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Safety talk

Wayne County Sheriff Bennie Napoleon will offer seniors tips on staying safe when he visits the Westland senior Friendship Center at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26.

The program is hosted by Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, who has been presenting the talks in the her 12th District communities - Westland, Inkster and southern Livonia.

"I'm concerned about seniors being safe on the Internet and with their banking," said Gebhardt. "So many have been duped into giving out their personal information. And with local police departments having to downsize, the sheriff's department will have to help, and I want seniors to know who the sheriff is."

The program will include a barbecue lunch of hamburgers and Italian sausage. Reservations are needed and must be made by Tuesday, May 25, made by calling Gebhardt's office at (313) 224-0907.

Dinner time

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

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

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

Yard sale

One man's trash is another man's treasure, and that's what the Westland Historical Commission is calling its annual yard sale.

You'll find bargains galore at the sale set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Westland Historical Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Proceeds will benefit the park which houses the city's historical museum, Rowe House and Octagon House. For more information, call (734) 522-3918 or (734) 728-1232.

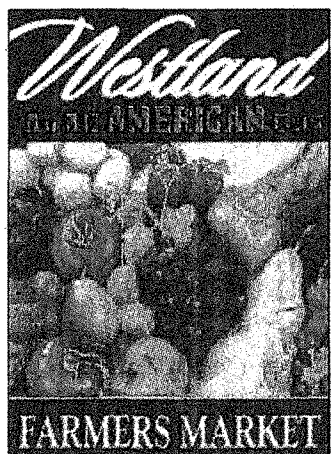
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Deadline is Friday, May 28.

Farmers market added to Westland

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland is joining neighboring communities in bringing farmers to town.

The Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Shopping Center have teamed to host a farmers market in the mall's parking lot on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, June 15 through Oct. 26.

"We're very excited about this," said Carol Rutz, Westland Shopping Center general manager. "The mall and the city have been working hard together

to promote Westland as a destination for shopping and dining and created this new event."

The market will be located in the parking lot between Ashley's Bar and Grill and Kohl's along Wayne Road. A high visibility area, Kosowski expects the market to draw in plenty of foot traffic for some one-stop shopping.

"This is something Mayor (William) Wild has wanted to do since he was elected," said Bob Kosowski, parks and recreation director. "But with the park closed, we wanted to put it in a high traffic area. The mall is a perfect fit."

Kosowski has been working on

the market since the first of the year and has been getting help from Pam Attard, owner of the Styling Boutique, who will serve as the market master. They've attended seminars through the Michigan Farmers Market Association and have done online research to prepare for Westland's venture into a weekly market.

Applications also have been mailed out to 300 farmers and the city is already starting to get responses, Kosowski said.

"We're taking calls every day," said

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Seniors learn virtues of healthy lifestyle

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barbara Schimmel Marcum sounded like a game show host as she peppered her audience with food questions like how Swiss cheese gets its holes. The prize for the person with the right answer was the product.

It was Marcum's way of kicking off Westland's annual observance of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, an event that provided information from A to Z about "improving and increasing the quality" of their lives.

"We've invited vendors like housing and rehab so when they're in the position to need to know, they'll know," said Marcum, Senior Resources director for Westland. "Life can change on a dime and this is information needed to make decisions."

The Wayne County Health Department was on hand to administer the shingles vaccine and pneumonia shots for \$10 each as well as H1N1 and tetanus shots for free.

"The shingles vaccine is expensive and they're giving it out for \$10, that's a bargain," Schimmel said. "People don't realize that people over age 50 can get shingles and it can be very painful."

Seniors also received information on everything from cataracts to home health care, had their blood pressure and glucose levels checked by paramedics from the Westland Fire Department and chatted with local,



state and federal officials.

"A lot are concerned about what's happening with the Department of Human Services and health related issues," said state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "They want to know what direction we're going. Unfortunately, we have declining revenues, so cuts will be made."

LeBlanc talked to seniors, but also made sure they loaded up on pens, notepads, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer and Band-Aids donated by Johnson and Johnson, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Health and Hospital Association, Michigan Pharmaceutical Association, Delta Dental, Michigan

State Medical Society and Takeda Pharmaceuticals. He also had state maps and the hot-off-the-presses *Michigan Travel Ideas* proving popular with seniors.

"I think were especially lucky in our community to have a mayor and

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Help wanted: Summer Festival needs volunteers

The 40th annual Westland Summer Festival is looking for volunteers and offering sponsorship opportunities.

This year, the festival will begin Wednesday, June 30, and continue through Sunday, July 4, when it will wrap up with a fireworks display. Each day there will be a carnival, food booths, games and activities and live entertainment.

Sponsorships for the festival range

from \$250 for a two-foot by three-foot sign on display throughout the festival to \$3,000 to help underwrite the approximately 30-minute fireworks display which costs about \$36,000.

The annual Miss Westland Summer Festival Pageant and Scholarship Program will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Single female Westland

residents 16-22 years old will be judged based on an essay along with the application, poise, personality and general appearance. There will be no talent or swimsuit competition.

The pageant winner will receive a minimum \$1,200 scholarship, crown, sash, trophy and other prizes. The first and second runners-up will receive a minimum \$800 and \$500 scholarships, respectively. There will be a maximum 20 contestants.

For information about sponsorships and volunteer opportunities at the festival contact:

- Normie Brazier at (734) 788-7753 for food concessions.
- Paula Scarlet at (734) 890-0643 for arts and crafts.
- Shannon Wetzel at (734) 502-9031 for festival pageant.
- Ken Mehl at (734) 335-7943 for security, volunteers and general information.

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W-W gets elementaries ready for new use

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools plans to spend \$2.6 million to ready its lower and upper elementary buildings for the start of school in the fall. On tap will be parking lot repairs and expansions and bus loops for the K-4 buildings, as well as playground equipment at it two grade 5-6 buildings.

According to Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith Inc., bids for the projects came in \$300,000 under budget, a reflection of the state's tough economic times.

"We had 130 bids for the projects, the highest it's ever been," Underwood told the school board. "We put these out for bid and got great results."

Some \$2.3 million in sinking fund money will be used to expand parking lots and add bus loops at eight K-4 schools — Edison, Elliott, Hamilton, Hicks, P.D. Graham, Schweitzer, Hoover and Taft-Galloway — and the two upper elementaries (Marshall and Adams) to transition from schools built for walkers to students brought in by bus.

In the case of Schweitzer, the bus turnoff will be on the Glenwood side of the school. However, the district has an alternative plan to put in a temporary loop in case a combined project by the cities of Wayne and Westland to resurface Glenwood isn't completed in time for school, Underwood said.

"They're going out for bids and everything is a go, but the one

thing we can't say is whether the bus turnaround will be done in time," he said.

According to Supt. Greg Baracy, improvements at Schweitzer have been on hold for sometime.

"We knew Wayne was going to do the road work with Westland and it sped up with the federal money," he said. The playground equipment will cost almost \$260,000 and will come out of the district's building and site fund.

"The playground equipment goes to building and site because it's not an item the sinking fund can pay for," Deputy Supt. Gary Martin said. "We budgeted \$500,000 for each and it came in around \$300,000 or \$175,000 per plan."

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Kosowski. "I hope we get a lot of farmers."

According to Rutz, about 25 areas, each slightly larger than a parking space, have been set aside for the market.

Kosowski had a goal of having 20 stalls on opening day, but now expects up to double that amount will be filled because farmers will tend to use four or more stalls to show off their produce.

Registration for the full season is \$400, however, vendors can sign up for a single day for \$30. Discounts will be for additional space with the purchase

of a space at regular price.

The applications are available of the parks are recreation department page of the city's website, have been out for three weeks, and they will be screened so that the market provides a variety of fresh foods.

In the planning stages is special music on different Tuesdays throughout the season as well as having chefs come in to do cooking demonstrations, not to mention kids' activities.

Kosowski is confident Westland has found a perfect niche with a Tuesday Market. It's the one day of the week there isn't such a market in the area. That and the locale are pluses.

"People will be able to get all their produce in one place and then got to the mall to shop," he said. "We're shooting for it to be big because of its visibility."

"I'm excited about this, I think it's going to go well," he said.

"We don't know what to expect to start, but we do expect it to grow," added Rutz.

People interested in being a vendor at the Westland Farmers Market can find the application online at www.cityofwestland.com. For more information about the applications, guidelines, or fees and permits, call Kosowski at (734) 722-7620.

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HEALTH

FROM PAGE A1

council that put an emphasis on senior resources and for Barb Marcum putting an emphasis on living a good senior lifestyle," LeBlanc said. "I think it's fortunate, I think it's fantastic that we have it in our town."

Margaret Clos was happy she came to event, especially when she found the Tootsie Rolls on Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt's table. It's the 98-year-old Westland resident's favorite candy, so much so that she's been called Tootsie for most of her life.

"I know when they started, I was 2 or 3," said Clos. "I liked them so well my family started calling me Tootsie. My husband used to take me out on dates and one time he asked if he could call me Tootsie. I told him why not, everyone else does."

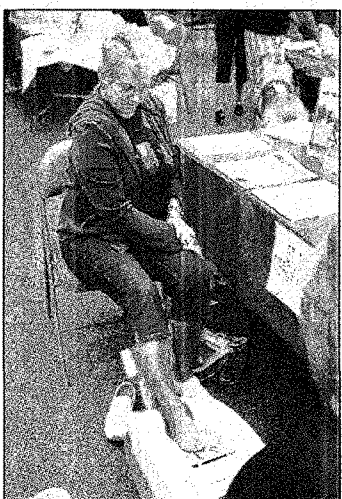
Laura Gring of United Home Health Services was providing Julie Sommers with information about benefits for veterans and their spouses who need financial assistance with in-home care, to pay for assisted living or a nursing home.

"I'm trying to tell as many people as possible," said Gring. "It's a neat thing that people don't know about and that they're eligible, even if the spouse is deceased."

Michael Barry was talking to seniors about sleep apnea, showing off the latest in masks used to treat the problem.

"I tell people it's better to error on the side of safety," said Barry, who works at Oakwood Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center at the Willow Creek Plaza in Canton. "Not everyone has sleep apnea, but we check for so many different things."

Suresh Shah who listened to Barry's talk proudly



Sharon Anger from Westland has her bone density checked, at booth set up by St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

announced that he's "OK."

"I eat Indian style, a light meal at night and I walk," the Westland resident said.

Marcum aims to keep the event upbeat and end it on a healthy note of lunch — this year's menu included Maurice and oriental chicken salads.

"We try to make the event educational, recreational and social," said Marcum. "People really crave information and it's not necessarily available."

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GC alum recounts living with disability in new book

A former Garden City resident will be back in town this week to tell his story of perseverance in conquering his disability.

Author John Quinn will speak to students at several schools and do book signings around the area before capping off his visit by delivering the commencement address at Garden City High School on June 10.

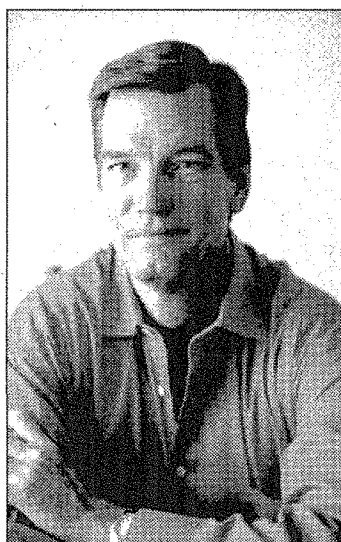
The first time that Quinn tried to enter the Navy, he failed the duck walk. So he took a year and trained his body, first to squat, then to walk while squatting. The painful training paid off. Despite having been born with cerebral palsy – a fact unknown to the Navy – Quinn became a sailor.

For the next 20 years, Quinn deceived the Navy through a colossal, painful and, at times, humorous cover-up of his CP symptoms. During his stint, he served as a battleship sailor on board the USS Iowa and many others, served with the Navy SEALs and retired with the rank of senior chief petty officer at age 40.

Quinn has told his story in his memoir, *Someone Like Me: An Unlikely Story of Challenge and Triumph over Cerebral Palsy*, released by History Publishing in April.

He will speak to students at Henry Ruff Elementary and Garden City Middle School, as well as Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth, and at St. Damian's at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

He also will do book signings 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Villa Bakery,



Author John Quinn, a 1980 graduate of Garden City East High School, was able to keep secret that he had cerebral palsy while serving in the U.S. Navy for 20 years.

6237 Middlebelt, in Garden City, and 7-8 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.

Quinn graduated from Garden City East High School in 1980. Two years later, he joined the U.S. Navy. Throughout his distinguished 20-year career, he sailed around the world on carriers, battleships and destroyers, and received numerous military decorations, including Navy Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and four Navy Achievement Medals. He retired in 2002 and now lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Quinn's parents knew by the time their son was three-years-old that he had cerebral palsy. They never shared that information with anyone but the doctors who diagnosed

him. During his school years, John spent months in physical therapy with "The Administer of Pain," faced acute isolation and loneliness as a teen; played on the wrestling team in both junior and senior high school only to lose every match, and later tried to look and act normal for two decades as he sailed around the world.

Every day of his life, he has had - and continues to have - this conversation with himself: "Brain, this is John. We are going to walk now, so take your left foot and pick it up off the ground. Move it forward, OK? Now the right foot."

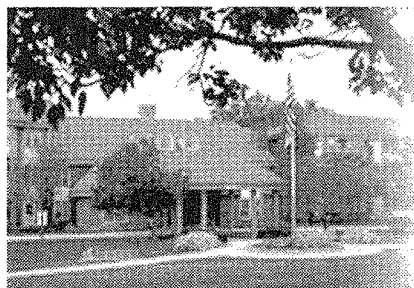
Dr. Ed Hurvitz, a rehabilitation physician from the University of Michigan describes Quinn's book as a "must" read for "every young person who ever looked at a goal and thought it was just out of reach."

"Perhaps he or she should look again," he said. "As a rehabilitation physician, my goal has always been to open doors and increase opportunities for young people with disabilities, however, I see that I have not advised my patients to push the horizon enough. Thanks to John Quinn, I now know that given determination, bravery and desire, much more is possible for my patients than I could imagine before. This book is a must for every physician, therapist and other caregiver that treats individuals with cerebral palsy or any other disability."

For more about John Quinn, visit his website at www.johnquinn.com. *Someone Like Me: An Unlikely Story of Challenge and Triumph Over Cerebral Palsy* costs \$18.95 and is available at Borders, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

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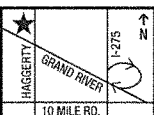
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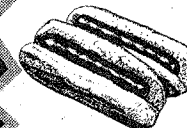
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Academics + athletics = Glenn wrestlers

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the John Glenn High School wrestling team were front and center when the Wayne-Westland school board recently recognized the matmen for a great showing in the state finals and their outstanding academics.

Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart praised coach Bill Polk for taking the team "to another level" and in molding sports and academics together. The team had an 3.5 grade point average and has been recognized by the Michigan Wrestling Association as an Academic All-Star Team for 2009-10.

"The kids will tell you he's relentless about their grades," said Swinehart.

The team made it to the state finals last year and



Pavlich

repeated this year with Anthony Pavlich, a three-time placer, bringing home the first individual state wrestling championship in the last 17 years at Glenn.

"Last year was truly amazing to make state, now that we're there it's hard to stay there," said Polk. "Most of these kids started at Marshall and Stevenson with our junior high program. They're home-grown."

Among team members recognized by Polk were:

- Dustin Gajowiak, a two-time heavy weight who is the most successful heavy weight wrestler in John Glenn history. He finished in fourth place at the state finals.

- Zach Redden, a senior and state wrestling qualifier. He also is an Academic All-State athlete who also happens to be a soccer and wrestling superstar, according to Polk.
- Josh Austin, the second member of the team that achieved individual Academic All-State. He placed fifth in the state finals.
- Mike Johnson, a senior who "made huge strides this past year" and became a state qualifier in the finals, Polk said.
- Travis Mann, who was the first freshman in John Glenn's history to qualify for the state finals.

"I could really get used to this," said Polk. "It's been my pleasure to be involved in this program, with these kids and with this school district. This has been the biggest

senior class that has truly been my pleasure to coach."

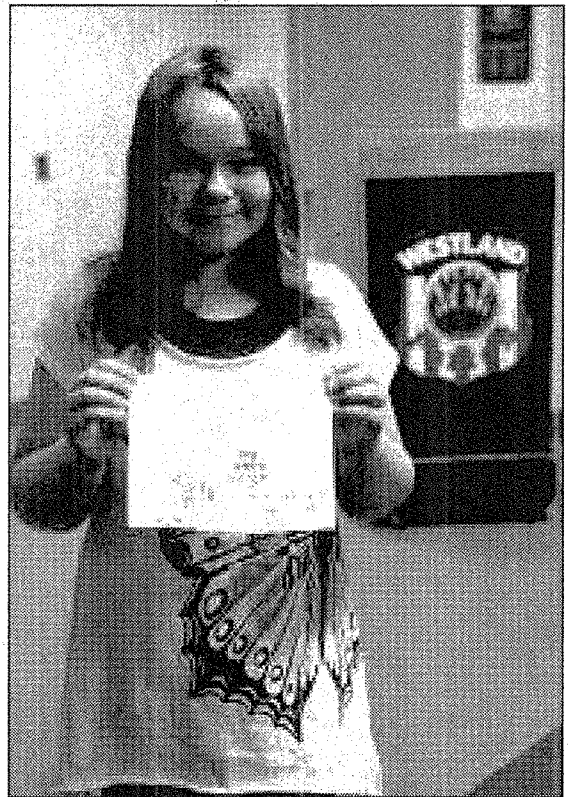
"This is a tremendous accomplishment to make it to states for two years and we expect a third year," added Swinehart.

School board members added their praise.

"We're very proud of you," said Trustee William Gabriel. "And to be a student athlete is a win-win for you and something for the community to be proud of. It's something no one can take from you."

"Congratulations on an impressive year and the academics, they don't always go together," said board President Skip Monit.

"I know it was a huge commitment and to keep up your academics, it will serve you well in college," added Trustee Carol Middel.



Rachel Dittmore, a sixth-grade student at Adams Middle School, shows off her winning entry in a contest to draw a picture the Westland Police Department's new dog Ty.

Student's drawing wins police contest

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ACHIEVERS

Named to Madonna University's Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Fall 2009 semester were Westland residents:

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Hannah Elizabeth Trimble, Mazda Beatriz Troche, Katherine Emily

Urquhart, Jessica D. Vaughan, Devon Marie Vorase, Charles D. West, Luvenia D. Wright, Jamie Allison Young and Javier Arturo Zarate.

Cassie Sanders of Westland has been accepted to and awarded a Trustee Scholarship by Defiance College in northwest Ohio. The daughter of Sharon Sanders, she is a student at John Glenn High School and is involved with running and dancing.

Mallorie L. Gregg and Keely M. Mog, both of Westland, have been named to the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale. Gregg is a junior and Mog a senior at Northwood, which specializes in managerial and entrepreneurial education.

A drawing by Rachel Dittmore has been chosen as the winning entry in a contest to picture the Westland Police Department's new dog Ty.

Rachel, 11, is a sixth-grade student at Adams Middle School. Her colored picture was a portrait of canine Officer Grant Allen and Ty with a quote, "We depend on you. We're in good hands and paws."

When asked what inspired her to draw the picture Rachel said, "The police department does so much for us that I wanted to help them out. I never thought I would win, but was really excited when I found out."

The contest was open to all Westland residents age 12 and younger. Rachel's winning entry was selected by Allen and other members of the police

department. The drawing will be framed and displayed in the police department lobby.

As the drawing contest winner, Rachel and her family joined officers Matt Bobby, Grant Allen and Deputy Chief Dan Karrick for a photo opportunity with Ty and a tour of the police department.

A one-year old Belgian Malinois, from Von der haus Gill German Shepherds Inc., Ty has begun his training with Allen as a full service-dog picking up where his predecessor, Drago, left off.

"On behalf of the City of Westland and the Westland Police Department, I would like to congratulate Rachel on her recognition. I have to agree with her that our city is in good hands and good paws," said Mayor William Wild.

SCHOOLS

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Roderick Curry of Westland had received the Outstanding Freshman Award at Xavier University, a private Jesuit university in Cincinnati, Ohio. Curry is majoring in electronic media.

While some newer pieces of playground equipment will be moved to the two schools from the six schools that are closing, the equipment being purchased is designed specifically for fifth- and sixth-graders.

Martin told the school board that the facilities and site committee spent hours going through sinking fund projects and reprioritizing then "so that students will have a safe environment to come back to in the fall."

"This was really on a fast track and it's gone very well," he added.

Trustee William Gabriel pointed out that because the district is closing schools, it was able to role over sinking fund money and do additional projects.

"Money out of the sinking fund can only be used for capital improvements. By rolling over that money, we're able to expand the number of parking lots and loops we put in at the schools," he said.

However, Trustees Carol Middel and John Goci said the district needs to be cautious about the improvements being done and about what is spent out of the building and site fund.

Middel was the lone no vote in approving the bid awards. Work on the projects will begin June 21.

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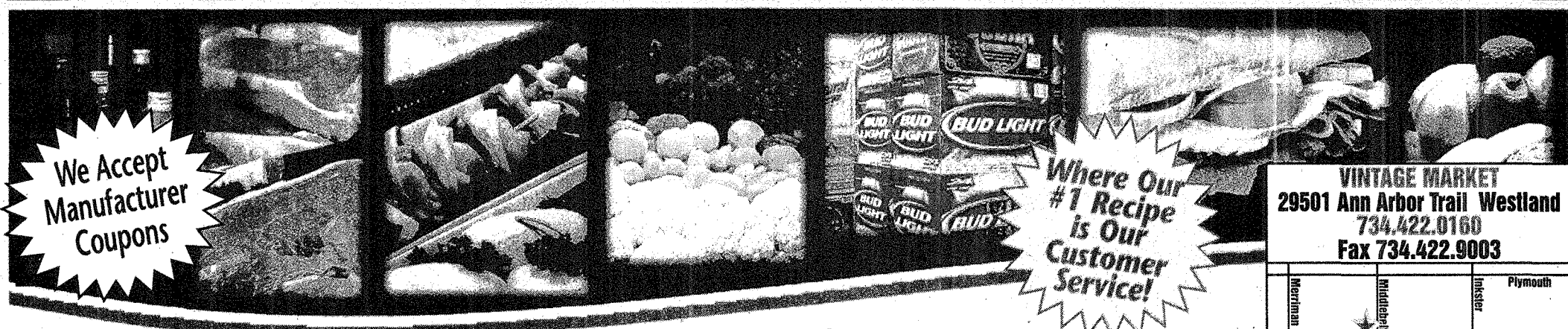
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Expo offers facts, fun for area seniors

Nearly 1,000 people visited the 60-plus exhibitors and classes at last week's Senior Expo co-sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College.

The VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft was packed early in the day with seniors eager to hear about new advances, techniques, information and services to make their lives easier.

Expo exhibitors included dentists, hearing aid providers, senior housing representatives and investment planners, among others. Classes focused on strength training, Medicare, eye health, dental health and home safety.

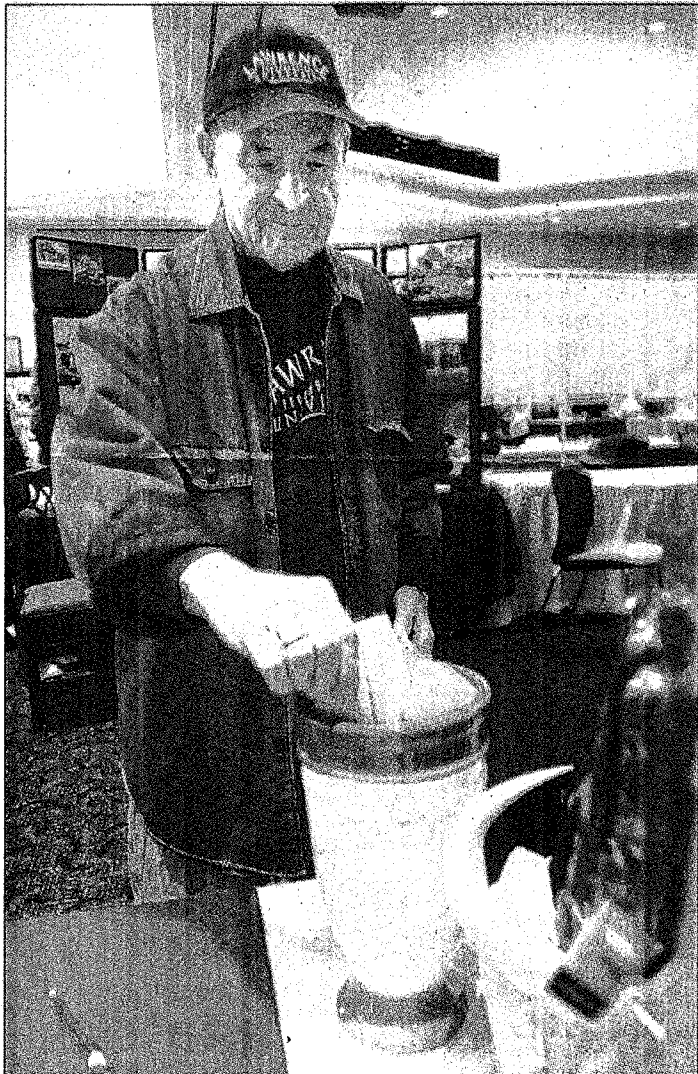
The crowd enjoyed free coffee courtesy of Solid Grounds Coffee House in Northville and orange juice and cinnamon melts provided by the McDonald's Corp.

"There's a lot of good information here, and you can always find something of interest to you," said one expo goer.

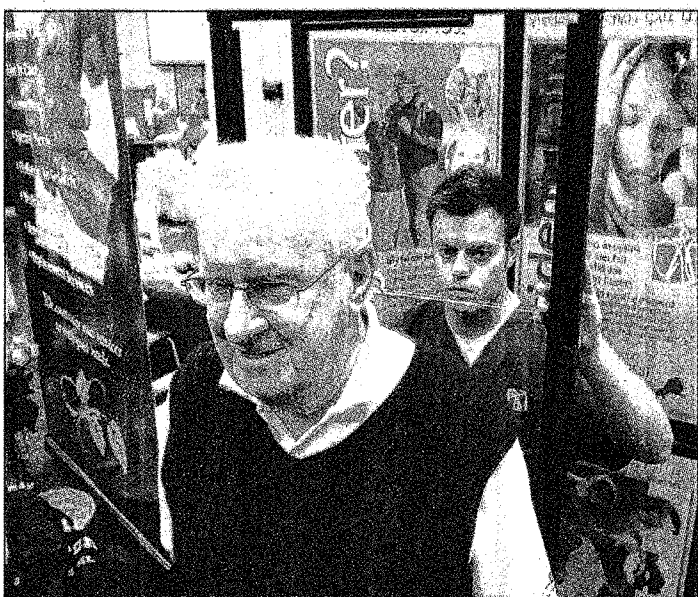
Save the Date: A fall Senior Health & Living Expo is planned for Friday, Oct. 15, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The focus is on health and living. Look for new classes, exhibits, demonstrations, health screenings, entertainment, free refreshments and door prizes. For exhibit and/or vendor information, call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2414 or by e-mail at cbjordan@hometownlife.com.



Senior Expo-goers Norm and Virginia Kleiner were married in 1943. They'll hit 67 years of marriage in June. The Kleiners live in Northville.



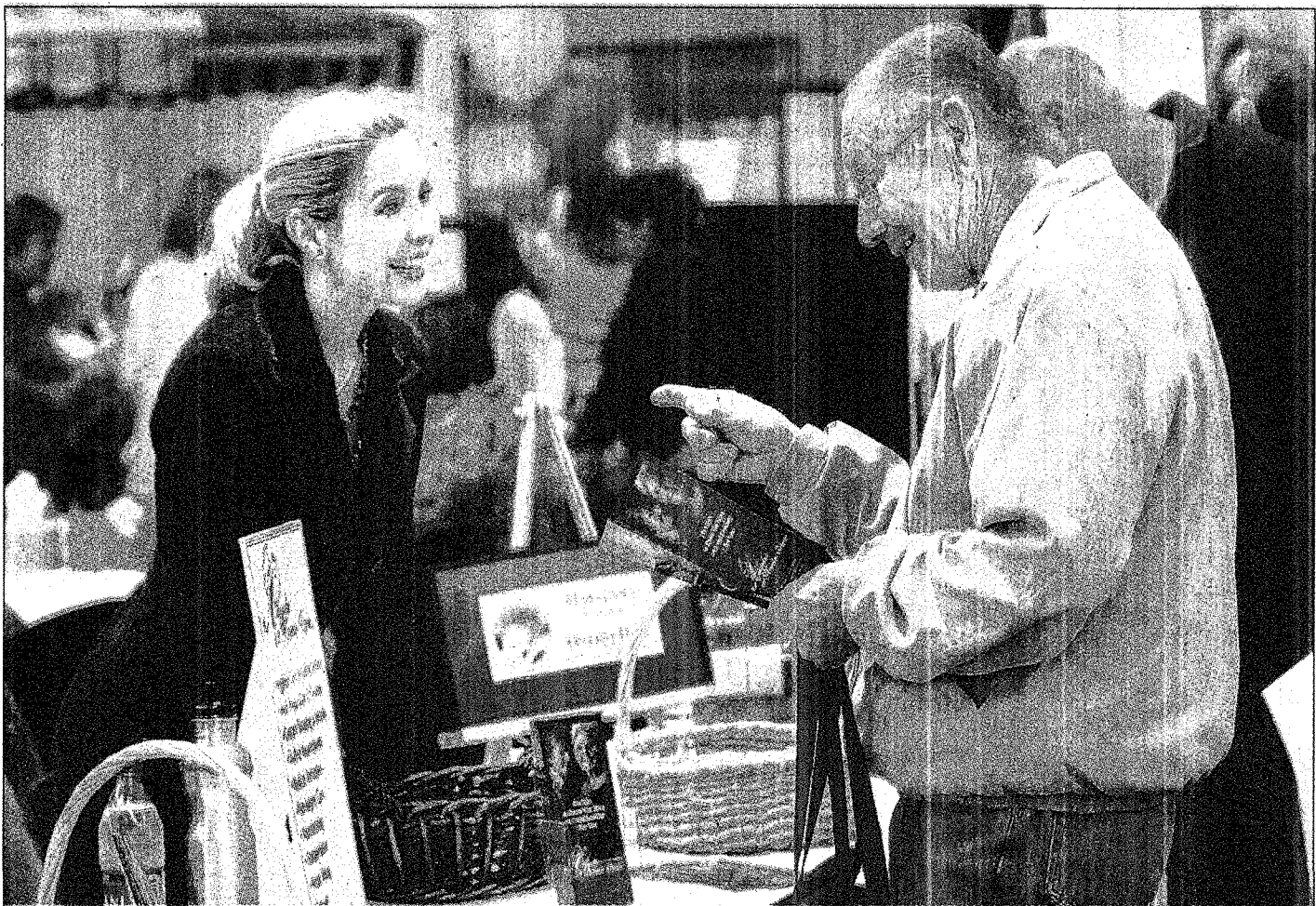
Moses Movsesian of Plymouth Township enters a drawing at last week's Senior Expo.



Rudy Horvat of Farmington Hills gets checked out by David Saginaw of HealthQuest.



Mary Lemerand wants to talk with you about The Village of Royal Oak.



Anthony Talarek of Livonia speaks with Becky McCartney of Angels At Home Care.



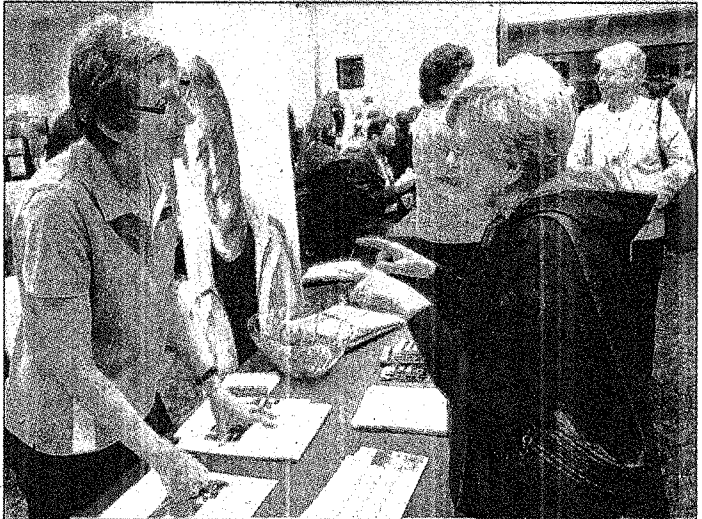
Dr. Sheldon Smith, a low vision specialist, discussed how special glasses can improve vision offering seniors greater independence, safety and life satisfaction. Smith is an optometrist with Low Vision of Michigan.



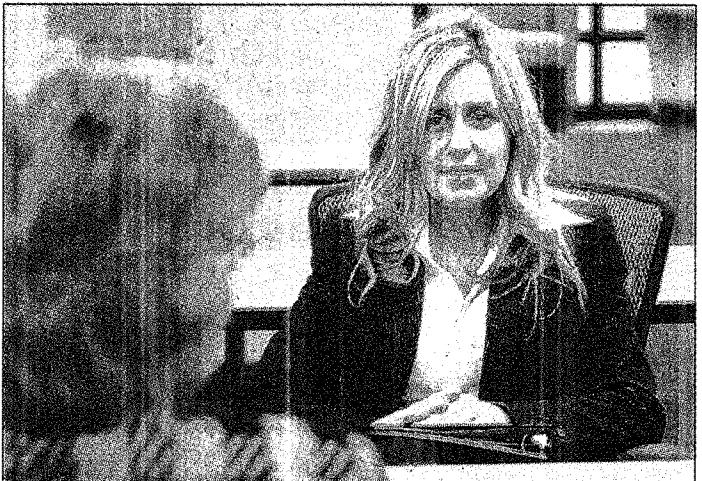
Volunteers Jo Evans of Farmington Hills, Martha Stopchinski of Westland, and Adrienne Gutowski of Dearborn work the entrance table.



Scoop the O&E/Hometown Newshound caught up with Westland resident Leonard Poger for a photo.



Pam Mulliner of Priority Health speaks with Shirley Romeyn of South Lyon.



Dentist Abir Faraj talks dental care. Faraj, a Novi dentist, discussed dental issues those 65 and older face.

The New Look on the Supreme Court?

If Elena Kagan isn't a name you recognize just yet, there is a good chance it will be soon. The country's Solicitor General is President Barack Obama's second nominee to the Supreme Court, in as many years. With the April 9 announcement by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens of his retirement at the end of this term, there is no more speculating as to who will be nominated for this lifelong judicial appointment. So, could there be a better time than now to brush up on some American history?

As the highest judicial body in the United States, the Supreme Court leads the judicial branch of the U.S. federal government. Although many of us may be able to name the nine justices who make up today's Supreme Court, the court has not always been populated by nine justices.

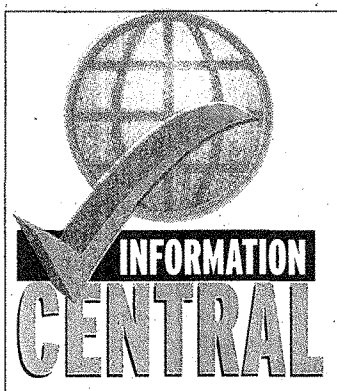
The Judiciary Act of 1789, fixed the number of justices at just six. During the following 80 years the number of justices steadily increased to seven, nine and 10 and then fell back to nine and finally eight. The Circuit Judges Act of 1869 set the number back to nine, where it remains today - despite the workings of President Franklin Roosevelt. The court is made up of the Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices.

When referring to the history of the Supreme Court it is frequently described in terms of the chief justice who presided over it at that time. Since its inception 17 chief justices have had that privilege beginning with Chief Justice, from John Jay to our country's 17th Chief Justice, John Roberts.

Who then can become a Supreme Court Justice? Anyone nominated by the president and approved by the Senate can sit on the highest court in the land, although to date all justices have at least one thing in common - they have all been lawyers.

To learn more about the composition of the Supreme Court and in its role in the workings of our government why not pick up Joan Biskupic's "The Supreme Court at Work" or "The Supreme Court and the Powers of the American Government," Ellen Greenberg's "The Supreme Court Explained" or Jeffrey Toobin's "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court?" For those of you interested in President Roosevelt's particular interest in the Supreme Court then read, Jeff Shesol's "Supreme Power: Franklin Roosevelt vs. the Supreme Court," just hot off the press.

What better way to find out about the inner workings of the Supreme Court than to gain an understanding of the life of the justices? Many biographies are available to help you do just that includ-



ing James Newton's "Justice for All: Earl Warren and the Nation He Made," Linda Greenhouse's "Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey" and R. Kent Newmyer's "John Marshall and the Heroic Age of the Supreme Court," to name a few.

For those of you eager to get an overview of all the justices then editor Clare Cushman's, "The Supreme Court Justices: Illustrated Biographies," "Biographical Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court: the Lives and Legal Philosophies of the Justices" and Jeffrey, Rosen's "The Supreme Court: the Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America," should do the trick.

Exploring the cases ruled by the Supreme Court provides an understanding not only our country's past but our present and even a hint into our future. Maureen Harrison's "Freedom of Speech Decisions of the United States Supreme Court" and Kelly S. Janousek's "United States Supreme Court Decisions, 1778-1996: an Index to Excerpts, Reprints and Discussions" can help you get started.

No matter what's happening in our country, it's always the right time to learn more about our government, so stop by the library to find the answers to your questions. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library seven days a week or check out our website at westlandlibrary.org 24/7 or Facebook. And remember you can always follow us on Twitter.

Highlighted Activities

More time scheduled - Fight Foreclosure One-on-One Counseling Session: 5-8 p.m. May 24, June 7 and June 21

Homeowners can schedule a private 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with a foreclosure counselor, from the Wayne County Fight Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. Call (734) 326-6123 or stop by the library to schedule your appointment. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program is a no fee, Wayne County program providing you an expansive network of certified counselors who will help you avoid or manage a mortgage foreclosure. Space

is limited.

Video Game Open Play: 6-8 p.m. May 24, ages 15-29

Come and play games like Super mash Bros. Brawl, Mario Kart, and maybe even something old school. Also at this event, you can sign up for our summer video game tournament. No sign up required for open play.

Fiction Writing Group: 7 p.m. May 25, ages 18 and up

If you would like help developing your fiction or enjoy reading new and exciting fiction, please join us for one of our sessions. Two new stories will be covered each month by the group. Check with the Reference Desk for this month's stories or send an e-mail to andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: 7 p.m. May 26

Join us for a discussion of David Brin's "The Uplift War." Billions of years ago, an alien race known as the Progenitors began the genetically engineered techniques by which non-intelligent creatures are given intelligence by one of the higher races in the galaxy. Once "Uplifted," these creatures must serve their patron race before they, in turn, can Uplift other races. All are welcome.

Westland Writes Poetry Book

Release Party: 7 p.m. May 27, ages 14 and up

Almost 20 Westland poets celebrate their second annual Westland Writes Poetry book ("World of Wonder, Say Dreams Never Grow Old") with a book release and reading. Sign up at the Reference Desk, if you're interested in attending. Contact Andy Schuck at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org, if you're interested in buying a book.

Friday Night Movie Madness: "It's Complicated," 7 p.m. May 28

Stop by the library every Friday evening in May for a screening of a new movie. This week's movie is "It's Complicated." When brought together at a family event, two ex's find themselves oddly attracted to each other after 10 years of divorce. Although the couple thinks that this affair will stay in a different state, it brings itself back to their own city and disrupts their personal lives. While the couple still maintains other romances, they cannot help but to continue with their affair. Rated R. No registration is required. This is an after-hours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Information Central was compiled by reference librarian Marilyn Kwik. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

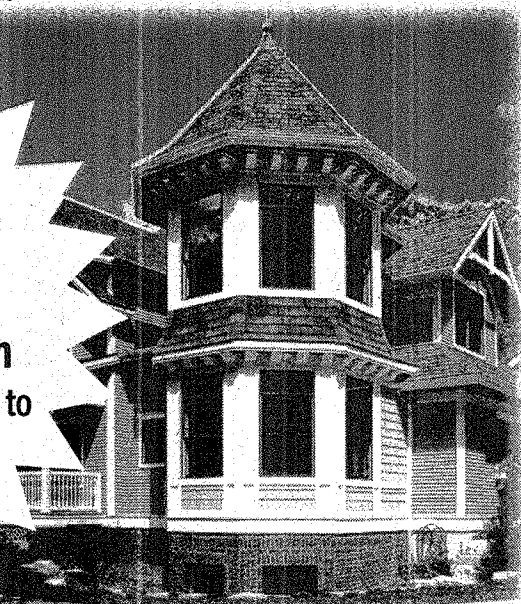


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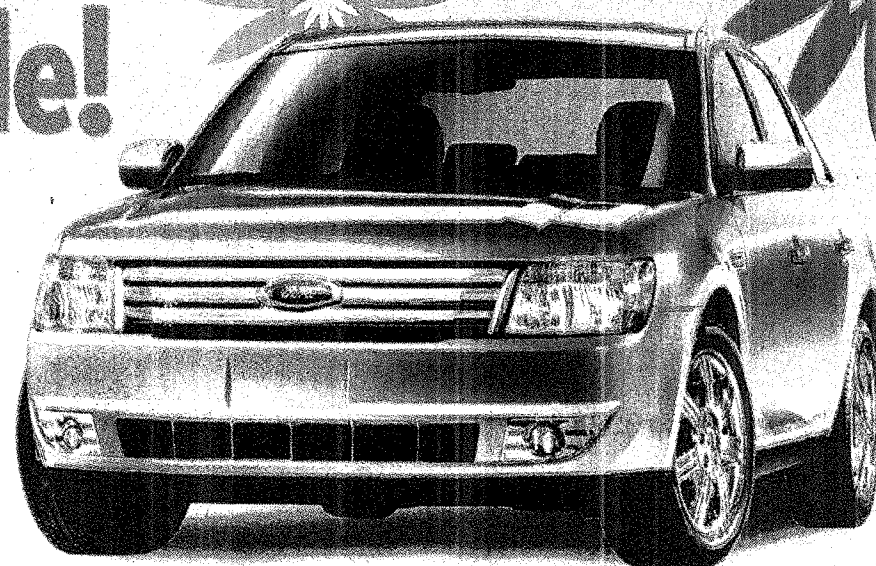
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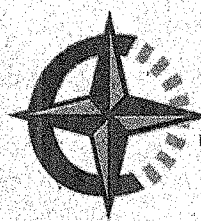
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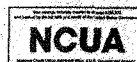
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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

At the market

On Wednesday, May 26, the Garden City Farmers Market will celebrate Nurses Week with Garden City Hospital. Stop in at the market and visit the hospital's booth.

And remember, now is the time to plant your flowers. Many varieties available including potted plants, hanging baskets, perennials and annuals as well as herbs.

It's also the fourth Wednesday of the month, time for the Farmers' Market basket drawing.

The market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center plaza.

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 park-

ing 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. Call Dorothy at (734) 762-6311 to reserve space. Reservations should be made on or before May 24.

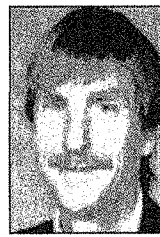
11th District GOP sponsor Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee will have Dr. Gary Wolfram, economic and public policies professor at Hillsdale College, as the keynote speaker at its Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner Thursday, May 27.

The dinner will be held at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and will serve as a fund-raiser for Republican candidates as well as provide for networking with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates is the Wayne 11th Congressional District.

"The Republican candidates that have stepped forward to run for elected office offer real change, from lowering taxes, to reforming government, to fostering more investment and jobs growth in our State. That's real change Michigan needs today," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a Meet the Candidates session and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per



Gary Wolfram



Paul Kersey

person and a table of eight is \$350. For ticket, e-mail info@wayne11th.com.

Wolfram is the William E. Simon Professor of Economics and Public Policy and Director of Economics at Hillsdale College, and President of Hillsdale Policy Group, a consulting firm specializing in taxation and policy analysis.

He is a member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University, served as a member of Michigan's State Board of Education from 1993 to 1999, was chairman of the Headlee Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission and has been a member of the Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority, the Michigan Strategic Fund Board and

the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board.

Wolfram's public policy experience includes serving as U.S. Rep. Nick Smith's Chief of Staff, Michigan's Deputy State Treasurer for Taxation and Economic Policy under former Gov. John Engler, and Senior Economist to the Republican Senate in Michigan.

Joining him at the podium will be featured speaker Paul Kersey, director of labor policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland.

Kersey became director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in September 2007, having served as the center's senior labor policy analyst since December 2006. As director, Kersey leads the center's Labor Policy Initiative and researches labor and employment issues.

After practicing law in Livonia for several years, Kersey served on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Government Reform and Oversight Committee. He then spent three years at the National Right to Work Committee as director of state legislation. In that role, he analyzed and responded to labor legislation in all 50 states.

According to Berry, the goal

of the 11th CDRC is to deliver the message of Republican candidates through grassroots efforts and modern technology.

"We can't only rely on those that have large financial resources for our support," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC. "We need to focus our efforts and message on the average citizen. Our message also needs to be very relevant to all demographics."

The committee offers community outreach in the district through various channels, such as online social networking on Facebook, the Wayne 11th CDRC website, recruiting, training and engaging over more than 800 precinct delegates, and hosting "awareness" forums throughout the district to inform people about the issues and to mobilize support.

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee covers the communities of Belleville, Canton township, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland. Its focus is primarily on the state and local election efforts.

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For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at 73 641-8895 or send an e-mail to WestlandDemvClub@robinwood.com.

Movie night

The William P. Faust Public Library is continuing its Friday Night After-Hours Movies through the summer, but with a twist.

Beginning Friday, June 4, and running through Friday, Aug. 20, the library will be showing Cult Classics — you know, the movies you just can't see enough. Stop by the library on any Friday and treat yourself an evening of fun and you might just meet someone who has seen *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* just as many times as you have.

Pick up a complete list of the movies to be shown at the

library, located on Central City Parkway, north of Ford, or visit the library's website at westlandlibrary.org.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the movies start at 7 p.m. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Poker tournament

Patchin Elementary PTA is holding a poker tournament at 7 p.m. this evening (May 23) through Wednesday, May 26, in the Angels Poker Room at the U.S. 12 Bar, 34816 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The entry is \$40 and includes 25,000 chips. The tournament will have three flights - A on Sunday, B on Monday and C on Tuesday - with a limit of 60 players each. The finals on Wednesday. Proceeds will benefit the school's year-end carnival.

For more information, call (734) 722-3170.

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.

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. For more information, contact Coach Bill Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

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 or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. Information also is available at www.glennwrestling.com. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations also are being accepted.

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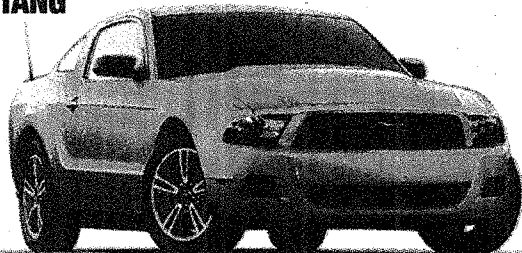
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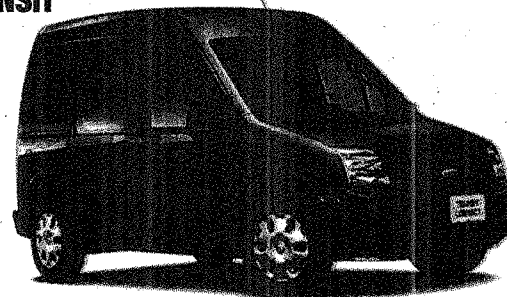
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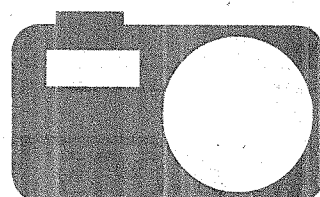
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Cal Baptist catcher sends Crusaders packing

Catcher Sharif Othman had another big day at the plate Thursday as third-ranked California Baptist earned a berth into the Avista-NAIA World Series by eliminating Madonna University, 11-4, in the Region tourney at Totman Stadium in Riverside, Calif.

The Lancers, who improved to 48-13 overall, collected a total of 16 hits led by Othman, who went 3-for-4 with one RBI. (Othman went 4-for-4 with three RBI in Wednesday's 6-2 win over the Crusaders.)

Garrett Rau also went 3-for-5 with an RBI, while Brian Sharp contributed a solo homer as Cal Baptist rallied from a 4-1 deficit after three innings with two runs in the fourth, three in both the fifth and sixth, and two more in the seventh.

Second-seed MU, which bowed out with a 48-11 record, used five different

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pitchers with starter Tom Hansen (6-2) taking the loss. Hansen gave up five earned runs on 10 hits in 4.1 innings.

Cal Baptist reliever Mike Barro (4-0) held MU to one hit without a run over the final six innings after coming on for starter Jesse Arreola. Barro struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Ted Toune went 2-for-3, while Drew Fry knocked in two runs for the Crusaders, who went 2-2 in the regional.

The NAIA World Series is May 28-June 4 in Lewiston, Id.

MADONNA 6, VANGUARD (CALIF.) 2: Right-hander Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) went seven strong innings Thursday as the Crusaders (48-10) ousted Vanguard (34-20) in the loser's bracket. Fraser scattered nine hits, walked

only one and struck out six. He was staked to a 4-0 lead before even taking the mound.

The Crusaders needed just two hits, a pair of doubles, to score their four runs.

They took advantage of Jason Dovel's control issues and got doubles from Jeff Bultinck and Mike Gansser.

Dovel (4-3) issued a pair of walks, hit a batter and threw a wild pitch that plated a run. Dovel walked the first two batters of the second before being lifted for Bryce Reid. In all, the Lions walked nine Crusaders.

MU had just seven hits, two of those from Bultinck, who added an RBI single in the fourth. Gansser also added two hits.

CAL BAPTIST 6, MADONNA 2: Catcher Sharif Othman went 4-for-4, including his 16th homer of the season, to go along with three RBI as third-

ranked Cal Baptist (47-13) handed the Crusaders (47-10) their first tourney loss Wednesday at Totman Stadium.

The Crusaders (47-10) collected nine hits led by Zach Flavin's 2-for-4 effort highlighted by his ninth homer of the year.

Matt Kay (Canton) also added two hits, while Flavin and Ted Toune each knocked in a run.

MU took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth, but the Lancers scored four times in the bottom half of the inning to put the game away.

Winning pitcher Drew Madrigal (11-2) went all nine innings, striking out 11 and walking only two.

Losing pitcher John Ballarin (6-2) went eight innings, allowing six earned runs on nine hits. He struck out three and walked one before giving way to reliever Andy Omilian.

MU pitcher Irwin stars in 1st-round

Madonna University pitcher Jess Irwin displayed her All-America form during Thursday's opening round of the NAIA National Women's Softball Championships in Decatur, Ala.

The junior right-hander from Monroe upped her personal record to 29-4 overall in a 3-1 triumph over Concordia University (Calif.) in Pool H at the Wilson Softball Complex.

Irwin allowed just two hits, but walked six and hit a batter while striking out 12 as the Crusaders improved to 43-10 overall.

MU scored a run each in the second, third and fourth innings to build a 3-0 advantage.

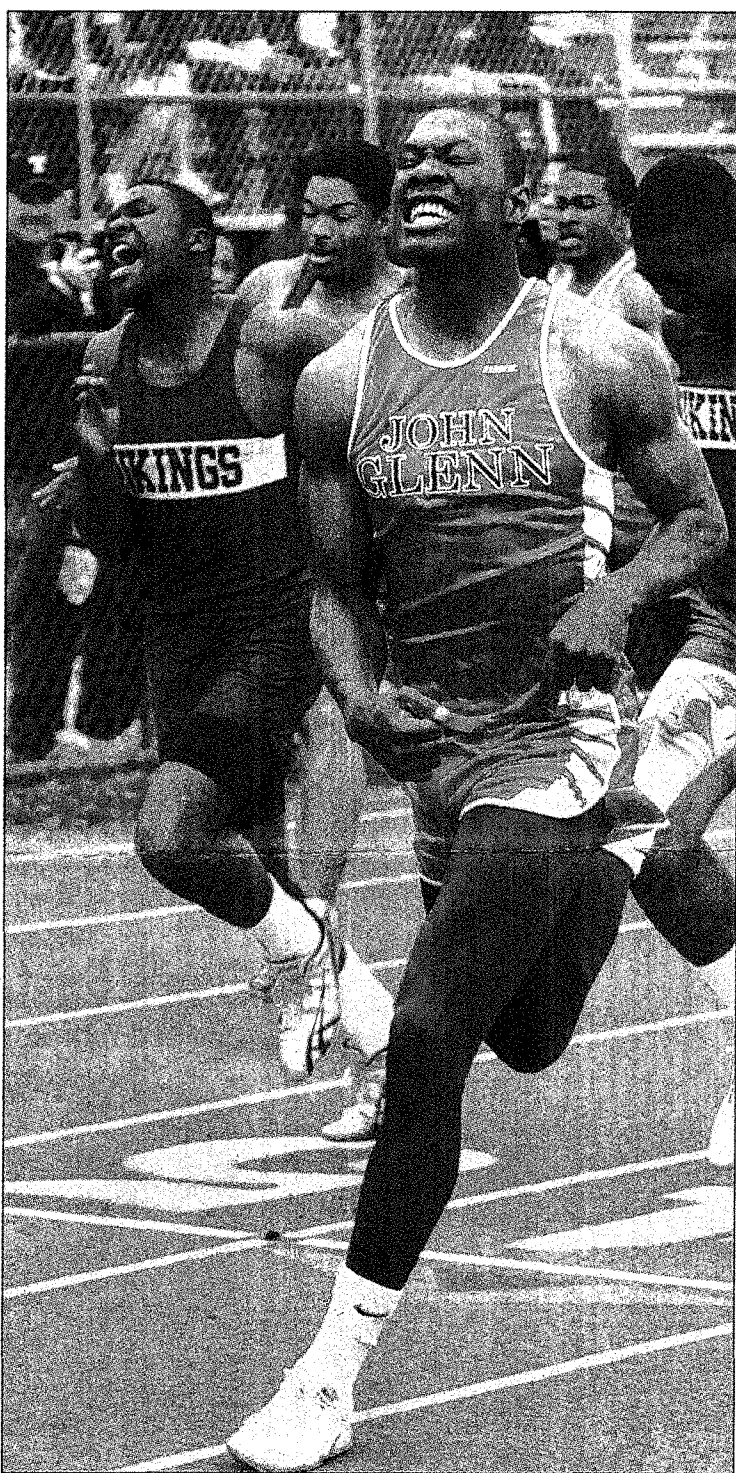
Rachael Kethe singled and later scored on an error to make it 1-0. Pinch runner Ali Robinson then came home in the third inning on one of Concordia's three errors on the game.

In the fourth, Kelly Lesko singled, advanced to second on Cat Sidor's bunt and scored on Ashley Shay's single.

Tara LaMilza had two hits to lead the Crusaders.

Losing pitcher Rachel Reekstin (11-10) gave up five hits, walked five and struck out seven.

The Crusaders were scheduled Friday to take on Oklahoma City (40-11) in the second round of Pool H, but all games were suspended until Saturday because of rain.



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Dashing guy

Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford captured the 100-meter dash in Friday's Division 1 regional at Canton, which was suspended with two events to go and postponed until Saturday morning because of thunderstorms. For a recap of the meet, visit www.hometownlife.com.

Ladywood's Yanik excels at regional

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was fitting Megan Yanik got the baton for the final leg of the final event in Friday's Division 2 girls track and field regional.

The Livonia Ladywood senior was on her home track and capped off a brilliant meet by anchoring the Blazers to a season best 4:04.7 in the 4 x 400-meter relay, which also included Teresa Wojnarowski, Megan Vitale and Shannon Scarlett.

Yanik, who will be a preferred walk-on next year at Notre Dame, also captured the 100 and 300 hurdles with eye-popping times of 15.0 and 44.5, respectively.

She was a major reason why Ladywood ended up third in the nine-school field with 96 points. Dearborn Divine Child was the runaway team champion with 214, followed by Detroit Renaissance with 103.

Ironically, Yanik came out to practice Monday with a painful pulled quad muscle and seemed questionable for the all-important state qualifying meet.

"In the hurdles, she has learned to lead with both legs," Ladywood coach Alice Ahearn said. "She's worked hard, she's a captain and she's inspired everybody as a senior."

Yanik, who placed in three events in last year's state meet, ran down Divine Child's anchor leg on the final lap. "She's a chaser," Ahearn said. "She's a good example and she pushes our 4 x 400 team. She's also good at telling you exactly what's going on with her."

Ladywood's other first came from Vitale, who clocked 2:19.6 in the 800.

The Blazers' 4 x 800 relay team of Lauren Karwan, Emma McClorey, Siobhan Aldridge and Alexandra Darr also added a third in 11:17.0.

Ladywood's 800 relay placed fourth (1:54.89), while the 400 relay added a sixth (54.4).

Other Ladywood individual point-getters included: Meredith Houska, third, 1,600 (5:39.1); and fourth, 3,200 (11:57.1); Scarlett, third, 200 (27.8); Wojnarowski, third, discus (107 feet, 1 inch); and fifth, 400 (1:05.9); Alyssa Achacon, sixth, long jump (13-8.75); Megan Talty, seventh, 800 (2:50.2); Haley Giordano, eighth, long jump (13-7.25).



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Blazers' ace Combs battling two torn ACLs

BY BRAD EMONS
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PREP SOFTBALL

Briana Combs is pitching on two gimpy knees, but you'd never know it judging from her performance in Thursday's Catholic League A-B Division softball final.

Combs, who tore both anterior cruciate ligaments when she slipped and fell while warming up for the Michigan Stars Tournament earlier this month, threw a one-hitter, but it wasn't enough as the visiting Blazers fell to defending champion Allen Park Cabrini, 1-0, in the semifinals.

It was a rerun of last year's championship game, which was also won by Cabrini, 3-2.

The state-ranked Monarchs, who improved to 26-1 overall, tallied the game-winning run in the first inning off Combs, who struck out nine.

Abbey Waselewski got a bloop infield single and advanced to second on a bunt. After Combs hit a Cabrini batter, the

Monarchs scored the deciding run on a two-out Ladywood infield error.

The Blazers, who slipped to 22-6 overall, lost despite out-hitting Cabrini, 7-1.

Alysa Gietl and Celeste Fidge each collected two hits for the Blazers, who left eight runners stranded.

"We gave up a run in the first, but we had seven more (innings) of at-bats," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "Every single play it seemed we were one pitch away. It was an exciting game. It was a lot of fun — the kind of game you wanted to be involved in. We just came up short."

Winning pitcher Karyn McCarty struck out nine and walked two as Cabrini moved into the championship game 6 p.m. Monday at the University of Detroit Mercy (where McCarty is headed next season).

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Lady Ocelot signs

Grace (Ind.) College coach Scott Blum (top) recently signed Schoolcraft College point-guard Angela Burrell (Detroit Northwestern) to a women's basketball team letter-of-intent. Burrell, flanked by Northwestern High coach Orlando Watkins and mother Lois Burrell, averaged 11.5 points, 6.2 assists and 2.5 steals per game for the 33-2 Lady Ocelots, who finished third in the NJCAA Division II Nationals Championships. The 5-foot-4 Burrell earned All-Region, All-MCCAA and first-team All-Eastern Conference honors. "I chose Grace because it has solid academic and athletic programs," said Burrell, who plans to major in Special Education. "I am looking forward to pushing myself in my career and on the basketball court." Burrell is the fourth Ocelot player to sign joining teammates Jasmine Brown (Lake Superior State), Amber Avery (Ohio Valley) and Amber Goins (Florida Atlantic).

SIDELINES

MU's Quittiquit 2nd

Madonna University's Brett Quittiquit took runner-up honors in last week's NAIA Men's Golf Championships after shooting a four-day total of 2-over 286 at the TPC at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.

Quittiquit, a Highland native and transfer from Oakland University, carded rounds of 68-71-76-71 to earn All-Tournament recognition.

Justin Lower of Malone University (Ohio) was medalist with a 4-under 280 on rounds of 68-70-71-71.

It was MU's first-ever appearance in the NAIA Championships.

After shooting an opening round team score of 304 (tied for 19th) Tuesday, the Crusaders missed the cut with a 320 Wednesday to fall to 22nd overall in the 29-school field.

Other MU scorers included Jimmy Uelmen, tied for 81st (78-77-155); Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill), tied for 122nd (79-82-161); Nick Sears, tied for 146th (79-90-169); Steve South (Livonia Franklin), 154th (81-92-173).

Proben takes 31st

Schoolcraft College's Josh Proben (Livonia Churchill) wound up 31st out of a field of 129 Friday at the NJCAA Division II National Men's Golf Championships held in Goodyear, Ariz.

Proben shot a 12-over 300 over the four rounds with scores of 73-75-75-77 on the par-72, 7,105-yard Palm Valley Golf Course.

Marcelo Roza of John A. Logan (Ill.) earned medalist honors with 4-under 284 on rounds of 71-74-70-69.

South Mountain (Ariz.) captured the team title.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill Hockey Skills two-week camp for boys entering grades 9-12 will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 12-16, and 9-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 19-23, both at Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The cost is \$180. Full equipment is required.

The deadline for online and mail registration is Friday, June 4. The deadline for phone-in and walk-in registration is Friday, June 11.

For more information, call Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni at (248) 345-6584.

WYAA football

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association 2010 football and cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road). Both units, the Westland Comets and Westland Meteors, offer four squads each including Junior Freshman (ages 7-8), Freshman (8-9-10), Junior Varsity (11-12) and varsity (11-12-13-14). Age and weight restrictions apply. The age cut-off date is Sept. 1.

A cheerleading unit for each age level is also offered.

For more information, visit www.wyaa.org, call (734) 421-0640.

Franklin needs coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking a freshman girls volleyball and freshman girls competitive cheer coach for the 2010-11 seasons. For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2889.

Ammons HR keys Glenn victory; Stevenson sets season win mark

Derrick Ammons, hit by a pitch his first two times up to the plate, belted a tape measure 3-run homer in the fourth inning Wednesday to lift host Westland John Glenn to an 8-4 KLAA Kensington Conference baseball crossover win over South Lyon East.

Colton Lipinski went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, while Andrew McGrath added two hits, two RBI and scored twice as Glenn improved to 3-18 overall.

Winning pitcher Spencer Dowd went the first six innings, scattering 10 hits and two walks. He struck out six before giving way to McGrath in the seventh.

Peter Radakovic had two hits for the Cougars (6-17), while Ryan Ferguson added an RBI double.

Steve Kopeck, the East starter, suffered the loss.

STEVENSON 10, N. FARMINGTON 0: Livonia Stevenson (24-4) recorded its school-record 24th win Thursday with a five-inning mercy rule victory over visiting North Farmington (12-14).

The Spartans, ranked No. 4 in the latest Division 1 statewide coaches poll, got a solo homer from Dan Lopez and two hits apiece from Matt Shain, who also had three RBI, and Mark Wagner.

Jeff Sorenson and Mike Vomastek also knocked in

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runs for the Spartans, who jumped out to an 8-0 lead after two innings before adding two more in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Chris McDonald, a sophomore, gave up just three hits and two walks while fanning four in five innings.

WAYNE 20, SALEM 11: Homers by Shane Wilson and James Nutt propelled Wayne Memorial (7-14) to a Kensington Conference crossover triumph Wednesday over the visiting Rocks (10-13).

Dominik Corredino collected three of the Zebras' 13 hits.

Winning pitcher Zach Lloyd went the first 5.1 innings to pick up the win.

Salem, which defeated the Zebras on Monday, 10-0, trailed 11-4 before rallying for seven runs in the top of the sixth to tie it.

But Wayne scored nine times in the bottom half of the inning to post the win.

FRANKLIN 8, SOUTH LYON 2: On Wednesday, Steven Wells went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three runs scored as host Livonia Franklin (11-15) downed the Lions (11-15) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Dan Muller also went 3-for-4 with four RBI as Franklin

jumped out to a 7-0 advantage after two innings.

Winning pitcher Joel Trudell went all seven innings allowing just two hits and a pair of walks. Both runs were unearned. The sophomore struck out three.

Ryan Finneran took the loss as South Lyon pitchers gave up a total of 13 hits.

PLYMOUTH 7, STEVENSON 5: Matt Priebe's 3-run homer in the bottom of the sixth proved to be the difference Wednesday as the host Wildcats (13-11) ambushed KLAA Central Division co-champion Livonia Stevenson (23-5).

Mike Nadratowski also went 3-for-3 and scored three runs, while Phil Emminger contributed two hits and an RBI for Plymouth.

Jackson Burdette, who pitched the final 2.2 innings in relief, got the victory. He gave up one run on three hits and four walks.

Losing pitcher Nick Anderson, who also pitched in relief, allowed three runs on three hits in 1.1 innings as the Spartans' six-game winning streak came to an end.

Tyler Lynch went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Matt Shain added two RBI for the Spartans, who left the bases loaded in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh innings.



Patriots go deep

The Livonia Franklin baseball team recently staged a home run derby fundraiser and donated half of the proceeds on May 7 to Area 23 Special Olympics. Terry Jobbitt (middle) of Area 23 Special Olympic Games Committee Coordinator was presented the check of \$1,635 by Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier (right) and his players. A total of \$3,270 was raised as players, coaches and family members sold sponsorships for \$10 apiece with each homer going to the casue. Prizes were also donated for event which included gift cards and Tiger tickets.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 24 Luth. South at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26 Churchill at Howell, 4 p.m. Franklin at Pinckney, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Wat. Kettering, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Milford, 4 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 28 John Glenn at Wyandotte, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Crestwood, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Flat Rock, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 29 (all double-headers unless noted) John Glenn at Trenton, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL Monday, May 24 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 John Glenn at Willow Run (2), 4 p.m. Plymouth at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Lahser at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.	Wednesday, May 26 Churchill at Milford, 4 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Stevenson at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Wat. Kettering, 4 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27 Birm. Groves at Ladywood, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at Univ.-Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 28 Clarenceville at Crestwood, 4:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 24 South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Univ.-Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m. N.B. Huron at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Franklin, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m. Ladywood at Saginaw Nouvel, 6 p.m.	Wednesday, May 26 Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27 Luth. Westland at Kensington, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 5 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Tuesday, May 25 KLAA Association Meet at Howell, 2 p.m. Catholic League A-B Division Meet at Livonia Ladywood, 2:30 p.m. Metro Conf. Meet at Clarenceville, 3:30 p.m. BOYS GOLF Monday, May 24 Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 Kensington Conference/Journey at Pheasant Run G.C., 8 a.m. Thursday, May 27 Division 1 District Tournament at Whispering Willows, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Thursday, May 27 (Division 2 Regional) Mercy at Ladywood, 5 p.m.
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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 147, SOUTH LYON EAST 158
May 19 at Links of Novi
Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossolan and Adam Giordano, 35 each (co-medalists); Dante Cicchelli, 38; Christian Debay and Adam Laporte, 39 each; Tom Cullum, 40.
East scorers: Mike Sadowski, 35 (co-medalist);

Byran Hawkins and Matt Sherry, 40 each; Jackson Seedott, 43; Alec Staros, 45; James Smith, 49.
Dual match records: Stevenson, 5-4 overall, 5-4 KLAA Central; East, 0-9 overall, 0-9 KLAA Central.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 166, WAYNE MEMORIAL 189
May 19 at Idyl Wyld
Franklin scorers: Jimmy Johnson, Jacob Wirgau

and Tyler Miller, 41 each (co-medalists); Zachary Defoe, 43; Brian Roulier, 46; Patrick Stevenson, 52.
Wayne scorers: Jarret Williamson, 42; Zachary Williamson, 47; Shane Schooley, 49; Corey Robbins, 51; Austin St. Peter, 60.
Dual match records: Franklin, 3-6 overall, 3-6 KLAA South; Wayne, 1-11 overall, 0-9 KLAA South.

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Spartans stop No. 2-ranked Northville in rain, 2-1

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was the perfect storm Friday night for the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team.

The Spartans turned in one of their top efforts of the season by upending visiting Northville, the state's No. 2-ranked team in Division 1, by a 2-1 count.

Sophomore Emily Chrzasz tallied the game-winning goal on a cannon shot from 18 yards out with 25 minutes remaining.

The game, which was delayed at the start because of thunderstorms in the area, was eventually called by game officials with nine minutes remaining.

Northville, the KLAA Central champion, suffered its first defeat and falls to 13-1-2 overall and 8-1-1 in the division.

Stevenson improves to 8-4-3 and 5-4-1.

"It was a great win for our program," Stevenson first-year coach Chris Grodzicki said. "It gives us confidence going into the (KLAA) conference and state (district) playoffs. It's the best we've played in awhile."

Northville scored first at the 4-minute mark of the opening half, but Stevenson senior Renee Boudreau answered a minute later on an unassisted effort after stealing a

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Northville clearance in the back.

Stevenson goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk made six saves, while senior Kayla Kimble spearheaded the defense from her stopper position.

"It's the best Kayla has played since the Troy Athens game," Grodzicki said.

Stevenson moves into third place in the KLAA Central and travels Monday to face Livonia Churchill in a Kensington Conference crossover. The Spartans, ironically, will open Division 1 district play against Northville.

STEVENSON 6, S.L. EAST 0: Amanda Jenaway's hat trick carried Livonia Stevenson (7-4-3, 4-4-1) to a KLAA Central Division triumph Thursday at South Lyon East (3-10-2, 0-8-1).

Renee Boudreau added a goal and assist for the Spartans, who led 3-0 at halftime. Kassity Truxell and Molly McConnell also added goals.

Goalkeeper Caite Marchione went all 80 minutes, making a pair of saves, to record the shutout.

CHURCHILL 5, JOHN GLENN 0: A stingy defense propelled Livonia Churchill (7-7-1, 6-3-1) to a KLAA South Division

victory Thursday at Westland John Glenn (4-10-2, 2-6-2).

Sarah Bauman scored a pair of goals for the Chargers, who led 4-0 at halftime. Nicole Marlow added a penalty kick, while Kayla Szado and Stephanie Panaretos also tallied goals.

Assists went Rachel Blackney and Melissa Roe.

Churchill goalkeepers Kaylie Secord (first half) and Chelsea Manasian (second half) combined on the shutout and weren't required to make a save.

"We dominated the action and were able to play in different systems so it was a good game as we look to close out the season," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "This young team is continuing to improve as we gear up for a postseason run."

FRANKLIN 2, WAYNE 2: On Thursday, Makenzie Meyers scored with only 25 seconds remaining off a corner kick from Lauren Zentz to give Livonia Franklin (0-15-2, 0-8-2) a KLAA South Division tie at Wayne Memorial (3-11-1, 1-8-1).

Meyers scored twice in the second half with the other assist coming from Natalie Desautel.

Aimee Papineau scored both goals for the Zebras, also coming during the final 40 minutes of action.



Remember the Titans

On May 2, the Livonia Titans, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, captured the Milan Spring Classic. Members of the Titans include (bottom row, from left): Walter Walker, Carl Clapp, Danny Morris, Joe Kubeshesky, Jake Beaune, Matthew Smith; (middle row, from left): Christopher Fazica, Cody Klancierz, Devon Dunn, Alex Reeves, Jacob Kenward, Ian Juszczyk; (back row, from left) assistant coach Carl Clapp Sr., manager John Fazica and coach Dave Kubeshesky. (Not pictured is Connor Beck.)

Stevenson falls to Plymouth, 3-1

Lauren Smith pitched a complete-game 4-hitter and Elaine Gerou went 2-for-3 with a run scored Wednesday as host Plymouth downed Livonia Stevenson in a Kensington Conference girls softball crossover, 3-1.

Smith struck out seven and allowed just one walk as the Wildcats improved to 17-4 overall.

Losing pitcher Jacqueline Johnson gave up seven hits, struck out three and did not allow a walk in going six innings.

Shelbie Wilson led Stevenson (20-11) with two

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hits, including a double and stolen base.

SALEM 6, FRANKLIN 0: Briana Lee tossed a 2-hitter Wednesday as the visiting Rocks scored six times in the sixth inning to beat Livonia Franklin (18-14) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Salem broke open the scoreless game with five singles, a double and a homer in the top of the sixth to hand sophomore Tiffany Lambie (12-12) the setback.

Lambie allowed nine hits and struck out six.

Lee, a junior, struck out six and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

NORTHVILLE 2, CHURCHILL 1: On Wednesday, Meredith Williams' 2-run triple in the fifth inning rallied the visiting Mustangs (7-11) to the Kensington Conference crossover triumph over Livonia Churchill (17-12).

Northville collected nine hits off Churchill starter Natalie Hiser, who suffered the loss.

Hiser, meanwhile, collected two of Churchill's six hits.

Blazers reach league final with OT goal, 2-1

Livonia Ladywood's late season push continued Thursday with a dramatic 2-1 overtime victory at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in the semifinals of the Catholic League girls soccer tournament.

Ladywood's Paige Brennan dribbled down the middle of the field and found herself in a one-on-one situation with Gabriel Richard goalkeeper Anna Zekany, who made the initial save before the sophomore midfielder banged home the game-winning rebound.

"I believe that is Paige's fourth or fifth game-winning goal this year," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I couldn't be any prouder of my senior captains - Sydney DeLosh, Shea McParlane, and

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Rachel Maceri - and how they have kept this team organized and motivated."

The Blazers, who improved to 9-3-4 overall with the victory, earned a spot in Saturday's Catholic League championship game at home against Birmingham Marian, which is ranked No. 2 in Division 2.

Ladywood led 1-0 at halftime on when Dominique Sarnecky collected a errant kick by the Richard goalkeeper and scored in the 33rd minute.

The Fighting Irish, ranked No. 6 in Division 3, evened the count at 1-all on when Natalia Collins scored off a volley on a cross.

Ladywood keeper Maddie

Reed made six saves, while Zekany had five.

"Maddie Reed was fantastic," Shingledecker said. "She wasn't tested too much early, but she was forced to make multiple saves for us in the last 20 minutes of regulation."

CLARENCEVILLE 9, HARPER WOODS 1: On Wednesday, hat tricks by Teresa Parent and Kristen Jolly propelled host Livonia Clarenceville (5-7-1) to a Metro Conference victory over the Pioneers.

Ashley Murphy also scored twice for the victorious Trojans, while Britney Olds also added a goal in the mercy-rule win.

Goalkeepers Katelyn Quirk and Megan Strachan combined for the shutout.

MIAC leaders Warriors, HVL roll

Lutheran High Westland continued to maintain a firm grip on first place in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with an 11-0 mercy-rule win in five innings Friday at home over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Winning pitcher Jake Andrezejewski went all five innings, allowing just three hits and one walk. He struck out four as the Warriors improved to 15-4 overall and 10-1 in the division.

Andrezejewski also helped his own cause going 2-for-2 at the plate with a pair of RBI and two runs scored.

Gage Flanery and Tony Cipolla each contributed three hits, while Marc Rosin went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

The loss drops Parkway to 5-12 and 2-8.

HURON VALLEY 23, FRANKLIN ROAD 8: A 22-hit attack highlighted by Mark St. John's 4-for-4 effort Thursday powered host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (14-1, 11-0), the MIAC Red Division leader, to a five-inning mercy rule win over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-4 MIAC Red).

St. Johnson had a homer,

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two doubles and four RBI. Shawn Schaffer went 4-for-6 with five RBI, while Shane Bunde was 3-for-5 with three RBI.

Winning pitcher Andy Barber scattered nine and five walks while striking out 10.

Vince Montoro went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while Shaun Nelson was 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Warriors.

Starter Seth Rayburn suffered the loss.

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N'WEST 1: Marc Rosin's 2-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning powered Red Division leader Lutheran High Westland (14-4, 9-1) to a MIAC Blue Division win over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (13-8, 7-4).

Rosin's homer came with two outs as the Warriors broke a 1-all deadlock.

The Warriors scored their other run in the third on a double by winning pitcher Gage Flanery followed by a two-out single from Taurrek Fikes.

Flanery went six innings,

allowing one runs on four hits and four walks. He struck out two. Josh Andrezejewski and Flanery combined for four of the Warriors' seven total hits.

Reliever Austin Baglow came on in the seventh to pick up the save.

Losing pitcher Eric Mischley went six innings, allowing one walk and fanning three. He also went 2-for-3.

CLARENCEVILLE 9, HAZEL PARK 8: In a see-saw non-conference game on Wednesday, Livonia Clarenceville (13-14) emerged the victor over the host Vikings thanks to late RBI hits by Jimmy Moody and Eric Trotter.

Winning pitcher Ben Gehan went the first five innings, allowing four earned runs. Reliever Damien Quarles allowed one unearned run over the final two innings to pick up the save.

Clarenceville led 2-0 after one inning as Quarles led off with a double and Trotter followed with a walk. Both scored on aggressive base running on a Gehan groundout.

Trotter then added a 2-run double in the left field corner to give the Trojans a 4-3 lead in the top of the third.



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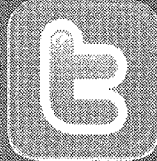
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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

MU men's basketball

The Madonna University men's basketball program will be offering three summer camp sessions for its All-Star camps (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 21-25 (at the Livonia Community Recreation Center); July 26-30; and Aug. 2-6 (both at the MU Activities Center).

The cost for each session is \$200 (includes camp T-shirt, trophies and prizes).

To register, visit www.madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call coach Noel Emenhiser at (734) 432-5610; or e-mail nemenhiser@madonna.edu.

Churchill girls hoops

The Livonia Churchill Girls Summer Basketball Camp (incoming grades 5-10) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, July 12-15.

The fee is \$60 (if registered by June 15); or \$65. Included in the cost is camp T-shirt and awards.

For more information, call Churchill varsity coach Chad Jenkins at (734) 347-1267; or e-mail cjenkins@livoniapublicschools.org.

MU women's hoops

The Madonna University women's basketball program will offer a camp for grades 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 14-18, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The cost is \$150.

MU will also offer its first-ever residential camp, Sunday through Thursday, June 20-24, at Activities Center. The cost is \$200 for the first 50 campers or \$225.

Included in the camp cost is T-shirt, trophies and custom

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Divisions offered included grades 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

MU will also offer its third annual Varsity Basketball Shootout for high school girls from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 18 at \$100 per team (three-game guarantee) and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18 for \$150 per team (five-game guarantee), at the Activities Center.

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MU girls softball

Madonna University will run two sessions of summer girls softball camps (ages 8-15) specializing in individual instruction from coach Al White and his staff will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6 and Aug. 16-20, at the Bicentennial Park (diamond No. 3).

The cost for each session is \$200 (resident) and \$210 (non-resident). Players should bring water and lunch.

Registration forms are available at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road); or online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

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

Total baseball camp

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Madonna University, will stage its Total Baseball Camp (ages 6-16) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 5-8, at Bicentennial Park (field No. 1).

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Gymnastics camps

Livonia Churchill will hold a pair of gymnastics camps (age 11-and-up) from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 21-25, and June 28-July 2.

For more information, e-mail coach Kelly Grodzicki at kgrozdic@livoniapublicschools.org.

Basketball Academy

Coach Paul Tripp of The Basketball Academy is staging his summer skill development camps at St. Damian School in Westland.

The boys camp will be from 8-11:30 a.m. (grades 3-5), Monday through Thursday, June 21-24.

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Franklin baseball

The Livonia Franklin Future Stars summer baseball camp (boys and girls exiting grades 2-8) will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, June 28-July 1, at the varsity field or inside the fieldhouse (in case of inclement weather).

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt). You must be registered by Friday, June 25.

For more information, call Matt Fournier at (734) 968-0499 or e-mail mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.



Spring puck champs

On April 16-18, the Michigan Bucks spring hockey team captured the Midget AA Division of Detroit Action Tournament Series at the Wayne Civic and Westland Modano arenas with wins over the Bloomfield Gamblers, Westland Warriors and Belle Tire. Members of the Bucks include: Brendan Hay, Garrett Duffany, Christian Wood, John Mandryk, Travis Gosselin, Kyle Wrathell, Eric Peters, Josh York, Patrick Colton, Mark Brandstatter, Doug Perchall, Adam Kleven, Jimmy Labby, Sean Winkelseth, Jason Blacha, Gerry Kroft and Andrew Palushaj. The coaching staff includes George Wrathell, Pat York and John Winkelseth.

COMBS

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The Monarchs will take on Friday's other semifinal winner between Farmington Hills Mercy and Warren Regina.

Mercy captured the Central Division title with a 10-2 record following a split last Sunday of a doubleheader with Blazers, who wound up in second place at 8-4.

Ladywood won the first game, 3-2, to pull within a game of first before dropping the nightcap, 3-1, as the Marlins took the division title outright and clinched the top

seed for the Catholic League playoffs.

In Tuesday's quarterfinal, Ladywood ousted visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a five-inning mercy, 11-1, as Carl SanMillan collected three of the Blazers' 13 total hits.

Combs threw a no-hitter and struck out six to earn the win.

Last Saturday, Ladywood captured the Charlotte Tournament with victories over Hastings (4-0 in the finals), Fowlerville (15-1) and Mason (6-0).

Combs earned victories on the mound in both the opener and final, but her amount of starts has to be monitored

because of her injuries.

As a freshman, Briana Combs pitched the Blazers all the way to the Division 2 state finals before losing to Niles in the championship, 3-0.

"They did an MRI and she tore ligaments on both sides — she can't run or bat," Scott Combs said. "She felt them both pop and she laid on the ground for 15 minutes. We've put on a brace and she'll sit out every second or third game. We'll finesse her through it. The doctor said she can hurt it anymore. Then we'll take care of it after we're done with the season."

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Motor City Youth Theatre revving up for show, summer camps

BY SHARON DARGAY
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As a child, Nancy Florkowski aspired to become an actor. At 61, the Redford woman and founder of Motor City Youth Theatre, still recalls the experience that crushed her dreams.

"I had a music teacher in junior high who made us audition. I was too shy to do it. I was really little and there were older girls standing there with make-up and ratted hair. I was so scared I couldn't sing. I never performed until after college.

"I feel like I was denied an opportunity because of that music teacher," Florkowski said. "She deflated my balloon. I don't want any kid to be denied this opportunity."

For 20 years her youth theater has remained true to its mission of helping "all children" improve their speaking, dance, music, artistic and life skills.

"We don't turn anyone away. That's what makes us different from most groups."

Florkowski said the troupe has included special needs children and young actors from a variety of skill levels and ages.

The theatre grew out of Florkowski's master's degree project at Eastern Michigan University. The former special education and middle school drama teacher also holds a an education specialist degree in special education. Offering summer programs in conjunction with Redford Schools, the Redford Youth Theatre — Motor City Youth Theatre's original name — drew students from throughout the district. As the troupe grew and expanded its offerings, "kids came out of the woodwork" from communities throughout southeastern Michigan. The theater changed its name to Tinderbox Productions and finally, Motor City Youth Theatre, as it moved from Redford to Detroit to its own build-



The cast of 'Seussical Jr.' at Motor City Youth Theatre in Livonia.

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Spring show: "Seussical Jr.," 7:30 p.m., May 28-29, June 4-5 and 2 p.m. May 30, June 6. All seats are \$12. The Grantland Street Playhouse is located at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. (313) 535-8962

Theatre Day Camp: Musical Theatre and Motown Workshop runs 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, July 5-30. No audition is necessary and the program is open to age 8-18. Students learn Broadway and Motown songs and dances and perform on July 30. Campers also will get a chance to sing at the Redford Arts Festival, July 24-25. Cost is \$250 for students with family memberships; \$300 for new students. The afternoon session costs \$275 for those with family memberships and \$300 for new students. It will focus on Shakespeare from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 5-30. Students will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Aug. 6-8. Auditions for lead roles are 7 p.m., Monday, May 24. Students should prepare a minute-long sonnet or monologue from a Shakespeare play. To download a registration form visit www.mcyt.org.

ing in Livonia six years ago.

TRI-COUNTY CAST

"In this (upcoming) production

of *Seussical Jr.* we don't have one Redford kid," Florkowski noted. But the show, which begins a two-week-end run May 28, brings cast members

together from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, Clinton Township, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Lathrup Village,

Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights and Brownstown Township.

Florkowski's son, Jody, a former teacher at Berkley High School who's active at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak, is directing the production. Her husband, Fred, who co-founded the theater and designs sets, teaches scenic design at Wayne State University where he serves as technical director for the Bonstelle Theatre. Their daughter, Jenny, works in New York as an actor and has toured nationally in musicals, including *Cats* and *White Christmas*.

"Our whole family is in it. Once it (theater) gets into your blood you can't get it out of your system," she said.

SHAKESPEARE AND MOIRE

She expanded Motor City Youth Theatre's programming by adding an annual Shakespeare production that maintains most of the original language ("I've always been a purist with Shakespeare") and last year started Broadway Kids, which teaches musical theatre.


"We do a lot of community outreach," she noted. "Yesterday we were at Starfish (Family) Services. The kids sang for toddlers. I think the community service makes it more of a community organization, not just 'we're divas and we're going to be in a play.' They enjoy helping others."

It may not be long before the group finds itself in a new venue. The existing theater is for sale and the Florkowskis are looking for a new site.

"We've outgrown this building," Florkowski explained, adding that larger quarters would be "so wonderful."

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Michigan Retired Greyhounds as Pets (REGAP) will present its 11th Annual Golf to Save Greyhounds on Saturday, June 5, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The event helps Regap rescue greyhounds, provide them with medical care and place them into safe and loving homes.

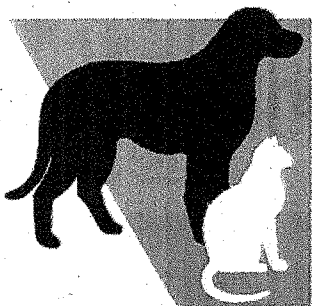
The greyhounds rescued by Regap might otherwise be destroyed after running at various racetracks that operate in 11 states. Tracks have closed in the last year in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Wisconsin, meaning more greyhounds need help more than ever.

Regap's quest to stop the industry from killing thousands of dogs a year will continue until every track closes and every greyhound has a chance at life off the track.

Individual tickets to the golf outing are \$125; foursomes pay \$400. Admission includes a cart, contests and prizes, gifts, lunch, beverages, raffle tickets, door prizes and dinner.

The day will begin with continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and a "Putt for Pups" contest. The Spring Scramble tee off is at 10 a.m.

Rescued greyhounds, and their humans will be on hand at appointed holes, greeting golfers and reminding them



PET PROJECTS

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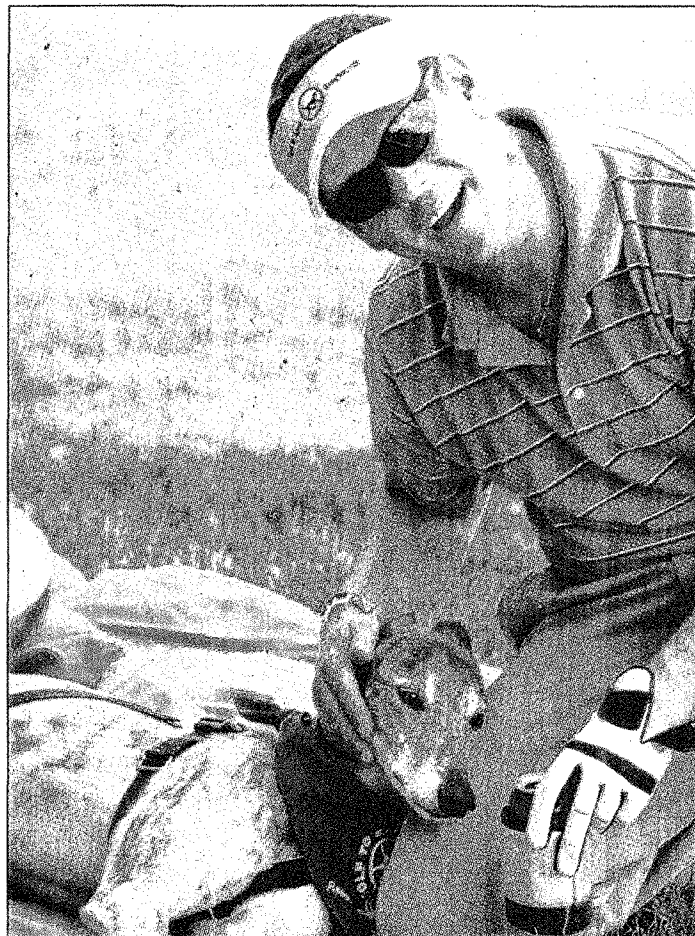
After the golf game, Spring Scramble prizes will be awarded, sponsors honored and a buffet dinner will be served. A raffle will include such prizes as an exclusive Boyne get-away, golf at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, spa experiences and more.

Regap also is accepting tax-deductible Major (\$350) and Happy Tail Tee (\$100) sponsors for the event, as well as prizes for the raffle. For sponsorship details and golf forms visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org or write to RegapGolf@yahoo.com or call (248) 921-4041 to register and charge by phone.

Tanglewood Golf Course is located at 53503 10 Mile.

WALK AT A MANSION

Hundreds of animal lovers will take a scenic stroll to benefit the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The 22nd annual Mutt



Mike Birch of Plymouth is ready to golf and help rescued greyhounds.

March will offer several walking routes and refreshments will be provided for both individuals and dogs. All walkers turning in \$100 or more the day of the walk will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt and each canine participant will receive a bandana.

Last year's event drew more than 500 walkers and raised more than \$50,000. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society, which protects, rescues, and cares for more than 100,000 animals each year.

Pre-registration is not required, but individual walkers and teams can set up personalized Web pages and collect donations online at

www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch.

Those walking with a canine companion must bring his or her current vaccination records. Dogs must be on leashes at all times.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Road between Eight Mile (Vernier) and Nine Mile in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information or to register, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org/muttmarch.

MHS is based in Bingham Farms and operates adoption centers in Detroit, Westland and Rochester Hills.

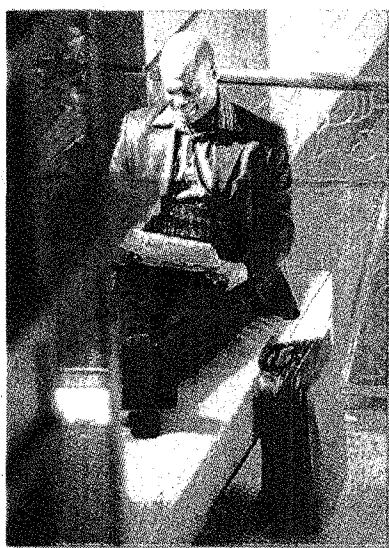
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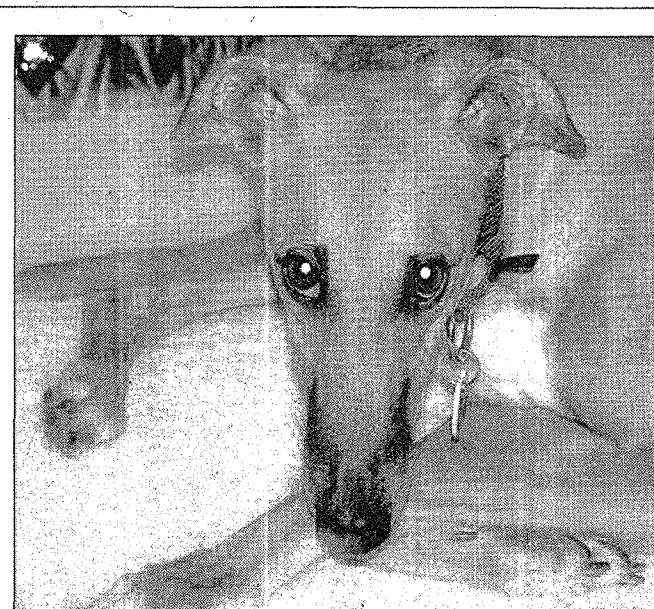
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'BOWLING FOR RHINOS' SET FOR JUNE 12

The Detroit chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) is inviting bowlers to help save rhinoceroses "one pin at a time" at the 21st annual "Bowling for Rhinos." The bowl-athon for the conservation of endangered rhinos will be held 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Fairlanes Bowl in Madison Heights.

Bowlers may register individually or form a team of four to five for the event, which features bowling, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. The registration fee is \$10 and includes shoe rental, two games, pizza and soft drinks.

Bowlers are asked to collect sponsor money of a minimum \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. All donations are tax deductible. Participants who raise over \$50 will receive a "Bowling for Rhinos" T-shirt.

Registration forms and fees should be received by June 5 as space is limited. Anyone who is unable to attend the event but

would like to support rhino conservation can visit www.aazkdetroit.org to make a donation.

Fairlanes Bowl is located at 29600 Stevenson Highway at 13 Mile Road in Madison Heights. Further information on "Bowling for Rhinos" is available by calling (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3000, or e-mailing aazk@detroitdetroit.org.

Each year, over 40 AAZK chapters throughout the United States participate in "Bowling for Rhinos," raising over \$200,000 annually since 1990. The Detroit Zoo chapter alone has raised over \$145,000 to date.

One hundred percent of the proceeds directly benefit three rhino conservation projects in Africa and Asia.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak.

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Registration deadline is June 11. The \$50 fee includes lunch, afternoon drink and snack, cheer sports bag and the clinic. Participants should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sunscreen to the class and bring their own water bottle.

Download an application at www.cantoncheerleading.com. For more information e-mail to allik162@gmail.com

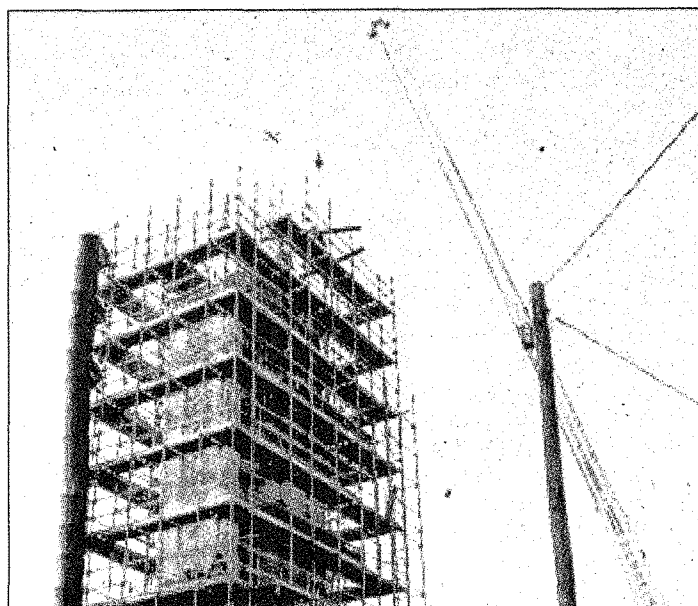
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BELLS WORKING AGAIN

If you live near Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church in Livonia, you may have noticed scaffolding at the bell tower and silence the past few months.

According to Bill Dunphy, a member, the church's 46-year-old bell tower "was constructed poorly, allowing water to seep in and damage a significant portion of its brick façade



The bell tower at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church was under renovation for several months.

causing joint and mortar deterioration and separation of the limestone from the tower." The bells fell out of their fixtures and the cross on the tower began to lean.

It took four months to complete construction work, which involved more than 5,000 damaged bricks. Dunphy said a metal support frame was installed inside the tower "because the original back-up wall had been improperly constructed."

"If you look up near the top of the tower you will notice that it is slightly larger than the lower part. That serves two purposes

— a transition in the brick color, and more room for the new interior metal framework."

The bells are ringing again after the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, funerals, and weddings. Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, located at 9601 Hubbard, offers a full music program with four handbell choirs and an adult vocal choir, as well. A staff of 20 individuals coordinates music, outreach, adult Bible study, Vacation Bible School and youth group. For more information call (734) 422-0494, or visit www.rosedalegardens.org.

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This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 24-June 7, 2010 at Webster Elementary, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia 48152 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

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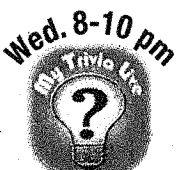
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Members of the American Association of University Women gathered at Schoolcraft College this month for their state convention. Several members who posed for a photograph are: Kathy Shaw, (left, standing) Battle Creek and Marshall branches and immediate past president of the Michigan AAUW; Eleanor "Coco" Siewert, Birmingham branch and a member of the Michigan AAUW board; Polly Pan, Ann Arbor branch and Michigan AAUW vice president of finance; Pat Fosdick, Battle Creek branch; Carolyn Blackmore-Bell, Dearborn branch; Josie Burke, Wyandotte-Downriver branch; Jennie Lombard, Ann Arbor branch and vice president of membership for the Michigan AAUW; Beth Haynes, Wyandotte-Downriver branch; Sharon Belobraidich, Plymouth-Canton branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Deb Ensign, Battle Creek branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Gloria Conn, Wynadotte-Downriver and Ann Arbor branches; Janet Watkins, Detroit and Ann Arbor branches and a Michigan AAUW board member; Mickey Edell, Plymouth-Canton branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Pam Hoffman, (seated left) Birmingham branch; Betty Chenoweth, Midland branch and a Michigan AAUW board member; Sally Doty, Birmingham branch and president of the Michigan AAUW; Delores "Doree" Miller, Wyandotte-Downriver and Ann Arbor branches; Barbara Bonsignore, Rochester and Detroit branches and a Michigan AAUW board member, and Charlotte Mahrt, Birmingham branch.

AAUW lauds Livonia's Callow

The Livonia chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and one of its members, received awards at the organization's annual state convention held earlier this month at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The Livonia branch earned the "Mission Matters" award for promoting AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Laura Carter Callow, a Livonia resident, earned the prestigious Martha Griffiths Award. During the 1970s and 1980s Callow worked for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment on both the state and national levels. Helen Milliken, wife of former Michigan governor William Milliken, referred to her as the "Susan B. Anthony of Michigan."

In 1972, because of discriminatory credit policies, Callow helped found the Northwest Wayne County chapter of the National Organization for Women. She spoke favor of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) at numerous conferences, meetings, and high school and college classes, including the University of Michigan Law School and School of Social Work.

In 1975, Callow was sent as a delegate to the League of Women Voters for a new coalition



Callow

entitled W.O.M.E.N., which brought together women's rights organizations. She was elected as secretary. The organizations and others joined Michigan ERAmerica which concentrated its efforts on ratification of ERA. She served ERAmerica as co-chair throughout the extensions granted those states which had not ratified the

Amendment.

Callow served on the Women's Advisory Committee of Schoolcraft Community College from 1970-2009 and received an honorary degree in 2007. She also served on the Livonia Human Relations Commission from 1989-2005 and was named to its honor roll in 2007.

In 1980, Callow received the Alice Paul Award from the Metropolitan Detroit Area chapters of NOW and was appointed as a delegate to the Regional White House Conference of Families. She received the Salute to Women Award from the AAUW Livonia branch in 1978 and the Liz Kummer Award from AAUW of Michigan in 2004. She served as president of the Livonia branch of AAUW from 2007-2008 and currently is its Public Policy Chair.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 7, 2010 FY 2010/2011 Proposed Annual Budget

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on June 7, 2010 at 6:55 p.m. regarding the proposed annual budget:

Proposed Ordinance# A 10- ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide revenue for municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2010**, by adopting a budget and appropriations.

Whereas, the City Manager has submitted to the City Council a proposed budget upon which a public hearing was held on **June 7, 2010**, as required by Article VI, Section 6.06(B) of the Charter of the City of Garden City;

Therefore, be it ordained that there is hereby appropriated for said fiscal year the amounts set forth in the following tabulations which, pursuant to the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act" (M.C.L.A. 141.421 et. Seq.)

Be it further ordained by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Garden City that the Annual Budget of the City for the period from **July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**, as summarized below, representing the various budgetary centers of the FY10-11 Annual Budget as defined by P.A. 621 of 1978, as last amended, be and the same is hereby adopted.

General Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
General Property Taxes	10,977,245.00	Mayor & Council	47,268.00
Business Licenses/Permits	21,000.00	21st District Court	822,735.00
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State Shared Revenues	3,629,300.00	Clerk Treasurer	1,024,813.00
Grants - Local Units	545,150.00	Non-Departmental	5,126,001.00
Charges for Services	1,130,677.00	Police	4,671,911.00
Fines and Forfeits	681,000.00	Fire	2,232,682.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	661,000.00	Dept. of Public Services	2,118,911.00
Contributions/Public Enterprises	263,000.00	Parks & Recreation	1,535,130.00
Contributions/Other Funds	1,027,671.00	Boards & Commissions	87,500.00
		Debt Service	1,017,847.00
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
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Major Street Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,100,000.00	Expenditures	1,115,000.00
Interest on Investments	15,000.00	Increase in Fund Balance	
Use off Fund Balance			
Federal Grant			
State Grant			
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
\$ 1,115,000.00		\$ 1,115,000.00	

Local Street Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Gas & Weight Tax	475,657.00	Expenditures	1,125,000.00
Transfer - Major Streets	300,000.00	Debt Service	
Metro Act Revenue	78,500.00		
Interest on Investments	20,000.00		
Decrease in Fund Balance	250,843.00		
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
\$ 1,125,000.00		\$ 1,125,000.00	

Police Drug Forfeiture Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Confiscations	10,000.00	Expenditures	25,200.00
Use of Fund Balance	15,000.00		
Interest	200.00		
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
\$ 25,200.00		\$ 25,200.00	

Capital Improvements Projects Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Use of Fund Balance	0.00	Expenditures	30,200.00
Transfer - General Fund	30,000.00		
Interest Earnings	200.00		
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
\$ 30,200.00		\$ 30,200.00	

Library Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Transfer from General Fund	228,000.00	Personnel	225,921.00
Fee's / Fines	32,010.00	Operating/Services	4,170.00
Grant's / Aid	12,000.00	Prof / Tech	50,130.00
Interest	700.00	Capital Outlay	21,900.00
Use of Fund Balance	29,411.00		
TOTAL REVENUES		TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
\$ 302,121.00		\$ 302,121.00	

ALL FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 22,412,341.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 22,412,341.00

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide comments. Copies of the complete proposed budget are available at the office of the City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135, during regular business hours.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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MAY 23-26

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Time/Date: 7 p.m. May 26
Location: 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth
Details: Dr. Miriam Grossman presents "Real Protection in a Hook Up World: What every Parent needs to Know about His Child's Sexual Health." No charge, but a free will offering will be accepted
Contact: Mark Renfer at mark.renfer@gmail.com

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
St. Robert Bellermino
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight
Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Monthly Bethany Suburban West singles dance. Admission is \$10 which includes refreshments and a free "Fox Trot" dance lesson from 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Contact: (734) 261-5716.

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

JUNE 17-23

Leon's
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., June 19
Location: 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting
Contact: (734) 513-9479

JUNE 25-30

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m., June 26
Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: Women in the Word ministry annual prayer breakfast with guest speaker Tara Jenkins; \$30

per person. Attire is dressy. The event colors are purple and white.
Contact: www.cantoncf.org or (734) 404-2480

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 breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. 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 transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking 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 interdenominational 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 disabilities 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 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, exten-

sions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

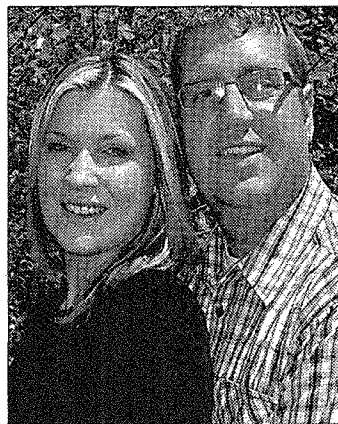
Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.
Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455



Purdy-Graczyk

PURDY-GRACZYK

Hayley Marie Purdy of Central Lake and Jason Gordon Graczyk of Belleville announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Donna Purdy of Central Lake, holds an associate's degree in administration from American Intercontinental University.

Her fiancé, son of Pat and Carol Graczyk of Belleville, is the chef at Garden City High School.

A summer 2011 wedding is planned.

MILESTONES

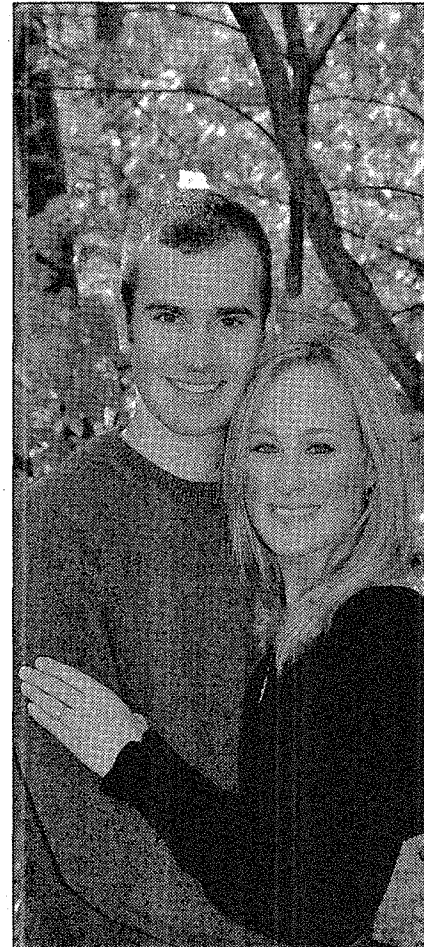
SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Michelle Marie Curtis and Bradley Robert Rush announce their engagement.

Michelle, the daughter of Doug and Kathy Curtis of Gaylor, formerly of Livonia, graduated from Stevenson High School in 2002 and earned a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from Central Michigan University.

Bradley, the son of Dave and Kathy Rush of Berrien Springs, is a 2001 graduate of Berrien Springs High School and a graduate of Michigan Technological University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

A September wedding is planned. St. Joseph.



Curtis-Rush



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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 services were held by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes suggested to Comforts Place, 25376 Harcourt St. Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

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HELEN L. BRAUS

Age 93, of Farmington Hills, MI, died peacefully on May 20, 2010 at her home surrounded by her loving family. After completing high school in Dubuque she attended Mercy College in Detroit Michigan, graduating Magna Cum Laude in Nursing in 1938. Dedicated to her profession, she ministered with compassion and grace in her field. She married John R. Braus on Feb. 14, 1942 and then devoted herself fully to raising a family of seven children including: Anne M. Formell, who died in October of 2000; Amariyllis Pfeiffer of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Dr. Anthony J. Braus of Madison, WI; Joseph R. Braus of Burbank, CA; Margaret M. Godin of Hotchkiss, CO; Elizabeth M. Braus of Farmington Hills, MI and Christina E. Braus of Studio City, CA. Her extended family grew to include eight grandchildren, Donna Formell of Colorado; Denise Arthurs and Daniel Formell, of Michigan; Jeffrey Pfeiffer of Washington, and Benjamin, Nicholas, Adam and Michael Braus of Wisconsin and two great-grandchildren, Lindsay and Anne Arthurs of Michigan. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John in 2007 after 65 years of marriage. Her beloved brother Joseph Ragatz, of Dubuque, IA, passed away in 2005. She is survived by her brother Barth Ragatz of Fort Wayne, IN. Throughout her life, Helen was actively involved with her church, and very devoted to religious and spiritual pursuits. She also remained actively involved in the lives of her family and friends who will miss her generous and loving presence in their lives. Our hearts will always carry special memories of this dear and remarkable woman. Memorial service will be held at St. Gerald's church in Farmington, MI on Wednesday May 26 at 11:00 A.M. To leave condolences visit: www.heeney.sundquist.com

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 was Friday, May 21, from 2 - 4 & 5 - 8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. Final visitation began at 10 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM R. KUHN

Passed away on May 18th 2010. He was a long time resident of Plymouth, a Korean War Vet and a beloved father and grandfather. He is survived by his daughter Jacqueline Kuhn-Crane, son and daughter-in-law James and Sarah Kuhn and his grandsons Boyd William Crane, Nathaniel and Ethan Kuhn. He will be laid to rest with a military burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on Monday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m. to be followed with a remembrance gathering at his old stomping grounds, Richard's Family Restaurant @ 39305 Plymouth Rd in Livonia at 2:00 p.m.



VERDA THOMPSON

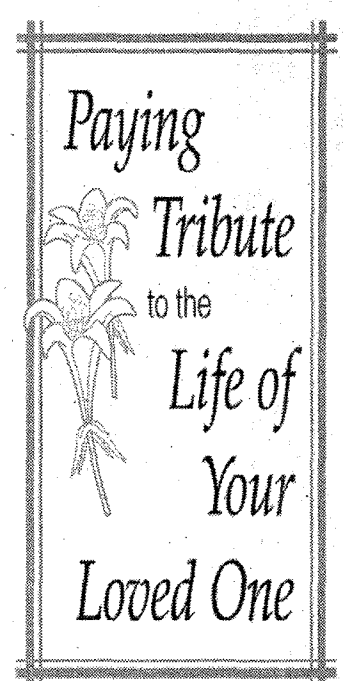
Age 77 of Westland. May 16, 2010. Loving mother of Nona F. Kaul and Roberta Rhoten. Proud grandmother of four and great grandmother of fourteen. Beloved sister of Alice Densmore. Also leaves behind special friends Sandy Salingue and Gloria Nesbit. Verda was the owner of Thompson's Dog Grooming. She loved 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



'Overcome' words inspire

Publicist hopes personal story will help others with lupus

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CORRESPONDENT

When Mida Giragosian breezes into a business meeting, you'd never guess she may have just come from dialysis. Polished and pulled together, she's positive and full of energy



Mida Giragosian

as she helps her clients grow their businesses through expert publicity campaigns. Only her closest friends know she has achieved her success as co-owner of Lapidis Publicity Giragosian despite 23 years of health challenges including lupus, kidney failure and quadruple bypass heart surgery.

Now, during National Lupus Awareness Month, Giragosian is sharing her story in the hope it will help others facing challenges of their own.

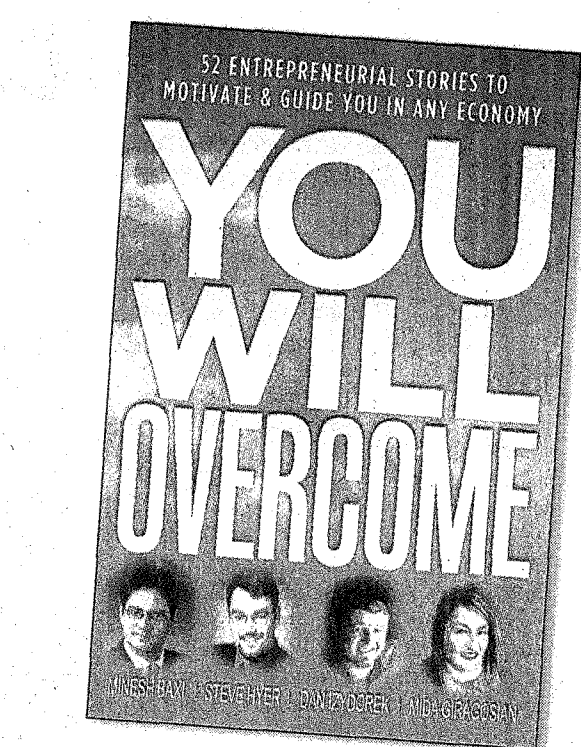
The Royal Oak resident penned a chapter in the new book *You Will Overcome: 52 Entrepreneurial Stories to Guide You in any Economy* by Minesh Baxi (Minesh Baxi and Associates LLC, The Busy Manager Series, \$19.95, March, 2010).

In it, she discloses her lifelong battle with lupus, a chronic disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own cells and tissues.

Giragosian contracted lupus at age 21, and the debilitating condition caused such despair it broke up her young marriage and even drove her to attempt suicide.

She credits friends and family, especially older sister Anne Kersten, with saving her life.

"When I was first diagnosed, I was in deep depression. Every day my sister called me every 30 minutes, while she was at work or wherever, just to see if I was okay. I would just cry. Every weekend she'd take me away to Chicago or Florida or somewhere," Giragosian said. "My friends would pick me up



and take me around the block just to get me out and to see things besides darkness."

A NEW JOB

When Giragosian was 28, her lupus finally went into remission and life began looking brighter, especially when her older sister, Annie, got her a job at Lapidis Publicity in Royal Oak.

"They put me in front of a fax machine and they said, 'here, push these numbers,'" Giragosian said. "I faxed all day. I stapled. That's about all I could do, but I loved it. I was having so much fun because I wasn't thinking about my health."

Giragosian excelled at work and began training under Lisa Lapidis-Sawicki, eventually becoming her partner and best friend, and one of the best "pitch people" in the business.

Her body grew strong enough for a kidney transplant, and her brother proved a perfect match. He donated his kidney in 2001, and after 12 years on dialysis, Giragosian was able to enjoy a "normal" life.

She moved to an apartment in Royal Oak and relished being on her own for the first time at age 38.

Yet recovery proved short-lived. In 2006, two days before Christmas, Giragosian suffered a heart attack and was faced with a devastating choice.

Doctors urged her to agree to a heart catheterization, even though there was a 90 percent chance the dye used in the procedure would cause her new kidney to fail.

"It took me a half an hour with six doctors hovering over me to make that decision. Finally I signed away my kidney just like that. It was hard for the doctors, too. Just like that my kidney was gone," she said. "I knew what was facing me. I wasn't even thinking of the quadruple bypass, which was like being hit by a car. I could only think of going back to dialysis."

INNER STRENGTH

Lapidis-Sawicki said Giragosian is an inspiration. "All of us other mortals complain about little things that are not life threatening,

and here is Mida conquering serious health challenges and limitations every day. Things that we take for granted like drinking water whenever we want to, walking 30 yards, having the extra 15 hours per week that it takes her to go to and sit in dialysis, not to mention being poked with needles each time.... Does she complain ever? Never," Lapidis-Sawicki said. "I am humbled every single day by the inner strength, positive attitude, love for life and love for others that she experiences every day, amidst her health challenges. No matter what she never gives up."

Minesh Baxi, a Troy-based motivational speaker and author, said Giragosian was perfect for *You Will Overcome*.

"She's one of those positive people who's out there, a go-getter," Baxi said. "Being in the hospital for months at a time, most people would give up, take the victim point of view, but that's not what she's about."

Baxi said all the real-life stories in his latest book are meant to motivate people.

"The message I want people to get is that despite physical, emotional or other challenges you have, you can overcome," Baxi said.

Giragosian is among 52 diverse entrepreneurs who contributed chapters. Baxi also included real-life success stories of businesspeople like Oprah Winfrey.

You can purchase the book, or download Giragosian's chapter alone for \$2, at www.youwillovercomethebook.com.

"I wanted to make my chapter affordable for those who have lupus or heart disease or kidney disease," Giragosian said. "I hope they see the value in it."

Giragosian will donate some of the proceeds to her favorite charities. The rest, she said, will go toward her six-figure medical bills.

"My goal is to have one million downloads. That's my personal goal," she said.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

• Learn beginning or intermediate Hatha yoga 5:15-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 25-June 29, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Hatha yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants must be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease.

The purpose of yoga is integration, purification and discipline of the mind, body and heart, which is designed to reduce pain, distress and anxiety. Cost is \$55 for the six-week session.

• A prenatal breastfeeding class will be held from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, May 27, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per couple.

To register for either class, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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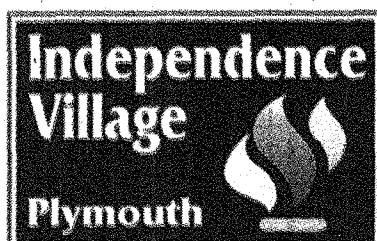
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