paid a fee — a percentage of the cost — to oversee construction projects for the district as opposed to a general contractor who does the actual construction.

"I am now aware that I was lied to in 2012 by a representative from McCarthy Smith as to what their fees were," said Goci. "I asked Dr. (Greg) Baracy and he was unsure, and he deferred to the representative of McCarthy Smith. He said it was 1.8-2.4 percent when in reality it was 4 percent."

"I'm deeply disturbed that I was lied to and no one from the administration corrected," he said. Goci maintains that any charge over \$23,000 should be put out to bid, pointing to the fact that the contract for the architect "was never brought up for a vote by the board."

Board decision
"There's a lot of things I'm concerned that we

need to review," he said. "Does this comply with the bid process? If it goes over \$23,000, it should be open to bidding. We need to see if that was illegal."

Deputy Superintendent James Larsen-Shidler pointed out to Goci that at the time the fee for McCarthy Smith was 2.8 percent, but he wasn't sure if the firm's representative "would know that. He's not the owner."

Goci countered that "he should have known it, if he was going to testify before a public body." He also questioned a \$5.7 million fee paid to TMP, saying that it was awarded without a bid.

School Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out to Goci that that money was related to the \$108 million bond passed by voters in 1998. At that time, the district did bid out the contract to pick "the best people to fit with the district." It was the bond committee that recommended that the district go with those two firms, he said.

In a May 29, 2012, letter to Baracy, Dana Abrahams of Clark Hill, the district's legal counsel, stated that the school district can "procure services without bidding," so long as they are not for labor and materials of construction projects which are required to be competitively bid

for the construction of a school building." Abrahams added that it was the opinion of the firm that the bidding requirements included in the Revised School Code "do not include obtaining competitive bids for professional services, such as architect, construction manager (where the construction manager is not the constructor) or a technology designee."

Saying that he had read all of the information provided in the board packet, Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin told Goci that the contracts don't have to bid out "as long as the individual is supervising construction."

Griffin served on the 1998 bond committee and help select McCarthy Smith and TMP to serve as consultants.

"I don't see anything here to change my mind," said Griffin. "I haven't seen one thing the district has done wrong. Unless you can show it's illegal, that professionally or money wise, they're not spending the money wisely or prudently, I'm going to stay with them."

"I want to make sure the company is competent, I want to know that what is taking place is legal and proper," he added. "Clark Hill said we are doing it proper-

ly and that we don't have to bid it out. We've never had the auditor say we've done anything inappropriately."

'Best interests'

Trustee Sally Madison expressed concern that McCarthy Smith had "not put its best foot forward in making adjustments to its fees until a resident brought it up."

"It's in our best interest to get competitive bids to get the best price for the district," she said. "Regardless of what the law says, I'm concerned with private contracts where there are quite large fees. We should be doing our due diligence. This isn't about McCarthy Smith or TMP, this is about finances."

Trustee Frederick Weaver and Vice President Thomas Buckalew, however, sided with Griffin. Weaver expressed concern that it was "one or two board members who had an issue" with the contracts.

"I'm concerned that two board members launched into this discussion, it's been brewing in the background for several months," said Weaver. "This is not the board, this two board members."

"I agree with Griffin," said Buckalew. "Clark Hill is the district's attorney, when they give an

opinion that it's OK, that's significant. I have to buy in that it is right and within the bounds to take on McCarthy Smith without a bid."

Goci told his trustees that the board needs a policy that addresses such contracts, which drew a response from Larsen Shidler that "the board policy complies with Michigan Law. Purchased services need not be bid out. You have an opinion from Clark Hill on that."

Responding to what he called an "aura of wrongdoing," Baracy assured the board that "nothing of and illegal nature" has taken place.

"All of our construction projects are bid out and those bids are opened at a public meeting," said Baracy. "There are no illegal activities, we are doing everything according to the law."

In the end, Board President Carol Middel indicated that the district should look at going back and renegotiating the fees.

"It's no different that the car companies negotiating with their employees," she said. "We should give them the opportunity to come to the table and negotiate a better deal."

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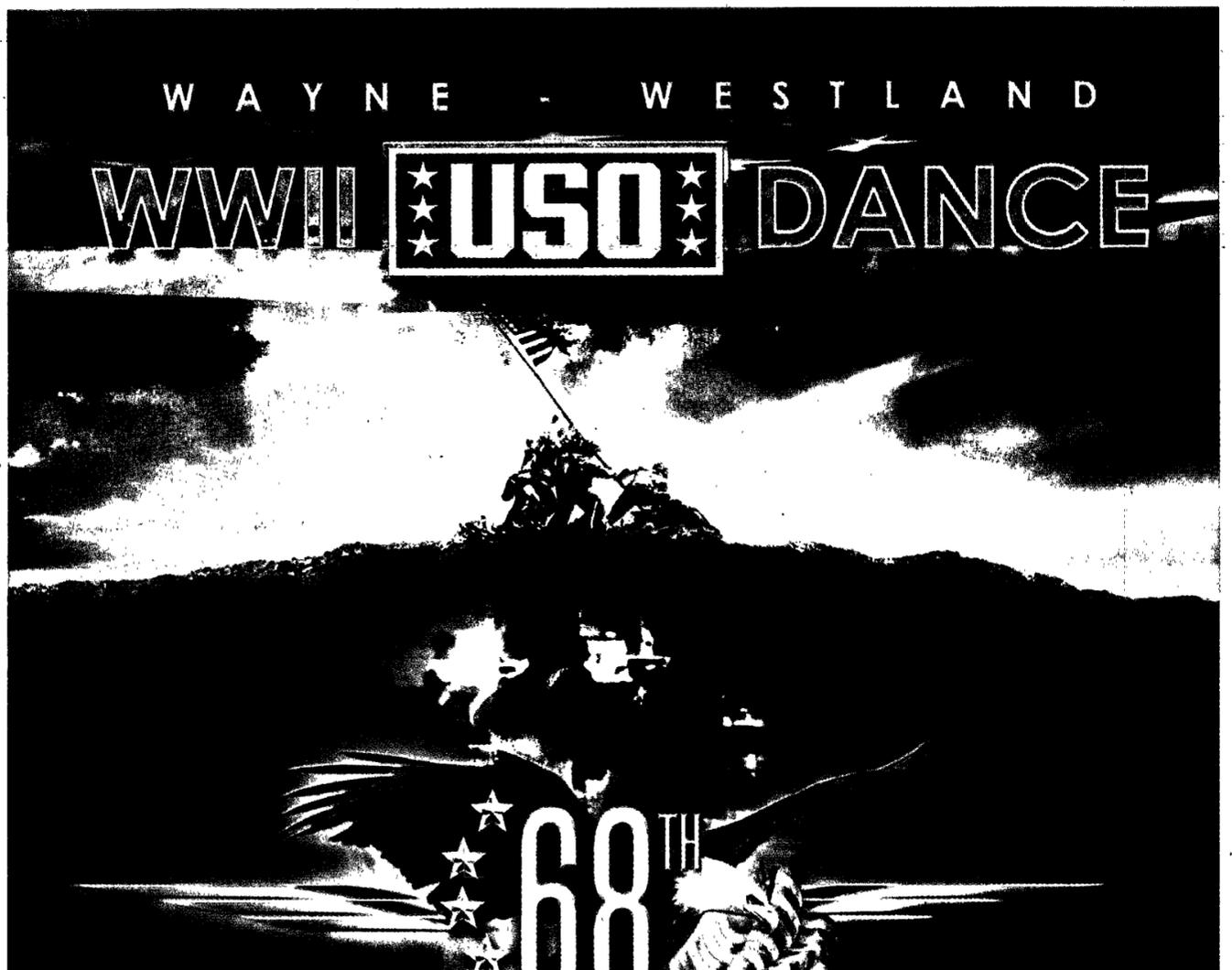
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Westland Democratic Club is holding its eighth annual Chili Cook-off Tuesday, April 30, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, at Venoy between Palmer and Glenwood.

Cooks report at 5:30 p.m., tasters at 6 p.m. Taste and Vote costs \$5, extra votes available at 10 for \$5 and 30 for \$10. Buy Extra Votes: 10/\$5, 30/\$10. Enter a chili for \$5. Beverages and Desserts Included and there will be a 50/50 Drawing

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Job search seminar

Harvest Bible Church of Westland is hosting a free Job Search Seminar 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18.

The seminar is designed to help unemployed men and women learn how to do a successful job search. A training specialist from Michigan Works and a corporate recruiter will be on hand to teach you everything you need to know on how to find employment in the current job market.

Harvest Bible Church is located at 6420 N Newburgh. Register online at harvestdetroitwest.org/calendar or call (734) 895.3280.

Casino trip

The Wayne Rotary Club is hosting a Motor City Casino trip Saturday, June 15. The cost is \$30 per person, including round-trip transportation by motor coach and \$30 in slot play.

The bus departs the Wayne Activity Center (formerly the Senior Center on Sims Street) at 3 p.m. and will drop guests at the door. The bus leaves the Motor City Casino at 9 p.m. Participants must

be 21 years old with identification to participate in the trip.

For more information, call Trish at (734) 890-6934.

Wrestling

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will present Collision, a free of charge all-ages event at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Filed on location and edited for television, the event will feature an all-star lineup of wrestlers, including the U.S. champion "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, The Bradford Dynasty, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson and Jay Abrahms. There will be 10 matches to discover who will be the next to hold the U.S. championship title.

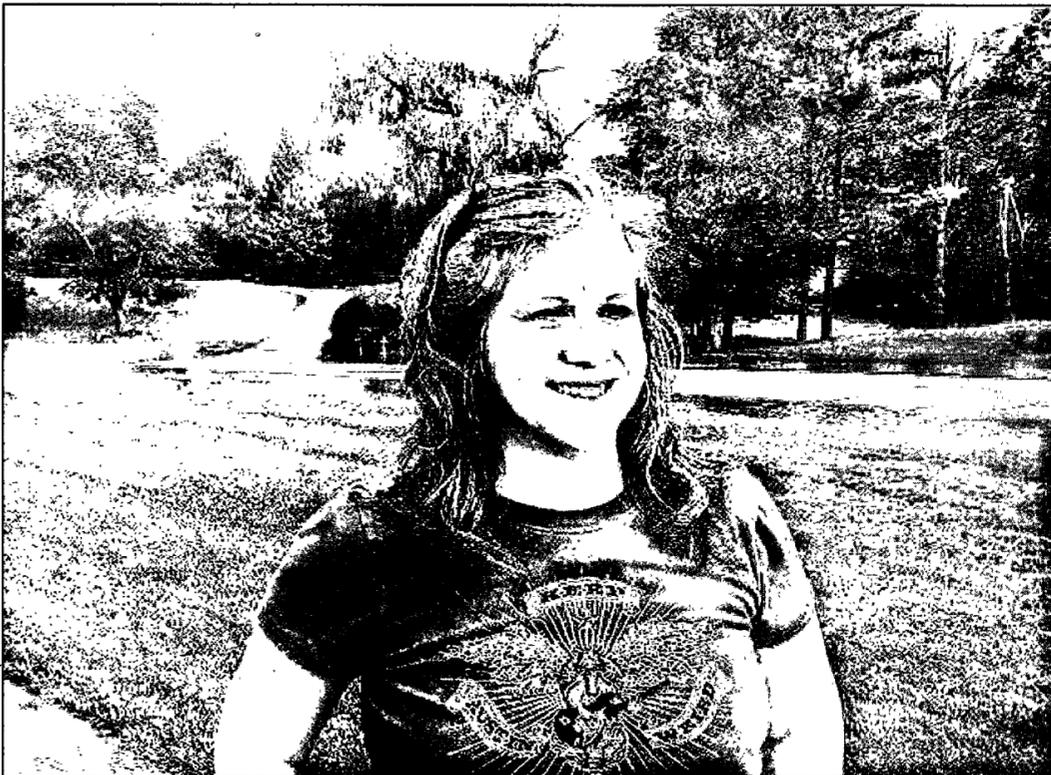
The Devil Elvis Band will perform live, and there will be concessions, including hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, pop and beer.

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance is a local sports entertainment group. For more information, visit its website at www.mypwaweb.com. contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

Plant exchange

The Westland Garden Club will hold a Spring Plant Exchange 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call Jo at (734) 522-3918 or Janet at (734) 728-4008.

Two master gardeners will be on hand during the exchange. If you don't have plants to exchange, you can still attend - there are always extra plants available.



Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills will be among 26 yoga teachers at the Spring Yoga Day. She began practicing yoga in 1993 and has been teaching since 1996.

YAGD holds annual Spring Yoga Day

The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit will present its 30th annual Spring Yoga Day Saturday, May 4, at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

The Mercy Center is on the north side of Eleven Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Teachers from the Detroit Metro area have volunteered their time and talents to present 16 different classes throughout the day at this annual event. The teachers do the event every year to increase awareness of the benefits of yoga.

The 16 different teachers include YAGD president Lynda Herman of Garden City and Katherine Schaefer of Farmington Hills.

The proceeds go toward

the continuing education of YAGD members. Members have at their disposal an ongoing anatomy study group, essential to the practice of yoga. This event, and two other yoga days, also help to offset the cost of an annual fall retreat.

"The Yoga Association of Greater Detroit is the longest established group of its kind anywhere in the United States," Herman said. "We hold this event every year, and, while it is a lot of work, it is a lot of fun and very rewarding to hear the students give us their feedback at the end of the day."

"YAGD is a non-profit group and the three yoga days help us to fund the day-to-day expenses that

we incur. We go on an annual fall retreat held on Lake Huron and these events help to subsidize our trip," she said.

People can register for Yoga Day by calling Herman at (313) 204-1509. They also can register at the door on the morning of the event.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief introduction of teachers and an orientation at 9:15 a.m. The first session begins at 9:45 a.m., and classes run until 5 p.m. Download the day's schedule and more details at the YAGD website at www.yagd.org.

The cost for the whole day is \$64, half-day sessions are \$36. Lunch must be pre-ordered or participants can bring a lunch.

Maps of area restaurants will be provided.

Another event is set for Saturday, Aug. 24. The second annual Summer Yoga Day, called "Peace, Love And Yoga, Too," will be held at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road and Five Mile. YAGD and the Livonia-based, non-profit Citizens for Peace will sponsor the day jointly.

Yoga for Every Body, Flowing Yoga to Sacred Music, Laughing Yoga, Meditation and Mandalas Coloring are among the sessions planned for August. Funds raised go to education and non-violent communication, Herman said.

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Dems offer amendments for drug test bill

Democratic members of the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee have offered a series of 10 amendments to HB 4118 which would create a one-year pilot program for suspicion-based drug testing of applicants and recipients of benefits under the Family Independence Program.

The amendments were an effort to resolve a number of shortcomings with the legislative proposal, according to State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who proposed three of the amendments.

"While I am grateful that one of my amendments was adopted, I am disappointed that none of the other amendments



Kosowski

were given due consideration," Kosowski said. "The idea behind this bill is something I could support, but without the changes offered in committee, there are too many problems with the bill and it does not go far enough to protect our children from unintended consequences."

The adopted amendment offered by Kosowski altered the language of the bill to require the Department of Human Services to use an empirically validated substance abuse screening tool, rather

than creating their own.

"If suspicion-based drug testing is going to be administered, it is vital that the screening tool used to determine suspicion is a proven diagnostic tool developed by experts in the substance abuse treatment profession," Kosowski said. "Using a proprietary and untested questionnaire developed by the department tasked with implementing the program does not ensure that FIP applicants and recipients will be treated fairly."

In addition to the amendment which was adopted, Kosowski offered an amendment to protect the rights of those

tested under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) which protects the rights of individuals to medical record privacy.

"Everyone is entitled to the privacy of their personal medical records under HIPAA and any medical information derived as a result of this bill ought to be precluded from public disclosure," said Kosowski. "I hoped that my colleagues would agree that receiving temporary assistance in times of need should not require the disclosure of private medical information."

The final amendment offered by Kosowski would have required that all legislators received

drug testing, if those receiving certain kinds of public assistance are required to be tested in order for the bill to be enacted.

"Legislators receive a check from the state of Michigan. If we are going to drug test those receiving temporary benefits, then it would make sense to also test legislators elected to serve the public," Kosowski said. "Legislators should take the lead and be willing to prove that they are not substance abusers before we demand the same of our most vulnerable citizens looking for short term assistance."

The bill was approved

by the committee on a 6-3 party-line vote. Kosowski voting against.

"Despite adopting one amendment, the committee failed to address numerous concerns with the bill as drafted," he said. "There has been no evidence that this proposal will save the state money, if enacted, or that substance abuse occurs more frequently in FIP recipients than the general population."

"I wish that the committee had given more consideration to our amendments and had given greater thought to the effects this proposal would have on the children of disqualified recipients," he said.

Madonna University to hold 66th commencement

Some 1,200 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks during the 66th commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group will be 20 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Just over 800 students will receive a bachelor's or associate degree, with some 370 earning master's degrees.

In addition to the conferral of graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates, there will be two honorary doctoral degrees bestowed — one for Sister Mary Clarette Strzyzewski, president and CEO of Felician Services Inc. in Chicago, and the other to Rich-

ard Walawender, Miller Canfield principal in Detroit. A third honorary doctorate was awarded to architect Robert Svoboda



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at the University's 75th anniversary gala in October 2012.

The Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Christine Lees of Grosse Ile, a retired cytotechnologist who worked to identify cancer cells in patients and now devotes much of her time volunteering in

hospice care.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony will be Madonna University Provost and Vice

President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Rev. Ronald Des-

Rosiers, professor of religion and philosophy. Marlena Hampton, a graduating senior music major, will sing the national anthem. The mace bearer will be Rev. John Sajdak, chairperson and professor of the Religious Studies and Philosophy Department. All graduates and their

families are invited to attend the Graduation Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Bishop Michael J. Byrnes, Archdiocese of Detroit, will serve as the celebrant. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa will be held in the University Center Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

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'Titans' coach talks values, hard work

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When sophomore line-backer Logan Luttrell joined his teammates, other football players and coaches and a host of administrators and teachers to hear coach Herman Boone talk Friday, he figured the subject was going to be football.

After all, Boone is the iconic coach who helped integrate football at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., in the early 1970s, an accom-

plishment memorialized in the 2000 film *Remember the Titans*, starring Denzel Washington.

But Luttrell was wrong. Football barely came up — except for the moments before Boone's speech, when he was diagramming his favorite pass play for Canton football coach Tim Baechler — in Boone's 40-minute speech.

Instead, Boone talked about kids using their talents and making a difference in their world.

"I hope the kids take



Coach Herman Boone draws up his favorite pass play for Canton High School head coach Tim Baechler (right) and assistant Tony Boucher.

away, among many other things, that everyone who sits before the sound

of my voice is talented," Boone said moments before beginning his speech. "The world is waiting for that talent. Those who continue to be positive, who continue to be energetic, and who continue to believe ... that belief becomes your character."

Character and values were the centerpiece of Boone's speech, one he travels the country making these days. He stressed the value of commitment and work ethic, of belief in yourself and others and of helping others.

He drew a comparison between his T.C. Williams team and the teams at Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools, saying his players — black and white — came together "with one heartbeat," as P-CEP players come together from three different schools to work together.

Breaking the mold
About the 1971 Titans he said, "these guys broke the mold and by saying enough is enough" when "half the world was

separated by race."

"They said, 'We are going to celebrate our differences, and not make them a problem that has to be solved,'" Boone said. "You don't have to like each other, but you will trust each other. That trust becomes the emotional glue that binds you together the rest of your lives."

Boone, speaking without a script or notes, credited his wife of 51 years, Carol, and told a couple of jokes at the expense of his daughter, Plymouth-Canton Executive Director of Human Resources Monica Merritt, during his engaging, humorous presentation.

He extolled the virtues of values and hard work, telling the players nothing is going to be handed to them.

"Nobody is out there waiting for you to walk into their arms and give you something," Boone said. "You're going to have to work for it."

Make a difference

Boone urged the players to make a difference in their commu-

nity, talking about how his father used to tell him, "When you win a race, you go back to the barn and take care of the horse you won the race on." What his dad meant, Boone learned, was that everyone gets help in becoming a success, and that it's incumbent upon them to go back and give back.

"To make a difference requires perseverance, it requires dedication and it requires commitment," he told the players. "The world is waiting for those of you who don't mind taking the plunge for what you believe in."

"Somebody helped you — your parents, a coach, a teacher," he added. "Remember to go back and help those who aren't as fortunate."

Players came away impressed.

"It was a cool experience," said sophomore Jason Winslow, a receiver on the Plymouth High School team. "He made you really think about what your values are."

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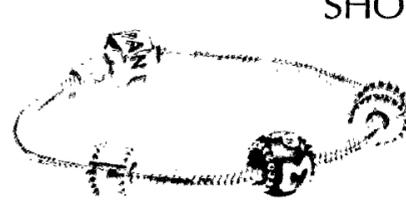
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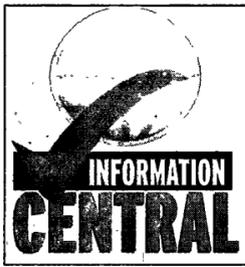
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The numerous downsides of drugs are well documented, well publicized, and well taught. From an early age, kids are instructed to stay away. It's a message that is drilled into all of us over and over. We are very much aware of the harmful potential of drugs.

Reasons for drug use are wide ranging and complex. An overly simplistic explanation is that people want immediate relief from pain and discomfort, physical and mental. We know the relief is short-lived and continued use leads to long-term negative consequences. But before we gained all this knowledge, a lot of people had to suffer.

Many drugs were thought of as magical cure-alls. In Howard Markel's *An Anatomy of Addiction: Sigmund Freud, William Halsted, and the Miracle Drug Cocaine*, the author describes how these two doctors experimented with cocaine. At first, they used it to treat depression, cure indiges-



tion, weaken aches, even as an anesthetic. It didn't take long before both men became addicted and tragically damaged themselves physically and emotionally.

Thomas Dormandy's *Opium: Reality's Dark Dream* explains the complex duality of opiates.

Today, opiates like morphine are used in controlled medical settings for relieving pain. Then there are other opiates like heroin that is extremely addictive and abused. The history of opium spans many centuries and many civilizations. From motivating the Chinese Opium Wars to the rise of global criminal networks, opium won't just fade away.

Methamphetamines are another drug with a twisted history. Like cocaine and opium, meth started out being used for medicinal purposes. Common uses were to remedy colds, asthma, epilepsy, depression, hyperactivity, obesity and even to treat addictions to other drugs and alcohol. By the 1960s, meth exploded when people figured out how to manufacture the drug in their kitchens. Murders, thefts, assaults, have been traced to wider meth use.

Frank Owen's *No Speed Limit: The Highs and Lows of Meth* shows how this drug has gotten its hooks into all classes and all subcultures.

We are open seven days a week until Memorial Day so stop by anytime to see what we have on our shelves. You can also check our online catalog at westlandlibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for further information.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Teen Advisory Board: 6:30 p.m. April 29, Ages 12-18

Are you passionate about the library? Join our Teen Advisory Board, which meets on the last Monday of the month. We'll talk about teen programs, books, and book displays in the Teen Area. Pizza is served at every meeting.

Noontime Book Club: April 30

In *Salvage the Bones*, author Jesmyn Ward tells the story of family members stricken by poverty who must prepare for a massive hurricane to hit their Gulf Coast community. Esch, a pregnant teenager, her brothers Skeetah, Randall and Junior work to protect what very little they have, while their alcoholic father frets about the coming storm but does nothing to prepare other than drink. Soon, their coastal town will be ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Will this poor family help each other survive? Limited number of copies will be avail-

able at the Reference Desk. New participants are always welcome.

Here. There. Everywhere. (exhibit): 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 1

Throughout the month of May, the Westland Public Library is proud to present this collaborative banner exhibit from NASA and the Chandra X-Ray Center. In the Here. There. Everywhere. collection, NASA and Chandra show how our knowledge of the familiar processes can be applied to help us understand similar behavior on grander scales, and in very different environments. Learn more about the great programs the library has surrounding this exhibit on our Adult and Youth Events pages. If you have a class or large group that would like to view the exhibit together, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

Starfish Little Learners: 10-11:30 a.m. May 2, 0-5 years

This free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, will be meeting once a month at the Westland library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. No registration required.

Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. May 3

Friday Night Movies continue with Tonight's movie is *Robot and Frank*. "Set in the near

future, an ex-jewel thief receives a gift from his son: a robot butler programmed to look after him. But soon the two companions try their luck as a heist team." Snacks and refreshments served. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. No sign-up required. Rated PG13.

Free Comic Book Day: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4, Teen Area, Ages 12-18

Free Comic Book Day is a single day - the first Saturday in May each year - when participating comic book shops and their partners give away comic books absolutely free. Come by the library today and pick up a free comic book to keep. Thank you to A to Z Comics for supplying us with free comic books to distribute.

Hands-on Astronomy: 1-2:30 p.m. May 4, Ages 8 and up, the kickoff event for Here, There, and Everywhere May Science Exhibit

Have you ever wanted to use a real telescope? Would you like to know how to find constellations? Students are invited to participate in this unique hands-on program, presented by the University of Michigan Lowbrow Astronomers. You will learn what astronomers do, how to use a telescope and how to use a star chart to view the night sky. Astronomers will be bringing a variety of telescopes and guiding

students in their use.

Tween Craft Night: Paper Mache Masks, Part Two: 6:30 p.m. May 6, fifth-eighth-grade

During part two of this two-part program, we will be painting and decorating the masks we created at our first paper mache craft night. If you couldn't make it to part one, don't worry, we will have pre-made masks for you to decorate Call the Youth Desk at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

Job Seekers Lab: All labs are cancelled this week due to staff training. We will resume our hours next week.

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

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

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2783-O. Bezemek-905 S. Schuman

Req. for a 78' separation variance from Ord. 248 to relocate the existing detached garage from the side of the home 34' into the front yd.; whereas Sec. 7:4.3(c) states that a detached accessory structure must be a minimum of 10; from the principal structure.

Petition #2784-Sparks Auto Center-34043 Ford Rd.

Req. for a 12' sign setback variance from Ord. 248 to install a new free-standing sign at the site that would be located 3' from the front lot line; whereas Sec. 15:6.3(b)(2) requires a minimum setback of 15'.

Petition #2785-Arbor Town Square-29101 Ann Arbor Trail

Req. for two side yd. setback variances from Ord. 248 in order to split the existing parcel into 2 parcels resulting in Parcel A being located at the west side lot line and Parcel B being located at the east side lot line; whereas Sec. 9:45(a) requires a minimum side yd. setback of 10' in the CB-1 district.

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U-M, MSU ADs bring friendly rivalry to big chamber event

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

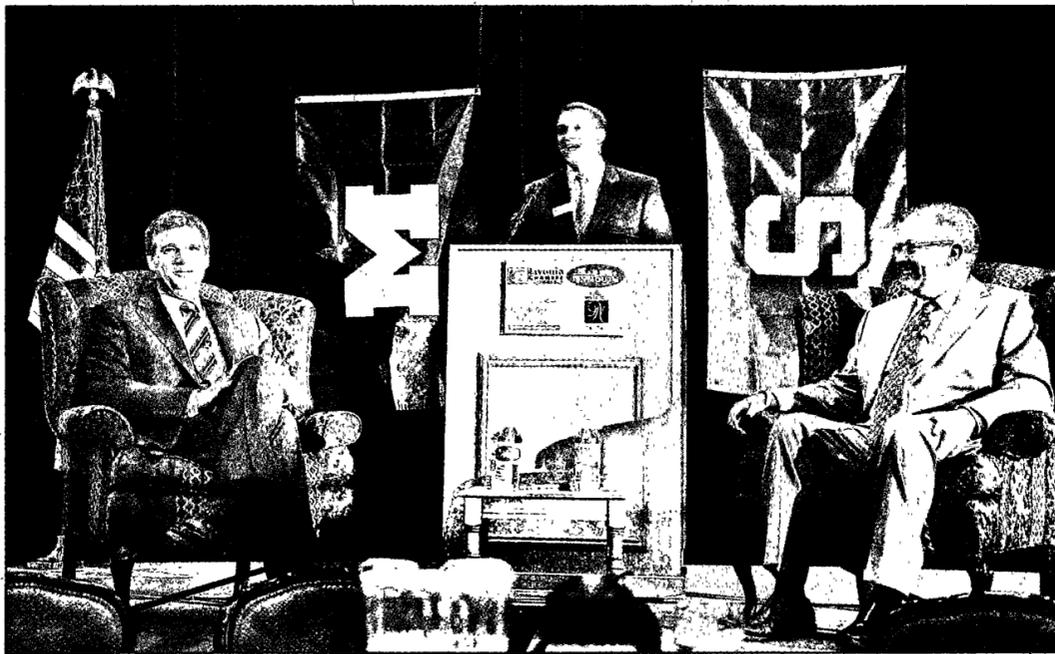
Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis know a thing or two about the word rivalry. They've been locked in a pretty intense one with each other ever since Brandon took over as athletic director at the University of Michigan in 2010. Hollis, who has been athletic director at Michigan State University since 2008, knows how important it is that his Spartans do well against Brandon's Wolverines — and vice versa.

Despite that rivalry, Brandon and Hollis have developed a friendship, born of mutual respect and the common experience of running big-time athletic departments in the highly competitive Big Ten Conference. That friendship was on full display Friday afternoon at the Laurel Manor in Livonia when the two headlined a luncheon put together by the chambers of commerce from Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Westland.

With more than 400 people in attendance, the two athletic directors traded barbs, discussed their philosophies about running big-time athletic departments and developing student athletes, and also the pressures they feel from alumni to produce winning teams.

After both men made brief remarks, there was an entertaining question and answer period, as they fielded questions from those in attendance.

In one of the more humorous moments, Brandon shot down a rumor that he was considering a run for Carl Levin's U.S. Senate seat.



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Livonia Chamber President Dan West fires questions for Athletic Directors Dave Brandon and Mark Hollis.

He said he was more worried about beating Michigan State.

"You'd have a better chance of running for U.S. Senate," Hollis shot back in jest.

Brandon, who is Michigan's 11th athletic director, talked about all the recent success of the various programs, most notably the basketball team's recent Final Four run that ended in a loss in the NCAA championship game. But he also mentioned the women's volleyball final four run, and national championships by the men's swimming/diving, men's gymnastics and cheerleading teams. At the same time, he stressed the academic achievements of the school's student athletes.

"It's been our best academic year," he said.

All of the recent success has led to double-digit increases in ticket sales, which he said are very important to the department's \$130 million annual budget. The football program produces 75 percent of the revenue, with men's basketball producing a small profit, and the men's hockey team breaking even. The rest of the 28 sports programs lose money, he said.

Hollis, who is the 18th athletic director in MSU history, said his budget is only \$80 million. He talked about the difficulties of operating winning programs, while at the same time trying to keep the focus on turning out future community leaders.

"We are creating opportunities for hundreds

of student athletes, and teaching them how to be leaders. That is very important to us," Hollis said.

While they agreed on much, Hollis and Brandon seemed to have opposite views when asked their opinions on the new playoff format for Division 1 football. Hollis said he was in favor of a playoff system, saying the four-team format was "a move in the right direction." Brandon said he was supporting the new format, but wasn't necessarily in favor of it. He called himself a "reluctant participant."

"I don't know where this process ends," he said. "I worry about these young guys having to play 15 games. I know the last couple years at the end of our bowl games,

the plane ride home looked like a Medivac."

Despite their rivalry, both men said they had mutual respect for one another and understand the pressures they both endure.

"We both want to beat the crap out of each other on certain days, but we are also both in a stewardship role trying to make our schools better, our conference better and our state better," Hollis said.

There were many U-M and MSU alums in attendance, and they were encouraged by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, to voice their loyalties by shouting "Go Blue" or "Go Green."

Traci Sincock of the

Northville Chamber of Commerce was definitely on the "Go Green" side. Still, she said Brandon made a favorable impression.

"I liked Brandon more than I thought I would. He was pretty funny," said the MSU grad.

Not everyone in the audience was a MSU or U-M fan. Some, like Plymouth's Fred Hill, were a bit indifferent to the whole Spartan-Wolverine rivalry thing. Hill's loyalties are with his alma mater, Ohio State University, a noted foe of both schools. Despite that Hill said he really enjoyed the event, especially the good-natured banter between Brandon and Hollis.

"They were very funny, especially the way they were picking on each other. That's what everyone wanted to hear," he said.

Livonia Chamber President Dan West said the event was a big success, and attributed it not only to the fact that the two athletic directors are a big draw, but also because the various chambers were able to partner together. He can definitely see similar partnerships in the future.

"We're really happy with the turnout. It's good to be able put multiple chambers together, because you are then able to attract big speakers like this," West said. "It's also good for the various chamber members because of the new networking opportunities. It offers the chance to bring in some new faces, and meet some new people."

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Upcoming Events

MOM 2 MOM SALE
Time/Date: noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 27, 2013
Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, inside St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, just south of Cherry Hill, Westland

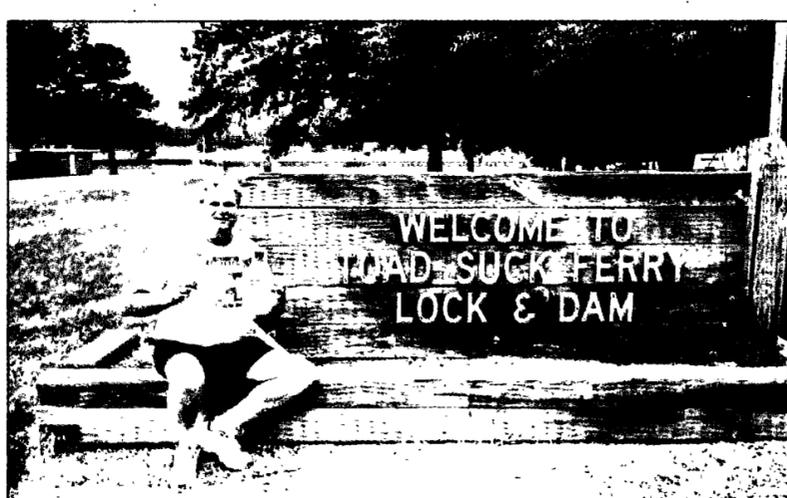
Details: Approximately 40 tables, with a big item area. There will be concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1 per person and strollers are allowed.
Contact: A contract, if available, for anyone that wants to rent a eight-foot table for \$20 at www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom or they can email Rebecca Lay at beccanew1027@yahoo.com with any questions.

SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

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

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.



Wish You Were Here

Doc Schwarz of Westland spends time in Conway, Arkansas, visiting a buddy, and decided to take along his Observer on a recent visit, striking a pose at the Toad Suck Ferry, Lock and Dam. Toad Suck is known for Toad Suck Daze, a three-day festival of food, family and fun held on the streets of downtown Conway. The festival also is also home to the world championship toad races. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

OPEN HOUSE
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 11

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, inside St. John's Episcopal Church (not affiliated), 555 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Is your child ready for kindergarten? We offer two-, three- and four-year-old classes with affordable tuition and parent involvement. Register for fall classes at the open house and meet our wonderful teacher with more than 25 years of experience.

Contact Info: Contact Stephanie Stadler at (734) 729-7222 or daydreamz036@aol.com to schedule a personal visit, if you are unable to attend our open house or if you have questions.

WIDOWED MEN
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends,

a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: For more information, call Dick at (313) 534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet is available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

Education

WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: (734) 326-0078

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Location: 29891 Joy, Westland

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

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YWCA PRESCHOOL

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ty. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10

OPEN ENROLLMENT

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Contact: For more information, call the school office at (734) 721-1240.

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. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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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. Funded by 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 - 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. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

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

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

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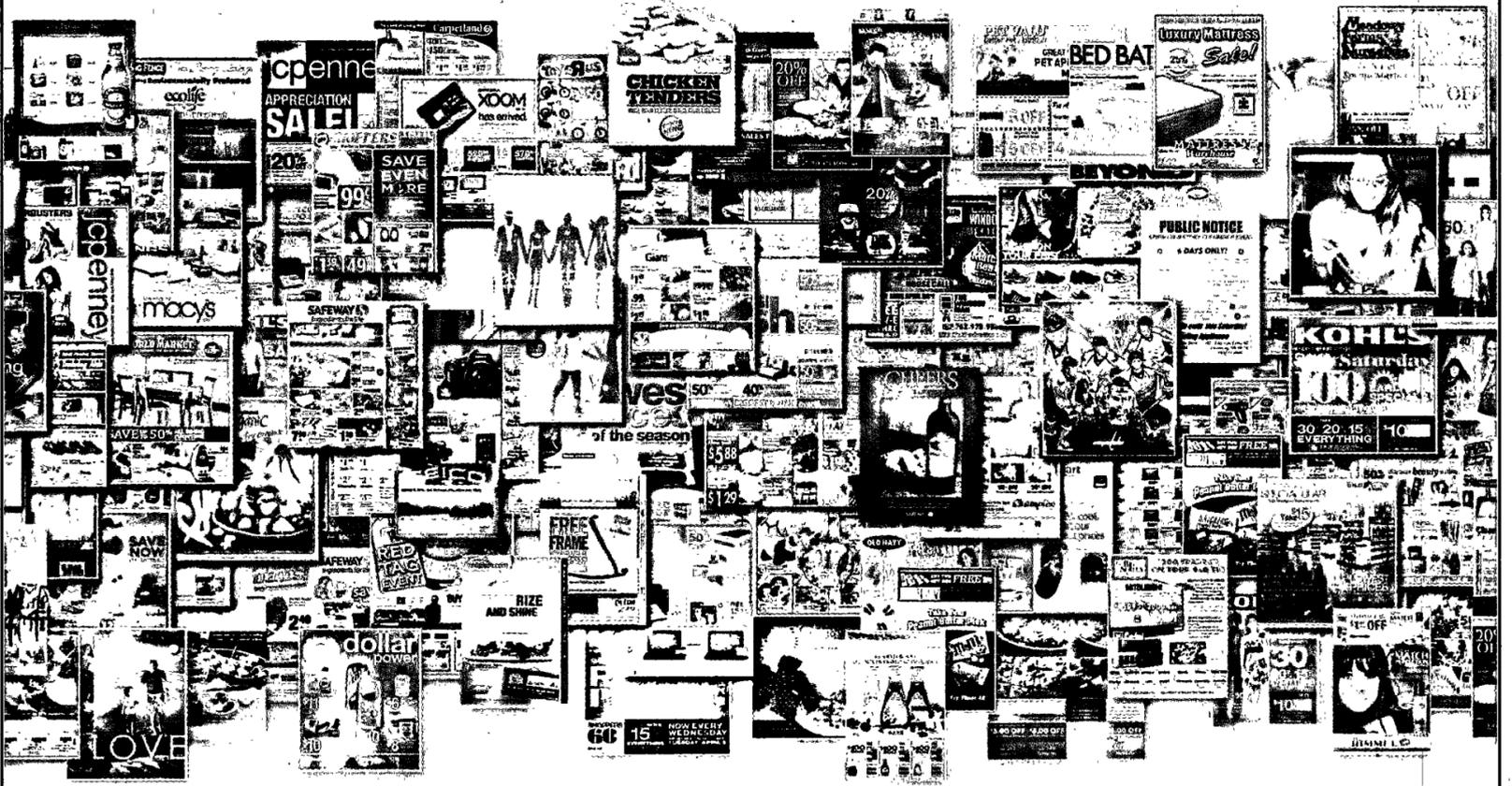
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The Madonna students volunteered during spring break to clean up areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Madonna students spend spring break serving others in Mississippi

For 16 Madonna University students, a visit to Mississippi during spring break was about paying-it-forward.

"I wanted to give back to communities that were struggling and needed my help. So many have helped me to get where I am now ... that motivated me to take the trip," said Brandon Anderson, a criminal justice major from Detroit.

Anderson and the other students who went south attend Madonna University through scholarships from Real Life 101, which helps young African American men from the inner city pay for and

succeed in college. They also are members of Madonna's Bridging Lost Gaps program, an extension of the mentoring and support that was initially provided by Real Life 101.

The students volunteered in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Eight years after the disaster, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done for the communities ravaged by the storm.

"The goal was to provide service to a community in need, while also motivating our students to complete their four-year degree here at Madonna," said Bryant

George, an admissions officer at Madonna University and founder of the BLG program.

"The Mississippi spring break trip was very humbling. The people in Mississippi that we interviewed lost everything, and the experience from that just showed how every little thing counts, and that we should enjoy life to the fullest because you never know when it is your time to go," Anderson said.

"It also shows that the [Detroit] neighborhood where I grew up isn't the only place where people are struggling," Anderson added.

The students provided a total of 256 volunteer hours to the Bethesda Free Medical Clinic, the Gulf Coast Christian Ministry, and to local residents in Ocean Springs, and Biloxi. Students conducted landscaping projects, bagged up and passed out food to those in need, and organized donated clothes for the homeless.

SEMCOG reports on the public's view of infrastructure

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has released the results of an extensive regional survey conducted to understand what the public thinks about southeast Michigan's infrastructure network — roads, bridges, transit systems, rail, airports, water systems, sewer systems, ports, and recreational trails and pathways.

Overall, the vast majority of residents feel that the region's infrastructure condition is deteriorating, while perceptions of water and sewer systems are strong, with the majority of residents rating their condition as good/excellent. One exception is the City of Detroit, where fewer than half of residents rate these systems as good/excellent.

Water and sewer conditions also are expected to stay the same or get better, according to the survey.

The survey also shows that:

- The outlook for the transportation system is much more pessimistic. Roads are only rated good/excellent by 25 percent of residents, and most people predict road conditions will stay the same or get even worse in the future.

- By a ratio of 2:1, residents rate the current transit system as fair/poor vs. excellent/good, and nearly half expect the transit system condition to stay the same.

- While most residents believe they understand how infrastructure is funded, about

25 percent of residents answered "not sure" or "don't know" for all specific funding questions.

Furthermore, one third to one half of respondents gave incorrect answers to specific funding questions. Of particular note, 51 percent mistakenly believe that most road funding comes from local property taxes.

Few believe the current level of funding is adequate (29 percent).

- Nearly half believe the current ways of funding infrastructure won't work in the future (49 percent),

- 70 percent indicate more funding is needed. But, 73 percent also say the amount of funding is not the problem; it's how efficiently we're using it.

- Slightly more people (51 percent) would rather pay for roads based on the number of miles they drive rather than the current method based on the amount of fuel they use.

The survey reveals that the public is willing to take some personal actions to reduce costs rather than pay more for services. The most popular options are:

- Occasionally working from home (81 percent),

- Refraining from using the dishwasher and washing machine during peak hours (81 percent),

- Using a less congested route (80 percent),

- Reducing the amount of water used each day (78 percent).

- Traveling earlier/later to avoid the rush hour (76 percent).

The survey also reveals the public's willingness to engage in action when presented with either/or choices:

- Most would rather live with current levels of traffic congestion (63 percent) than pay more to reduce traffic congestion (37 percent).

- Most would rather carpool to work (55 percent) than pay more to fund road improvements that reduce traffic congestion (45 percent).

The vast majority of residents (80 percent) also believe "we must reinvest in the region's infrastructure so we can prosper economically." Residents agreed that to prosper economically requires reinvestment in infrastructure and they understand that this will save money in the long run.

Residents also have strong opinions about the road system, with most strongly agreeing that "better roads will extend the life of a vehicle" and that "the condition of our road system directly impacts each one of us."

SEMCOG will use the results of the survey to complement a myriad of planning activities, most notably development of the 2040 regional transportation plan and to inform its policies and actions.

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'9' magic number for Churchill girls

Seniors lead way to crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Churchill's "Band of Nine" seniors have certainly made quite an imprint when it comes to girls track and field.

The Chargers, winning 12 of 17 events, continued their dominance Thursday by capturing their ninth consecutive Public Schools of Livonia Invitational championship with a team-high 123.5 points.

Host Franklin placed runner-up with 53, while Stevenson and Clarenceville tallied 48 and 31.5 to finish third and fourth, respectively.

"They've carried us for four years," Churchill coach Pat Daugherty said. "We have nine seniors who are going to get their four-year varsity letters this year. It shows obviously performance, but also shows their leadership as far as their expectations for the younger kids. To win this meet four years in a row is a really big deal for them. It just shows they're committed to this."

Seniors Molly Jarvis and Sydney Anderson each figured in four first-place finishes for the Chargers.

Jarvis swept the 100-

and 300-meter hurdles events in 17.24 and 48.19, respectively, while Anderson captured the 400 (1:00.63).

Anderson and Jarvis also contributed winning legs on the 4 x 200 (1:47.5) and 4 x 400 (4:16.3) relay events. Anderson also was a member of winning 4 x 800 relay (10:09.0).

"No coincidence they've been our MVPs the last two years and do lead us in a meet like this," Daugherty said.

Other seniors earning individual firsts for Churchill included Emily Norscia, discus (125 feet, 8 inches); Ashley Cochran, high jump (5-2); Michelle Azar, 1,600 (5:27.0); and Vivien Okochukwu, 3,200 (12:09.0).

Senior Kerigan Riley added a second in the 1,600 (5:28.0) and a third in the 3,200 (12:35.0), while junior Julia Szuba contributed first-place legs in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

And yet another senior, Demi Crossman, headed to Minnesota-Duluth on a hockey scholarship, added a fifth in the shot put (30-0).

"We have nine girls who committed to this for four years and you don't

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Churchill's Molly Jarvis was the individual winner in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

Zurek on U.S. pistol squad

Livonia Bentley High grad John Zurek, now a resident of Tucson, Ariz., has been selected to compete for Team USA in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup for Rifle and Pistol, May 5-12, in Fort Benning, Ga.

A total of 300 athletes, including 32 of America's top Olympic-style shooters, representing 41 nations are expected to compete.

Zurek will vie in the 10-meter air and 50-meter free pistol events.

Jaycee Park field meeting

The Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club will stage an informational meeting, open to the public, for those interested in building a new synthetic field turf at Livonia's Jaycee Park, beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday May 9 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI. 48152.

For more information, e-mail Lars Richters at larsrichters@aol.com.

Recruiting Realities

Former college coach Jack Renkens will make a 60-minute presentation on "The Realities of College Athletic Recruiting" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Churchill High's Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The clinic is free for both parents and student-athletes.

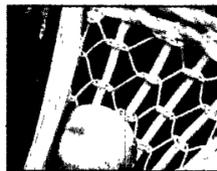
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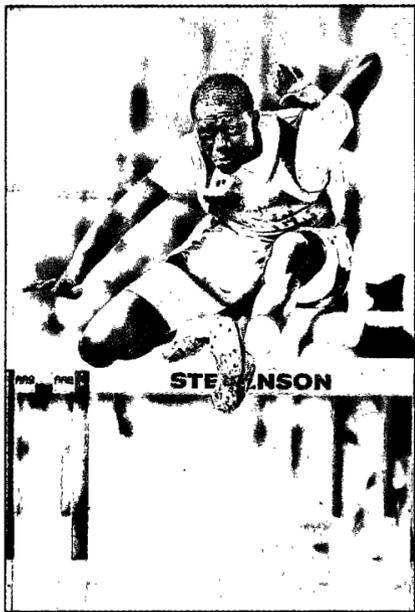
Junior Megan Leon led the way with four goals Wednesday lifting Livonia Ladywood to 13-9 Catholic League girls lacrosse victory over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Blazers, now 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the league, also got three goals from senior Jaclyn Snyder and two goals apiece from junior Jessica Snyder and Christina Riga.

Senior goalie Stephanie Mackley made 14 saves.



Clarenceville's Ma Sambou Jatta was a double-winner capturing the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in Thursday's Livonia City Meet.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Too much depth Stevenson boys 8-peat in City meet

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Stevenson followed an all-too familiar formula Thursday to earn its eighth-consecutive Livonia City boys track and field title.

The host Spartans took their share of firsts, but also piled up enough additional points and places en route to a meet-best 96 points.

Churchill was runner-up with 74 followed by Franklin and Clarenceville with 52 and 34, respectively.

"Going down through things we took six first places, but then everything else was taking a second, thirds, fourths and fifths," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw

said. "In that meet, that's what it comes down to quite often."

"We did real well in the field events. Our (shot put) throwers took first, second and third. We also took three places in the high jump and three in the discus, and took a couple in the pole vault. It got us a big lead there."

Spartan individual first-place finishers included Benjamin Tabor, shot put (42 feet, 9 inches); Terry Burford-Pendergast, high jump (5-11); Zaid Shaaref, 400-meter run (52.95); and Stephen Fenech, 3,200 (10:09.16).

Stevenson's 4 x 800 relay team of Jacob Colley, Ryan Paulus, Mike Sop-

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Madonna clinches WHAC baseball title

Make it 13 victories in a row for the Madonna University baseball squad.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders clinched the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title Friday by sweeping host Aquinas College at Kimble Stadium in Wyoming, 9-2 and 6-0, to improve to 30-7 overall.

It also upped MU's WHAC record to 17-1, five games ahead in the loss column of 16-6 Davenport going into a four-game weekend series to end the regular season at Lourdes (Ohio).

It was MU coach Greg Hae-

ger's eighth WHAC regular season in the past 10 years. The Crusaders have won five of the last six.

Senior right-hander Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) pitched six shut-out innings scattering six hits and a walk to go along with eight strikeouts in the nightcap.

Reliever Randall Stempel closed the game out in the seventh to complete the shutout.

Shane Dokey knocked in a pair of runs, while Jeff Beckles and Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) each added an RBI.

Allen Manyen went 3-for-3 and Nick Kissane 2-for-2 for the Saints, who slipped to 20-17 overall and 11-10 in the WHAC.

Starter Kaleb Orr (2-2) took the loss.

In the first game, Beckles went 3-for-5, while Dokey, Mike Tibbits and Justin Cook each contributed two hits and two RBI to lead Madonna.

Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) and Alex Charles also added two hits apiece as MU jumped out to a 3-0 lead after three innings and never looked back.

Winning pitcher Matthew Cook (7-1) scattered eight hits and a walk over seven innings. He struck out five before giving way to reliever Tyler Schofield, who pitched two scoreless innings.

Vince Misiewicz (4-4), who gave up six earned runs on 11 hits in six innings, took the loss as the Saints committed four errors.

Michael Penny, Kissane and Manyen each collected two hits for Aquinas.

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TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS CANTON 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4 April 23 at Canton
No. 1 singles: Madison Johnson (Canton) defeated Rylie Fallu, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 2:** Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Hannah Farree, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 3:** Treveni Arvikar (LC) def. Anna Scheppele, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Allison Hill (LC) def. Jasmine Henry, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Alexis Madau-Sasha Gill (Canton) def. Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Jennifer Grandour-Abby Wampler (Canton) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Julia Stevenson-Sarah Kalasky (Canton) def. Jessica Banini-Madison White, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6); **No. 4:** Lexi Fata-Maggie Trinka (LC) def. Caitlin Orr-Amy Dalton, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 5:** Nikki Catham-Angie Distelrath (Canton) def. Kelly Snyder-Kim McClain, 7-5, 6-4.
Dual match records: Canton, 2-1 overall; 2-1 KLAASouth Division; Churchill, 1-3 overall, 1-2 KLAASouth.
PLYMOUTH 5 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4 April 22 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Keerthi Chekuri (P) defeated Rilya Fallu, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Miriam Cerny (P) def. Mara Karageozian, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; **No. 3:** Treveni Arvikar (LC) def. Kirthy Duraiswamy, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Allison Hill, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Claire Rose-Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Sarah Gamble-Swetha Duraiswamy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; **No. 2:** Lauren Conley-Emma Mullenax (P) def. Sneha Patil-Erin Strayhorn, 7-5, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jessica Banini-Madison White (LC) def. Amber Tsen-Teach Harten, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kym Facto-Shannon Huff (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 5:** Dallas Rohraff-Kelly Snyder (LC) def. Amber Mardudis-Alyssa Lopez, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAASouth Division; Churchill, 1-2 overall, 1-1 KLAASouth.

Churchill cruises by Wayne, 8-0

Livonia Churchill made quick work Friday of KLAASouth Division girls soccer foe Wayne Memorial. The Chargers ended the game midway through the second half on a goal by Karly Munroe to beat the visiting Zebras, 8-0. Junior Kelsey Parrinello recorded a hat trick, while Kacie Murray and Lauren Wynns added two goals apiece as Churchill upped its overall record to 5-4-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the division. Goalkeepers Tzafaroglou (first half) and Christina Vakratsis (second half) combined on the shutouts. Wayne, which trailed 4-0 at halftime, slips to 1-4-1 overall and 0-3-1

in the KLAASouth. **GLENN 7, BELLEVILLE 1:** Junior Marissa Edwards scored twice and Evelyn Acerrano two goals and one assist to propel Westland John Glenn (5-2-2) to a non-conference win Friday over the host Tigers. Sophomore Sydney Climie contributed a goal and three assists, while Kendra Pennington chipped in with a goal for the Rockets, who led 5-1 at intermission. Goalkeeper Jenna Redden made six saves for Glenn. **CHURCHILL 6, GLENN 1:** Junior Kelsey Parrinello scored a hat trick and junior Kacie Murray chipped in with a pair of goals Thursday as host Livonia Churchill (4-4-1, 1-1-1) rolled to a KLAASouth Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-2-2, 0-2-1). Churchill, which led 4-1 at halftime, also got a goal from Rylie Fallu. Assists went to Lauren Wynns and Alivia Kondrath, both whom turned in solid efforts, according to coach Reid Friedrichs.

"They both played very well and I like overall the way we played," said the Churchill coach, who used two goalkeepers (Alexis Tzafaroglou and Christina Vakratsis). Glenn's lone goal came on a 40-yard free kick from Kendra Pennington. **FRANKLIN 4, WAYNE 0:** Freshman Riley Burnette tallied a pair of goals and added one assist Thursday to give Livonia Franklin (3-3-1, 1-1-1) a KLAASouth Division win at Wayne Memorial (1-3-1, 0-2-1). The Patriots, who led 3-0 at intermission, also got goals from freshmen Jessica Maurer and Rachel Dudek. Other assists went to Isabella Yardley and Shannon Murphy. Goalkeeper Andrea Schweitzer made four saves to post the shutout. **STEVENSON 0, S.L. EAST 0:** In a KLAASouth Central Division match Thursday, host South Lyon East (2-4-1, 0-3-1) and Livonia Stevenson (4-4-1, 0-2-1) battled to a scoreless draw.

One bad inning costs Franklin

Garden City tallied five of its six runs with two-out in the bottom of the second inning and was able to squeeze out a 6-5 non-league girls softball victory Friday over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The Cougars collected six of their eight hits during the surge to erase a 3-0 first-inning deficit. Rachel Bommarito's 3-run double lead the way.

Franklin junior Courtney Garbarino (2-1) struck out 13 and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Franklin (2-1) scored twice in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't come up short against winning pitcher Gabby Joseph, who allowed eight hits, walked one and struck out four.

Sophomores Sarah Cramton and Becky Giacobbi each collected two hits and scored a run, while senior Caitlin Milican contributed an RBI single for the Patriots.

Julene Pummill went 2-for-4 to lead the victorious Cougars (3-0).

TRUMAN 11, CIVILLE 1: Senior Lindsey Howell pitched a two-hitter, struck out six and walked only one Friday as host Taylor Truman rolled to the Western Wayne Athletic Conference victory in five innings over Livonia Clarenceville (2-3, 1-1).

Mikayla Smith, Mariah Hopkins and Alexa Bailey each collected two hits for the victorious Cougars, who jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and put it out of reach with eight runs in the third.

The Trojans didn't give starter Jaki Bateman (0-1) much help committing six errors. Bateman gave up 12 hits, walked one and struck out three.

Erica Katz had an RBI and Logan Sade reached base twice for Clarenceville.

HURON VALLEY 21, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2: On Thursday, junior Brooke Kuehn went 4-for-4 with two homers and six RBI sparking host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-0, 2-0) to a MIAC Red Division victory over Lutheran High Westland (1-3 MIAC Red).

Other contributors to HVL's 15-hit attack included sophomore Jessie Strauch (3-for-4, homer, two RBI); sophomore Julie St. John (3-for-4, homer, four RBI); junior Ashley Hewer (2-for-3, homer, four RBI); and sophomore Bethany Schaffer (homer, three RBI).

Winning pitcher Julie St. John gave up two hits, walked two and struck out four in the four-inning mercy.

Senior Chandler Davenport went 2-for-2 with a homer for the Warriors.

Starter Emily Hahn suffered the loss.

Warriors cross up Calvary, RU

Lutheran High Westland improved to 4-0-1 overall with a 4-2 non-conference girls soccer victory Friday over visiting Redford Union.

The Panthers led 1-0 at halftime on Kathryn Sprader's unassisted goal, but Lutheran Westland took a 2-1 lead in the second half on Michelle Greening's goal (from Christa Kasprovicz) and Angela Morrison's goal (off a corner kick from Sadie Schultz).

RU (1-5) came back to tie it at 2-all on Caitlin Scanlon's goal off a scramble in front the Warriors' net, but Nicolle Pierce and Morrison tallied unassisted goals to put the match away.

Lutheran Westland goalkeeper Samantha Benner made three saves.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, CALVARY 1: A second-half position switch paid dividends Thursday for Lutheran High Westland (3-0-1, 3-0) in a MIAC Red Division win over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian

(0-3 MIAC Red). Angela Morrison, who got the start in goal and made three first-half saves as the Warriors led 1-0, played the second half in the field and scored twice.

Julia Yancy also scored twice - one on a corner kick from Christa Kasprovicz in the first half and the other on a direct kick in the second half.

Mara McMahon also scored in the second half on a rebound.

Back-up goalkeeper Samantha Benner made two second-half saves as the Warriors improved to 3-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Liz Wells tallied the lone goal for Calvary (0-3 MIAC Red) from Jordan Reed.

CLARENCEVILLE 5, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 1: Ashley Murphy notched a hat trick, while Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz chipped in with a goal and two assists Friday as Livonia Clarenceville (2-3-2) downed host Southfield Christian in a non-conference match.

"We had many scoring opportunities this game and followed through on the opportunities," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "Every played well all around."

Lindsey Fosth had the other Clarenceville goal, while Jordan See contributed an assist.

Other offensive standouts included Bobbi Skelton, Gabby Messerschmitt and Skylar Reddick.

The defense was keyed by Summer Reddick, Grace King, Amal Musleh and Tristyn Bean as goalkeeper Rachel Kirschweg had to make just one save.

Lisa Urman scored for the Eagles, who were outshot 25-2.

CLARENCEVILLE 1, THURSTON 1: In a Western Wayne Athletic Conference make-up game Wednesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (1-3-2, 0-2-1) battled to a draw with Redford Thurston.

Jordan See's goal from Lindsey Fosth staked the host Trojans to a 1-0 halftime lead, but Thurston Mikayla Oddeman tied it with a second half goal.

"We stepped up offensively and had great scoring opportunities," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, who singled out the play of Ashley Murphy, Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz and Tayla Heller. "We took a lot of shots (15), but it was just hard to finish. We were passing more with each other, having more teamwork."

The Trojans limited Thurston to four shots on goal thanks to defensive work of Summer Reddick, Grace King, Amal Musleh, Sam Franco and Tristyn Bean.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made three saves.

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BASEBALL

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On Thursday, MU scored a 7-3 win over Concordia University (4-21, 3-10) completing a game at MU's Ilitch Ballpark that was suspended on April 3 at Cardinal Field in Ann Arbor.

Justin Hicks (1-1) pitched five innings to earn the victory with relief help from Travis Schuba.

Pelletier went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Justin Cook went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Jeremy Robinson and Brad Kindred each had two hits in a losing cause.

Concordia starter Codey Harrison (0-3) suffered the loss.

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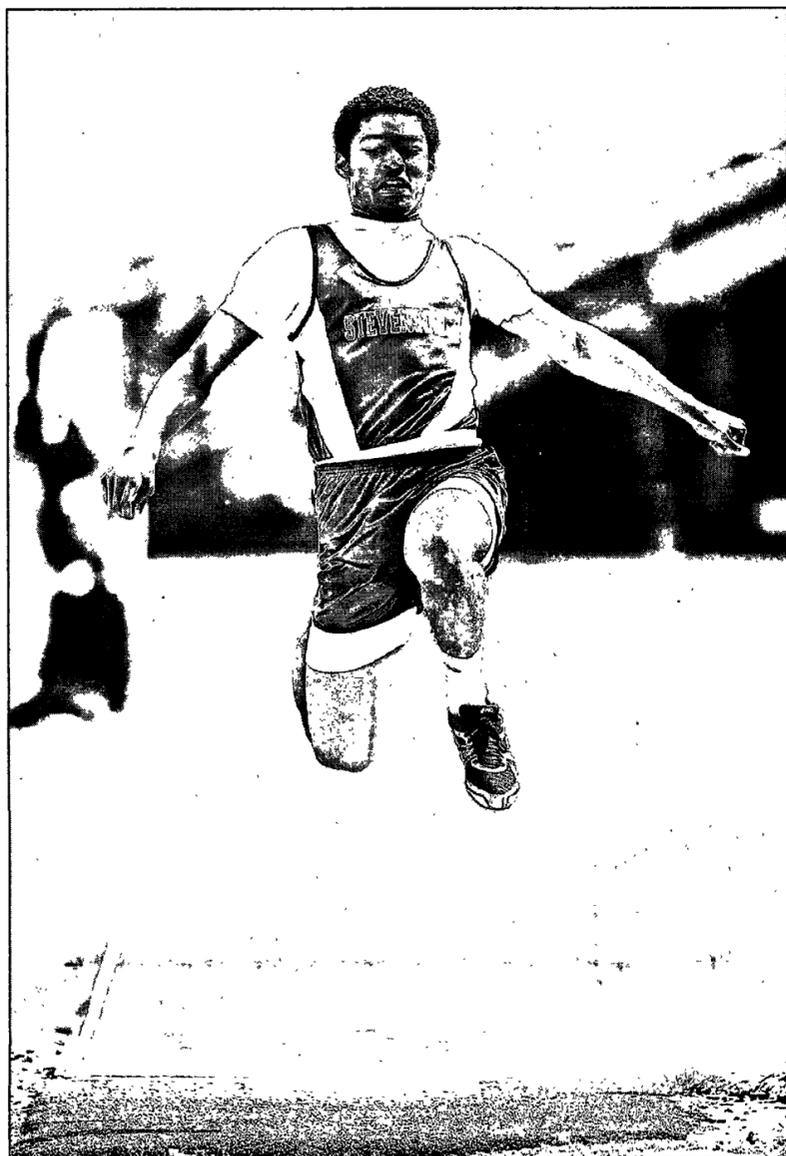
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Discus: 1. Vella (LF), 121-7; 2. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 121-4; 3. Demarco McKinney (LC), 117-7; 4. Chandler Langley (LS), 116-10; 5. Hitchcock (LS), 112-1.
High jump: 1. Terry Burford-Pendergast (LS), 5-11; 2. Austin Douglass (Cville), 5-9; 3. Devin Kelly (LS), 5-5; 4. Mike Muffler (LS), 5-3; 5. Parys Brown (LC), 5-3.
Long jump: 1. Brett Gutowski (LF), 18-10; 2. Jordan Bickham (LF), 18-9; 3. Douglass (Cville), 17-7.75; 4. Kareem Stewart (Cville), 17-2.5; 5. Zach Zoltowski (LC), 17-2.75.
Pole vault: 1. Jacob Hage (LC),

13-0; 2. Stephen Fedak (LC), 12-0; 3. Michael Farnar (LS), 11-6; 4. Damon Currier (LF), 11-0; 5. Jack Cole (LS), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Ma Sambou Jatta (Cville), 15.4; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 15.55; 3. Joe Mims (LS), 15.8; 4. Kenzel Jefferson (LC), 16.47; 5. Ryan Bragiel (LC), 17.48.
300 hurdles: 1. Jatta (Cville), 40.49; 2. Mims (LS), 42.46; 3. Zoltowski (LC), 43.69; 4. Jon Shatter (LC), 45.4; 5. Jefferson (LC), 45.56.
100 dash: 1. Dan Duncan (LF), 11.54; 2. Joey DeMarco (LS), 11.81; 3. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.83; 4. Hunter Rimatzki (LC), 11.85; 5. Jalen Bryant (Cville), 11.88.
200: 1. Rimatzki (LC), 23.9; 2. Brown (LC), 24.32; 3. Muffler (LS), 24.46; 4. Bryant (Cville), 24.5; 5. DeMarco (LS), 24.52.
400: 1. Zaid Shareef (LS), 52.95; 2. Gutowski (LF), 53.56; 3. Billy Werthman (LS), 53.97; 4. Stewart (Cville), 55.18; 5. Nick Theeke (LF), 55.88.
800: 1. Keenan Jones (LF),

2:03.26; 2. Mike Sopko (LS), 2:03.73; 3. Matt Cohan (LC), 2:04.21; 4. Ryan Paulus (LS), 2:06.07; 5. Jacob Colley (LS), 2:06.33.
1,600: 1. Jones (LF), 4:35.03; 2. Ben Yates (LC), 4:37.08; 3. Sopko (LS), 4:42.21; 4. Peter Walkuski (LS), 4:45.94; 5. Jon Alessandrini (LC), 4:46.1.
3,200: 1. Stephen Fenech (LS), 10:09.16; 2. Yates (LC), 10:16.72; 3. Andrew Malik (LC), 10:19.78; 4. Erik Grisa (LS), 10:23.13; 5. Walkuski (LS), 10:30.91.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Bickham, Duncan, Danny Cline, Nathan Rodgers), 45.7; 2. Churchill, 45.97; 3. Clarenceville, 48.42.
800 relay: 1. Churchill (Jefferson, Brown, Rimatzki, Andre Abram), 1:33.41; 2. Stevenson, 1:33.68; 3. Franklin, 1:35.83.
1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mims, Shareef, Sopko, Werthman), 3:37.67; 2. Clarenceville, 3:39.5; 3. Franklin, 3:41.4.
3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Colley, Paulus, Sopko, Werthman), 8:34.44; 2. Churchill, 8:44.98; 3. Clarenceville, 8:52.76.



Stevenson's Andre Jackson takes flight in the long jump during Thursday's Livonia City Track Meet.

BOYS

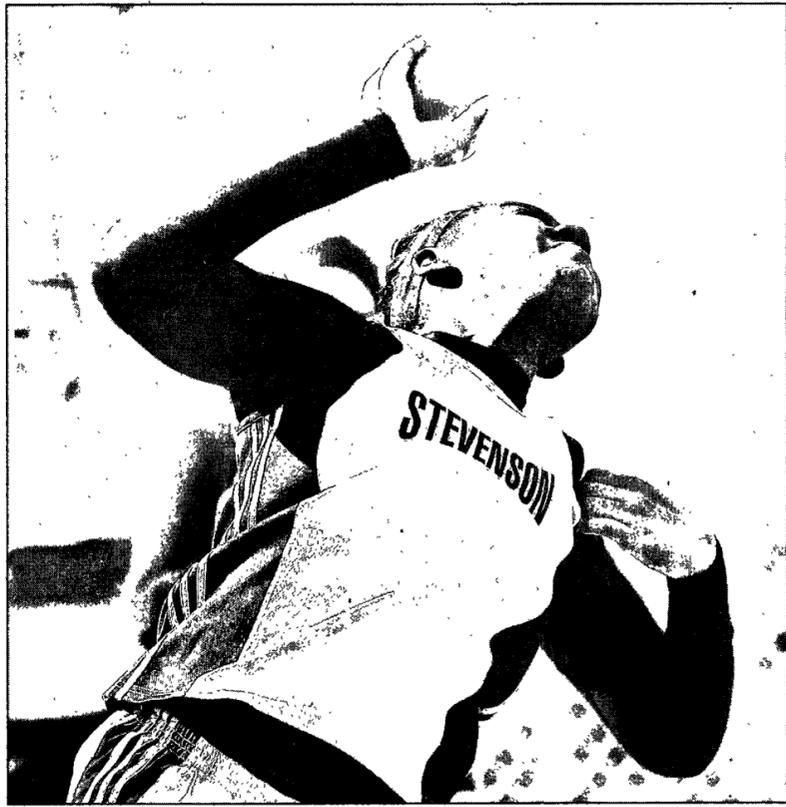
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 ko and Billy Werthman also crossed the line first in 8:34.44 as did the 4 x 400 relay quartet of Joe Mims, Shareef, Sopko and Werthman.
 "Our distance kids did real well," Shaw said. "He (Fenech) hasn't been running great, but he put a really nice race together. It's not his personal best overall, but he dropped his time close to 25 seconds, I think, than what he's run this year. That was a big bonus also."
 Stevenson also got a boost from a couple of sprinters.
 "One kid that ran pretty well today was Joey DeMarco, who took a second in the 100," Shaw said. "We haven't done well in the sprints this year and he came in and took a second, which is pretty good for us. And Mike Muffler took a third for us in the 200 when our usually fast guy is Zaid (Shareef). He came out of that second heat and placed third for us. That was a big bonus."
 Churchill's lone individual winners included Jacob Hage in the pole vault (13-0) and Hunter Rimatzki in the 200 (23.9).
 The Chargers' four-some of Kenzel Jefferson, Parys Brown, Rimatzki and Andre Abram also captured the 4 x 800 relay (1:33.41).
 Franklin matched Stevenson's first-place medal haul with six led



Franklin sophomore Keenan Jones was a double winner capturing the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in Thursday's Livonia City Meet.

by sophomore Keenan Jones, who swept the 800- and 1,600 races in 2:03.26 and 4:35.03, respectively.
 Other Franklin firsts were recorded by Tony Vella, discus (121-7); Brett Gutowski, long jump (18-10); and Dan Duncan, 100 (11.54).
 Duncan also teamed up with Jordan Bickham, Danny Cline and Nathan

Rodgers to win the 4 x 100 relay (45.7).
 Meanwhile, Clarenceville senior Ma Sambou Jatta proved to be the king of the hurdles sweeping the 110 highs and 300 intermediate lows in 15.4 and 40.49, respectively.



Stevenson's Oly Nwankwo took first place in the shot put in Thursday's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF LIVONIA INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET
April 25 at Franklin
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 123.5; 2. Livonia Franklin, 53; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 48; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 31.5.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Oly Nwankwo (LS), 35 feet, 1 inch; 2. Chelsey Billingsley (LS), 33-8.5; 3. Emily Norscia (LC), 31-11; 4. Sophia Modes (LF), 30-4; 5. Demi Crossman (LC), 30-0.
Discus: 1. Norscia (LC), 125-8; 2. Hannah Pummill (LC), 96-1; 3. Gabriel Carter (LC), 91-6; 4. S. Modes (LF), 82-3; 5. Stanshia Chambers (Cville), 79-0.5.
High jump: 1. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 2. Ayanna Buckley (Cville), 5-2; 3. Juliet Hope (LC), 4-8; 4. (tie) Lucia Azuncaga (LC) and Sarah Curvin (Cville), 4-6 each.
Long jump: 1. Natalie Modes (LF), 15-4.75; 2. Brianna Jed (LS), 15-4.425; 3. Micah Willingham (Cville), 15-0.5; 4. Natalie Spala (LC), 14-6.75; 5. Cochran (LC),

14-3.25.
Pole vault: 1. Sheila McKinley (LF), 8-6; 2. Tasha McKinley (LF), 8-0; 3. Alexann Zahara (LC), 8-0; 4. Amanda Fox (LC), 7-6; 5. Sommer Pappas (LS), 7-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 17.24; 2. Spala (LC), 18.0; 3. Maddie Osborn (LF), 18.06; 4. Willingham (Cville), 18.72; 5. Lexi Anagnostopoulos (LF), 18.38.
300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC), 48.19; 2. Willingham (Cville), 50.04; 3. Spala (LC), 50.12; 4. T. McKinley (LF), 54.23; 5. Osborn (LF), 54.49.
100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12.46; 2. Buckley (Cville), 12.8; 3. Madison Agnew (LF), 12.82; 4. Janel Green (LC), 13.01; 5. Jed (LS), 13.2.
200: 1. Hofmann (LC), 26.31; 2. Buckley (Cville), 26.72; 3. Agnew (LF), 27.14; 4. Julie Wonch (LF), 27.43; 5. Green (LC), 27.75.
400: 1. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:00.63; 2. Wonch (LF), 1:02.94; 3. Emily Brewer (LS), 1:04.26; 4. Kourtney Strong (LC), 1:04.49; 5. Amy Freed (LS), 1:05.39.
800: 1. Karlie Gallagher (LS),

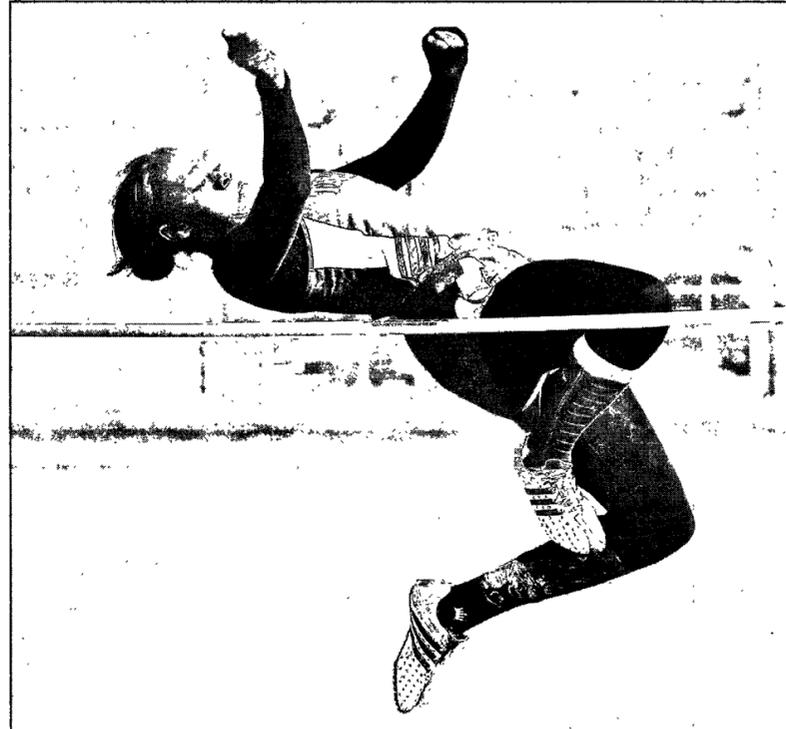
2:26.0; 2. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:33.0; 3. Jenna Hickson (LC), 2:34.0; 4. Erin Emmanuel (LC), 2:37.0; 5. Brenna Gabrielson (LS), 2:38.0.
1,600: 1. Azar (LC), 5:27.0; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:28.0; 3. Natalie Douglas (LF), 5:33.0; 4. Bayne Fronney (LS), 5:40.0; 5. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 5:51.0.
3,200: 1. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 12:09.0; 2. Fronney (LS), 12:12.0; 3. Riley (LC), 12:35.0; 4. Flannigan (LS), 12:48.0; 5. Anna Snider (LF), 12:55.0.
400 relay: 1. Franklin (Jasmine Crowley, Michelle Wilson, N. Modes, Agnew), 52.49; 2. Clarenceville, 55.21; 3. Stevenson, 55.35.
800 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Green, Jarvis, Hofmann), 1:47.5; 2. Clarenceville, 1:52.6; 3. Stevenson, 1:52.9.
1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Julia Szuba, Jarvis, Strong), 4:16.3; 2. Stevenson, 4:18.9; 3. Franklin, 4:35.0.
3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Szuba, Azar, Emmanuel), 10:09.0; 2. Stevenson, 10:23.0; 3. Franklin, 11:25.0.

GIRLS

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see that very often," Daugherty said. "Everything we do this year is dedicated to them. They've put in days, weeks, years into the program and we got a lot of them, and it's time to pay them a little respect. We want to let them know - that it's because of them - is where we are at."
 Churchill's other first came from junior Elyssa Hofmann, who held off Clarenceville junior Ayanna Buckley to win the 200 in 26.31. Hofmann was also a member of the first-place 800 relay team.
 Franklin's 4 x 100 relay quartet of Jasmine Crowley, Michelle Wilson, Natalie Modes and Madison Agnew won in 52.49. Modes also won the long jump (15-4.75), while Sheila McKinley added a first in the pole vault (8-6).
 "We had some key injuries," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "(Kelly) O'Brien was out and Bryah White, one of our top sprinters, was out hurt. I'm real proud of the team coming in second place. We ran really tough Tuesday against Plymouth. Everyone went all-out to get that win and we kind of

backed off today to give some of our people a rest because some are hurting, so I'm real proud of their efforts."
 Stevenson's individual titles went to Oly Nwankwo in the shot put (35-1) and Karlie Gallagher in the 800 (2:26.0). Buckley was Clarenceville's top performer with seconds in the high jump, 100 and 200.
 "We have a couple of freshmen who are going to be good sprinter-wise," Daugherty said. "Franklin did good job and they have a lot of good, young sprinters, too. Stevenson does, too. Karlie Gallagher had a great day. Those two teams are going to be good come the end of the season when it counts. I expect them to do well and get some kids to the state meet as well."
 But when asked what he'll do after losing his nine seniors to graduation, Daugherty quipped: "I'm going to get another job, move on, retire. I don't know. It's really going to be sad to see them go. I've been lucky to have good groups all six years, but this group of nine is going to be difficult to let them go."
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Clarenceville's Ayanna Buckley cleared 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump, but settled for second place behind Churchill's Ashley Cochran based on fewer misses.

SUMMER CAMPS

MU boys hoops

The Madonna University summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15) will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 24-28, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's main gymnasium.

The cost is \$200 (residents) or \$210 (non-residents).

Registration will be at the Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia. Forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

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

Gymnastics camp

The 2013 Livonia Blue summer gymnastics camp will offer three sessions (four days each) for ages 11-and-up from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 17-20, July 15-18 and Aug. 19-22 at the Churchill High School gymnastics room.

The cost is \$70 (one week), \$130 (two weeks) or \$180 (three weeks).

The registration deadline is Friday, June 7.

For more information, e-mail Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield at MissLisa621@yahoo.com.

Churchill sweeps Pats; Wheeler's slam lifts JG

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill used all the right ingredients Thursday to sweep a KLAAs South Division baseball double-header from rival Livonia Franklin.

The host Chargers got solid pitching, good defense and timely hitting to beat the Patriots, 3-2 and 3-1.

Churchill, which improved to 3-1-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the KLAAs Kensington Conference, overcame a 2-0 deficit in Game One that was suspended from April 17 in the top of the fourth inning because of rain.

Nick Misiak pitched a complete-game five-hitter. He struck out six and walked through.

Dan Cameron's 2-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning off Franklin starter Josh Gorman proved to be the difference.

Gorman worked the first 4.1 innings allowing all three runs on three hits and five walks. Reliever Adam Carver finished up.

Blake Burnette also went 2-for-2 and scored a run in the fourth for the Chargers, while Tyler Camp went 2-for-4 for the Patriots.

In Game Two, John Szymanski went all seven innings allowing just three hits while walking five and fanning five.

He outdueled Franklin starter Kyle Madden, who went all six innings allowing seven hits, while walking five and striking out eight.

Burnette keyed a 3-run Churchill first with a 2-run double. Szymanski also helped his own cause going 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Camp collected the lone RBI for Franklin (3-4, 0-4).

The Chargers were coming off a frustrating 15-15 tie on Tuesday that was suspended with two outs in the seventh inning because of darkness with South Lyon.

"A lot of guys haven't been on the mound but once so far this year," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "But both guys pitched well. John's control was a little off here-and-there, but we played good defense behind him and didn't make mistakes including an inning-ending double play."

"We also got a couple of key hits."

GLENN 9, BELLEVILLE 5: Ryan Wheeler's grand slam over the 330-foot mark in left center field keyed a 7-run fourth-inning uprising Friday as Westland John Glenn (7-2) downed the host Tigers in a

non-conference game. Other hitting standouts for the Rockets included Chase Bovia (3-for-3, Adam Singleton (2-for-3, two RBI); and Brandon Smeltzer (2-for-3, two runs).

Winning pitcher Nick Schurig held Belleville scoreless through the first six innings before the Tigers got all five of their runs. The senior scattered six hits, walked one and struck out six.

Alex Zarbaugh, who went all six innings for Belleville allowing nine runs and fanning seven, took the loss.

CHURCHILL 9, DEARBORN 1: Chris Lewan gave up just two hits over 5.1 innings to pick up the victory Friday as Livonia Churchill (4-1-1) downed the host Pioneers (3-5) in a non-conference game.

Lewan struck out five and walk three before giving way to freshman reliever Jon Hovermale, who retired the final five batters in order to go along with three strikeouts.

Offensively, Josh Shepard led the Chargers going 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Riley Brown also added two hits, while Blake Burnette scored twice.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 9, FRANKLIN 2: Mike Moskowitz pitched six strong innings and Josh Birnberg went 3-for-4 to lead West Bloomfield (5-2) to a non-conference win Friday over host Livonia Franklin (3-5).

Franklin led 2-0 after two innings, but the Lakers rallied for three runs in the third and five more in the fourth to pin the loss and Patriot starter Alex DeYonker.

Nick Mardeusz went 2-for-3 and Mike Haist added an RBI for Franklin, which committed three errors and was out-hit 13-7.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 29
Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Harper Wds., at C'ville, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Franklin at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
S. Lyon at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Baptist Park at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
Wayne at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
C'ville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
L. South at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Macomb, 4:30 p.m.
Roeper at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3
Wayne at Glenn (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Glenn at Crestwood (2), 11 a.m.

Farmington Tourney
Thurston at Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
Lincoln at Wayne (2), 11 a.m.
at W.L. Western, 11 a.m.
Farmington Invitational at N. Farmington, 11:15 a.m.
(Luth. Westland Tourney)
Baptist Park at L. W'sld, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at HVL, 1 p.m.
Consolation & final, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, April 29
Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Harper Wds. C'ville, 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Franklin at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
S. Lyon at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Frankel, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
Wayne at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Glenn (2), 4 p.m.
C'ville at Thurston, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 2
Wayne at Northville, 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3
Allen Pk. at Steven. (2), 4 p.m.

Kennedy at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.

Marian at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

Glenn at Berkley (2), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Michigan Stars Classic, 9 a.m.

Glenn at Crestwood (2), 11 a.m.

Salem Invitational, TBA.

(Luth. Westland Tourney)
Macomb at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.

Clarenceville at HVL, 1 p.m.

Consolation & final, 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 5
Michigan Stars Classic, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 29

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

Romulus at C'ville, 6 p.m.

John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.

N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
Frankel at L. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

C'ville at RU (Kraft Field), 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
L. W'sld at Bapt. Pk., 4:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 3
C'ville at Wayne, 4:30 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
A.A. Huron at Ladywood, 12:30

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, April 30
Dearborn at C'ville, 3:30 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

S.L. East at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

Wayne at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

Canton at Glenn, 3:45 p.m.

MIAC at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2
C'ville at RU, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3
Lady Rocket Relays, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Stevenson Girls Inv., 10 a.m.

Observerland Boys Relays at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Monday, April 29
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Ladywood vs. Sacred Heart at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 2
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 3
Garden City at Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Woodhaven Classic, 8:30 a.m.

Howell Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

Monday, April 29
Walled Lake Inv., 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.

Franklin vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Northville at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.

HVL vs. PCA, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 2
Churchill vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.

HVL, S'field Christian at idyl Wylid, 3:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Canton at idyl Wylid G.C., 3 p.m.

Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
MIAC Jamboree at WestWynd, 1 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Monday, May 29
Lady at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
Regina at Lady., 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Ladywood Tourney, 9 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Sunday, April 28
MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
Wolverine-Hoosier Tournament at Davenport Univ., TBA.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Sunday, April 28
MU at UM-Dearborn, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1
WHAC Playoffs at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, TBA.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tim Shaw camp

The fourth annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" Football Camp (grades four-12) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Clarenceville High School.

The linebacker and special teams player for the Tennessee Titans, a former Clarenceville and Penn State standout, will host the free camp assisted by current and former NFL and college players, along with area coaches.

The camp is open to the first 150 registrants (includes T-shirt).

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For more information, e-mail johnshawfamily@gmail.com.

Summer kickball

Wayne Westland Parks and Recreation will offer summer co-ed kickball leagues on Thursdays starting the week of June 10 at Anderson Ball Fields (Atwood Park) in Wayne.

The season includes 10 games, plus playoffs with a limit of 12 teams per night. Game times are 6:25, 7:35, 8:45 and 9:55 p.m.

Registration will be April 15 through June 3. The cost is \$200 per team.

All teams must register at the Wayne Community Center. (A managers meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10 at the Wayne Community Center.)

For more information, call (734) 721-7400; or visit www.cityofwestland.com (click on parks and recreation, then athletics).

Collins outing

The first Nick Collins Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing will be Saturday, May 11, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia.

A four-year member of both the

Stevenson High golf and football programs, Collins died last summer of bacterial meningitis after returning home following his freshman year at Central Michigan University.

The cost is \$75 per person (includes lunch, 18 holes and cart). Lunch only is \$20, while hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start (four-person scramble) at 8 a.m. A general raffle and lunch follows at 12:30 p.m.

The registration deadline is April 27.

To obtain a flier, visit www.golflivonia.com or www.livoniapublicschools.org.

For more information, e-mail Jim.Omiotanski@att.net or call (734) 542-0776.

Miles for Mankind

The first-annual Miles for Mankind Run 5-kilometer, 10k and Munchkin Mile will Saturday, May 11 at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland.

All proceeds from the event, spearheaded by Plymouth Christian Academy junior Adam Powlus and his family, will go to provide education for poverty-stricken children in Guatemala.

Fees to run (effective through May 3) are \$35 for the 10k, \$30 for the 5k and \$20 for the Munchkin Mile. Fees will go up \$5 beginning May 4 until race day.

Special guest will be Buddy Shuh of The Biggest Loser.

To download a registration form, visit www.milesformankind.com.

For more information, email milesformankind@gmail.com.

FunStart tennis

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage two sessions of its three-week FunStart Tennis Intro class for ages 6-10.

Each class is 55 minutes with Session I at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday, June 17 through July 3, at Shelden Park.

Session II is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, July 8-24, at Bicentennial Park.

The fee is \$76 for residents and \$86 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Coaching jobs

Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pom pon and varsity swimming for the fall 2013 season, along with a girls freshman basketball coach for the 2013-13 winter season.

Those interested should fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Senior softball

A newly formed team in the 65-and-over Western Wayne County Suburban Softball League is seeking slow-pitch players for the summer season, which runs from May through August.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Livonia, Canton and Westland areas.

The league is governed by ASA senior slow-pitch rules. A nominal fee will be assessed to cover incidental team and league expenses.

Call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry at (248) 767-0828.

Lutheran Westland bats yield 13-2 win

Lutheran High Westland continued its assault on Michigan Independent Athletic Conference pitching by collecting 14 hits in a 13-2 baseball victory Friday at home over Southfield Christian.

Jordan Williams went 3-for-4 with two RBI as the Warriors improved to 4-0 overall with the MIAC crossover victory, which was stopped after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Other top hitters for Lutheran Westland included P.J. Gusé (2-for-3, three RBI); Brandon Ruelle (2-for-3, two RBI); Alex Glinn (2-for-3, RBI); Nick Flanery and Nick Andrzejewski (three runs scored each).

Winning pitcher Nate Abbott went all five innings against the Eagles (0-4). He allowed two runs on two hits. He walked seven and struck out three.

"After using three pitchers yesterday, it was nice to have Abbott go the distance and help save our arms a bit," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "I was pleased with our overall performance, but there are still some little things that need to be fixed as we continue to move forward and I'm confident we will fix those."

TRUMAN 8, C'VILLE 2: Winning pitcher Will Ellis struck out 13 Friday as host

Taylor Truman (3-1, 3-1) downed Livonia Clarenceville (2-1, 2-1) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game.

Ellis allowed just three hits and overcame eight walks as the Trojans couldn't capitalize with runners on base.

Kyle Kissandi, Mike Weiss and Ryan Menifee, who had the only RBI, collected the lone hits for Clarenceville.

The Trojans made three errors leading to four Truman runs.

Losing pitcher Zach Devon (0-1) gave up two earned runs on four hits and two hit batters. Reliever Chris Kanagy allowed three earned runs.

LUTH. WESTLAND 16, CALVARY 10: Nick Flanery went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI, Thursday to propel host Lutheran High Westland (3-0, 3-0) to a MIAC Red Division win over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (1-3, 1-3).

Other hitting stalwarts for the Warriors included Jordan Williams (3-for-5, three RBI); Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-4, three RBI); Travis Fry (2-for-4, two RBI); Kevin Brewer (2-for-4, RBI); and Mark Mika (three RBI).

Brewer got the start, but lasted just 2.2 innings after giving up six runs on three hits. Cleveland Tarp came on for two outs and earned the victory, while P.J. Gusé pitched the final 3.2 innings.

The trio combined for seven strikeouts, while allowing 11 walks and nine hits.

However, they didn't get much help in the field as the Warriors committed five errors.

"Despite our struggles today pitching and defensively, we gained a lot of experience and learned a lot," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We know we need to play better defensively. And with the games we have coming up, if we don't, we'll be in trouble."

Whalers ousted by Knights in OT

The Plymouth Whalers rallied in the third period Friday night at London to send Game 5 of the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference Finals to overtime.

But any hopes of extending the series and their season came to an end when Max Domi scored at 20 seconds of OT to give the Knights a 5-4 win and

the series, 4-1.

Plymouth trailed at one point 4-0, but got on the board at 17:26 of the second period on a goal by Ryan Hartman.

The Whalers then scored three of seven shots in the third to make it 4-4. Those goals were collected by Garrett Meurs, Rickard Rakell and Gianluca Curcuruto.

Making 29 stops for Plymouth was rookie goalie Alex Nedeljkovic while London goalie Anthony Stolarz made 37 saves—including 24 in the middle stanza.

London now moves on to the OHL championship series against the winner of the Eastern finals between Belleville and Barrie.

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Celebrating 50 years



The public is welcome to walk the labyrinth at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. The church will offer directed walks on Saturday, May 4, during its 50th anniversary weekend.

Congregation reaches out to community with labyrinth, coffee house

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

The Rev. Ben Morris knows his coffee beans.

The associate pastor of youth, culture and mission at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, worked in a coffee house while attending Central Michigan University and spent hours in them during his days in the seminary.

"I lived in Germany and there's a big coffee house culture there. Every day at 4 p.m. was coffee and cake time. I loved that. Everyone would get together and

eat a good piece of German torte and talk. I like places where people congregate.

"Livonia has a lot going for it. I've spent a lot of time at the rec center and I love it there, but there aren't a lot of places to just hang out. Why not offer a place you don't have to pay to participate in it?"

When members and visitors last year began to walk the newly-installed brick labyrinth, a meditative centerpiece of the church's front lawn, Morris sought a way to make the indoors and outdoor space contiguous. An old



The Rev. Ben Morris shows the equipment used in the "pour over" method of brewing coffee at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The wooden structure holding the four funnels is part of a repurposed communion rail.

PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

library room that looked out onto the church's patio, gardens and labyrinth, seemed to be the perfect spot for a gathering space for conversation, quiet contemplation, study and a good cup of coffee.

The Abbey Coffee House, a gathering for the community and church members, opened last December, approximately a year after the labyrinth was installed. Both projects were built by volunteers, with church member Jeff Dudek leading the work. Both will be featured in an open house on May 4 and will be dedicated on May 5, as a part of the church's 50th anniversary celebration week-

end that also will include a dinner and worship service.

Including the community

Jeff Schuman, church council member, said the labyrinth and coffee house are meant to "make people feel comfortable and welcome."

"It's almost like a public space, as opposed to walking into a closed, holy place, where if you don't know the rules you will feel out of place," said Schuman, describing the coffee house. "You want people who aren't accustomed to being in church to come in and use the space. You want to be open."

Schuman said the labyrinth, coffee house and associate pastor position are the first "real public" results of a transition that started when the congregation said goodbye to its former pastor and brought in a new pastor, the Rev. Dana Runestad.

He stressed that church members were committed to maintaining the integrity of the worship service — "We didn't want to be an entertainment venue" — but also wanted to reach out to the community, attract young members, families and those who don't attend church regularly.

"As we went through the transformation process with the new pastor, we started talking about

how to reach out to the community. You can't just expect people to walk in on Sunday morning and say, hey, we're looking for a church," Schuman explained. "What we were looking to do was to create an environment that is accessible and usable by the community that would invite someone to come into a haven or shelter or attractive area to experience the quiet."

The labyrinth, a winding brick path set inside a circle, serves that purpose.

Schuman said church council members walked a labyrinth at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth

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a few years ago. When they began to brainstorm ideas for Holy Cross, they remembered the experience. It took approximately a year to complete what the congregation calls the church's "front porch." It includes the labyrinth, a fire pit, fountain, landscaping, brick pathways and a patio.

Schuman noted that last June several teenagers posed for photographs on the "front porch" on prom night. He said the church may offer refreshments in the garden to prom-goers this year.

Coffee and conversation

The Abbey, open during church office hours and some evenings, regularly attracts both members and non-members. Morris said college students often stop by to study together. Saturday night is game night.

"When we were building it someone said, 'we can put in a big flat screen,' and we said nope," said Morris, explaining that the space is meant for conversation, face-to-face relationships, or quiet contemplation.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods around here. My hope is that eventually

the neighbors here will start to feel like this is a place they can come on a Saturday morning and read the paper. I'm sure people will engage with the spiritual life of the community, and that's one of the hopes. But if they don't, that's okay."

The room includes both new, locally-bought items and repurposed furnishings.

A portion of the communion rail, which was removed from the sanctuary because of accessibility issues, was turned into a stand for brewing and filling coffee cups. The base of the coffee bar is from an old choir loft and The Abbey Coffee House sign that hangs on one wall in the room came from an old pallet.

A wall at the back of the space sports photographs from a local artist.

Volunteers who tend to the coffee bar brew each cup individually using a method called "pour over." They grind the beans from Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company for each cup, then place them in a coffee filter inside a ceramic funnel, with the coffee mug stationed below, ready to catch the liquid.

Several different kinds of beans are available, along with tea and other beverages. Suggested donation is \$1.

For more information visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.



PHOTOS BY SHARON DARGAY

The Rev. Ben Morris shows a "pour over" funnel used to make a single cup of coffee.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Labyrinth and The Abbey Coffee House:

Open house from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Celebrate Worldwide Labyrinth Day by walking the labyrinth. Directed walks will be available. Paintings from Palestinian artists will be featured in The Abbey Coffee House. The coffee house uses beans from Great Lakes Coffee Company in Bloomfield Hills, grinding them for each cup of coffee brewed by a "pour over" method.

Dinner: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a program at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 4, in the fellowship hall at the church. Tickets are \$12.50, available by calling the church office at (734) 427-1414.

Sunday worship: The 10 a.m. service on May 5 will



The "front porch" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church includes brick walkways, a bridge, landscaping, a fire pit, and fountain in addition to a labyrinth.

include the Rev. Dr. Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA, who will preach; and Michael Burkhardt, organist and choir director. The 8 a.m. service will not be held. **Dedication:** The labyrinth, Abbey Coffee House and

faceted windows in the sanctuary will be dedicated during the morning worship service.

Concert: The Detroit Handbell Ensemble will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5 in the sanctuary.

Location: The church is

located at 30650 Six Mile, Livonia; (734) 427-1414; holycrosslivonia.org

Pastors: The Rev. Dana Runestad is senior pastor and The Rev. Benjamin Morris is associate pastor for youth, culture and mission. <http://holycrosslivonia.org>

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The other major causes for wrist pain are wearing out of the wrist joints, called osteoarthritis, and inflammation, with the most common cause being rheumatoid arthritis. Physicians treat osteoarthritis with wrist joint injections and non-steroidal drugs such as ibuprofen.

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Keeping it clean: Words about today's washer

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I received an e-mail from Dave: We may be in the market for a new washing machine soon. My wife said she heard that in 2014, new washing machines will not come with an agitator. If that is true, maybe we should get one this year. Have you heard of this and if it's true, why?

I did some investigation on Dave's question and found just the opposite to be true. The talk is that agitators are going to make a big come-back in the washer industry. In the last few years many washers were produced without an



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

agitator and are using three raised bubbles in the bottom of the tub. I call these fluffies because I don't think they fluff the clothes worth prunes. Apparently there have been so many complaints about wash ability with these machines that manufacturers are doing a little back-tracking. Keep in mind that energy standards play a big role in how a clothes washer is made today. If you have one of these "fluffy" machines I would like you to do a full load of wash and then shut it off in mid-cycle. Open the lid and take a look at how much water is in the tub. And then you also can wonder how this machine can get clothes clean.

I wonder how many consumers have called or written me in the past 15 years about how unhappy they are with their clothes washers. I know it has to be in the thousands,

so I can imagine how many complaints are received by the manufactures. The only nice things I hear about washers these days are the people who have an old one, love it and want to keep it running. They don't make them like they used to. When the front loader was re-invented 15 or so years ago the media and trade papers said the top loader would be completely phased out within a few years. That didn't happen even though the manufacturers barely could keep up with the demand for front loaders. With all the complaints about odors, mold, etc., and even a national recall, the front loader suffered an image problem that led to more top loaders being introduced into the market. The fact is that the front loader is not the biggie it once was and the new top loaders with the "fluffy" system are causing a whole new bunch of complaints.

Little water, longer cycle

The big movement in this country is to try and save energy in every way we can and that applies very strongly in the world of major appliances. Like a lady recently wrote, "How much energy am I saving when I have to wash the same load twice to get the clothes clean?" It appears that energy is being saved because of mandates set by the Energy Department, but there is a consequence that Americans just don't want to live with. Washing machines expected to clean clothes using only a little water with no more control of hot water temperatures given to the user and much longer cycles abusing the consumers precious time. It's no wonder why so many homeowners have made the washing machine a water cooler conversation piece. The life span of a wash-

er today is 10 years and that tells us a lot about the quality built into the product. If you do need repairs you can expect to spend big bucks because of all the electronics that are used to reduce energy consumption. It is definitely a different machine compared to the old one that ran for 20 to 30 years and was easily repaired by the do-it-yourselfer.

I have been giving my advice and know-how for many years with this column and the radio show and there is an e-mail address on the bottom. Knowledge is power and I always enjoy hearing from you. It's healthy to vent and if I can help to lessen your stress level, drop me a line. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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Livonia Garden Club

Learn about fairy gardens at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Laura Wright, president of the Gillette

Nature Association at PJ Hoffmaster State Park in Muskegon, will present a brief overview of the history of fairies and explain how to add excitement and imagination to the garden; www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub/

Plant sharing

Livonia Garden Club's annual plant share is 9-11 a.m. — rain or shine — Saturday, May 11, Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia; (248) 477-7375. Divide, pot up and label plants. Include common and botanical name, (if known). Also, please indicate if it's a sun or shade plant. House plants are welcome, too.

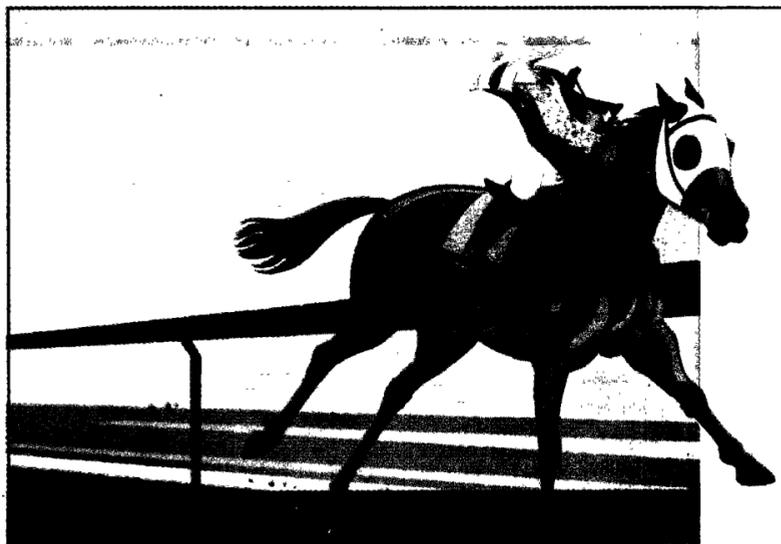
Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County plan a plant exchange and heirloom tomato plant sale, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, in the parking lot at the News Herald, 1 Heritage Pl., Southgate. Proceeds fund

Heirloom tomato plants

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County will sell more than 35 varieties of heirloom tomato plants, as well as herbs, flowers and peppers, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 18, at the RESA/MSU Extension office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Proceeds fund grants, scholarships and special projects for local communities. For a description of our heirloom tomato plants visit www.mgwww.org. Questions? E-mail to mgwwwcorg@gmail.com.

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Canton resident Andrea Oleszczak, whose daughter is in Girl Scouts Troop 40936 at Tonda Elementary, taste-tests Aramark Corporation's Chef Jessica Baggett and Alyssa Meldrum's decadent dessert creation featuring the Girl Scouts Tagalong cookie.



Canton resident Pam Paglino of presenting sponsor Ford Motor Company and Scott Moloney, owner of the recently expanded Treat Dreams in Ferndale. Treat Dreams was the Girls' Choice Winner last year in the cookie judging. This year, he created a refreshing ice cream out of the Dulce de Leche Girl Scouts cookie.

Girl Scout cookie desserts win raves, honors

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

That's the way the cookie crumbled and caramelized and blended into the finest, tastiest works of edible art at the 2013 Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) annual Cookie Gala which was held this year, for the first time, at the DTE Energy Headquarters in Detroit.



Social Scene
Julie Yolles

Ten top-area restaurants and bakeries competed for a variety of awards. A record attendance of 350 individuals, who also voted for their favorite dessert, helped

bring in close to \$85,000. The Bloomfield Hills dynamic fundraising duo of Maggie Allesee and Irma Elder once again co-chaired.

And the winners are:

- CEO's Choice Award — Macomb Culinary Institute (Chef Francois Faloppa)

- Judge's Choice Award — Prime 29 Steakhouse in West Bloomfield (Chef Hai Ying)

- Ford Motor Company Presenting Sponsor Award — Gastronomy in Southfield (Chef Emily Davis)

- Girls' Choice Award — Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford (this was the third consecutive year that the team of Pastry Chefs Debbie Meyers and Scott Eschelbach have won for their cookie creations)



- People's Choice — Henry Ford Community College's Fifty One-O-One (Chef Kristin Jablonski)

Money raised from Girl Scouts cookie sales

help fund troop activities like service projects and camping. Last year, nearly 22,000 GSSEM participated in cookies sales and raised more than \$1.5 million.

Presenting Sponsor Ford Motor Company Fund team members Lisa Willis (left) of Redford, Joy Jones of Belleville and Yolanda Brown-McCutchan of Detroit enjoy the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala.



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Coughlin-Ellis

Allison Coughlin and Samuel Ellis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Peter and Marian Coughlin of San Francisco, Calif., is a 2008 graduate of Redmond High School in Redmond, Ore. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. in May, 2012 and is employed as a registered nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hos-

pital in Chicago, Ill. Her fiancé, son of Nick and Celeste Ellis of Farmington Hills, is a 2008 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills. Samuel earned a bachelor of science degree in operational research/applied statistics from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. in May, 2012 and is pursuing a PhD in industrial engineering at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. An August 2013 wedding is planned.



Falsetti-Crespie — Dillard

Pamela Falsetti-Crespie and George Dillard, both of Canton, announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Dominick and Frances Falsetti of Dearborn Heights, graduated from Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights. Her fiancé, son of George and Pat Dillard of Beaufort, S.C., graduated from Thomas Heyward High School in Ridgeland, S.C. and earned a bachelor's degree in military affairs and international politics at The Citadel Military College, Charleston, S.C. He is employed by The Coca-Cola Company. A wedding is planned on July 5.

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BAGGERLY, FRAN
82, of New Hudson, April 23, 2013. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and avid NASCAR fan. Fran is survived by Lawrence, her beloved husband of 57 years; her loving children, Russell (Ramona) Baggerly, Stuart Baggerly, Susan (Bruce) Morrison and Alan (Maria) Baggerly; cherished grandchildren, Russell, Jr., Rebecca, Collin, Brendan, Elizabeth, Orion, Nova and Benjamin; her sister and brother, Glenda (the late Donald) Eldredge and Glen Edward (Carolyn) Keen. Sadly, Fran was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Doris Jean (Charles) Thompson. Funeral Service Friday, April 26th, 11:00am (instate 10:00am) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). In-terment Edger Cemetery, Paris, IL. Memorial gifts suggested to the Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation, mds-foundation.org www.heeneysundquist.com
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BRIGGS, ROBERT HAROLD
Age 60, passed April 16 2013. Proceeded in death by wife Barbara Saczyk Briggs, parents Harold & Frances (Warner) Briggs, daughter Rachel, grandson Zachery. Dear Father to Michelle & Jim Obuchowski and Kris & Jackie Robertson. Brother to John Briggs, Laura & David Loviska, Grampa to Brody, Jenna Bean, & Sophie. Uncle to Stephen M. Christian Jr., Stephanie Irwin (Mike), and Nick Batey. Loved by Courtney Christian, Michael Irwin, Kayla Irwin Ashley Christian, Mr. T. and PePe, and many friends and relatives.

BROOKMAN, ARTHUR
Age 79, formerly of Detroit, MI died April 20, 2013 in Saratoga, CA. 1951 graduate of Cass Technical High School. 1955 Graduate of Michigan Technological University. Husband of the late Ruth Keskinen-Brookman, father of Jay (Sara) Brookman, Marc (Leslie) Brookman, & Brenda (Mike) Sinclair, Grandpaw to Wesley & Chase Brookman, Grandpa to Brent & Clifford Brookman, and Gramps to Anna & Mickey Sinclair. Husband of Myrna Brookman. Step dad to 4 and grandpa to 8 in Boise, ID. Memorial service will be held April 20th, at 11 am. 2013 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 19100 Allendale Ave, Saratoga CA. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

LYPKA, MICHAEL M.
Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed April 21, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington www.thayer-rock.com

HENSON, VIOLA
April 21, 2013; Age 90 of Westland. Dear mother of Richard. Half sister of Carman Grandy. Funeral services from the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday 3pm. Visitation at the funeral home Saturday noon to 3pm. Cremation to follow. Family suggests memorials to Michigan Humane Society in lieu of flowers. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

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LIVINGSTON, LLOYD BURTON
Age 85, April 23, 2013 of Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Ruth. Loving dad of Diane (Craig) Seltzer, Marcia (Lawrence) Taylor and Debbie (Mark) Kerr. Fantastic grandpa of Christy (Brian) Smith, Holly (Matt) Fregin, Jack (Jessica) Kerr, Zachary (Erin) Taylor, Janelle (Kris) Lauinger, Magan (Andy) Bays, Ashlee (Brian) King, Ryan Seltzer and Jenette Baker. Great-grandpa of Kallen and Thatcher Smith; Cayden and Karsynn Fregin; Aaden and Jensyn Lauinger; Ty, Brody and Ely Bays; Gavin and Ava King. Lloyd served in ministry for over 50 years including Chaplain for the Detroit Lion's in the 1970's. He also was a member of the National Speakers Association and a Dale Carnegie instructor for many years. Visitation Sunday, April 28 from 2-8 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia and Monday from 10 am until time of Funeral Service at 11 am at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd., Southfield. Memorials are requested to Highland Park Baptist Church. Please share a memory of Lloyd at www.rgrharris.com

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OLIN, JEANNE BROOKS KIEFER
A piece of the sun and a heart full of love left us all this Friday morning, when our cherished Mom, Jeanne Brooks Kiefer Olin, beloved daughter of the late Harold DeWald and Laura Brooks Kiefer, passed away from complications with pneumonia. She was 83 years old. Born in Detroit and raised in Birmingham, Michigan she raised her own family in Bloomfield Hills and Boyne City, Michigan, before retiring to Florida, where she lived from Key Biscayne to Ormond Beach, before finally settling in Tallahassee to be closer to her daughter, Janet. A graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, she worked as a legal secretary, small business owner, and legislative secretary to State Representative Frank Messersmith. Jeanne was at her best being a "mother". It was her favorite career and its demands elevated her courage and emboldened her Faith. Motherhood moved her to strengths for her children that she never displayed for herself. She loved reading, long visits with friends, singing show tunes and knitting beautifully elaborate sweaters of her own design. In her later years, she was most content on the beach of St. George Island, with one of her pups in hand, savoring the serenity of the surf. Jeanne is survived by her children, Janet, Bruce and his wife Jean, Robin and his wife Kay, Rollie and his wife Jo-Anne, plus two grandchildren Grant and Kevin. Jeanne will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.

MacQUEEN, DOUGLAS RUSSELL
Of Novi, MI was born March 24, 1942 in Coshocton, OH and died April 22, 2013. Doug taught instrumental music for 42 years, 36 of which were spent in service to the Farmington Public Schools. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, OH and a Master's degree from The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Doug was very active in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and was the conductor of the Redford Symphony Orchestra and associate conductor of the Dexter Community Orchestra. Doug was an Eagle Scout and very active in scouting leadership, serving as assistant troop master and quartermaster for Troop 407 in Novi, MI. Doug mentored and facilitated the leadership development and success of young men, many of whom achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, including his beloved son Glenn Russell MacQueen (1977-2011). Doug founded a family brass ensemble and combined his love of history, leadership, and music by playing trombone in the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band. Doug is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Judith Ann Stelzner MacQueen and his daughters Carole (Dan) Frances MacQueen Rossi, Cathryn Elizabeth MacQueen Armstrong and daughter-in-law Dulcie Cooley MacQueen. Other survivors include brother David (Eva) Bert MacQueen, granddaughters Madeleine Armstrong, and Camryn and Catarina Rossi. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 11 at First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, MI 48332-0038. Visiting hours will be held from 3 - 8 PM on Friday, May 10 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi MI 48375-1822. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Redford Symphony Orchestra or the Dexter Community Orchestra. Please share memories and condolences at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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VROMAN, DEBORAH SUE
Age 50 April 24, 2013 of Westland. Loving wife of Daniel. Loving mother of Krystal (Jamie Walters) Vroman, Ashley (Benjamin) Pohl and Katielyn Vroman. Proud grandmother of Elliott and Tyler. Dear sister of Jeffrey Doecker and Elizabeth (James) Heilman. Devoted friend of 40 years to Lea (Matt) Curtis. Beloved aunt of JD, David, Mario (Brittany), Kelly and great-aunt to Dakota and Skylar. Memorial Gathering Tuesday 1-9 PM at Woodbridge Estates of Canton Clubhouse, 4355 Bridgeview Ln., Canton, 48188. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the family c/o Ashley Pohl. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com
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CLASS OF 1973
A reunion is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 13, at Livonia Marriott, located at Six Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$60 for alumni and \$50 for teachers. The event is open to other classes, as well. Contact Marcia Elliott at (269) 327-0657 or e-mail to mickey55@chartermi.net for more information including purchasing tickets.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
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PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963
A 50th class reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 10 with dinner at Fox Hills Country Club. Other reunion activities will include a mixer on Friday, Aug. 9 at Bennigan's, a tour of the "old school" followed by lunch at a popular "uptown" bar on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information call Nancy Richard Earle at (734) 634-8974 or e-mail to nancyearle@comcast.net.

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A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sgjohnson4@comcast.net.

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A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.



Gertrude Langford

Birthday observance

Gertrude Langford of Westland, formerly of Garden City, celebrated her 96th birthday April 4 with several parties. Many of her friends stopped by to wish her a happy birthday. Her late husband, George, worked for DPW in Garden City for many years. Gertrude was

active in Crosspointe Community Church in Wayne and was a member of the Women's Professional Club in Garden City. Her sons are Rodney (Becky) of Naples, Fla., and Dan (Ann) of Pinckney. She also has two grandchildren, Dylan and Sarah.



Charlotte Mae Ryzyi

Charlotte Mae Ryzyi was born Jan. 6, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital Novi. She joins her parents, Joseph and Sheila Ryzyi, and sibling, Gabriel, 2, at home in South Lyon. Grandparents are Walter and Patricia Kornylo of Livonia and David and Mary Ryzyi of Northville. Great-grandparents are Ksenia Kornylo of Dearborn Heights, Loretta Farris of Detroit, and Helen Ryzyi of Northville.

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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Stay slim with help from seasonal staples

With spring finally here, you may be inclined to add some fresh foods into your diet. The season synonymous with change provides a variety of seasonal produce that can recharge your diet, as well as aid in your weight-loss efforts.

Incorporating specific springtime staples into your diet can help keep you fuller and more satisfied while improving your overall health. TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization, offers the following tasteful recommendations that work overtime to help benefit your body.

• **Sugar snap peas** — One cup of these sweet veggies contains only 26 calories. Besides being loaded with flavor and crunch, they also are full of fiber and vitamin K.

• **Ginger** — According to researchers at Florida's University of Miami, just a teaspoon of ginger can make you feel full twice as quickly. This is a result of the gingerol and zingibain inside ginger that act as powerful appetite suppressants. Ginger is also a great anti-inflammatory.

• **Green onions** — Also known as spring onions, these have all the flavor of regular onions without the smell. Stanford University researchers have found the high amounts of sulfur in spring onions help your



pancreas burn carbs for fuel before they are stored in your body as fat. Add these to recipes for a little flavor and color.

• **Eggplant** — Eggplant can be incorporated into many recipes as a low-calorie meat replacement or eaten on its own. Baked or grilled, eggplant is a great choice at just 20 calories per cup. Its low sugar content and muscle-strengthening high protein and potassium levels make it a powerhouse of taste and nutrition.

• **Button mushrooms** — According to UCLA research, the plant protein in button mushrooms slows down carbohydrate absorption in the intestines and helps your body soak up and burn sugars fast, aiding weight-loss efforts. The study has shown that eating one cup a day could accel-

erate your weight loss by 50 percent.

• **Peppermint** — Add this fresh and light herb into your diet as often as possible. Studies from Chicago's Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation have shown that adding one tablespoon of fresh, chopped peppermint to a meal can cause you to feel full on 100 fewer calories. Its lively flavor and smell are perfect for the season.

• **Cucumber** — A spring and summertime favorite, cucumbers are a guilt-free flavor booster to any salad or a great snack on their own. One cup of cucumber slices equals only 16 calories. They're water-rich and high in fiber, so they work double to make you feel full and satisfied.

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inal weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members — male and female, age seven and older — in nearly 9,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is \$28 per year, along with nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

Health camp offers nutritional, exercise seminars in May

Arthur Weaver, M.D., the director of Better Living Seminars, offers his 32nd annual Health Camp, May 12-19 in Grayling.

This camp will feature several seminars given by various health professionals who donate their expertise. One presenter this year is a physician from Mayo Clinic.

"This allows our participants to enjoy a 'lifestyle improvement' vacation at a very reasonable cost," said Weaver, professor emeritus of surgery at Wayne State University. "Many smokers have found that this live-in, 24-hour support has allowed them to finally be successful in dropping this addiction. And those who know they should be on a better nutritional and exercise program find the motivation to make the necessary changes." During the week, camp-

ers will learn about vegetarian cooking, weight control, stress control, low-impact exercise, stop-smoking techniques and more. Lodging, meals, use of recreational facilities and all health seminars are included. The facility includes a private lake with canoes, canoeing on the Au Sable River, nature trails, horseback riding and hayrides, ceramics and other crafts, a social lounge, medical building, clean cabins and rooms, and campsites for tents, trailers and mobile homes.

Cost is \$495 per person or \$895 per couple.

All rates include a \$35 non-refundable process fee.

To obtain a registration form, brochure or if you have any questions call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

April

WEIGHT LOSS

• **Start Smart**, an eight-week workshop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Services, runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning April 29, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Participants will focus on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Customized weekly topics reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. Weekly weigh-ins to keep attendees on track, and includes support and

encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call to register (248) 477-6100

• **Dr. Stephanie Rose** will present a program explaining why you haven't been able to keep weight loss resolutions this year. It runs 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, suite 104, Farmington Hills. The program is free. Questions? Call (248) 888-8183.

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Allergy/Immunology

It may technically be spring, but Michigan is unpredictable. Don't be surprised to see winter weather — and viruses — linger a little longer. So are spring allergies or a winter cold causing your stuffy nose? This week, Allergist and Garden City Hospital Health Expert, Dr. Rachel Kado, gives us the rundown on colds and allergies.

Q: I feel like I've had a persistent cold for weeks and I'm wondering if I may be developing allergies. I'm 35 years old. Is this possible? How can I tell the difference between a cold and allergies?

A: It is possible to develop allergies at any age. In fact, because repeated exposure to substances can prompt an allergic reaction, you are more likely to develop allergies as you get older. Spring is an especially active time for allergies. As temperatures rise, plants and trees release pollen into the air wreaking havoc on people who suffer from plant allergies, also known as hay fever. Below are a few ways to determine if your sniffing might be caused by seasonal allergies.

- Symptoms kicked in fast; a cold will take days.
- Symptoms last longer than a week.
- You don't have fever or body aches.
- Your nose is runny and clear; mucus caused by a cold will be yellow.

If you have allergies, you can alleviate the symptoms by staying indoors during times when pollen counts are highest, usually early and late in the day. You can also help to prevent allergy symptoms by keeping your windows closed and avoiding outdoor chores, such as mowing the lawn. If you must do yard work, wear a mask that filters pollen, and try using an over-the-counter (OTC) allergy medication.

Q: What type of medications or treatments work best for seasonal allergies?

A: There are a number of prescription and OTC medications that work effectively to treat or lessen the severity of allergy symptoms. Nasal corticosteroids, such as Flonase and Nasonex, are sprayed directly into the nose and treat inflammation. Oral and nasal antihistamines, like Benadryl, counteract the actions of histamine, a substance released in the body during an allergic reaction. Drowsiness is a common side effect, so don't take these types of drugs when you have to drive or do other activities that require you to be alert. There are several non-sedating OTC antihistamines, including Claritin and Alavert, as well as physician prescribed non-sedating antihistamines.

Finally, for people who don't respond to OTC or prescription medications, or who suffer from frequent complications due to allergies, you may consider immunotherapy, more commonly known as allergy shots. Roughly 80 percent of people with hay fever experience a significant reduction in their symptoms and their need for medication within a year of starting allergy shots.

If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Kado, please call 248.478.5221. Have a health or medical question for one of the GCH Health Experts? Call us at 877.717.WELL.



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