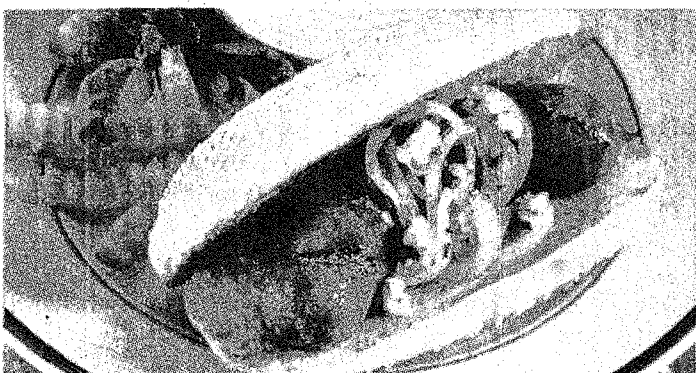
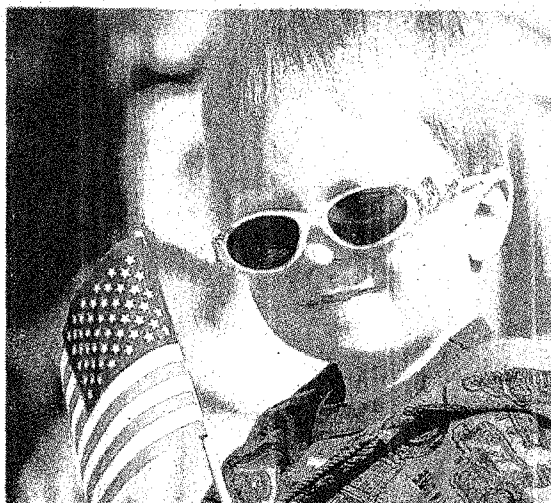


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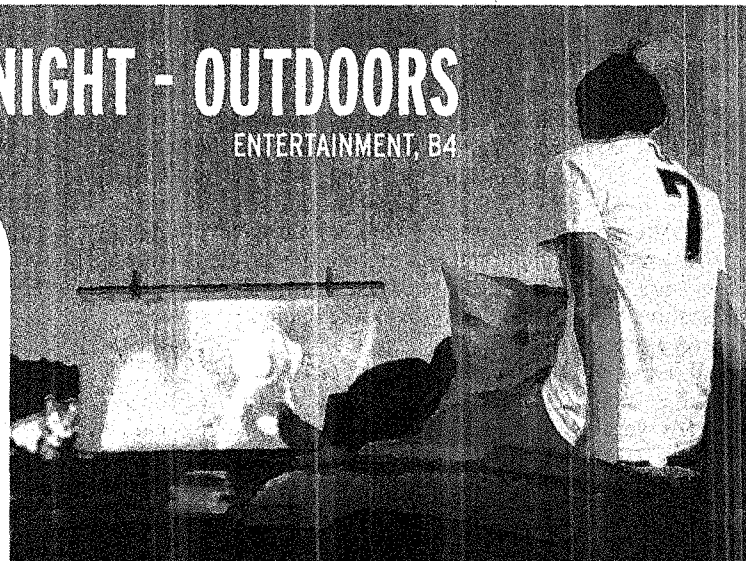
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# City sets aside land for vets memorial

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A plan to create a Veterans Memorial Garden on a portion of land in Central City Park got a big boost Monday evening when the Westland City Council approved a resolution designating the land surrounding Friendship Lake for use for a historic site.

The resolution opens the door for

the Westland Veterans Association to acquire old military equipment that is destined to be destroyed.

"I'm happy we got the property set aside for the memorial," said association President Kenneth Mehl. "At least, now we can look at it from the standpoint of how we can lay it out, then we can move ahead."

The association announced plans to build the memorial in November 2008

and has been in the process of fund raising to cover the estimated \$500,000 cost.

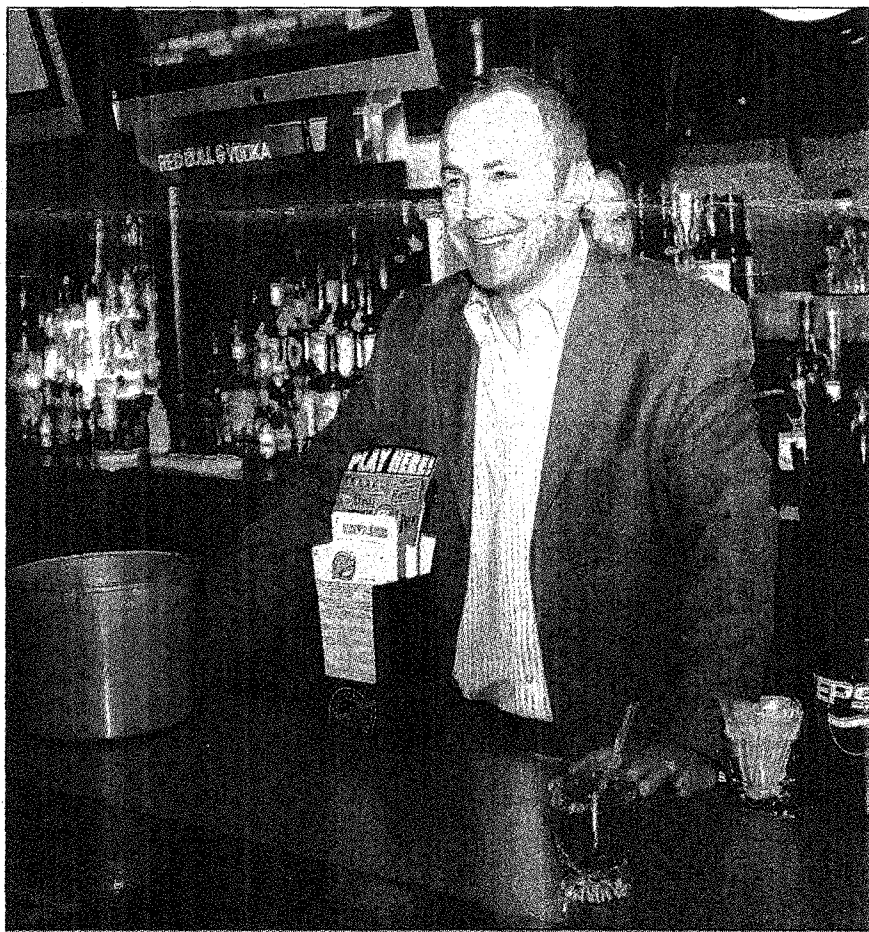
The site is on the east side of the lake along Carlson. The proposal calls for a flagpole in the center surrounded by stanchions representing the different wars, going back to the American Civil War. There would be benches on the edges of the memorial for people to sit and meditate and areas for armament to

illustrate the conflicts.

Mehl credits John Welchman of the Romanowski VFW Post for finding out about the surplus equipment that will be given free of charge to organizations like the WVA to display. But in order to qualify, the group needed the council resolution designating the area for the memorial.

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# Mayor's team goes 'wild' for relay



Westland Mayor William Wild may not have been as wild as Tom Cruise in the 1988 movie "Cocktail" but he was willing to try during a fund-raiser for this weekend's Relay for Life.

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mayor William Wild has a lot of job duties, but tending bar generally isn't among them.

That changed last week when Wild took to bartending at Malarkey's for a cancer-fighting Relay for Life benefit. "I'll have to think about that," Wild said when asked what drink he was best at making. "I make a mean margarita. It's actually a 'Wild' margarita."

This is the fourth year the mayor's has a team in the May 22-23 Relay for Life, proceeds from which support the American Cancer Society. This year's event will run 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday at Jaycee Park, at Hunter and Wildwood by the Mike Modano

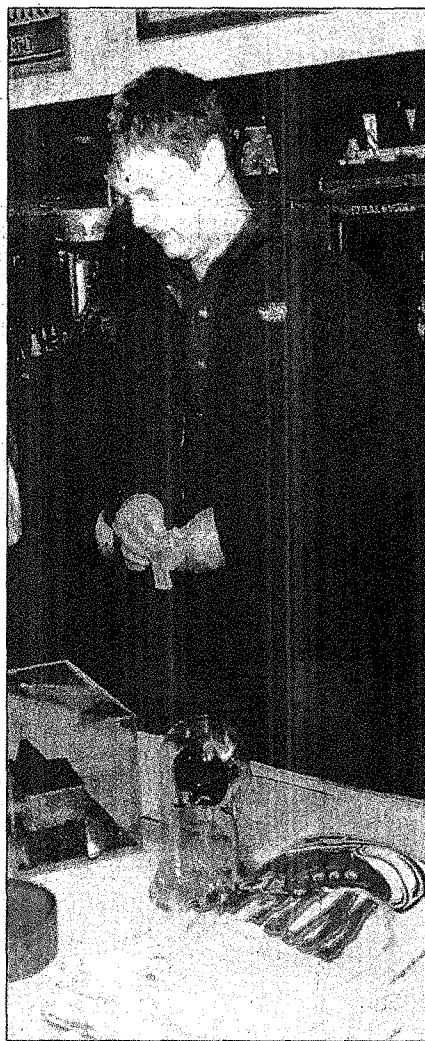


Among items sold were Wild's Walkers T-shirts.

Ice Arena.

"It'll go into the big pot we hand over at the Relay," Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said of the "Tips for a Cure" proceeds. The mayor's team, again called Wild's Walkers, has about 70 folks.

Wild noted the team has raised close to \$10,000 for the Relay each year,



Jeff Staebler buys raffle tickets for the silent auction that was held as part of the Wild Walkers' fund-raiser at Malarkey's.

challenging in this year's economy.

"It touches everybody's family," he said of cancer. "It's something that's easy to rally around."

The American Cancer Society does good work and the Relay, which entails teams walking for 24 hours on a track, makes it fun, he added.

The Wild's Walkers also got a boost from the UAW when Councilman Bill Johnson presented Wild with a check at Monday evening's council meeting.

"Mayor, you asked if we could do something for Relay for Life and this check for \$2,000 is from my members," Johnson said. Johnson is chair of UAW Local 900 in Wayne.

# 38 teams get ready for Relay for Life

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Organizers are putting the finishing touches on the annual Westland Relay for Life, a 24-hour event that they hope will raise more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society.

This is the 10th year the city has hosted the 24-hour event and chair Kelly Bates has a big goal.

"Every year, we've raised around \$100,000, I hope this year we hit the \$1 million mark," she said.

And with \$45,000 in donations already, Brang is confident the relay will hit its goal.

The event, the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raiser, runs from 10 a.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday at Jaycee Park, Wildwood at Hunter. Members of the 38 Relay

teams will set up camp around the park's walking path on Saturday and lace up their walking shoes to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The teams have been fund raising in advance of the 24-hour event but also will sell a variety of items during the Relay which is promoted as a com-

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# Registration opens for Salvation Army camp

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Summer day camp at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army is a perfect mix of learning and plain old fun.

"Without the Salvation Army, there might not be an opportunity like this," said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries.

The camp, for children ages 6-12, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 21 to Aug. 6, at the corps building on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland. Registration is under way, and families can stop by for more information or call Barylski at (734) 722-3660, ext. 110.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, there will be a parent/guardian orientation for all youngsters registered up to that date. There'll be a waiting list after that.

Families can do a week at a time or longer stints in the program. The cost is based on income.

According to Barylski, the camp entails a lot and includes field trips to Kensington Metropark's beach weekly along with the Detroit Science Center, Detroit Zoo, roller skating, bowling, canoeing and fishing. The four classes at the corps center will be music, Bible study, arts and crafts and gym.

There are no geographical restrictions, although families outside the service area pay a bit more.

"We get a lot of kids from Garden City and that's not in the service area," Barylski said.

There's space for 50 kids a week. Donations to support campers who have difficulty paying are also welcome, payable to the Salvation Army at 2300 Venoy, Westland MI 48186.

"It is a great time for the staff," he said. "We are really looking forward to day camp. It's just going to be an awesome summer."

Echoing those views is Capt. Derek Rose, Salvation Army corps commander with wife Joanna.

"We want to provide an opportunity for low-income families to have a safe environment for recreation, educational opportunities, health, nutrition and, I would say most importantly, a wholesome Christian environment to spend their days," Derek Rose said. "We definitely look at it as a ministry."



## In the box: Value World fills old Best Buy store

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The long-vacant former Best Buy store will soon be home to a new business — Value World.

A subsidiary of Purple Heart, Value World is relocating from its existing location on Ford at Wildwood just west of Heartl and Market. The new location is on Central City Parkway west of Wayne Road facing Westland Center.

"The (former Best Buy) had been vacant more than five years," said Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale. "We're really excited to have the building occupied — they are already working on the building."

The new location for Value World is much larger than the current store at 36,336 square feet and Purple Heart has purchased the building. It had previously leased the Ford Road store, Fodale said.

Best Buy vacated the building west of Wayne Road for its current spot on the northwest corner of Central City Parkway and Wayne Road.

Having the former Best Buy building occupied fills one big box vacancy near the mall but the former Sam's Club store on Central City Park is still vacant, as is the former Service Merchandise location

on Nankin Boulevard. Fodale is encouraged that there has been some recent interest in the old Sam's Club site.

"We've had people looking at the building but nothing solid yet. We've meet with potential investors — six different buyers in the last three or four months," said Fodale. "The price has dropped significantly. We're starting to see some activity with the big box stores."

Along with the former Best Buy building, Fodale said the old Sam's Club building and the former Service Merchandise site, located west of the mall, have been the city's top three priorities to get filled.

Westland has been seeing smaller commercial vacancies being filled. Gamers USA, a state of the art laser tag facility, will be opening in the strip center on the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren Roads. It will replace a go-cart track and will join Plant Fitness, Harbor Freight and Toys R Us in the strip center.

"We have still been seeing small retail activity. In March alone, we have five new businesses open," said Fodale. "It's really encouraging that we are starting to see business activity looking at Westland as a destination point for their business."

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## Levin requests \$1.5 million grant for park restoration

An appropriation of \$1.5 million to help restore lead-contaminated Central City Park has been requested from the federal government and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, paid a visit to Westland recently to learn more about the project.

The joint funding request submitted by Wayne County and Westland had been for \$2 million. Levin notified county and city officials that he had submitted a \$1.5 million funding request to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"No other funding was requested by the city and county. I believe that the appropriation request put in by Sen. Levin has a lot of weight," said Mayor William Wild.

Wild and other city officials were joined by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, and Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, in meeting with Levin.

Wayne County Assistant



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan (from left), Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, Westland Mayor William Wild and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano look over upcoming remediation plans for a portion of Central City Park.

Executive Alan Helmkamp and Assistant City Attorney James Fausone, key people in the project, put together drawings for a presentation on the redevelopment plans. The Michigan Department of Natural

Resources and Environment has approved the county's Interim Response Work Plan (IRP) to address environmental concerns with the park.

Shortly after taking office in January 2006, Wild ordered the

park, owned by Wayne County and operated by Westland, closed due to lead contamination.

With Levin visiting, Wild and Ficano took the opportunity to detail how the plan will address health risks that were associated with the lead impacted soil and the presence and migration of methane in the soil. There was also a detailed discussion of the redevelopment plans that will offer amenities, such as a soccer complex, family comfort station, picnic shelters, a walking path and a plaza/pavilion that will complement the newly constructed Play Planet play structure and the H2O Zone Spray Ground Park, along with hosting future events, such as a Farmers Market or other community events.

For updates on the Central City Park project, residents can call the toll free Central City Park information line at (888) 7CC-PARK or visit [www.cityof-westland.com](http://www.cityof-westland.com).

## RELAY

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munity block party. The teams also commit to having someone walk on the track throughout the 24 hours, symbolic of cancer never sleeping.

There will be food entertainment, games galore and time to honor survivor and remember those who have been lost to cancer.

Cancer survivors and their caregivers will be served lunch and then be honored as they walk a lap around the track at 3:30 p.m. A luminaries cere-

mony at 10 p.m. will remember those who lost their fight with cancer. Bates is hoping that this year the luminaries will extend all the way around the mile-long path.

"We usually have a couple thousand," said Bates. "Last year, we were a few bags shy of having it all the way around."

This year's theme is birthday and there will activities throughout the event playing off that — a goofy birthday hat lap, birthday noisemaker lap at 5 a.m. and a revamped Pin the Tail birthday game, called Pin the Pink Ribbon. The teams also will continue to fund raise throughout the event. On the

side lines, they will be selling food, beverages, items. There also will be games.

There also will be live music and activities like Relay's Got Talent, a spin-off of the popular *America's Got Talent* TV show for teams.

Bates estimates that there will 400-500 participants and thousands of visitors this year. Thirty-eight teams have signed up and many of them are new to the event.

"That's nice to see," said Bates. "We have a lot of returning teams and a lot of new teams."

Bates is in her ninth year with the Relay and has served

in every position. She's in her second, and last year, as the chair. The spot will be handed off to her co-chair Rhonda Temple next year.

She believes the Westland Relay for Life is the best in the area. It has many visitors, some who come from other Relays to see how they do it.

"It's fun, it's the only time we can camp out in a city park," she said.

People can continue to help the Westland Relay for life meet its fund-raising goal by donating during the event or online at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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"They've got artillery units, tanks, helicopters ... everything military you can think of," Mehl said. "It's something we've wanted to get our hands on. We don't have the years, but I believe some of it goes back to World War II."

Getting the equipment will be the easy part, getting it from Colorado will take a bit more work. According to Mehl,

Welchman has connections in a trucking company and may be able to get the equipment brought to Westland, but once here, it will need to be stored until its placement on the historical site.

The armament would be group by the appropriate stanchions and would become what Welchman calls "a walk of history."

Mehl said each of the panels will cost and estimated \$12,500, the center costs \$125,000. The group has some leads that "look promising" to

sponsor the center panel, and if the group is able to sell two, "the rest will fall into line."

"If we start getting money, the center could be done sooner than we think," he said. "We'd like to break ground next year."

So far, the group has raised \$15,000 and has another \$10,000 committed. It's holding a golf outing in August and is selling narrative CDs about wars back to the Civil War at \$15 each. Brick pavers also are being sold to help pay for the construction. They cost would be \$100 for a 6-by-6-inch brick,

\$250 for a 6-by-12-inch brick and \$500 for 12-by-16-inch brick, Mehl said.

The council resolution stresses that the memorial will recognize all branches of the service and include the city's heroes of all wars. That's the message Mehl wants to get to residents.

"We want this to be a memorial for everyone," he said. "Our vision is to have the artillery equipment sit by that section in the garden."

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# Town hall: Health care reform makes America stronger

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Adrienne Davis always listens intently to the day-to-day stories about the unemployed without health insurance.

Whether it is her friend, who is in her early 50s and in need of a knee replacement, or a young families who aren't taking their children to the doctor because of no insurance, Davis is interested.

Health care reform is important to this Plymouth-Canton school board member as it is to U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who spoke Saturday at a panel discussion held at Northwest UAW Local 163 in Westland.

Health care reform is a way to make America "better and stronger for everybody," said Conyers the keynote speaker.

On March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the first comprehensive health care reform law in the nation's history. By insuring 32 million Americans and reducing the national deficit by \$1 trillion, many say the historic legislation is the first step forward in making health care a right for all Americans, not an expensive privilege for some.

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The new health care law bars insurance companies from discriminating based on pre-existing conditions, health status and gender. It provides small businesses and working families with tax credits to help purchase insurance.

It strengthens Medicare and closes the prescription drug "doughnut hole." Many say that prescription drug coverage varies too greatly.

While industrialized countries have universal health care coverage, "We have been trying to get universal health care for 50 years," said Conyers, who is keeping "a health care horror story" file that he hopes to one day reduce. He wants to replace these stories with success stories on his web page.



Dave and Sue Wamsley of Garden City and Frankie Wamsley of Dearborn Heights listen to the discussion at the healthcare town hall meeting.

Conyers said that many people consider having a job more important than having health care. That bothers him.

They have told him, "I would rather have a job and be sick than to be well and not have a job." It's a crazy choice for anyone.

"Of course, you want both," Conyers said. "A job and health care are important for everyone."

He asked members of the audience how many people they knew who had to go into bankruptcy because of health care bills. Hands went up. Similarly, a majority of people who attended did have health care.

Conyers mentioned that Republicans, like Thaddeus McCotter, Candice Miller, Mike Rogers and Peter Hoekstra voted against health care reform and asked the bill opponents: "Granted, you don't like the bill that we are putting forward. What bill are you putting forward?"

"We voted, now everyone has to account for their votes," Conyers said.

He added that he would be

willing to debate health care reform with McCotter, who represents District 11, right in the same union hall.

"We want the American people to make up their own minds," Conyers said, adding that the public shouldn't be daunted by the more than 1,000 pages of the law. "All difficult things can be made simple. Everything can be translated. We're going to put this in plain English."

He considers health care a matter of right.

"You get the health care you need, regardless of who you are working for or if you don't have a job," Conyers said. "What is so complicated about that?"

Panel member Natalie Mosher, a Canton Township resident and a Democratic candidate in the 11th Congressional District, has experience as a public school teacher, mother, community volunteer and has been a nonprofit development director. She said that she and her husband interviewed people about their health care stories and put them on her website.

"You have to start somewhere," Mosher said. "We have a foundation that we can build upon."

She wants to make sure that every man, woman and child has coverage that is affordable and has nothing to do with any pre-existing conditions.

Extending health care to young adults to allow them to stay on their parent's health care plan until age 27 is also important to her.

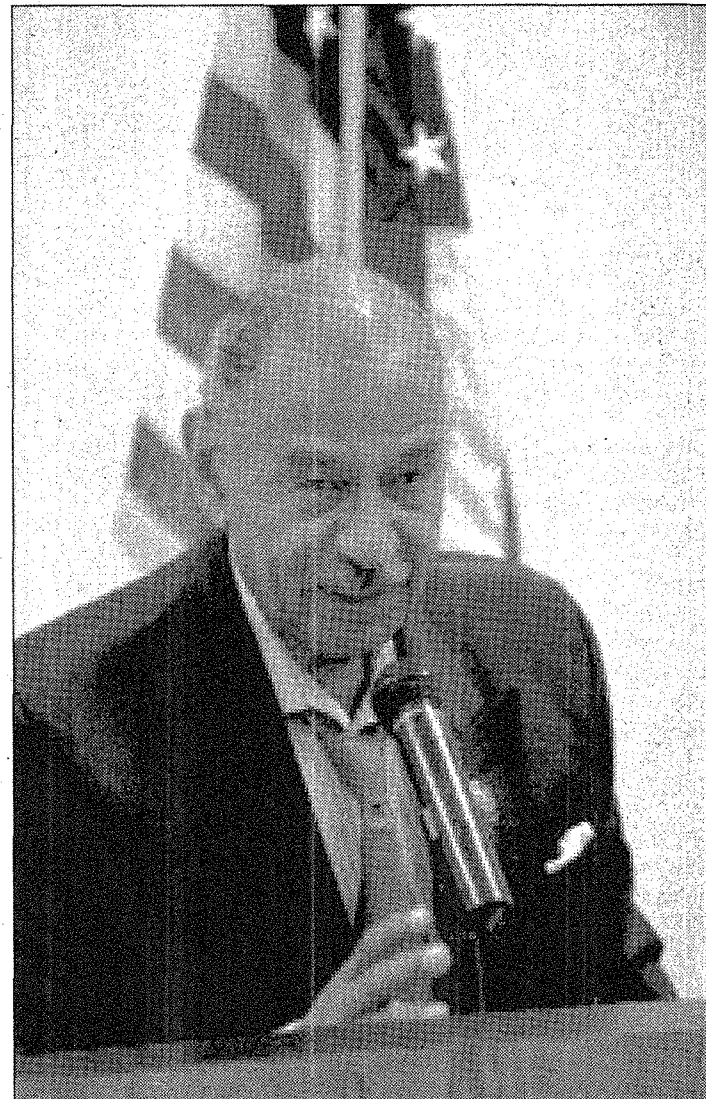
"Medical costs to individuals is off the chart," Mosher said.

## CONYERS PRAISED

Isaac Robinson of Young Democrats of America complimented Conyers in the vernacular by calling him "a bad dude" because he helped to push through the health reform legislation.

The audience submitted questions and one asked if mental illness was covered in the new plan. The answer was that it is unclear.

Marjorie Mitchell of Michucan said that it was important that the coverage for



The keynote speaker at the town hall meeting was U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Detroit.

mental illnesses makes it into the benefits package.

"Those are our advocacy roles," she said.

The goal is to include that which wasn't covered before.

"You don't have to go to medical school to know that the mental and the physical are related," Conyers said.

Garrett Arwa, state director of Organizing for America, said that many seniors have concerns.

"They will not have their benefits reduced," Arwa said.

John Freeman, state director for Health Care for America Now, hopes that the new law will also help the home health care force and "professionalize" them.

"You allow people to be empowered by allowing them to stay in their home for a much longer period of time," Freeman said.

That prevents the more expensive 24-hour care in nursing homes.

Joanne Lamar, a Plymouth resident, credited Conyers for his "sensible view."

"He is a very sensible man," Lamar said.

In the end, Davis felt that the forum was beneficial because it provided still more personal stories for her to ponder.

"It resonates with me," Davis said.

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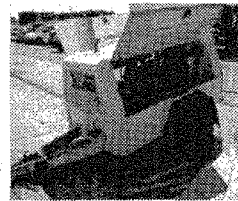
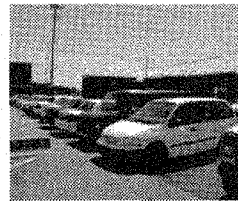
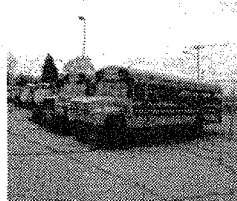
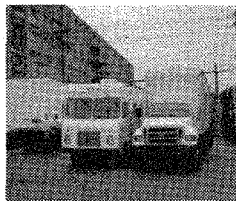
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Arson damages truck's interior

### Vandalism

1 A Bloomfield Township resident told police that sometime between May 14 and May 17 someone

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threw rocks at several windows of a building she owns at 35230 Central City Parkway. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

### Fraud

2 A Novi man discovered that a payroll check in a mailbox at his Plymouth business had been taken and cashed at a Westland party store.

The man told police on May 17 he had placed an employee's check in the box on May 10 and that the check had been cashed at the Wayne Med Mart, 417 S. Wayne Road. He also said he has no idea who took the check.

### Arson

3 A 2007 Ford F150 pickup on the lot at North Brothers Ford, 33300 Ford, was damaged May 14 when someone set the passenger seat on fire.

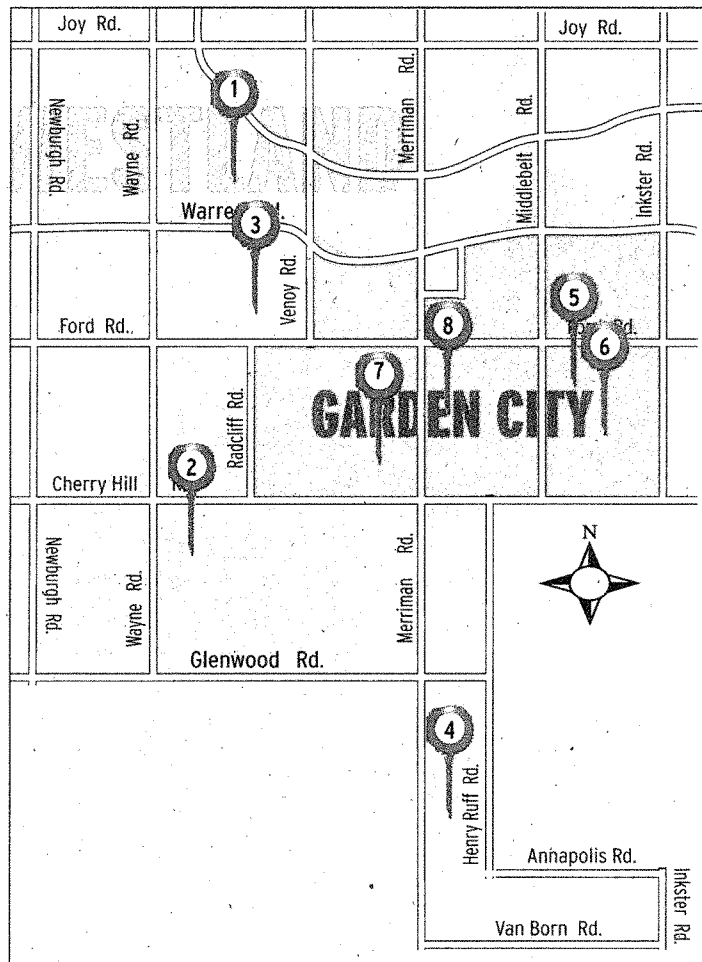
The manager told police that a man wearing blue jeans a blue parka and glasses was seen in the lot and hanging around the business, "acting strange." He was carrying a pop bottle containing a yellow substance, quite possibly gasoline, he said.

The suspect was asked to leave the business after he set off the car alarms in the new car department and when he left, he walked through the lot near where the pickup truck was parked.

There were no witness nor a video of the suspect.

### Vandalism

4 Police are checking on at Metro PCS store at 4683 S. Merriman after the business



owner found the front door and window damaged and tampering with the rear door.

The man told police that he had locked the business up on May 16 at 7 p.m. and when he returned on May 17 he found that someone had thrown rocks had been used to damage the window and door. The rear door had been stabbed with an unknown object and one of the hinges had been tampered with.

Damage was set at \$1,500.

### Hit-and-run accident

A Wayne resident told police that his car was hit by another vehicle while he was westbound on Van Born from

Middlebelt May 17.

The man said he had slowed down for a vehicle that was in front of him when he was hit in the rear by another car that then fled west on Van Born. The driver and his passenger were able to get the license plate number of the vehicle, but could not describe the driver.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 39000 block of Nottingham told police that some time between 1 a.m. and noon May 17 someone threw a piece of concrete through the windshield of her automobile. Damage was set at \$200.

## Man arrested in altercation at medical clinic

### Disorderly person

5 Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Dearborn Heights man about 1 p.m. May 16 for disorderly conduct at a medical clinic.

The man became irate when an employee at the Garden City Medical Clinic, at Middlebelt and Pardo, told the man that he

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couldn't speak to his ex-girlfriend who works there. The employee told police that the man has a habit of continually calling the clinic to speak to the woman.

Outraged that he was unable to talk to his ex-girlfriend, the man who was en route to the office, sped up to more than 80 mph to get there, according to his friend who was a passenger in the vehicle. The passenger said that the driver "acted crazy" on northbound Harrison from Cherry Hill.

Driving westbound on Pardo, he again accelerated to more than 80 mph, losing control of his 1997 Ford Explorer which spun out of control and jumped the curb on the north side of the building. He struck the building before coming to rest in front of the door on Pardo.

When another female employee heard the crash and saw his vehicle, she locked the front door. The man, however, jumped through the front window of the business. He forced his way in to the office and through an interior door. The woman, who answered the man's call, yelled that she was calling the police and managed to get away by leaving through the rear door.

The man might have caught up to the woman, but he fell in the parking lot, she said.

When the police arrived, the paramedics were trying to treat the man who was lying in

the parking lot bleeding from his head, hands and arms. He was uncooperative. The police tried to handcuff the man who tried to pull away and get up.

After he was handcuffed, the police officer discovered that he, too, was bleeding from his hand. His glove was torn and his finger knuckles were bloodied. Both men were taken to Garden City Hospital and treated and tested for HIV because their blood mixed. No HIV was detected. Because the hospital staff sedated the man with a variety of medications, he couldn't have his blood drawn to see if he was also drunk.

### Tampering with a vehicle

6 A woman in the 1580 block of Harrison reported that someone took her floor mat and car registration from her 1997 Pontiac on May 14.

She said that another car that she owns, a 1998 Dodge, also had been searched but nothing was stolen.

She said that she usually doesn't lock her cars because she doesn't keep anything of value inside of them.

### Drunken driver

7 The police arrested a 22-year-old Garden City woman at her house May 13 in the 31400 block of Leona. They found her slumped over the steering wheel of the car parked in front of her house.

She registered a .12 on the preliminary breath test.

Her friend, who was seated in the passenger side, said that they had just been "hanging out."

### Stolen auto

Someone stole a 1991 Cadillac DeVille owned by a 46-year-old Detroit man that was parked in an assigned parking space at an apartment complex in the 31200 block of Krauter May 16.

### Attempted auto theft

Someone tried to steal a 1986 Cadillac that was parked at Beechwood and Brandt May 15. The driver's side window was smashed, the ignition was damaged and the radio was stolen.

### Fraud

8 A woman who lives in the 30700 block of Barton reported that someone fraudulently opened a new telephone account in her name last year.

She began to receive communication from a collection agency contracted by AT&T. The account was opened in August 2009 to someone who lives on Donnelly Street. She said that the AT&T wouldn't provide her with more information.

### Larceny


A Garden City man reported that a hunting knife and a bag containing \$30 in coins were taken from his 2009 Nissan on May 16. He left his vehicle unlocked.

### Theft

A Garden City woman reported May 10 that someone stole her Blackberry Curve, a GPS unit and two pairs of expensive sunglasses from her vehicle which was parked in the rear yard of her home in the 30900 block of Rosslyn May 10.

Someone stole a purse placed in the front passenger seat of a 2001 Pontiac which was parked May 16 at John Hawk and Brandt. The police officer found two, four-inch long stripes which were spray painted in pink on the door which also had scratches.

A GPS unit was stolen from a 2001 Pontiac Aztec May 16 which was parked in the 29500 block of Winter Drive. The driver's side door, would no longer open properly after the incident, according to the police report.



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# Dental Clinic hosts child safety day

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A proactive area dentist wants to take the bite out of potential child abduction.

She and her staff are sponsoring a special child identification day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at their new office, Crescent Dental Care, at 8060 N. Merriman in Westland.

"With the increase in child abduction, it is important to have dental landmarks," said Dr. Nehal Ali.

These landmarks are X-rays

that portray the structures in the mouth. The free records will be available to parents and there also will be free child photos, face painting, a moonwalk, refreshments, raffles for free teeth whitening, and a coloring contest for kids.

Adults will have the opportunity for free blood pressure checks and free blood sugar testing. Adults taking the test should fast for the blood sugar test.

Ali said that the idea for the special child identification day came from her office manager Christine Ferns-Bauer, a

Garden City resident.

As a teen, Bauer said that she saw firsthand the benefit of having dental records available in the case of a tragedy.

That's what happened to her friend, Rhonda Glover, when they were both 16 and students at Garden City High School. Glover's decomposed body was found in Hines Park and her dental records were used to identify her, Bauer said.

"Those were the days before DNA," she said.

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Myra Ali (top row, from left), Mersha Hadzic, Kelly LaDouceur, Theresa Wallen, Dr. Nehal Ali (front row, from left), Alexandria Eilers, Christine Ferns-Bauer and her daughter Alexandria, a first-grader at Henry Ruff Elementary School, are helping to promote Kids Day America Crescent Dental and Medical Care in Westland.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Love of Lace XVI

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Enjoy a day of lace making demonstrations, try-its to learn the basics of bobbin lace and tatting, or bring your own project to work on. Lace making supplies will be available for purchase. Free and open to the public.

### Republican Women

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27

**Location:** Pick-A-Bone Rib House, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Suburban Republican Women's Club will have Senator Mike Bishop, candidate for Attorney General, as its guest speaker at its May dinner meeting. The cost for the dinner is \$18. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

**Contact:** For reservations and menu choice, call (313) 532-3932!

### Toastmasters

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

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

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

### Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.

**Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.



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## Star power

Brenden Renfro, 10, and his brother Jakob, 6, of Westland, pose for a photograph with Eric Roberts at the 21st Motor City Comic Con at the Rock Financial Center in Novi. Roberts is an Oscar nominated actor and starred in the "Dark Knight."

### Earth Angels

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

theatrics and lip-synching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

**Contact:** www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

### TOPS 869

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

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

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

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

### Legion Post 251

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

**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.

**Contact:** www.post251.org or call (734) 326-2607

### Higher Rock Cafe

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

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

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

**Contact:** www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com or call (734) 722-3660

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

### Safe Place

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

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

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734)

422-1995

### Adult Day Services

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

**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

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

### Metro Fibromyalgia

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

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

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

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

### Menopause & More

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

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center

of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

### Counterpoint

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

### Toughlove

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

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

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

### LifeCare

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or (734) 956-2109.

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

### Relay for Life: Time to get involved

There's still time to support the American Cancer Society by participating in the local Relay for Life event, taking place 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22, to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, in Westland.

Each year, hundreds of people gather with their teams at Jaycee Park, where they set up tents and attractions with everything from games for the kids, to refreshment stands and goodie tables.

While there's plenty to do and see off the track, the most important part is being conducted on the track itself. You see, it's where team members take turns walking laps — for 24 hours, nonstop. The continual walking is in recognition that cancer never sleeps.

Celebrate, remember and fight back are themes that link the Westland Relay for Life with relay events around the world. The Relay for Life is chance for people to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. It also is the American Cancer Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer.

Participants celebrate with the Survivors Lap, an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and celebrate the victories achieved over cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony after dark honors people who have been touched by cancer and remembers loved ones lost to the disease. And at the Fight Back Ceremony, participants make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

Each team member raises money for to help further the fight against cancer. Last year, 33 teams raised nearly \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society during the Westland Relay for Life.

The Westland Relay is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and has been expanded to include the City of Wayne. The goal is to have 40 teams set up camp around the park's walking path. We hope organizers reach their goal.

If you're not on a team, that's OK. There is still time to get involved in this important fund-raiser in the community. Community members can join the movement for a world with less cancer and more birthdays by making donations to the Westland Relay for Life event by visiting [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

People also can stop by to encourage the teams through their 24-hour journey. It's a worthwhile effort that brings comfort to those affected by cancer. And who knows, this year, this Relay could be the turning point in beating cancer.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

A sampling of what our online readers are saying about:

### • Teachers' early retirement

The only incentive the teachers should have needed would be to know that retiring would be helping the district. \$30,000 no matter how long the district takes to pay them is a bit excessive. When the custodians got privatized, any money they went after, there were board members that called them extortionists and two of them are on the board right now.

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### • Council's vote on skate park

Personally, I think it's very sad that soooooo many people showed up to fight for a skate park when there was NOBODY at the School Board Meeting to fight for employees for their kids education. It'll be great to have a skate park while we have hundreds of houses empty from families losing their jobs. Let's shut down the pool, demolish the log cabin, drive on parking lots that will bottom out our cars so the kids can find another place to smoke and hang out without parent supervision. How many parents that were at that meeting actually plan to go to that skate park with their kids to supervise them or use it to actually spend quality time with them? I for one will have to be working a second job to get my kid a car to drive to school and back since there will be no transportation for the high school next year.

GCGranna

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think about the proposal to drop Saturday mail delivery?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.



"I think they should stop to save the post office money and then they wouldn't have to up the postage. It would also give postal workers a weekend off like normal people."

Irene Gaylord  
Canton



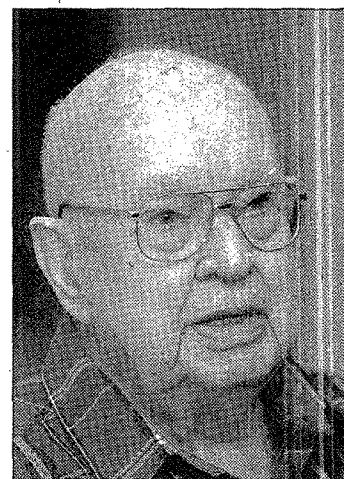
"It doesn't matter to me, but I don't want it to stop all together. I go to the post office."

Janet Watson  
Garden City



"They can drop Saturday delivery because that way, if I go away, I don't have to worry about the mail being in the box."

Regina Iwata  
Livonia



"They dropped the paper to three days a week, so it wouldn't make a lot of difference."

Carol Whitt  
Garden City

## LETTERS

### Keep it simple

Now that the state Legislature has finally made a decision on the retirement benefits for public school teachers and state employees, the public and political leaders should now move on to the next logical step: Follow the Hawaii example and have one statewide school system.

Our state Constitution already specifically provides the state government with the responsibility for public K-12 schools. When voters adopted Proposal A tax reform constitutional amendment in the 1990s, it was a first step in having a uniform financial system for all the public schools in the state. At the same time, state and federal laws have essentially standardized (or should be "federalized") public school curriculum and graduation standards.

What's left for the local school boards and administrators to do? Not much. Local officials have little control over anything — especially curriculum and finances.

Under a single state school system, there would be one teachers' union contract with changes made for different costs of living in different sections of the state. Regional administrators would be retained to carry out policies and regulations and — thankfully — there would be an end of endless school property tax elections.

One clear economic benefit would be an end to local teachers' unions using whip-saw tactics to pressure local school boards into approving salary or fringe benefit increases to "keep up" with neighboring districts.

At the same time, there are also too many small districts, particularly in suburbs near urban centers that have enrollments smaller than some individual high schools in nearby communities. What an example of inefficiency!

It doesn't make any economic or political sense in continuing to have more than 500 local school districts thinking they have any authority or control over local educational decisions. It's a political fiction that has been carried on by local districts for too long.

The constitution gives the Legislature full authority over public education but it hasn't exercised that authority until the last few years. Now is the time to think about a change and eliminate these senseless boundaries.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

### Support Right To Repair

On behalf of more than 5.5 million citizen-activists nationwide, the 60 Plus Association asks Congress to support the passage of H.R. 2057/S.3181, the "Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act."

The Right To Repair Act is a good piece of bipartisan legislation that requires automakers to provide the same service information, safety alerts and tools to independent auto repair shops, as well as to consumers, that the automaker dealership service centers receive. This bill would increase competition in the auto repair industry in the United States which we believe would benefit senior consumers.

Opponents of this legislation don't give consumers, especially seniors, credit. They are savvy enough to shop and compare. Competition keeps rates down and keeps companies on their toes — answering to consumers on technology, service and price. As for the property rights concerns cited by the car companies, the bill states that their trade secrets and proprietary information will be protected.

This legislation, which has attracted supporters on both sides of the aisle, is good for seniors and all consumers. Times, technologies and service providers have changed, and now Congress

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needs to change the law so that all auto repair facilities can fairly compete for seniors' business. Please visit [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org) to send a message in support of the Right To Repair Act to your congressional representatives.

Jim Martin  
chairman  
60 Plus

### Put phone down

How many people have died from texting and driving accidents compared to, say, fires, cancer, and other hazardous things?

The number of deaths is rising in these easily preventable car crashes, and we need to take even more precautions and stop the taking of innocent lives.

Texting and driving has become a major issue in the newer generations. Recently two innocent lives were taken, one of a Plymouth high school student, and another of a John Glenn senior. Lance McKay was killed on Michigan Avenue, after his car ran out of gas, and was hit by a woman texting and driving, while pushing his car in pursuit of fuel.

Why are we allowing these careless drivers to flood our streets and roads when we have the voice to prevent it? We are losing our future generations, and allowing the others to grow up on a corrupt way of thinking that distracted driving is OK.

Lance McKay was planning on graduating and starting the rest of his life, but now it is all gone because one person couldn't wait to answer an insignificant text. Is your life worth a text message? Are you willing to risk your best friend's, your parent's, your wife or husband's, your role models, or your children's lives just to answer that one text? If you are willing to give up your life for, "OMG NO WAY!!" or "hey, what's up?" then risk your life on your own time, but stop for those innocent victims.

I want you to support the ban on texting and driving and help making this into a set in stone law. I want you to take the first step in helping me, and just put the phone down.

Tess Laurentius  
Canton

### Postal problems

"For 44 cents, they'll take something that you wrote, stick it on a plane and fly it across the country," *The Daily Show's* Jon Stewart said in response to a Utah senator's fear that government involvement in health care would make the doctor's office more like the post office.

Many armchair mailmen have been coming up with solutions to the postal service's (government agency, not musical group) fiscal woes. Some have suggested dropping Saturday delivery, a multi-tiered wage structure similar

to autoworkers, wholesale cuts in spending, or even the closing of branches. Most of the suggestions that require the nation's oldest government corporation to tighten the strap on its messenger bag say that the USPS should be run more like a business; that in tough times businesses have to cut back.

True champions of industry will advocate the exact opposite, the perfect time to reinvest and expand are when times are toughest.

With e-mails, e-bills, and even spam (a.k.a. junk mail) flooding America's inboxes, the amount of substance in traditional mailboxes seems to be dwindling. The USPS can use this opportunity to enter the business of sending those e-mails; perhaps opening their own e-mail site offering something all other e-mail providers don't, complete security of information.

All e-mail providers subsidize their operations by selling the information their patrons send via e-mail to advertisers so that the advertisers may target those users with ads geared toward what they talk about in e-mails.

The postal service should also take this time to shift its core business away from letters and towards packages, to compete directly with UPS and FedEx.

The two largest private parcel carriers have also begun entering the field of logistics, working with large companies to help them manage shipping of mass quantities of finished goods. These businesses take advantages of economies of scale not possible when each piece of mail has to be directed to a particular place, instead devoting a whole truck or railcar to a destination.

UPS has been in this profitable business, which the industry calls Less than Truck Load (LTL), since 2006.

The post office would have a built-in advantage in this arena because of the agency's extensive national footprint and scale of its operations.

Andrew Justus  
Plymouth

### Adoption warning

People who "want to be parents" and adopt children out of the country are taking many chances. Why not adopt in America?

A new parent should adopt a baby and not a child who has been institutionalized most of his or her childhood. You must ask what the child's life was like before they were orphaned.

I was institutionalized for the first seven years of my life. I was not able to be adopted because my mother paid room and board for me and hoped some day her life would change for the better, so she could take me with her.

The orphanage was run in a military style with a strict program in order to handle the many children, who did not get individual attention unless they misbehaved. For discipline, we were locked in a room and left to rage until we calmed down. We were never hit or whipped.

After hearing the news about the boy from Russia, I don't believe things have changed. The news media has made the new mother the abuser. That boy retaliated because he wanted to go back to the orphanage he understood. The child was not raised in a traditional family and there were no professionals to help during the adjustment period.

I write this letter because I experienced it as a 7-year-old girl. I didn't live with my mother and her short visits left me in tears. Then, when I moved in with her and my stepfather, it was worse because of many problems and lack of understanding.

Mary Elizabeth  
Redford



# Getting run-around? Time is ripe for research and change

A client was complaining about the fees his bank charged. He was upset because over the last year or so his bank raised their fees substantially.

I asked what had he done about it. He looked at me and said, "What can I do? It is what it is." So I asked him whether he had considered changing his bank. His immediate answer was that it would be too much of a hassle since he had his paycheck direct deposited and he paid bills directly through his account.

My recommendation was to research other banks and credit unions. Credit unions offer basically the same service



**Money Matters**

**Rick Bloom**

worth the hassle to change his account.

He took my advice and found that he could switch his financial institution and save money over the course of a year. He added that it was well

as banks, but sometimes with substantially lower fees.

Once he did the research as to fees, I urged him to compare them with his bank then make a decision as to whether it was worth the hassle to change his account.

worth the effort and he was kicking himself for not doing it sooner.

Granted, sometimes it is a hassle and somewhat time consuming to change relationships that we've had for a number of years, however, in many situations it is worth it.

Many people are in the same situation as my client, not only when it comes to a banking relationship but other relationships that we have in the realm of personal financial planning. We live in a world where everything is changing and with most of those changes we don't have any control. Sometimes we let things stay as is because we don't want any

more change. However, that attitude, can be a financial detriment.

Whether it is auto insurance, homeowners insurance, Internet service or cable, most of us just don't want to go through the hassle and potential aggravation to change things.

## CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

The general attitude is if it ain't broke, don't fix it. However, something doesn't have to be broken before you fix it. I don't believe in change just to change, however, if you can improve the quality of your life or save money, why not? Change can be empowering.

For example, I've had some difficulties with my Internet connection. The company has been giving me the runaround and I didn't think there was much I could do. I finally said, enough is enough and started doing some research to determine other options.

I found that I did have another option and I will have the same or better service at a lower price.

As consumers in today's competitive world we must be proactive in dealing with personal affairs.

Shop around insurance coverage. Don't assume a present policy is sufficient. Don't focus on the hassle to change cover-

age or services but on the benefits that change can bring.

Whether it is improved services or lower cost, as consumers the ball is in your court.

Spend some time and re-look at all your insurance coverage, services and financial relationships and if you can do better don't hesitate to make a change.

A short-term inconvenience will bring long-term gains. Good luck!

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### Open house

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

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

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

### Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinocle and euchre games at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

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

### Wrestling camp

The Glenn Wrestling Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19-23 in Gym 4 of John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette Westland.

The camp is open to high school students. It costs \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 19.

There will also be a Youth Camp 1:30-3:30 p.m. July 19-23 for kindergarten through eighth-grade, also in Gym 4 of high school. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 1 p.m. Monday, July 19.

Registration forms are available online at [www.glennwrestling.com](http://www.glennwrestling.com). For more information, contact Coach Bill Polk at [rocketwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rocketwrestling@gmail.com) or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

### Swim classes

Sign up now for swim classes at the Bailey outdoor pool.

Sessions are Monday-Friday, June 21-July 9, (Week of June 28 there is no class); Monday-Friday, July 12-23; Monday-Friday, July 26-Aug. 6, and Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-20. Times and age groups are 9-9:30 a.m. up to age 3, 9:30-10 a.m. ages 3-5 and 10-10:50 a.m. and 11-11:50 a.m. for ages 5-18.

The evening sessions will be held July 5-Aug. 11. Times are 7-7:30 p.m. up to age 5, 7:30-8:20 p.m. age 5-18 and 8:20-9:10 p.m. for ages 13 and up.

The cost is \$25 for Westland parent/child up to age 5 and \$30 for non-residents. The other classes are \$35 for Westland residents and \$45 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

### Golf Outing

John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 13th Annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Warren Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$75 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn and light meal after golf. Guests are welcome for the light lunch, which costs \$15.

Contact Coach Bill Polk at [rocketwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:rocketwrestling@gmail.com) or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations.

Information also is available at [www.glennwrestling.com](http://www.glennwrestling.com). Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

### Skills Camp

The Basketball Academy is holding its Summer Skill Development camps at St. Damian School on Joy Road in Westland.

Coach Paul Tripp is conducting a boys camp June 21-24. The Girls' camp will be held June 28-July 1. Grades 3-5 will meet 8-11:30 a.m., while those in grades 6-9 from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

### CFL bulb recycling

Westland residents can recycle CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Bulbs) or other fluorescent bulbs for free at Home Depot at 39875 Ford, east of I-275, and IKEA at 41640 Ford, west of I-275. For more information, call Home Depot at (734) 844-7300 and IKEA at (734) 981-6300.

### American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman Road between Avondale and Palmer. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post Web site at [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607 for more information.

### Weight Watchers

The Friendship Center has a Weight Watchers program offered to members only. Meetings are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Weight Watchers offers educational meetings to assist members in making better food choices and living a healthier lifestyle.

This program can help older adults control Type II diabetes, high cholesterol and other diseases where weight may be a factor. To participate in this program, you must be 50 years or older and a member of the Friendship Center — no exceptions.

The center also offers other programs that may help you realize your weight or lifestyle goal. Check out exercise programs for supportive classes to healthier living.

### Teens needed

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

## GARDEN CLIPPINGS

### Light Night

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have Tate Music Group Artist of the Year Chuck Tocco as its special guest for this month's installment of Saturday Night Light.

Tocco kicked off the monthly free entertainment program one year ago and is returning for the first anniversary. Also appearing will be William Reynolds.

The show will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the church, located on Middlebelt just south of Ford, Garden City.

### In concert

The American Liberty Pop Singers (ALPS) will present a special concert benefiting the vocal music scholarships program for Garden City High School students at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in O'Leary Auditorium at the high school, 6500. Tickets for "Good Vibrations - Music to Feel Good" concert are only \$10. Children 5 and under get in free. Tickets are available by calling Loren and Christine Baldwin at (313) 561-3266 for tickets. For a song sample of ALPS, visit the website at [www.libertypops.org](http://www.libertypops.org).

### Garage sale

Looking for some cheap entertainment and/or a way to get rid of your extra quality materials (junk)?

Join Garden City Public Schools as it hosts a Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 29 in the high

school parking lot. Single- or double-wide parking spots will be available for rent. We have a limited number of tables for rent. If you cannot spend the entire day at the sale or would like to take a shopping break, organizers will provide "space sitters" for you. High school students who need community volunteer hours, will sit in your space and sell your items for the prices marked (they will not negotiate).

Set-up starts at 7 a.m. Food booths will be available.

The cost is \$25 for a single lot, \$40 for a double lot. Each additional lot is \$10. Tables are available at \$5 each.

Money raised from the space rentals will be used to purchase ceiling tiles for our schools.

Spaces will be assigned on a first-come first served basis. The map of the parking spots is available at Central Office and is also available on the district's website at [www.gardencityschools.com](http://www.gardencityschools.com). Call Dorothy at (734) 762-6311 to reserve space. Reservations should be made on or before May 24.

### District hours

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb (D-Garden City) holds regular office hours to meet with residents in the 9th District, which includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Redford Township.

Webb will hold office hours the third Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Dearborn Heights at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richardson, and

at 11:30 a.m. at the Eton Senior Center, 4900 Pardee, and the fourth Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in Redford Township at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, and at 11:30 a.m. in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood.

For residents who are unable to attend daytime office hours, Webb will hold evening hours on a monthly basis. Locations will rotate throughout her district. Evening office hours are the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The next date is May 24 in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center. Residents also can contact her office directly at (313) 224-0930 or send a letter to her attention at 500 Griswold, Suite 725, Detroit, MI 48226.

### Auction

St. Dunstan Catholic Church will be holding its second annual silent auction "Slide into Summer" on Friday, June 11. Join members for an evening of fellowship, delicious food and fun. Tickets are currently on sale in the Parish office, and before and after Saturday and Sunday masses.

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

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

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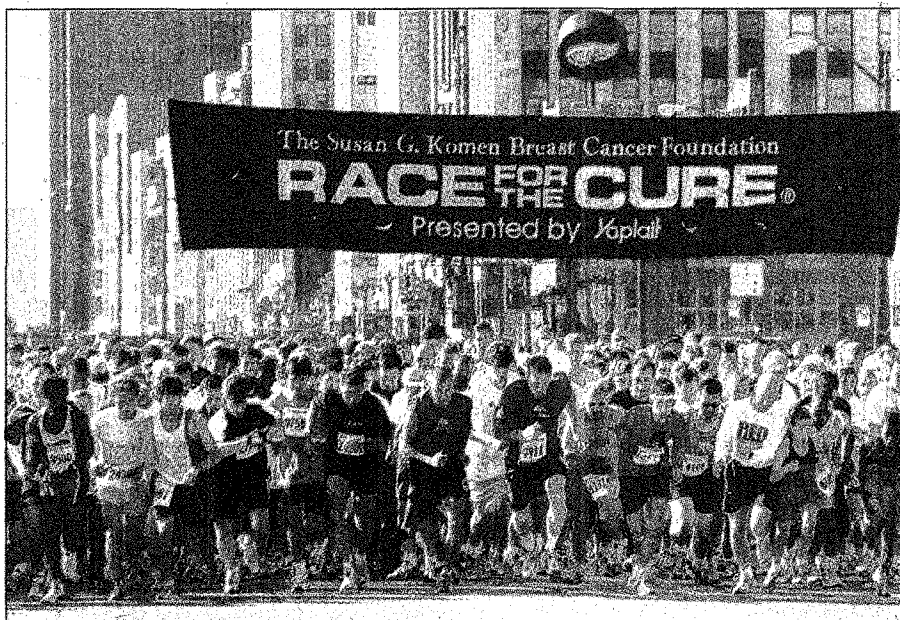
Metro Detroiters continue to demonstrate that even in the most challenging of times, their generosity and support for others is heartfelt and unwavering, say organizers of the event.

More than 30,000 participants and 100-plus local sponsors and underwriters will take part in the race.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute has been the local presenting sponsor of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® for the past 18 years.

The community has rallied the support of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to raise \$2 million in 2009 alone in the fight against breast cancer, according to event organizers.

As a result, \$1.5 million funded breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb



counties, allowing the uninsured and underinsured to receive the needed services they might not otherwise get.

Every three minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women will die from breast cancer this year alone.

There is something for participants of all ages at the Race. Bands and entertainment groups will perform for the walkers and runners, a variety of sponsors will have giveaways and offer exciting interactive activities. A children's activity area will be available.

Street closure begins at 7 a.m. Sponsor booths open at 8 a.m. and opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. Closing ceremony and awards presentations take place 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Participants can register online through midnight (ET) tonight (May 20). Register at [www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure). Registration fees range from \$15-\$35 prior to Race day.

You can also register at several locations around metro Detroit and on-site Race day, from 7-8:45 a.m. Fees will

be \$20-\$40 on Race day. Children age 5 and under are free but must be registered to participate.

There is still a need for volunteers to help with Race duties. View volunteer opportunities at [www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/volunteers.asp](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/volunteers.asp).

Donations of all amounts are appreciated. Details at: [www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/friendsfortheCure](http://www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheCure/friendsfortheCure). or stop by the Friends for the Cure® booth on Race Day.

For more information go to [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org) and click the Race for the Cure® icon or call (800) KARMANOS, (800) 527-6266, and ask for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®.

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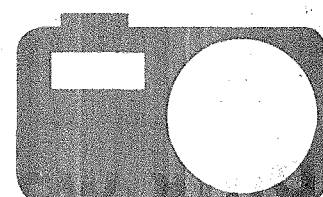


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### Late Stevenson rally yields Livonia City title

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Winning the Livonia City Tournament was Priority No. 1 for the Stevenson baseball team.

The state-ranked Spartans, despite being in the midst of a three-way chase for first place in the KLAA's Central Division, put all their eggs in one basket Saturday at Ford Field.

And it couldn't have worked

out any better as Stevenson rallied to stun Churchill in the championship game, 5-4, in eight innings, after beating Franklin in a six-inning mercy in the first semifinal, 12-2.

"When you coach in Livonia, you can be in a division race, but to the players and the City of Livonia, the City Tournament is the be all, end all of what they want to win," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman, whose team improved to 22-4 overall.

"Obviously we threw (Jeff) Sorenson the first game to get by Franklin. We can't win the KLAA. We can tie for first, but we couldn't win the tie-breaker.

"We met as a team, and the team decided this was our strategy. We decided we'd go for this. We could have saved Jeff for Monday (vs. Franklin again) and guarantee a tie. They wanted this and that's what they did."

Stevenson trailed 4-1 going

into the bottom of the sixth, but rallied for two runs thanks to a pair of costly Churchill errors with two outs to cut the deficit to 4-3.

In the seventh, Dan Lopez doubled and went to third on Tyler Lynch's infield single. He then scored when the Chargers turned a double play to send the game into extra innings.

Stevenson won it in the eighth on a lead-off double by

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## Crusaders open with 8-5 victory

Pitcher Jeremy Gooding improved to 10-1 overall as the 10th-ranked Madonna University baseball team opened NAIA Region action Tuesday with an 8-5 win over No. 15 College of Idaho at Totman Stadium in Riverside, Calif.

Gooding, a Livonia native from Dearborn Divine Child High, went 8.1 innings, allowing five earned runs on seven hits. He struck out eight and walked one.

He held College of Idaho (37-15) scoreless through seven innings before giving up a run in the top of the eighth and four more in the ninth.

Reliever Andy Omilian came on to get the final two outs for the Crusaders, who improved to 47-9 overall.

MU collected a total of 11 hits led by Dan Harder's 3-for-4 effort.

Ted Toune and Jeff Bultinck each drove in a pair of runs, while Billy Hardin III, Zach Flavin, Brad Lineberry and Drew Fry added one RBI apiece.

Jye Lanphere went 2-for-4 with three RBI for College of Idaho.

Losing pitcher Ben Rosen (10-3) was roughed up for eight runs (five earned) on 10 hits in five innings.

MU resumes action in the five-team regional beginning at noon (PST) Wednesday to face host California Baptist (46-13), which also advanced with a 6-1 win over Vanguard (Calif.).

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### MU's Quitiquit 2nd

The Madonna University men's golf team finished Tuesday's opening round of the NAIA National Championships at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., with a team score of 304.

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference individual medalist Brett Quitiquit (Highland) led the way for the Crusaders turning in a 3-under round of 68, good enough for second place overall.

The Milford High grad caught fire in the back nine, making four birdies on last seven holes to get back to under par after three straight bogies at holes nine, 10 and 11.

The Oakland University transfer is just one stroke behind tournament leader Axel Ochoa of Oklahoma Christian University, who shot a 4-under 67.

Other MU scorers included James Uelman, 78; Livonia Churchill's Tommy Lucko and Nick Sears, 79 each; and Livonia Franklin's Steve South (Westland), 81.

"We go the opening round jitters out of the way, scoring conditions were very good in the morning round and Brett (Quitiquit) took advantage of them and made seven birdies," MU coach Steve Mato said. "We started to settle into our game and expect to play well tomorrow."

MU, among 25 teams in the field, needs to finish in the top 17 after Day Two to make the cut.

### Proben shoots 73

Schoolcraft College's Josh Proben (Livonia Churchill) was tied for 19th with a 1-over par 73 after the opening round of play Tuesday NJCAA Division II National Tournament held at Palm Valley Golf Course in Goodyear, Ariz.

Taylor Welborn of Darton (Ga.) College led after the first day with a 4-under 68.

### Spartan 5K Run

The Spartans 5-kilometer and 1-mile run-walk will be at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

All proceeds will go to the Stevenson Booster Club.

Packet pickup and on-site registration begins at 8 a.m. Late registration cost is \$20 for the 1-mile run-walk and \$25 for the 5K run-walk.

For more information, call Lori at (248) 442-9234 or Jeff at (734) 748-4909.

You can also visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org/Stevenson](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org/Stevenson) for a course map, or to download a registration form.

## Wilson's bat keys victory for Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS  
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The third time proved to be a charm for the Stevenson girls softball team.

The Spartans, who lost in two previous encounters with rival Churchill, captured the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational title Saturday at Ford Field with 5-0 victory over the rival Chargers.

Catcher Shelby Wilson was the offensive catalyst, while pitcher Jacqueline Johnson threw a 4-hit shutout as the Spartans improved to 19-10 overall.

After Churchill starter Natalie Hiser mowed down Stevenson through the first three innings, the Spartans got

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## Sister act shows plenty of promise

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Three's Company as sisters Merrill, Bayne and Scout Froney of Livonia will be on display Saturday and Sunday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center in the North Zone Region B Synchronized Swim Championships.

Over 100 athletes from three different states — Michigan, Indiana and Illinois — will compete in the two-day event.

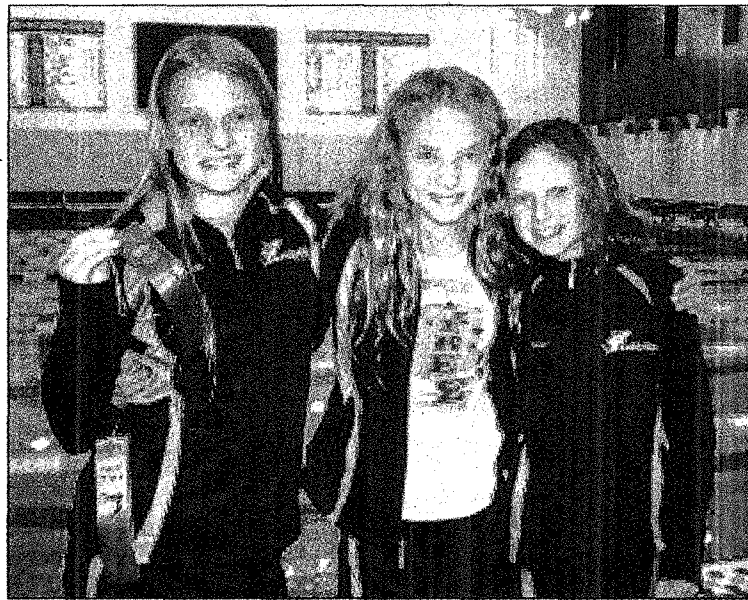
The Froney trio — representing the Troy Synchro Sharkettes club team — features 12-year-old Merrill, a seventh-grader at Holmes Middle School; Bayne, 11, a sixth-grader at Riley Upper Elementary; and Scout, 9, a fourth-grader at Webster Elementary.

Last year, the sisters competed in the ESynchro US Age Group Championships in Gainesville, Fla. They are coached by Livonia's Erin O'Brien.

"They are phenomenal, up-and-coming athletes," O'Brien said. "Their future in synchro is quite promising. They're very competitive, very driven and strive to improve at every practice. They best way to describe them is that they're extremely focused."

This year, the sisters will compete on different teams and routine.

Merrill's "Love" team (ages 13-15) includes Abby Green, Katie Ward and Carlie Zitkus, who earned gold at the Michigan



The Froney sisters of Livonia (from left), Merrill, Bayne and Scout, will compete Saturday and Sunday for the Troy Sharkettes in the North Zone Region B Synchronized Swimming Championships at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

Association Synchronized Swimming Championships.

Bayne and Scout's "Chicago" duet (11-12) placed first as well along with Jenna Gaiownik. Bayne also earned a first in figures (11-12), while Scout (10-and-under) won solo at the Michigan Association meet.

The girls were introduced to synchronized swimming while living in Shanghai, China. They swam for the recreational Emerald Gemas, a team of 10 expatriate girls from the U.S., Canada and Colombia (coached by

American Debbie McDonald).

After moving back to Livonia they continued their synchronized with the Sharkettes. They also swim for the Livonia Community Swim Club team coached by Joe Bublitz.

In between the two sports they are in the pool 12 hours per week, and as the T-shirt says: "Chlorine is their perfume."

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# Sweep keeps Warriors in 1st in MIAC Red race

Lutheran High Westland stayed atop in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division girls softball race Tuesday by sweeping a double-header from visiting Plymouth Christian Academy in a pair of mercy-rule games, 12-2 and 16-1.

The Warriors, now 12-5 overall and 7-1 in the MIAC Red, got three hits and three RBI apiece in the opener from Erica Killian and Sam Roberts.

Winning pitcher Allison Guse gave up one earned run on five hits. She struck out five and walked one.

Guse also got the victory

in the nightcap, a three-inning mercy. She allowed four hits, walked one and struck out five before Killian finished up.

Shannon Abbott paced the offense with two hits and two RBI.

Lutheran Westland travels Thursday to take on Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, which won an earlier meeting with a 3-run homer in the top of the seventh, 12-11.

**CLAWSON 12, CLARENCEVILLE 0:** In a non-conference game Tuesday, host Livonia Clarenceville (7-11) gave up 11 of its 12 runs from the fifth inning on in a loss to Clawson. Winning pitcher Addison Shumaker, who struck out 10 and

walked only two, went 3-for-5 at the plate with a pair of doubles.

Starter Chelsea Gehan suffered the loss for Clarenceville, allowing six earned runs on 15 hits. She walked three and struck out five.

The Trojans could muster only two hits off Shumaker, one each by junior Kellie Ankiel and senior Val Sochacki.

On Monday, host Macomb Lutheran North, getting 12 runs in the fifth inning, rolled to a 13-0 Metro Conference playoff win over the Trojans in a five-inning mercy.

Anna Reincke struck out 10 and pitched a no-hitter for the Mustangs.

Clarenceville starter Val Sochacki (4-8) took the loss.

The win clinched the conference crown for North and dropped Clarenceville to 2-3 in the Metro.

# Co-champions

## Stevenson tops Pats, gets share of KLAA Central

Livonia Stevenson got two for the price of one Monday, earning its school record 23rd victory to go along with a KLAA Central Division co-title Monday with a 10-5 triumph at Livonia Franklin.

The Spartans, 23-4 overall, will share the crown along with Northville and Novi at 13-3 each.

But Northville will win the first-place tiebreaker and play for the Kensington Conference championship Wednesday at Canton, the South Division champ, based on a run differential.

Stevenson overcame a 4-3 deficit against Franklin by scoring six times in the sixth inning.

The Spartans collected a total of 13 hits as winning pitcher Mark Wagner helping his own cause going 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored.

Wagner went all seven innings, allowing four earned

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runs on nine hits and three walks. He struck out 10.

Other Stevenson offensive standouts included Matt Shain (2-for-3, homer, three RBI); Dan Lopez (2-run homer); Brendon Hayes (two RBI); and Troy Bodtke (RBI).

Joel Trudell had two hits and two RBI for the Patriots (10-15, 5-11), while Dan Miller, Justin Dean and Anthony Crechiolo added two hits apiece.

Losing pitcher Jack Chinavare went 4.2 innings, allowing eight runs on 12 hits and seven walks.

**NORTHVILLE 2, CHURCHILL 0:** Dylan Breault pitched a 4-hit shutout and Dan Mills went 3-for-3 Monday as the Mustangs (18-8, 13-3) earned the top seed in the KLAA Central with a win over host Livonia Churchill (14-14, 8-8).

Breault went all seven innings. He struck out three and walked three.

Losing pitcher Troy Bogenschutz also went the distance, allowing five

hits and a walk while fanning three.

Breault scored the game-winning run in the first when he stole third and came home on an errant Churchill throw, one of three errors on the day for the Chargers.

Joey Close then brought Mills, who had doubled and stole third, home on a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

**NOVI 3, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Monday, the Wildcats (22-5, 13-3) earned a share of the KLAA Central crown and the second seed behind the combined 1-hit pitch pitching of Tyler Root and Nick Regnier in a crossover win over host Westland John Glenn (2-18, 2-14).

Root, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings. He struck out three, walked four and allow just one hit – a fourth-inning single to Derrick Ammons.

Regnier finished up with two scoreless innings to earn the save.

Rob Schurig, the Glenn starter, suffered the loss. He allowed two runs – and RBI single by Regnier and a RBI by Jimmy Eloff.

Spencer Dowd worked the final three innings.

The two Glenn hurlers combined for a 6-hitter, walked five and struck out four.

# Spartans topple Patriots again

There was no letdown for the Stevenson girls softball team after capturing last weekend's Public Schools of Livonia Invitational.

The Spartans improved to 20-10 overall with a 3-1 triumph Monday over host Livonia Franklin.

Winning pitcher Jacqueline Johnson threw a 7-hitter. She struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Nina Bonnano went 2-for-4, including a 2-run single in the first inning, to stake Stevenson to a 3-0 lead.

Ashley Avery contributed a double and also went 2-for-4.

Franklin tallied its only run in the fourth on Afton DeWyse's double followed by Maggie Leins' RBI single.

Leins had two hits, while Alecia Geraghty added a double. Nicole Emery walked three times and singled, but

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the Patriots stranded five runs at third by striking out.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble (12-11), a sophomore, gave up five hits, no walks and fanned four. All three runs were unearned as the Patriots made a total of four errors, including two in the first inning.

**CHURCHILL 6, NORTHVILLE 5:** Taylor Kerr collected three hits and scored three runs as host Livonia Churchill (17-11) rallied for a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over the visiting Mustangs (7-10).

Northville jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Churchill evened the count at 5-all and took the lead for keeps in the sixth inning.

Casey Bias added two hits to pace the Chargers' 9-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Abby Jewell went all seven innings, scattering eight hits.

Carly Fisher and Jenny Buckingham each had two hits for Northville.

**S.L. EAST 4, CHURCHILL 3:** In Friday's Farmington Quad, South Lyon East (11-14) won it in the eighth inning under the international tiebreaker rule thanks to Olivia Nelson's double against Livonia Churchill (15-10).

Churchill took a 3-run lead into the fifth before the Cougars scored three times to tie it on three infield hits.

The Chargers had just five hits with Missy Sidor driving in two of the three runs.

**CHURCHILL 6, S.H. STEVENSON 5:** Casey Bias, Nikki Salloum and Katina St. Pierre each collected two hits Friday as Livonia Churchill (15-9) to edge Sterling Heights Stevenson at the Farmington Quad.

Churchill took a 6-2 lead into the seventh and held off the Titans.

Pitchers Abby Jewell and Natalie Hiser combined on a 2-hitter, but allowed nine walks between them to go along with seven strikeouts.

# Lutheran Westland rolls into 1st

It was all Lutheran High Westland in Monday's first-place Blue Division baseball showdown in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Warriors improved to 13-4 overall and took over sole possession of the top spot in the MIAC Blue with a 14-1 mercy-rule triumph over host Southfield Christian.

Lutheran Westland led 2-1 after three innings before breaking it open with four runs in the fourth and eight more in the top of the fifth.

Winning pitcher Austin Baglow overcame a shaky first-inning start as he allowed just one hit and a walk while striking out eight.

"Austin was pretty much

locked in after the first," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team is 8-1 in the division. "He threw 75 pitches. He kept the ball low and did a good job."

The Warriors racked up 15 hits as Taurrek Fikes went 3-for-3 with three RBI. Gage Flanery also added a double, triple and three RBI.

Other top hitters for Lutheran Westland included Baglow (2-for-2, two walks and RBI double); Marc Rosin (2-for-4, RBI, two runs); and Ben Derminer (2-for-3, two runs).

Southfield Christian starter Andy Hossenbacher, threw 102 pitches in four innings.

"We had one at-bat where he threw 14 pitches and that made a huge difference," Wade said.

The loss drops Southfield Christian to 7-6 overall and 7-2 in the division. Both Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett are two games off the pace at 6-3 each.

**LUTH. NORTH 12, CLARENCEVILLE 3:** In a Metro Conference consolation game Monday, host Macomb Lutheran North jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings to beat Livonia Clarenceville (12-14).

The Trojans tried to rally with three in the fourth inning led by Damien Quarles' 2-run double, but it wasn't enough.

Quarles and Mike Schiffman each finished with two hits, while Donovan Watts added an RBI.

Clarenceville starter Eric Trotter took the loss. The Mustangs out-hit Clarenceville, 14-4. The Trojans also committed four errors.

# Williams hat trick fuels Rockets

Westland John Glenn got the best of girls soccer rival Wayne Memorial in a big way Tuesday night.

Junior Jenna Williams notched a hat trick as the host Rockets improved to 4-9-2 overall and 2-5-2 in the KLAA's South Division with a 5-0 triumph over the Zebras.

Ashley Bailey and Jesse Sanchez-Condash also scored goals for Glenn, which pulled away from a 1-0 halftime advantage.

Ali Zarate and Jennie Humbach added assists, while goalkeeper Andee Samborski posted the shut-out.

The two teams battled to a 3-3 draw in an April 29 meeting at Wayne.

"We knew their game plan, what they were weak and strong at," Glenn coach Jimmy Mortada said. "We

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attacked them and controlled the game from start to finish. We made some changes and we succeeded."

The loss drops Wayne to 3-10-1 overall and 1-7-1 in the KLAA South.

**STEVENSON 0, SALEM 0:** In a KLAA Central Division clash Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (6-4-3, 3-4-1) and the Rocks (8-4-3, 4-3-2) fought to a scoreless draw.

Michelle Krawczyk was in goal for the Spartans.

"It was an average performance, it seems, by both teams," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We had chances and they had chances, but nobody wanted it."

**PLYMOUTH 8, FRANKLIN 0:** Freshman Morgan Klabunde scored twice Tuesday, leading the Wildcats (9-1-4, 7-0-2) to a KLAA South Division mercy-rule triumph over host Livonia Franklin (0-15-1, 0-8-1).

Other Plymouth goal scorers included Megan Peplinski, Jessica Scott, McKenzie Hengesh, Abigail Livingston, Katie Krajewski and Katelyn Watson.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 22 saves, while Marissa Williams posted the shut-out for Plymouth.

**CANTON 4, CHURCHILL 1:** Christy Balewski notched a hat trick Monday as the host Chiefs (11-1-3, 8-0-1) clinched at least a tie for the KLAA's South Division crown with a victory over Livonia Churchill (6-7-1, 5-3-1).

All the scoring came in the first half as Balewski scored in the second, 12th and 28th minutes. Lindsey Winters also added a goal in the 36th minute.

Alexa Vakratsis scored in the 15th minute to cut the deficit to 2-1 for Churchill.

"We came out flat, like a deer in headlights and Canton caught us off-guard," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We played loose in the box and it was our inability to hold the ball in wet conditions."

"But I'm happy we played to the end. We could have easily quit."

# Meet the Parent: C'ville boots RU

Livonia Clarenceville proved it could play in the wet conditions Monday night.

The Trojans avenged a season opening 1-0 loss to Redford Union by turning the tables on the host Panthers by an identical 1-0 count at Kraft Field.

Teresa Parent tallied the game-winning goal in the 50th minute on an unassisted effort.

"It was our best game of the year, we played hard in the rain," said Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson, whose team improved to 4-7-1 overall.

Goalkeeper Kristen Jolly kept RU (6-7) scoreless during the first half before moving to a field position. Back-up Britney Olds then played a strong second half to preserve the shutout.

Johnson also singled

out the play of midfielder Ashley Welch and sweeper Morgan Tressler.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 0, PARKWAY 0:** Angela Morrison notched her first save of the season Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-7-3, 2-4-2) deadlocked Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-2 MIAC Red).

**SHRINE 9, LUTH. WESTLAND 1:** Hannah Burgess and Allie Breda scored two goals apiece as Royal Oak Shrine invoked the eight-goal mercy rule Monday against host Lutheran High Westland (2-7-2).

Kayla Smith, Maddie Tracey, Emily Guirey, Maddie Traynor and Cora Essenmacher also tallied goals for the Knights.

Sarah Frusti had the lone goal for the Warriors off an assist from Kelsey Kruger.

**LADYWOOD 1, FOLEY 0:** On Saturday, Paige Brennan dribbled from midfield, beat three defenders and placed a shot just inside the goalpost to give host Livonia Ladywood (8-3-4) a Catholic League quarterfinal win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley

(4-6-1).

"Paige's goal was fantastic," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She's an excellent dribbler, and when she gets running with the ball, she can be devastating to the other team. It was an excellent effort from front to back for us."

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed, who made two saves, notched her fifth shutout of the year as the Blazers advance to the semifinals 6 p.m. Thursday at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Amanda Mancini had four saves for the Ventures, ranked No. 5 in Division 4.

"The Foley coach told me he moved his best player Kyla Cross (Illinois State signee) to sweeper in order to try to keep us off the board and get the game to a shoot-out," Shingledecker said. "It almost worked."

**RU 3, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0:** Angie Mancini scored all three goals on breakaways Friday as host Redford Union (6-6) blanked Lutheran High Westland (2-6-2) in a non-conference match.



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# Spartans wear City links crown

A tiebreaker was required to sort out the Livonia City boys golf champion Tuesday at Whispering Willows.

Stevenson and Franklin were deadlocked at 8.5 points each in the Ryder Cup style format, while host Churchill placed third with seven.

## BOYS GOLF

The eventual winner, Stevenson, was determined by the second best ball score due to a tie for the first best ball score. In stroke play, Stevenson's Drew Mossioan and Adam Giordano each shot 40s for a total of 80 to earn three first-place points. Churchill's second-place team Adam Yarber and Ben Proben to earn two points combining for an 82 with scores of 38 and 44, respectively. Franklin's Jon Holmes and Brandon Kozyn carded 42 and 46, respectively, for a third place

total of 88. In alternate shot, Franklin's Drake Hermann and Jacob Wirgau led the way with a 37 followed by Stevenson's Christian Debay and Tom Cullum (39) and Churchill's Eric Hill and Andrew Ioanou (41).

In scrambles, Franklin's Jimmy Johnson and Tyler Miller and Stevenson's Adam Laporte and Phil DeSantis split the first-place points with 33 each. Churchill's Christian Theile and Nick Proben took third with a 36.

In best ball, Churchill's Dominic DiLisi and Cory Dare combined for a 38, to edge out Franklin's Doug Nagy and Chris Grund (39) by a stroke. Stevenson's Nick Marsh and Dante Cicchelli were third (41).

DUAL MATCH RESULTS  
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 166  
CANTON 166  
(Churchill wins tiebreaker).

## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE  
GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
May 15 at Novi H.S.  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 31 points; 2. Northville, 30; 3. Salem, 16; 4. Livonia Churchill, 12; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 6. (tie) Canton, Plymouth and South Lyon, 7 each; 9. South Lyon East, 4; 10. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, 3 each; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.  
FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS  
No. 1 singles: Amanda Border (Novi) defeated Joanne Weber (Novi) 6-0, 6-1; semifinals: Border (Novi) def. Allie Carpenter (Salem), 6-2, 6-0; Weber (Novi) def. Angelica Woods, (LF), 7-5, 6-0.  
No. 2: Abby Wang (Novi) def. Erin Doud (Novi), 6-1, 6-1; semifinals: Wang (Novi) def. Nicole Kruse (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Doud (Novi) def. Morgan Spencer (Salem), 6-0, 6-0.  
No. 3: Sara Carlson (Novi) def. Jessica Yu (Nville), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Carlson (Novi) def. Ani Cooper (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Yu (Nville) def. Kerry MacDonald (Salem), 6-1, 6-2.  
No. 4: Mackenzie Powers (Nville) def. Lauren Felcher (Novi), 6-2, 7-5; semifinals: Powers (Nville) def. Mara Karageozian (LC), 6-0, 6-0; Felcher (Novi) def. Kerry MacDonald (Salem), 6-1, 6-1.

def. Kerry MacDonald (Salem), 6-1, 6-1.  
No. 1 doubles: Jenna Snyder-Julia Thomas (Novi) def. Laura Taylor-Caiti Darish (Nville), 7-6 (9-7), 7-5; semifinals: Snyder-Thomas (Novi) def. Allison Santoro-Lauren Jeong (P), 6-0, 6-0; Taylor-Darish (Nville) def. Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (Salem), 7-5, 6-0.  
No. 2: Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo (Salem) def. Andrea Lollo-Meggie Riegel (Novi), 7-5, 3-6, 7-5; semifinals: Walker-Rojo (Salem) def. Amy Bernstein-Jenna Grezlik (Nville), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5); Lollo-Riegel (Novi) def. (LC), 7-5, 6-4.  
No. 3: Ally Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (Nville) def. Ashley Aljadah-Orl Nagasaka (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; semifinals: Weaver-Kjolhede (Nville) def. Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel (Salem), 6-2, 6-1; Aljadah-Nagasaka (Novi) def. Kristi Fata-Jayde Schultz (LC), 6-4, 6-0.  
No. 4: Megan Foland-Christy Murphy (Nville) def. Meng Meng Jie-Emily Kwederis (Novi), 6-4, 6-3; semifinals: Foland-Murphy (Nville) def. Eileen Chen-Janel Matuch (SL), 6-0, 6-0; Meng Jie-Kwederis (Novi) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Andrea Burford (LS), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 5: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Ria Barad (Nville) def. Shannon Maturi-Juliana Zuccato (Novi), 6-2,

6-4; semifinals: Sakorafis-Barad (Nville) def. Emily Baumgartner-Kelsey Futrell (LS), 6-2, 6-4; Maturi-Zuccato (Novi) def. Lauren Schmid-Erin Mackenzie (P), 6-1, 6-1.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS  
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 6  
WATERFORD MOTT 3  
May 18 at Franklin  
No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Robyn Marks, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Melissa Fairbrother (WM) def. Chauna Gibson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kelsey Sitariski (LF) def. Stephanie Vue, 3-6, 6-4, 10-5 (tiebreaker); No. 4: Rachel Hubbard (WM) def. Annie McLeod, 6-1, 6-3.  
No. 1 doubles: Jennifer Rellinger-Crystal Henderson (LF) def. Hannah Mathers-Rachel Northey, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell (LF) def. Ali Belsky-Melanie Ronquille, 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 (tiebreaker); No. 3: Alexa George-Arianna Sassani (WM) def. Natalie Mays-Brittany Borreard, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko (LF) def. Gisel Lopez-Joseline Wardell, 6-3, 6-4; No. 5: Renee Kozakowski-Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Faith Woolslayer-Mackenzie Sava, 6-2, 6-0.  
Dual match records: Franklin, 3-6 overall; Mott, 2-7 overall.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL  
Thursday, May 20  
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 21  
Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 22  
(all double-headers unless noted)  
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 10 a.m.  
Franklin at Milford, 11 a.m.  
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 11 a.m.  
GIRLS SOFTBALL  
Thursday, May 20  
Wayne vs. Gab. Richard at EMU, 4 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 21  
Churchill at W.L. Western (2), 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Clarenceville at P.H. Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 22  
(all double-headers unless noted)  
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.  
Huron Valley at Luth. N.west, 11 a.m.  
GIRLS SOCCER  
Thursday, May 20  
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
(Catholic League semifinals)  
Ladywood at A.A. Gab. Richard, 6 p.m.  
Friday, May 21  
A.P. Cabrinri at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD  
Friday, May 21

(MHSSA Regionals)  
Division 1 at Canton, 10 a.m.  
Division 2 at Ladywood, noon.  
Saturday, May 22  
(MHSSA Regionals)  
Division 4 at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.  
Division 3 at New Haven, 10:30 a.m.  
BOYS GOLF  
Thursday, May 20  
Huron Valley vs. Birm. Rooper at Idyl Wyld 6 C, 3:30 p.m.  
GIRLS TENNIS  
Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22  
Division 1 Regional at Novi, TBA.  
Division 1 Regional Woodhaven, TBA.  
Division 2 at Regional Country Day, TBA.  
GIRLS LACROSSE  
Friday, May 21  
Ladywood at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

# SOFTBALL

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a double from Wilson and an RBI single from Molly Knoph to right field in the bottom of the fourth make it 1-0. Stevenson went up 3-0 in the fifth on a 2-run single by Wilson and added two more in the sixth after Ashley Avery and Becca Zarras each scored after reaching base with a single and bunt single, respectively. "Wilson is hitting around .435, she's hitting the ball well," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "She, Nina

Bonnano and Becca Zarras — they're all hitting over .400." Hiser, the junior left-hander, had beaten Stevenson in two previous outings, 3-2 and 5-1. "This is the third time we faced her (Hiser)," Witherspoon said. "I told the girls 'You've seen it, you've seen her before, you've hit pitching like this — swing the bat and see what happens.' We were looking at a lot of strikes early. "I told the girls that when we get runners on base, we're dangerous. We can do so many things because we're more athletic than we've been in the past. We can do that

fun stuff — bunt the ball." Johnson struck out seven and walked only one, while Hiser struck out 11, allowed five hits and did not walk a batter. Churchill, which slipped to 16-11 overall, committed a pair of costly errors. "Running is such a key part of this game, and if you mis-play the bunts, it snowballs because they're just going to do it again," Churchill coach Lou Kuratko said. "And then the pressure doubles. That's exactly what happened. "They've actually played good defense, but today, out here and in this setting where we beat Stevenson twice ...

MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT  
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP  
May 18 at Ann Arbor Greenhills  
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 118 points; 2. Southfield Christian, 99; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 65; 4. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 61; 5. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 54; 6. Plymouth Christian Academy, 50; 7. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 41; Newport Lutheran South, 23; 9. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 4; 10. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 1.  
FINAL EVENT RESULTS  
Shot put: 1. Byron Ford (SFC), 39 feet, 11.25; 6. Dawson Davenport (LW), 37-7.5; 6. David Adloff (HVL), 36-9.75; discuss: 1. Aaron Rathbun (OC), 126-8; 6. Davenport (LW), 96-4; 7. Travis Doney (LW), 91-11.5; high jump: 1. Jordan Allen (PCA), 6-2; 2. Jacob Fairbairn (LW), 5-5; long jump: 1. Anthony Johnson (Parkway), 19-4.25; 2. Ethan Haller (LW), 18-7.5; 5. Zach Musial (LW), 16-11.5; pole vault: 1. Rob Diot (AAGH), 11-0; 3. Martin Kemp (LW), 7-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Musial (LW), 15.92; 3. Micah Kemp (LW), 16.45; 4. Josh Andrzejewski (LW), 17.4; 300 hurdles: 1. Brent Kostich (OC), 42.38; 2. Fairbairn (LW), 43.87; 3. Andrzejewski (LW), 44.3; 6. M. Kemp (LW), 45.56; 100 dash: 1. Johnson (Parkway), 10.9; 2. Derrick Mozham (LW), 11.6; 5. Matt Erickson (LW), 12.06; 200: 1. Johnson (Parkway), 22.37; 3. Mozham (LW), 23.82; 400: 1. Duane gardner (AAGH), 52.45; 5. Caleb Kempf (LW), 54.35; 800: 1. Kevin Beal (SFC), 2:05.29; 4. David Moldenhauer (LW), 2:09.61; 1,600: 1. Mitchell Dale (OC), 4:25.33; 3,200: 1. Victor Allen (SFC), 9:48.59; 7. Peter Sillanpaa (LW), 11:46.5; 8. Josh Kirk (LW), 11:47.04; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Haller, Musial, Erickson, Mozham), 46.28; 800 relay: 1. Plymouth Christian (Riley Greenwood, Chad Ibach, Collin Kieft, Allen), 1:37.7; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:38.61; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Northwest (Jornell Jones, Alex Irwin, Ryan Joseph, Zach Freidel), 3:44.25; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:48.0; 3,200 relay: 1.

## BOYS TRACK RESULTS

Southfield Christian (Beal, Evan Carter, Owen Bame, Allen), 8:57.9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 9:07.8.  
WARRIOR INVITATIONAL  
May 15 at Lutheran High Westland  
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 99.33; 2. Detroit Loyla, 97; 3. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 68.33; 4. Garden City, 60.33; 5. Redford Thurston, 54; 6. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 51; 7. Royal Oak Shrine, 31; 8. Plymouth Christian Academy, 27; 9. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 17; 10. Detroit Christo Rey, 9; 11. Newport Lutheran South, 8; 12. (tie) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and Detroit Cesar Chavez, 1 each.  
FINAL EVENT RESULTS  
Shot put: 1. Dixon Ryles (RT), 46 feet, 4 inches; 3. Dawson Davenport (LW), 38-11.5; 5. Mike Dunn (RT), 37-0.5; 6. David Adloff (HVL), 37-3.5.  
Discuss: 1. Michael Duneghy (RT), 115-10.1; 3. Nathan Kalinowski (GC), 114-8; 4. Shane Mitchell (GC), 113-1.  
High jump: 1. Jordan Allen (PCA), 6-2.1; (tie) Lester (GC) and Jacob Fairbairn (LW), 5-3 each.  
Long jump: 1. Ethan Haller (LW), 20-1; 3. Eric Wilson (RT), 18-6.5; 4. Riley Greenwood (PCA), 18-3.5.  
Pole vault: 1. Lester (GC), 9-0; 2. Wisniewski (GC), 8-6; 3. Hinkle (GC), 8-0.  
110-meter hurdles: 1. Zach Musial (LW), 15.77; 2. Micah Kempf (LW), 16.69; 3. Josh Andrzejewski (LW), 16.95; 4. Watts (GC), 17.34; 6. Duneghy (RT), 17.83.  
300 hurdles: 1. Andrzejewski (LW), 43.37; 2. Watts (GC), 43.87; 3. Fairbairn (LW), 44.05; 5. Kempf (LW), 45.12.  
100 dash: 1. Stevens (DHA), 11.59; 2. Wilson (RT), 11.59; 4. Greenwood (PCA), 11.8; 5. Derrick Mozham (LW), 11.83.  
200: 1. Steinbeck (DL), 23.2; 4. Mozham (LW), 24.11; 6. Greenwood (PCA), 24.58.  
400: 1. Najee A've (DL), 49.99; 3. Wilson (RT), 52.67; 4. Allen (PCA), 53.55.  
800: 1. A've (DL), 2:09.57; 4. Dave

Moldenhauer (LW), 2:17.39.  
1,600: 1. Stolzenfeld (LN), 4:53.09; 5. Jackson (RT), 5:06.5; 6. Moldenhauer (LW), 5:06.66.  
3,200: 1. Stolzenfeld (LN), 10:58.82; 4. Josh Kirk (LW), 11:35.57; 5. Sillanpaa (LW), 11:39.86; 6. Whitaker (GC), 11:51.89.  
400 relay: 1. Loyola, 46.48; 2. Lutheran Westland, 46.5; 4. Thurston, 46.73; 5. Plymouth Christian, 47.22; 6. Garden City, 47.79.  
800 relay: 1. Loyola, 1:34.59; 2. Garden City, 1:39.11; 3. Lutheran Westland, 1:41.23.  
1,600 relay: 1. Loyola, 3:35.38; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:47.9; 5. Garden City, 3:54.5; 6. Thurston, 3:56.37.  
3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Northwest, 9:06.33; 5. Plymouth Christian, 9:46.75.  
DUAL MEET RESULTS  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 65  
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 63  
May 18 at Clarenceville  
Shot put: 1. D.J. Hogan (Cville), 44 feet, 10 inches; 2. Shawn Cummings (Cville), 37-2; discuss: 1. Cameron (BHC), 111-0; 2. Tony Giordano (Cville), 108-5; high jump: 1. Sheldes (BHC), 5-3; 2. Kenny Williams (Cville), 5-1; 3. Austin Douglas (Cville), 5-1; long jump: 1. Harris (BHC), 18-9; 2. Moses Hobson (Cville), 17-4; Williams (Cville), 16-10; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Ben Watts (Cville), 16.15; 2. Antonio Hawk (Cville), 16.2; 300 hurdles: 1. Watts (Cville), 42.95; 2. Hawk (Cville), 44.98; 100 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly (Cville), 10.86; 200: 1. Kelly (Cville), 23.77; 2. Hobson (Cville), 24.0; 400: 1. Tallman (BHC), 49.74; 800: 1. Tallman (BHC), 2:17.58; 2. Chevas Dooley (Cville), 2:17.69; 1,600: 1. Trosch (BHC), 5:07.0; 3,200: 1. Malinowski (BCHK), 11:28.0; 3. Mattius Hoffman (Cville), 11:41.0; 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (D.J. Hogan, Hobson, Leonard Hogan, Kelly), 45.32; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (D.J. Hogan, Hobson, Leonard Hogan, Kelly), 1:34.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Williams, Dooley, Watts, L. Hogan), 3:44.5; 3,200 relay: 1. Cranbrook, 9:24.0; 2. Clarenceville, 9:35.0.

## GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

Westland (Freeman, A. Flury, Terranella, Zehel), 4:26.4; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Szczembura (GC), 2:41.95.  
WARRIOR INVITATIONAL  
May 15 at Lutheran High Westland  
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Thurston, 115 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 108.5; 3. Garden City, 82; 4. Royal Oak Shrine, 59; 5. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 55.5; 6. Birmingham Rooper, 30; 7. Newport Lutheran South, 26; 8. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 20; 9. Detroit Cristo Rey, 15; 10. Plymouth Christian Academy, 13; 11. Meadow Montessori, 2; 11. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 1.  
FINAL EVENT RESULTS  
Shot put: 1. Christine Labaza (LW), 33 feet, 5 inches; 5. Alissa Shirkey (LW), 27-5.25; 8. Janine Erickson (LW), 22-8.5; discuss: 1. Labaza (LW), 110-0; 2. Shirkey (LW), 95-11.5; 5. Erickson (LW), 72-1.5; high jump: 1. Emilie Freeman (LW), 4-10; 3. Rachel Storck (LW), 4-8; long jump: 1. Aneisha Bussey (SFC), 15-2; 2. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-9.5; pole vault: 1. Storck (LW), 7-0; 2. Marcela Flury (LW), 6-0; 3. Beth Larose (LW), 5-6; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Brianna Batchford (Rooper), 17.13; 3. Storck (LW), 17.7; 4. Amanda Terranella (LW), 18.47; 6. Jackie Schwartz (LW), 19.32; 300 hurdles: 1. Batchford (Rooper), 50.95; 2. Terranella (LW), 51.64; 3. Storck (LW), 51.67; 5. Alyssa Flury (LW), 53.97; 7. Schwartz (LW), 57.38; 100 dash: 1. Rynita Bohler (Parkway), 12.93; 200: 1. Jessica Soblesky (PCA), 27.63; 400: 1. Bussey (SFC), 1:02.19; 4. Hardin (LW), 1:06.39; 800: 1. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:25.98; 4. Jess Rice (LW), 2:41.37; 8. Brittany Maynard (LW), 2:57.7; 1,600: 1. Zehel (LW), 5:38.78; 3. Erin Lyle (LW), 5:58.45; 3,200: 1. Winonah Krug (LS), 12:45.48; 2. Sarah Maynard (LW), 12:49.13; 4. B. Maynard (LW), 14:09.02; 6. Lyle (LW), 15:52.21; 400 relay: 1. Southfield Christian (Morgan Bates, Rachel Love, Peyton Brown, Kristian Wheeler), 55.48; 2. Lutheran Westland, 57.57; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (A. Flury, Hrdin, Terranella, Freeman), 1:54.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran

Westland (Freeman, A. Flury, Terranella, Zehel), 4:26.4; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Szczembura (GC), 2:41.95.  
WARRIOR INVITATIONAL  
May 15 at Lutheran High Westland  
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Thurston, 115 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 108.5; 3. Garden City, 82; 4. Royal Oak Shrine, 59; 5. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 55.5; 6. Birmingham Rooper, 30; 7. Newport Lutheran South, 26; 8. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 20; 9. Detroit Cristo Rey, 15; 10. Plymouth Christian Academy, 13; 11. Meadow Montessori, 2; 11. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 1.  
FINAL EVENT RESULTS  
Shot put: 1. Chelsea Carradine (RT), 35 feet, 9 inches; 5. Maguineese Holliday (RT), 31-1.5; discuss: 1. Labaza (LW), 1908-8; 7. Cally Perkins (GC), 102-1; 3. Alissa Shirkey (LW), 95-6; 5. Christina Teodorescu (GC), 89-2.  
High jump: 1. Rachel Storck (LW), 4-10; 4. Beveridge (GC), 4-8; 3. Whitaker (GC), 4-3.  
Long jump: 1. Summer Lewis (Rev), 15-3; 2. Dominique Smith (RT), 15-0; 3. Maci Martin (RT), 14-11; 4. Katrina DeMoss (GC), 14-7; 6. Erin Hardin (LW), 13-10.  
Pole vault: 1. Feast (DHA), 8-0; 2. Storck (LW), 7-6.25; 3. Sheppard (GC), 7-6; 4. Kastl (GC), 7-0.5; 5. Alyssa Flury (LW), 6-6; 6. (tie) Beth LaRose (LW), 5-6.  
100-meter hurdles: 1. Martin (RT), 16.26; 4. Storck (LW), 17.64; 5. Greenshield (GC), 18.67.  
300 hurdles: 1. Martin (RT), 49.91; 2. Beveridge (GC), 50.23; 3. Storck (LW), 52.53; 4. Amanda Terranella (LW), 52.55; 6. Greenshield (GC), 55.25.  
100 dash: 1. Nixon (RT), 12.97; 2. Smith (RT), 13.19.  
200: 1. Nixon (RT), 26.63; 3. Burks (RT), 27.59.  
400: 1. Whitlow (GC), 1:02.21; 2. Jessica Soblesky (PCA), 1:03.56; 3. Thomas (RT), 1:06.65; 6. Gibbs (RT), 1:07.66.

800: 1. Krug (LS), 2:28.43; 2. Nicole Zehel (LW), 2:33.68; 3. Jess Rice (LW), 2:37.99; 6. Szczembura (GC), 2:41.95.  
1,600: 1. Zehel (LW), 5:28.1; 3. Windle (PCA), 5:44.64; 5. Erin Lyle (LW), 5:56.43; 6. Sarah Maynard (LW), 5:57.95.  
3,200: 1. Anna Gojcek (ROS), 12:34.15; 2. Lyle 9LW), 12:55.9; 4. S. Maynard (GC), 13:48.95; 5. Whitaker (GC), 14:30.0.  
400 relay: 1. Thurston, 50.38; 3. Lutheran Westland, 57.29; 3. Garden City, 58.15.  
800 relay: 1. Thurston, 1:48.6; 2. Garden City, 1:56.14; 4. Lutheran Westland, 1:56.45.  
1,600 relay: 1. Garden City, 4:26.94; 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:29.27; 3. Thurston, 4:30.41; 8. Plymouth Christian, 5:21.39.  
3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (S. Maynard, Lyle, Brittany Maynard, Rice), 10:54.69; 3. Garden City, 11:14.94; 5. Thurston, 11:55.0.  
DUAL MEET RESULTS  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS KINGSWOOD 74  
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 44  
May 18 at Clarenceville  
Shot put: 1. Emily Jasmer (Cville), no mark available; discuss: 1. Jasmer (Cville), 75-9; high jump: 1. Tonya Vernier (Cville), 4-8; long jump: 1. Bland (BHK), 13-10; 3. Tayla Heller (Cville), 9-4; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Evangela Daniels (Cville), 19.31; 300 hurdles: 1. Daniels (Cville), 56.13; 100 dash: 1. Blake (BHK), 12.69; 3. Vernier (Cville), 14.38; 200: 1. Blake (BHK), 26.83; 2. Kamal Sanders (Cville), 30.46; 3. Thania Cooper (Cville), 30.57; 400: 1. Blake (BHK), 1:00.0; 3. Melani Kieling (Cville), 1:16.0; 800: 1. Misra (BHK), 2:54.1; 3. Kieling (Cville), 3:12.2; 1,600: 1. Misra (BHK), 6:18.0; 3. Alexa Bean (Cville), 6:46.0; 3,200: 1. Howlett (BHK), 12:51.0; 400 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Daniels, Vernier, Sanders, Cooper), 58.19; 800 relay: 1. Clarenceville (Daniels, Vernier, Sanders, Cooper), 2:02.0; 1,600 relay: no entries; 3,200 relay: 1. Kingswood, 2:12.0.

# BASEBALL

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Evan Piechota, a stolen base followed by Mark Wagner's shot to right center field. "This game typifies what this group of players have done all year — somebody different comes up big every game," Berryman said. "They know if they can stay in, they can win it at all times. It didn't look good early. We were lucky with the Churchill error at second base, but we tied it up and got the big hit. Very pleasing." Stevenson reliever Chris McDonald, a sophomore right-hander, pitched five scoreless innings in relief of Piechota, the starter, to pick up the win. McDonald struck out two, walked two and allowed three hits. Senior left-hander Steven Hovermale went the distance and scattered nine hits for Churchill (14-13). He did not allow a walk, but hit two batters and struck out two. Failure to catch a pop foul followed by an infield error led to the Chargers' undoing. "Catcher, pitcher, first baseman — somebody's got to catch it," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "It was high enough where one of them

could have gotten underneath it. Then, right after that, they hit the ground ball to second base and went under his glove. It's disappointing because we got two outs on two pitches. I feel bad for Steven because he pitched a heckuva game today. I feel bad for the whole team, but especially for him. He pitched well. "He and Ben Matigian have been our top pitchers this year. Before this game, Steven was 4-1 with like a 1.80 ERA. He's pitched mostly against all of our division opponents. He's pitched a lot of our tough games and he's been really good this year." Joe Williams had a double and triple to lead Churchill. Stephen Foster also added two hits. But it was the Stevenson bats that came alive in the later innings. "It's probably the most prolific home run hitting team I've ever coached, and you're talking a ton of years," Berryman said. "As far as team home runs, I think we're up to 25. For a high school, that's phenomenal. In past years at Stevenson, five or six was good for a year. "And you've got Jeff Sorenson, who has probably broken 10 records now. Don't ask me to name them. We

have other kids who step up — Evan Piechota and Mark Wagner came up big today. The sophomore (McDonald), who came up from JV three weeks ago gives me a great performance on the mound. Every day it's somebody different." STEVENSON 12, FRANKLIN 2: Stevenson (21-4) unloaded for 13 total hits as Evan Piechota went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBI in a semifinal victory over the Patriots (9-14) Saturday at Ford Field. Other Stevenson hitting stand-outs included Dan Lopez (3-for-4, two doubles, RBI); Mike Vomastek (2-for-3, RBI, three runs); Tyler Lynch (2-for-4, two RBI); Troy Bodtke (two RBI); and winning pitcher Jeff Sorenson (solo homer). Sorenson went all six innings, allowing three hits. He struck out eight and did not allow a walk. Franklin starter Brent Marzion took the loss. CHURCHILL 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Tad Evans threw a 4-hitter Saturday at Ford Field as Churchill (14-12) downed Livonia Clarenceville (12-12) in the first semifinal of the day. Evans allowed just four hits, walked one and struck out six. Clarenceville jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first on Chris Gehan's RBI single scored losing pitcher Damien Quarles, who allowed six hits, walked four and struck out two. David Harris went 2-for-2 with three RBI for the Chargers. He delivered RBI singles in the second and sixth innings.

Ben Matigian also added two hits, while Drew Loudon scored on a suicide squeeze by Harris in the fourth. FRANKLIN 9, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Justin Dean and Steven Wells each collected two hits, while Joel Trudell belted a solo homer as the Patriots

(10-14) earned the consolation game win Saturday over the Trojans (12-13). Travis Barnes threw a complete-game 3-hitter for host Franklin. He struck out eight and walked only two. Clarenceville committed four

errors as starter Mike Schiffman, who went the first four innings, took the loss. Jimmy Moody finished up. Matt Kurdziel's singled scored Garett Hintzman in the bottom of the seventh to spoil Barnes' shutout bid.

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The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets

with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.



## Autism Society and AMC offer 'Shrek' screening

AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films will continue this month with a showing of *Shrek Forever After* at 10 a.m. May 22. AMC Livonia 20 is located at 19500 Haggerty, Livonia.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette, such as not talking during the film or sitting

still through most of the show.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing — in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

For more information about sensory films, visit [www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms](http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms).



## Chamber Music Society of Detroit Concert

The Parker Quartet will perform as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit concerts at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The concert will be held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center located at 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. Contact the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070 or online at [www.comehearcmsd.org](http://www.comehearcmsd.org) for more information.

### LOCAL CONCERTS

#### The Ark

**Time/Date:** May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

#### Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### Magic Bag

**Time/Dates:** The English Beat, May 20; The Mega 80's, May 21 and June 5; The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Wailers, June 9

**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

#### Music Hall

**Time/Date:** Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27  
**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Jazz Cafe performances

**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

#### Trinity House Theater

**Time/Date:** Bill Mallonee, May 21; Open Land with Jessica Ripka, May 22; Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5; Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12  
**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia

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The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum will present a "Monster Concert" of multiple pianos and piano players at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

The concert will feature piano duet and ensemble music performed on 11 Steinway grand pianos at one time. More than 160 students from beginning to advanced levels of musicianship will participate. These students represent

the studios of 17 teachers from communities in the surrounding area. Concert proceeds will be used to support scholarship opportunities provided by the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum is affiliated with the Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. Active in the community for more than 35 years, it promotes growth and pro-

fessionalism in the private music teaching business, and provides members' students with performance, competition and scholarship opportunities.

For more information about the organization, visit the Web site at [www.laptf.com](http://www.laptf.com).

Pianos for the event will be provided by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit; these pianos will be offered for sale. For more information piano sales, contact Steinway at (248) 560-9200.

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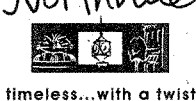
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## See films on the big screen outdoors

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pack the cooler, dress the kids in their pajamas, add the family dog and head to the drive-in this weekend.

Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township starts its summer season with a sneak preview May 21 and 22, and May 28-30. Its grand opening is Friday, June 11, when it begins showing films daily through Sunday, Sept. 5.

"There is something going on here all the time. The fun never stops," said Peter Krupsky, director of communications and community relations for Compuware Arena. "We like what we're doing. It's really family friendly."

The larger lot at the theater can accommodate approximately 250 cars. The smaller lot can include 100-150, Krupsky said. "We're finding that the people who come out to the drive-in are as passionate as people are about the Plymouth Whalers," Krupsky noted, referring to the local hockey team associated with the arena. "It's a different vibe but similar in that it's family fun. We're just doing it in a different way."

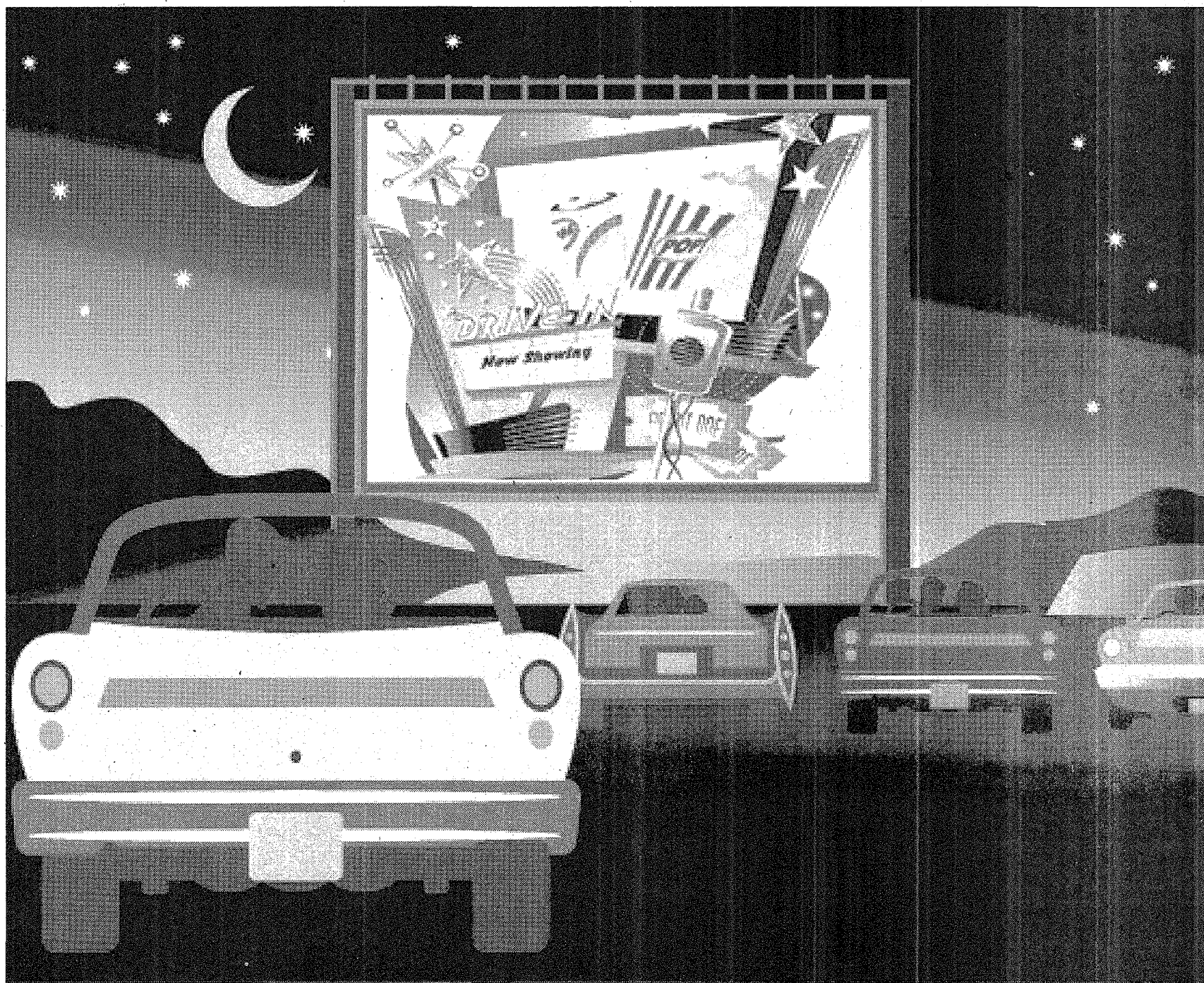
Krupsky said the outdoor theater will be easy on the wallet this summer, too. Regular admission is \$7 for adults, Sunday-Thursday, \$5 for kids, 4-12, and free for kids, 3 and under, everyday. Adults pay \$9 Friday-Saturday.

"We'll have some entertainment stretchers for families," Krupsky added. That includes "pack your car" Mondays with admission set at \$15 per car for a maximum eight individuals; two-for-one tickets and \$2 concession value meals on Tuesdays, \$5 pizza and \$5 tickets on Wednesdays and \$2 burgers at CJ's, the restaurant at Compuware Arena, on Sundays. Cash or checks only are accepted.

"We've had the theatre in different forms the last six or seven years, but it's been about three years that we've really concentrated on it. We're looking forward to this season."

Theater management earlier this week hadn't decided which films would run during the sneak preview. Call the hotline at (734) 927-3284 for titles.

The drive-in is located at 14900 Beck, north of M-14, in Plymouth Township. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.



and movies start at dusk. [www.compuwarearena.com](http://www.compuwarearena.com)

### WAYNE, OAKLAND DRIVE-INS

• The Silverdome Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 17, at 1200 Featherstone Road, north of M-59 and west of I-75 in Pontiac.

Gates Open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies begin at dusk. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students with ID, \$5 for children, age 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under. Double

features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Robin Hood* and *The Back-up Plan*; *Iron Man 2* and *Clash of the Titans*; *The Losers* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. New films start Friday. For more information see [www.silverdomedrivein.com](http://www.silverdomedrivein.com)

• Ford-Wyoming Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 15 at 10400 Ford Road, at Wyoming, in Dearborn. Double features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Just Wright* and *Date Night*, *Robin Hood* and

*Repo Men*, *Iron Man 2* with *The Back-up Plan*, *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Losers*, *Death at a Funeral* and *Kick Ass*. New films start Friday. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$3 for children, 12-6, and free for children, 5 and under. Call (313) 846-6910 or visit [www.fordwyomingdrivein.com](http://www.fordwyomingdrivein.com) for more information.

### STATEWIDE

Vacationing in Michigan this sum-

mer? Here's a sampling of drive-ins around the state:

Flint: The New US 23 Drive-in, 5200 Fenton, (810) 238-0751.

Muskegon: Getty Drive-in, 920 Summit Ave., (231) 798-2608.

Honor: The Cherry Bowl Drive-in, 9812 Honor Highway; (231) 325-3413.

Coldwater: Capri Drive-in: 119 W. Chicago Road; (517) 278-5628; check its website, [www.capridrivein.com](http://www.capridrivein.com) for hotel packages and other events.

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## MAY 20-26

## Faith Bible Church

**Time/Date:** May 21-23

**Location:** 34542 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Two seminars focusing on how to have a successful marriage will feature nationally recognized Christian marriage experts pastor Bob Moeller and his wife, Cheryl. Seminars for single people will run 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 21 and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23. The seminar for married couples will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22. Seminars are free but donations are encouraged.

**Contact:** Reserve a spot by calling (734) 464-7990 or by e-mailing to marriage@fbclivonia.com

## Newburg United Methodist

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 22

**Location:** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

**Details:** Choral music sale with more than 400 selections

**Contact:** newburgumc.org

## MAY 27-JUNE 2

## Lighthouse Worship Center

**Time/Date:** 7-9:30 p.m., June 2

**Location:** 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Murray Feldman, Fox 2 News anchor and host of the "Job Shop" is guest speaker. During his "Job Shop" segments on the news, Feldman offers advice on finding and landing a job.

**Contact:** (248) 476-7933

## JUNE 3-9

## Canton Christian Fellowship Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 6

**Location:** 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** Annual health assessment screening and education seminar will include screenings for blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol. Cholesterol test costs \$4.

**Contact:** (734) 404.2480

## JUNE 10-16

## Faith Community Church

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Saturday, June 12

**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Outdoor sale; spots for rent. The church will supply the area and vendors supply "the stuff" to sell. Cost is \$10 for a 12-foot by 12-foot spot. All proceeds support the Vacation Bible School program at the church

**Contact:** (313) 541-0396 or (313) 255-9717

## St. Anne Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Friday, June 11 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 12

**Location:** 38100 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Rummage sale

**Contact:** (734) 462-3200

## St. Dunstan

**Time/Date:** Doors open at 6 p.m.,

silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m.,

starts at 6 p.m., June 11

**Location:** 1526 Belton, Garden City

**Details:** "Slide into summer" silent

auction with fellowship, food and

fun; tickets are \$20 in advance

and \$25 at the door. Ticket price

includes buffet dinner

**Contact:** (734) 425-6720

## Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Friday-Saturday, June 11-12

**Location:** 28660 5 Mile, between

Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Rummage sale

**Contact:** (734) 421-1760

## ONGOING

## AWANA

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414

Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** AWANA program for children

from kindergarten through fifth

grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

## Breakfast

## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon,

third Sunday each month, October

through May

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of

Plymouth, in Livonia

**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents

an "all-you-can-eat" pancake break-

fast served in the school cafeteria

and featuring pancakes, scrambled

eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns,

and assorted breakfast beverages.

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Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for

children, 4-11, free for children under

3, and \$15 for a family with two

adults and children

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

## Career workshops

## St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** First and third Mondays

**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Workshops are designed to

help people in employment transi-

tion build a network and use their

resources to find that next good job.

Workshop leaders are available to

work one-on-one with anyone look-

ing for work.

**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

## Classes/study

## Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of

Eight Mile

**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study;

\$15 registration fee includes interde-

nominational study materials. Child

care available for children through

age 5

**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday

of the month

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile,

between Farmington and Newburgh

roads, Livonia

**Details:** Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental dis-

abilities and special needs. Includes

songs, Bible lessons, crafts and

activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel,

(248) 442-8822 or e-mail to

jcook59@att.net.

## Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement

Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday

Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and

Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

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**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and

study at 8 p.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island,

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HELEN R. BAIRD

Age 83, of Livonia, passed away May 18, 2010. Loving mother of Paul (Lora) Baird and Wendy Cain. Proud grandmother of Jennifer (Tony) Casler, Rachael (Renzo) Carrillo, Lauren Kozma, Cory Baird and Austin Baird. Great grandmother of Raenna, Jessica, Ashlee Rose and Mason. Dear sister of John Moti, Elizabeth Marshall, Pauline Cassidy and Samuel (Virginia) Moti. Preceded in death by sisters Viola Higerson, Mary Toth and by son in law Robert Cain. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday 5-9. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Compassion International. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.



KATHRYNE M. BLAKENEY

"Kay" of Farmington Hills, May 18, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William (d.2004). Loving mother of Bob (Diane), Pat Holt (Bob), Dick (Donna) and the late Susan Wells-Decker. Grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 16. Funeral service Saturday, May 22nd, 11:00 AM (in state 10:00 AM) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation Thursday 4-8 PM and Friday 3-8 PM, at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to Comforts Place, 25376 Harcourt St. Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

## WILLIAM "BILL"

## HAUTAMAKI

Age 85, passed away May 18, 2010. Bill is survived by his loving children: Judy Wolfe, Carol Freeman, Bob Hautamaki, Dave Hautamaki, and Nancy Tietz. He was preceded in death by his wife June in January 2010. Visitation will be Friday, May 21, from 2 - 4 & 5 - 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



VERDA THOMPSON

Age 77 of Westland, May 16, 2010. Loving mother of Nona F. Kaul and Roberta Rhoten. Proud grandmother of four and great grandmother of fourteen. Beloved sister of Alice Densmore. Also leaves behind special friends Sandy Salingue and Gloria Nesbit. Verda was the owner of Thompson's Dog Grooming. She loved to go to the casino, go to yard sales, read and most importantly she loved all her dogs. Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh, Westland, in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory with the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

## ORVILLE L. TUNGATE

Age 80, formally of Plymouth, passed away on February 8, 2010. A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on June 2, 2010 at 10:30am. A gathering will follow the mass at the Box Bar in Plymouth. Peggy and Orville will be interred at the National Cemetery in Holly, MI on June 3, 2010.

## HELEN RUTH VENOS

May 15, 2010; Age 62 Of Auburn Hills, Mother of Kelli Ross and Gary Baum Jr. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954 SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

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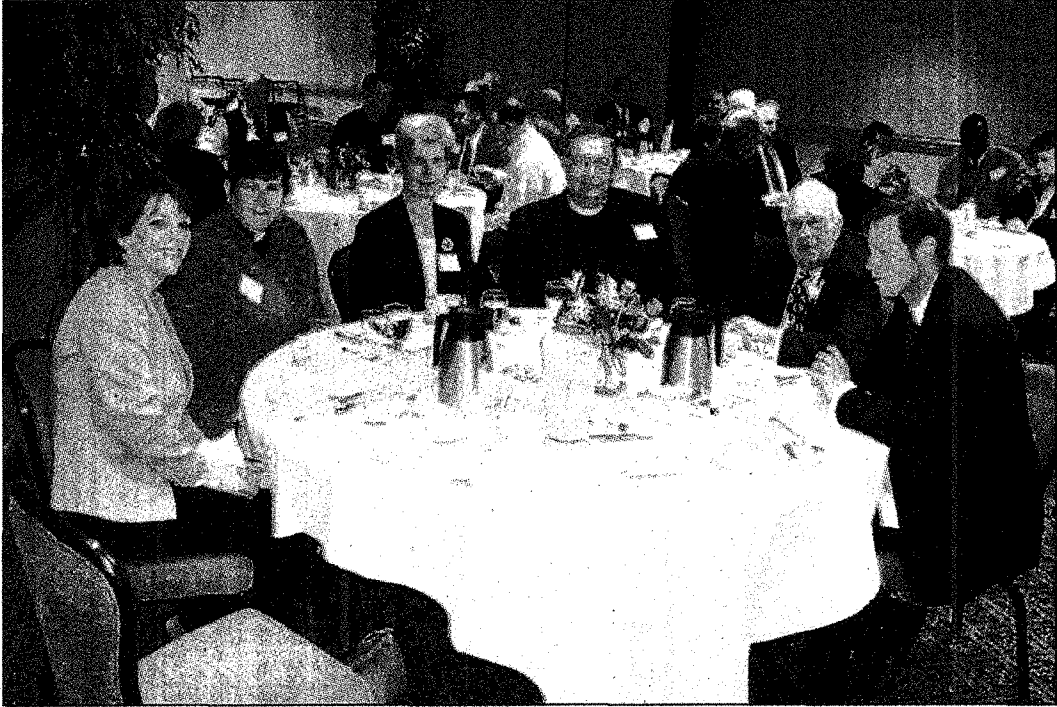
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(From left) The Rev. Beth Librande of Clarenceville United Methodist Church in Livonia, the Rev. Linda Golden of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia, and the Rev. William Lindholm, retired minister at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, attended the breakfast hosted by the Rost family including Clarence Rost, retired owner, and Matthew Rost.

Funeral home marks its 100th anniversary

R.G. & G.R. Harris Funerals and Cremation Services hosted a Clergy Appreciation Breakfast in honor of its 100th anniversary.

Clergy from around the area joined with the funeral home staff to enjoy breakfast and to hear a message of thanks and encouragement from Todd Van Beck of Decatur, Ga. at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia.

Van Beck, an author, minister and funeral director, has written more than 200 articles and 65 books on topics of interest to funeral directors, cemeterians and members of the clergy.

The R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home was started in 1910 in Detroit. Over the years the funeral home branched out to the east and north sides of Detroit and to Livonia and Garden City in 1965 and 1970. The funeral home is still owned and operated by the Harris family. The current owner and president is Thomas F. Rost, grandson of founder Robert G. Harris.

Despite significant

changes in the business, the core of the funeral service remains unchanged, Rost said.

"Being there to take care of the family, that will never change," he said. "And 95 percent of what we do is for the living."

Independent and family-owned funeral homes such as R.G. & G.R. Harris are a tradition in Michigan, said William Wappner, president of the National Funeral Directors Association.

"Michigan has a rich tradition of the multi-generation funeral services," he said. "So it's not unheard of, but serving a community for five generations and 100 years is a significant milestone. There is a lot of pride in service to the community, and we see often times generations going into business and keeping them in the family."

Founder Robert G. Harris prepared himself with formal schooling and apprenticeship, and began serving families with the help of his father, George R. Harris, a manager with the *Detroit Free Press*. Four years later George joined

his son full-time and the firm became known as the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home located in the Haste Mansion at Trumbull and Hancock. Robert's wife, Flora, also obtained her funeral director's license at that time, making her one of the first women licensed funeral directors in the state of Michigan.

Over the years, many changes took place. A move to Cass Avenue and later to Harper Avenue and McNichols Road in Detroit offered families greater convenience. Later branches in Livonia, Garden City and Mt. Clemens were added to better serve the growing number who preferred the Harris family to serve them.

During all these transitions, Robert's son Thomas L. Harris and his son-in-law, Clarence F. Rost, continued the service families could depend on including cremation and memorial services for those preferring an alternative to the traditional funeral.

Today, the tradition continues with Rost and his son, Matthew T. Rost.

O&E columnist Bloom finalist for 2010 Entrepreneur Award

Rick Bloom, a partner in Bloom Asset Management and a weekly financial columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, has been named a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2010 Award in the Michigan and northwest Ohio region.

The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Bloom was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a gala event June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn.

"I am honored to be selected as a finalist for this



Bloom

prestigious award," Bloom said. "It's great to be recognized not only for the success Bloom Asset Management has had over the past 25 years, but also for my other passion, which is to help educate people from all walks of life regarding reaching their financial goals."

Bloom is a partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills where he has served clients in the area of financial planning since 1984.

His financial column is featured each Thursday and Sunday in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. In addition, Bloom airs twice-daily business updates throughout Michigan on the affiliate stations of the Michigan Radio Network.

Recently, he served as host of the popular "Rick Bloom Show" on WDTK-AM 1400 and was also host of the "Money Talk" radio show on WXYT 1270-AM for 16 years. He was also a financial columnist for other metro daily

newspapers in past years.

Bloom has also been selected as one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by *Worth Magazine* for several years consecutively.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards program celebrates its 24th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award winner, will be announced in November.

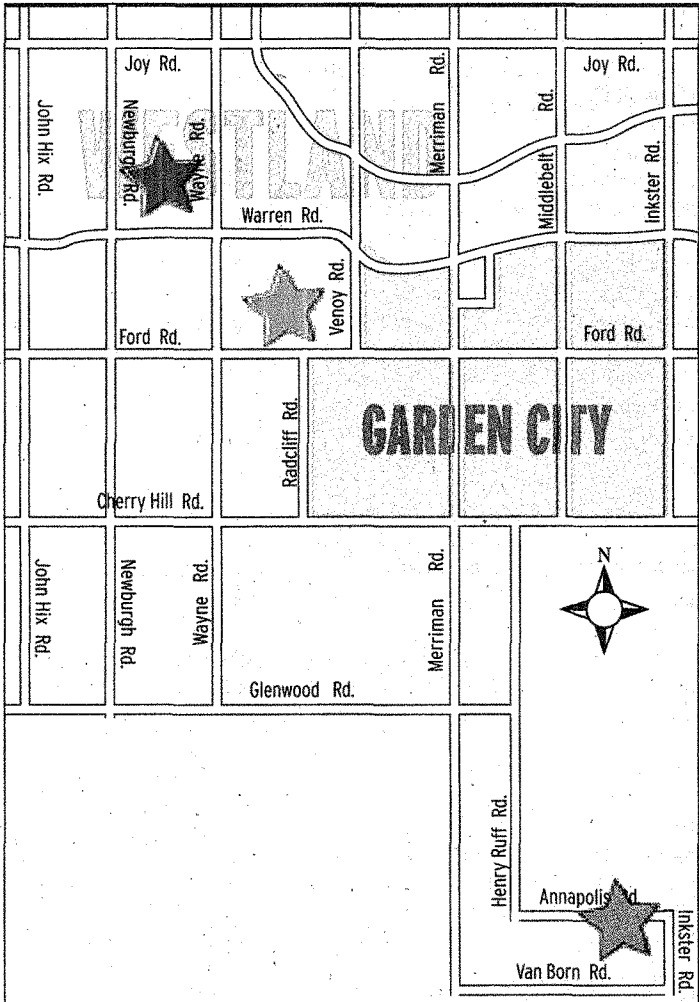
The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

**Special program**  
**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25  
**Location:** Community room of the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland  
**Details:** Through recognition and management of risk factors, lifestyle changes and compliance with recurrent stroke prevention treatments, research shows up to 80 percent of strokes can be prevented. In an effort to raise awareness, Garden City Hospital (GCH) is inviting community members to attend "Brain Attack Awareness" a presentation focusing on prevention, risk factors, warning signs and symptoms and the importance of prompt treatment. This presentation is free to the community. Light refreshments will be served.

**Grand opening**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Knox's Family Restaurant & Catering, 4675 Middlebelt, Westland  
**Details:** A ribbon cutting ceremony was held this week for the grand opening of Knox Restaurant & Catering which specializes in American cuisine with a southern flare, prepared by head chef/owner Cassandra Knox. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner - good for groups, good for kids, take-out and delivery available.  
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**Time/Date:**  
**Location:** Forum Fitness Center,



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**Details:** Forum Fitness Center bills itself as a fitness center with your goals in mind. It offers everything you need to reach your fitness goals. From the pool and hot tub to the variety of group exercise classes, it makes sure time spent there is rewarding. Now, you can see what it's all about by trying it for 30 days at a cost of just \$10. You'll find the coupon online at their website, [forumfitnesscenter.com](http://forumfitnesscenter.com).  
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# Learn about food labeling, nutritious choices on tour

Make dinner quickly tonight with these tips

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gail Posner guarantees that even the savviest, most nutrition-conscious shopper will learn something new during her guided tour of supermarket shelves.

"And boy, am I going to fool you," said Posner, a registered dietician who scrutinizes product nutritional claims and ingredient labels during her one-hour classes at Hiller's markets. She gave the *Observer & Eccentric* a preview this week of her upcoming tours in Hiller's Plymouth and Bloomfield Hills stores.

"This one just cracks me up," she said, taking a Peaches & Cream Quaker Instant Oatmeal off the shelf. "You'll get far better nutrition out of regular oatmeal, but what I found humorous on this is, what kind of oatmeal is this? Peaches & Cream. But let's read the ingredients...whole grain rolled oats, sugar...corn syrup, whey...ah, here it is, flavored with colored fruit pieces, dehydrated apples and artificial peach flavor. So, the funny thing is, this is this is apple with peach flavor — don't think you're getting peaches."

And so it went, up one aisle and down the next, with Posner pointing out nutritional red flags on product packaging, recommending healthful brands and pointing out new products.

In the bread aisle, she found "white fluffy bread" masquerading as rye. It looked like rye and its packaging included the word rye, but a quick scan of the ingredient list showed otherwise.

"It doesn't say whole rye flour. You want to get three servings of whole grain in," she said. "So many of my clients eat out so much I say buy the 100 percent whole wheat to eat at home because you're not going to get it in a restaurant."

## BOX VERSUS CANNED

The soup shelves offered a dizzying variety of canned products, but Posner ignored them all in favor of Kitchen Basics and other brands in a box.

"A lot of people know there is a chemical to avoid in plastic baby bottles, but it also is in our canned goods, except for Eden brand beans."

The Michigan-based company cooks its line of organic beans in cans that are free of bisphenol-A, (BPA) a chemical that has been linked to developmental changes in studies conducted on animals. The National Toxicology Program, which coordinates toxicological research across the U.S. government, expressed "some concern" for bisphenol-A's effects on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland in fetuses, infants, and children, according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Web site. It suggests reducing the use of canned foods

## FROM THE TOUR

- A few more tips from Gail Posner's supermarket tour:
- Buying juice? Look for "100 percent" juice on the label.
  - Choose distilled rather than spring water.
  - If buying lean meats, such as ground turkey, make sure the label says no less than 97 percent fat free.
  - Choose a whole grain cereal and add your own fruit.
  - Buy mayonnaise with olive oil.
  - If buying lunch meat, look for nitrate- and nitrite-free.
  - Try something new in the produce aisle, such as jicama. Peel it, slice it, squeeze on lime juice and sprinkle on chili powder.
  - Choose brown rice rather than white rice and whole grain pasta or a blended pasta.

and opting for glass, porcelain or stainless steel containers, especially for hot foods and liquids.

"It leaches into the food. The ones leached into the most would be meat and tomato — acidic products," Posner noted. "Tuna in a pouch is better than tuna in a can. Buy tomato juice in a bottle versus in a can."

And although white albacore tuna generally costs a few cents more than chunk light, Posner avoids it, favoring the less expensive, darker meat.

"You want to go with the chunk light. Chunk light tuna are little fishes that are younger and swim higher in the ocean, so they swallow less mercury. The white albacore tuna and tuna steak come from big tuna that have been polluted with mercury."

## PRIVATE COUNSELING

Posner, a dietician for 30 years, said the supermarket tours grew out of her private West Bloomfield practice, where she counsels clients one-on-one and creates healthful eating plans to match their nutritional needs.

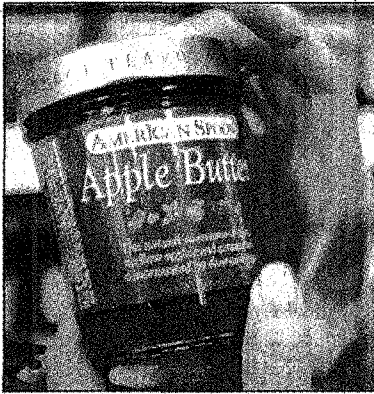
"My office is unique. When people come in their chin drops. I have bookshelves full of empty food boxes. I make practical, sensible recommendations. I show people what the box looks like, so when they get to the grocery store it's quick and easy to find."

With both clients and tour participants, Posner stresses the importance of enjoying food and of eating "mindfully." She points out new products and offers tips on healthful, quick "grab and go" foods.

Her tour runs 7-8 p.m., May 24 at Hiller's West Bloomfield store, 6433 Orchard Lake Road, in the Orchard Mall, and 7-8 p.m. May 27, at the Plymouth store, 15455 Haggerty, at 5 Mile. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 855-4558 to register.



Gail Posner suggests buying tomato products in boxes or bottles to avoid the bisphenol-A found in cans.



With only 15 calories per tablespoon, Michigan-made American Spoonfood's apple butter is "calorically a pretty good bargain," says Posner.



Posner searches for nitrate- and nitrite-free luncheon meat at Hiller's market.



With 7 grams of fiber, this whole wheat flat bread will "stick to your ribs" and help you feel full if you're watching your weight, says Posner.

Try Gail Posner's simple recipes for fast, healthful dinners:

• **Quesadillas:** Place two tortillas on a cooking sheet. Top with 1/4 cup shredded cheese and leftover toppings, such as chicken. Add a veggie if desired, such as chopped green onions, green pepper and olives. Broil or top brown in a toaster oven until the cheese melts. Top one of the tortillas with 2 tablespoons of salsa and place the other tortilla on top.

• **Stuffed, baked potatoes:** You can cook potatoes in the microwave in a flash. Wash and scrub Idaho potato and pat dry. Pierce with a fork. Place on microwave-safe dish uncovered and cook for 4-5 minutes per medium potato. Let stand for 10 minutes. Slit open and top with low fat cottage cheese, fat-free ranch dressing, a protein such as chicken or veggie patty, salsa, frozen veggies in a low-fat cheese sauce, frozen broccoli. Or spritz a baked potato with butter spray, sprinkle with garlic powder and malt a slice of low-fat cheese on top.

• **Pasta or rice night:** Buy Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, whole grain, and microwave according to directions. When cooked, add prepared frozen veggies, and a cooked protein, such as chicken. If using pasta instead of rice, boil pasta noodles and add frozen peas or canned mushrooms, and then toss with olive oil, garlic powder and a little Parmesan cheese.

• **Chicken or fish in a minute:** Buy flash-frozen chicken breasts or fish, such as salmon, tilapia and cod, and defrost in microwave. Heat 1 teaspoon of oil in fry pan over medium high heat. Add fish or chicken, sprinkle with seasoning/spice mix, such as Mrs. Dash, or jerk spice or sprinkle with a sauce such as Italian dressing, BBQ sauce, or bottled marinade. Cook about four minutes per side until done.

• **Frittata leftover:** Gather all of the meat and vegetables that are left over from the night before, such as chicken, beef, pork, potatoes, rice, vegetables. Heat them in a pan with a little olive oil. Crack one or two eggs per person and scramble them up with some milk, low fat sour cream or plain yogurt. Pour the eggs over the leftovers and bake in a 350 oven for 25 minutes. Serve with toast and a salad.

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