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Coffee Hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Residents are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place on the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours on Monday, May, 9, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

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

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

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Library will hold a used book sale Friday-Sunday, May 13-15, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Hardcover books, DVDs and CDs will sell for $1, large paperbacks for 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and records for 25 cents, magazines and small paperback romance books for 10 cents. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday there will be a $4 Bag Dale Sale noon to 3 p.m.

There also will be a preview sale 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, for Friends members. You can become a Friend at the preview sale.

Proceeds from the book sale help the Friends are now paying for all programs that are held at the library.

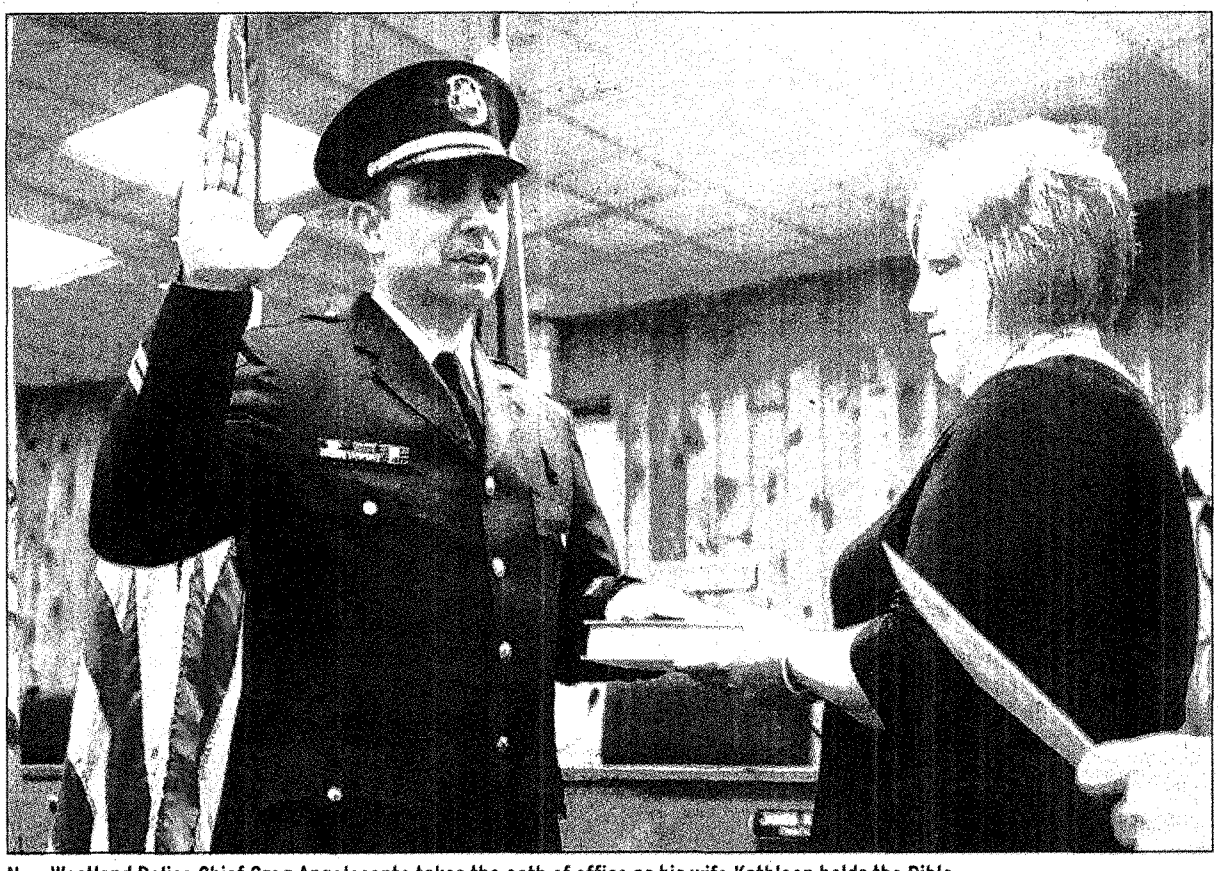
For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Security grant

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management $4 million to help strengthen emergency communications among communities along the U.S. border with Canada.

Funding can be used for equipment purchases, planning, training and conducting exercises.

The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 called on DHS's Office of Emergency Communications to establish the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project to identify solutions that facilitate emergency communications along and across the border, and ensure that emergency response providers can communicate during natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.



New Westland Police Chief Greg Angelosanto takes the oath of office as his wife Kathleen holds the Bible.

Angelosanto becomes city's top cop

Westland has a new police chief with the promotion of Greg Angelosanto to the department's top spot.

A 20-year veteran with the department, Angelosanto was sworn in as chief Thursday afternoon just hours after the Civil Service Commission certified the promotional list.

He had served as deputy chief since August 2010.

Angelosanto has experience in numerous high level positions as lieutenant, including serving as the commander of the Detective Bureau, the Special Investigations Unit and the Metro Street Enforcement Team, a multi-jurisdictional crime task force.

During his career, Angelosanto has earned 34 departmental awards and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associate School of Leadership and the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

Angelosanto and his wife, Kathleen, have four children, two daughters and two sons, ranging in age from 5 to 18.

The promotion is due to the retirement of former police Chief Alan Ramsden who worked for the city for more than 20 years and one year as chief.

"I would like to thank Chief Ramsden for his many years of service to the residents of our All-American City," said Mayor William Wild. "I would like to congratulate Chief Angelosanto on his promotion and thank him for accepting the honor of the highest level of protection in serving our residents and this great city."

Westland Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick (left) joined recently retired chief Alan Ramsden and former deputy chief Mark Engstrom in congratulating newly sworn-in police Chief Greg Angelosanto.

Baracy: Battle over funding cuts isn't over

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are urging parents of students to continue to pepper state lawmakers with letters and e-mails, protesting proposed school aid budgets that could short the district more than $14 million.

The call comes on the heels of a Senate-approved education budget that would cut per-pupil funding by $340 and take $395.9 million from the School Aid Fund to divert it to other budgets.

"The battle isn't over yet," Wayne-Westland Supt. Greg Baracy said. "We still have to be relentless in working with our state representatives. The cuts are still too great and the state shouldn't be raiding the School Aid Fund."

The budget, approved by the Senate last week, faced opposition from both sides of the aisle, forcing Lt. Gov. Brian Calley to break a 19-19 tie by casting the deciding vote to pass the budget plan. Seven Republican senators — Tory Rocca of the 10th District, Jack Brandenburg of the 11th District, Mike Nofs of the 19th District, Rick Jones of the 24th District, David Hildebrand of the 29th District, Mike Green of the 31st District and Geoff Hansen of the 34th District — joined their Democratic colleagues in voting no.

"The people of Michigan put their faith in us as elected officials to act in their best interests and stand up for education, and the Republican budget vote to cut our schools is a blatant betrayal of their trust," said Sen. Glenn Anderson, whose 6th District

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Hearing adjourned in WYAA embezzlement case

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A preliminary examination for a former Westland Youth Athletic Association president charged with embezzling more than $20,000 from the group has been adjourned until Wednesday, May 25.

Garden City resident Galen Huren Jr., 46, appeared in Westland 18th District Court Thursday when the hearing was scheduled to determine whether there was sufficient evidence for him to stand trial on the felony charge.

Huren

Defense attorney Mary Mahoney told Judge Mark McConnell that she had not yet received the considerable amount of discovery needed to prepare her case.

"I talked to the prosecutor and he was agreeable to adjourning the preliminary examination. There is little likelihood that the examination would be waived," said Mahoney, who also commented that she expected the preliminary examination to be lengthy.

Free on $10,000/10 percent bond, Huren is charged with stealing $31,000 from the WYAA from January to July 2010 while serving as president.

Representatives from WYAA filed a complaint with police in July 2010 after Huren had resigned as president. Huren, who has entered a not guilty plea, denied the allegations when interviewed by police.

WYAA officials began to realize there was a problem after finding bills were unpaid. Shut-off notices were being left in the door of the association building on Farmington Road. Current WYAA President Don Haas said that no cash deposits were made into the association account for about six months.

Now in its 53rd year, WYAA registers about 1,000 youngsters 5-16 years old annually in football, baseball, volleyball, basketball, softball and cheerleading. The group is self-supporting through registration fees and fundraisers.

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Residents welcome new screening behind Art Van

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland Art Van store will be getting a new eight-foot fence to screen neighbors from the back of their building and also two tents to hold their annual sale.

After hearing a repeat of last year's complaints from residents living on Marina Court about the poor condition of the screening berm, noise, litter and lack of privacy, the Westland City Council rejected Art Van's request to conduct their annual tent sale May 3-25.

Council members did leave the door open to reconsider the tent sale request contingent on an agreement being worked out to resolve the screening issues for neighbors. The tent sale approval was granted the day before the sale was set to begin.

"I'm happy to bring this request to you. After the last meeting, I took the opportunity to meet with Art Van and consult with the neighbors on Marina Court," said Planning Director Bruce Thompson. "The final solution is an eight-foot high screening fence along the common lot line. The chain link fence is to be removed."

The eight-foot height of the fence was necessary due to the grade changes in the residential properties, he said, which caused a six-foot screening fence to be ineffective. While the

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Market opens to cool weather, light crowd

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the Westland Farmers Market opened for a second season last Tuesday, Bill Besso was rivaling the Maytag repairman as the loneliest guy in town.

"It's so slow. The market master bought a chicken sandwich — I'm known for my chicken sandwich," said Besso, who was grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs, in addition to chicken sandwiches.

It's early in the season, so the number of vendors was low and the weather was cool, overcast and wet, further putting a bit of damper on the market, which has moved to the City Hall parking lot.

"I could make a killing with coffee and hot chocolate today," said Besso, who will be adding fresh-squeezed lemonade to his menu once the weather warms up.

Returning to the market was Becky Plowman of Hog Wild which sells a variety of homemade sausages — fresh Italian and kielbasa, smoked kielbasa and hunter sausages. This year, Plowman's sister, Nicole Jude, has joined the market selling cupcakes.

"We did really well at this market last year, it was one of our better markets. I hope it continues this year," said Plowman, who also sells at markets in Redford, Taylor and new this year, Plymouth.

Hog Wild evolved the sausage making hobby of Plowman's husband Scott, who had been unemployed. Now that he's back to work full time, Becky Plowman is running the business herself.

Last year, the market was held along Wayne Road in front of Westland Shopping Center. The City Hall parking lot is an interim spot for the market which is eventually expected to move further south into Central City Park once a plaza has been constructed.

"I don't like the new location really. They say it will get a lot more traffic. People go to the mall to shop and saw the market — there was unexpected traffic," said Plowman. "It's been advertised a lot in *the Observer*. I hope we get people. I make fresh sausage before every market."

Livonia residents Tish and Scott Branham are beekeepers back for a second year at the market selling a variety of honeys, bee pollen and beeswax candles.

"We're at six markets along with health expos and craft fairs," said Tish Branham. "We're not your normal beekeepers. I am definitely into the health aspects. I only do honey from crops without pesticides."

Depending on the type of crops the bees have pollinated, the honey not only has different flavors and color but different health benefits, according to Branham. The goldenrod honey is great for people will allergies, she said, while spearmint honey is good for indigestion and reflux and clover honey is good for joints.

"Bee pollen that comes off the bees' legs will clear up allergies. My grandson had asthma — that's what got me into this business," said Branham. "That was five years ago."

The new location for the market may be an improvement, Branham said, providing better exposure along Ford.

From Kapnick Farms outside Tecumseh, Gary Armstrong was offering a variety of baked good and some produce.

"We're a couple of weeks behind with crops because of the weather," he said.

The farm produces crops throughout the growing season from early crops like asparagus and strawberries on through the summer into the fall with late crops like apples.

The Westland Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through the end of October.

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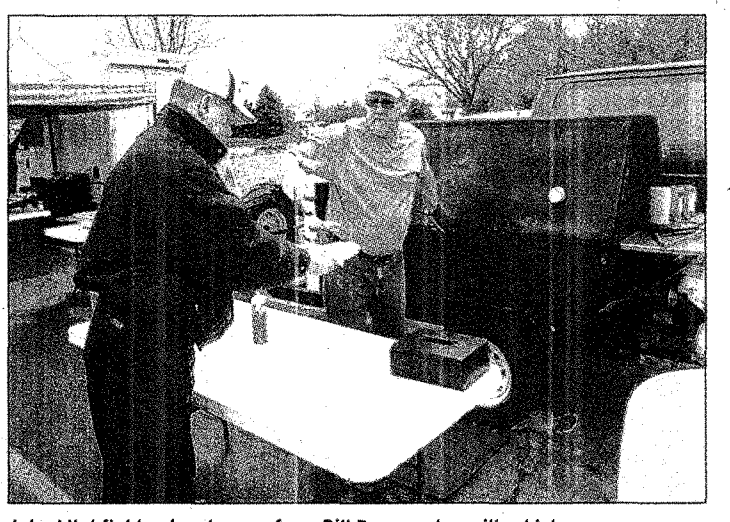
At the Westland Farmers Market, Tish and Scott Branham sell varieties of honey and bee pollen emphasizing the health benefits from the all natural product.

Armed with her umbrella, Rita Fenwick visited the Hog Wild sausage booth at the Westland Farmers Market opening day.



John Litchfield gets a burger from Bill Besso, who grills chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and ribs at the Westland Farmers Market.

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pine trees in the berm are very tall, dating back to the 1995 store expansion, other plants underneath died.

"We lost thousands of dollars worth of vegetation there. Usually you need a much wider berm," said David Winowiecki, Art Van facilities coordinator. "Usually you need a much wider berm. Last summer, we offered a six-foot fence and a seven-foot fence which were rejected by the neighbors."

It will take two weeks to get the fence materials, Winowiecki said, since it is a custom order.

Other complaints by residents were being addressed by moving the merchandise pickup area from the east side of the building near homes to the south side of the building. Another complaint about employees congregating and smoking at the rear of the store was addressed by Art Van which implemented a no smoking policy effective May 1.

"It is a pretty strong policy. There is no smoking on the property, not even electric cigarettes," said Winowiecki. "Employees can't smoke in their cars — they would have to punch out and leave the premises."

Council members expressed their appreciation to store officials for working to resolve the complaints from neighbors. Dan Cook, whose home backs up to the store, appreciated the actions taken by the council.

"Your efforts really got the ball rolling," said Cook, who wanted to know the time line for finishing the fence and that the fire lane would be maintained.

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includes the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "These drastic cuts to our schools are going to make it even harder to turn our economy around and rob from our children the chance to compete in the 21st century workforce."

HARD AT WORK

Anderson — along with several state representatives, including Richard LeBlanc of Westland and Kurt Heise of Plymouth — has been working overtime to help restore Wayne-Westland's equity language which represents $6 million in school aid that was not factored in when Proposal A took effect in 1994.

As it now stands, the district could lose up to 14 percent of its $112 million general fund budget and plunge the district into deficit. It's a blow to the Wayne-Westland school board, which has "been prudent in planning for the tough times," Baracy said.

Last year, school officials launched a three-pronged plan to help the district weather the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budget years. The plan included cuts in spending, the closing of six elementary schools, one-year wage and salary freezes and "modest" increase in health care costs from employees. The plan would have saved the district $11.2 million, however, the Wayne-Westland Education Association and one of its affiliates have yet to agree to the wage and benefit requests.

"If it all had fallen into place, we would have been able to do it, but not with these cuts from the state," Baracy said. "The biggest issue is the equity of the cuts. Wayne-Westland has been singled out for the largest cut in the state. It's terrible to be cut so much when you work so hard to move a district forward to provide best in educational facilities and for the students.

"We have no ability to offset a situation that has been created by someone else," he added.

"We all understand that times are tough and difficult decisions need to be made, but if this budget is an indication of our state's priorities, we are in trouble," Anderson said. "Education and public safety funding should not be expendable."

RESOLVING DIFFERENCES

The budgets voted out of the Michigan Senate have been transferred to the House for an up or down vote, after which they will go to conference committees to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. The state House was to have taken up its education budget late last week.

Gov. Rick Snyder wants the education budget completed by May 31 so school districts know what their funding is when they prepare their budgets, which must be approved by June 20. According to Baracy, the school district has four weeks to convince lawmakers not to cut Wayne-Westland to the extent that's been proposed.

He stressed that the equity language is "a very legitimate piece of legislation" that came about because of the confusion over Proposal A.

"The equity language was valid when Gov. John Engler signed it in 1999, it's not an earmark, it's not pork," he said.

The school district has a Legislative Tool Kit on its website at www.wwcsd.net with information on how to contact lawmakers and what the crux of the crisis is, so citizens can continue to let lawmakers know that they don't want K-12 funding cut.

"If we're lucky, we'll get our money," Baracy said. "The economy is turning around slowly. If we get through another year, we can make it."

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Schoolcraft College celebrates 46th commencement

Schoolcraft College celebrated its 46th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Of the 1,711 students eligible to participate (those earning an associate degree or certificate), 470 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments.

Todd Goodman, a resident of Northville and president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for community colleges, presented the Student Reflection for the Class of 2011.

Dr. Conway Jeffress made a special announcement that Matthew Cornett, a resident of Wayne, was the recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Only 60 students of the 785 from throughout the United States who applied were awarded this $30,000-per-year scholarship. The scholarship is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses - including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees - for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Cornett is only one of four students from Michigan to be named a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar.

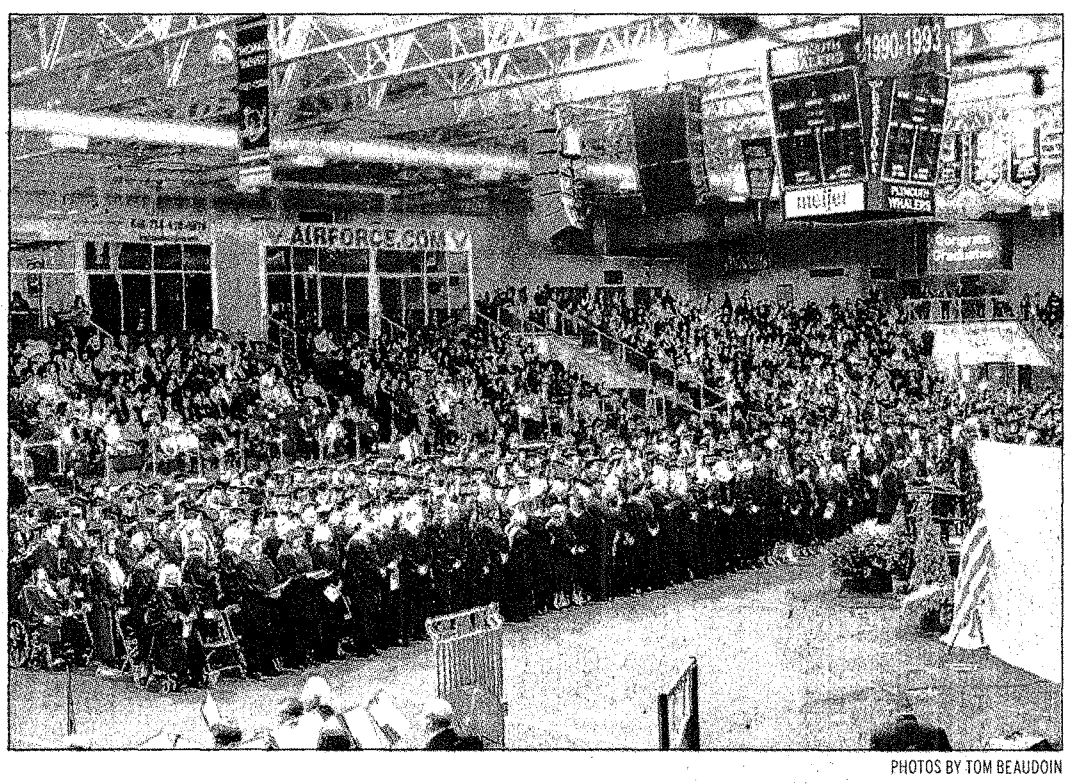
Stephnie Bergeron, president of Walsh College, was the keynote speaker and also received an Honorary Associate in Arts and Sciences degree. An associate degree is the highest degree a student can earn at Schoolcraft College.

Dr. Rebecca Himm was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award for 2011. Dr. Himm, whose dental practice is in Livonia, graduated in 1999 with an associate degree in science from Schoolcraft College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She went on to Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated magna cum laude. She graduated in the top of her class from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, where she was accepted into the Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Kappa Upsilon, the dental national honor society. She credits her strong academic performance to the solid foundation for learning and studying she received at Schoolcraft College.

In addition to her professional dental career, Himm is very active in the community including the Give Kids a Smile dental awareness and access program for underserved children. And she remains involved as a member of the Schoolcraft community, taking continuing education classes and even participating in various Schoolcraft theatre productions.

The general Commencement Ceremony held April 30 is one of several ceremonies celebrating the achievements of Schoolcraft College's graduates. Last week the Culinary Arts program held its ceremony, along with the Nursing program's annual Pinning Ceremony, which featured the graduation of more than 70 nursing students. On Wednesday, members of the Police Reserve Officer Training program graduated at the Radcliff Center in Garden City, followed by the Fire Academy graduation on Thursday, and the Police Academy graduation on Friday.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.



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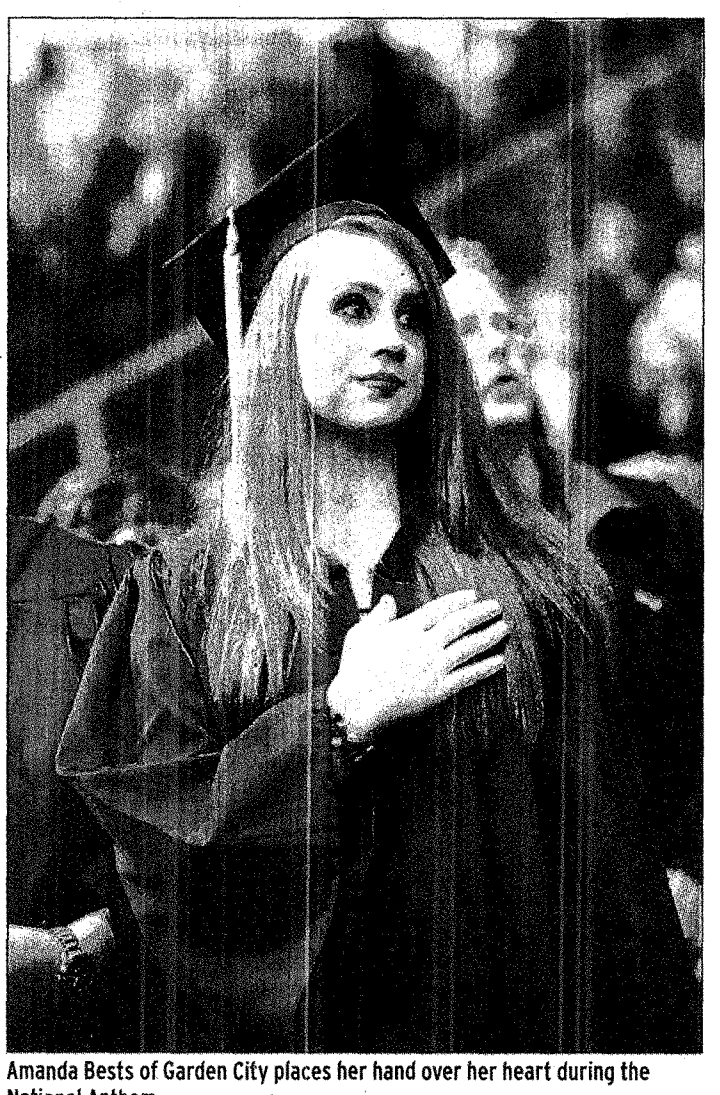
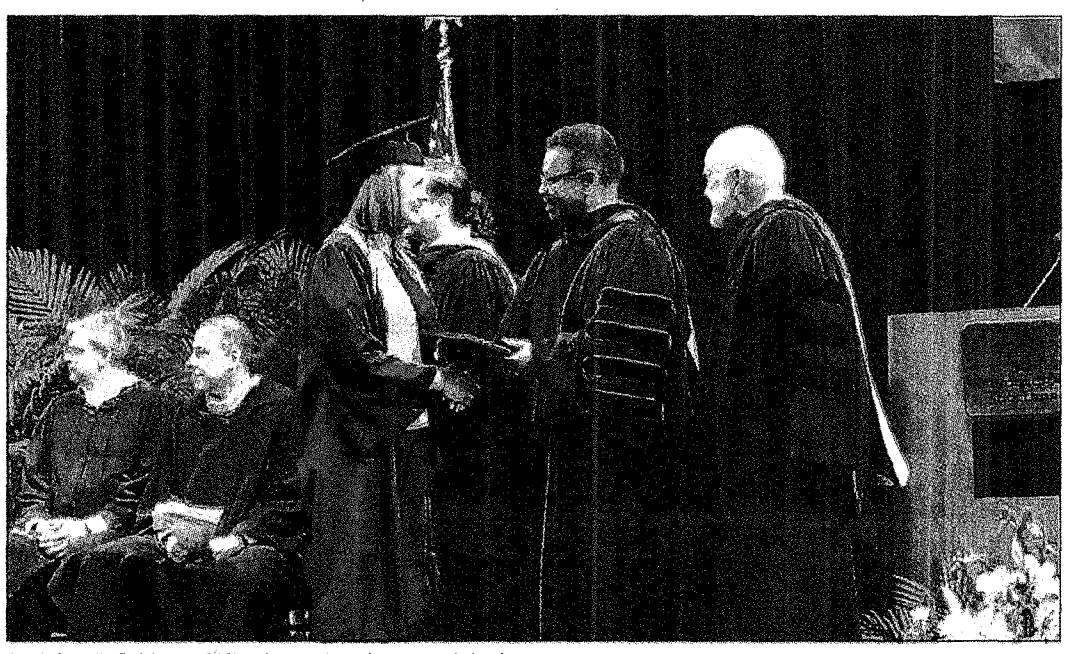
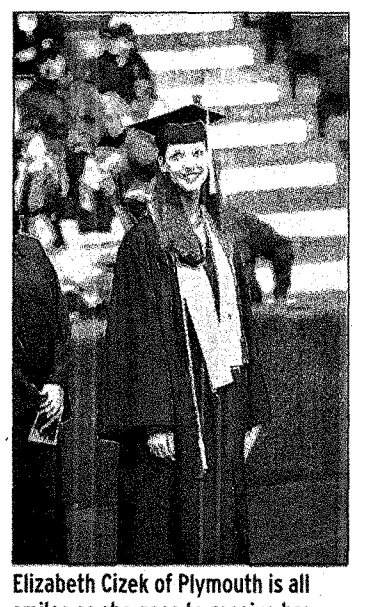
Nearly 500 graduates donned their caps and gowns and invited friends and family to celebrate their accomplishments at Schoolcraft College's 46th annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, April 30, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.



Amanda Bests of Garden City places her hand over her heart during the National Anthem.



Gretchen R. Bridges of Livonia receives her associate degree.



Elizabeth Cizek of Plymouth is all smiles as she goes to receive her arts degree.

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Block grant money funds many programs

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adding funding to activities ranging from housing rehabilitation to funding programs for senior citizens and remediation at Central City Park, the federal Community Development Block Grant program impacts many Westland residents, directly or indirectly.

"CDBG is a highly important program for Westland. It provides so many services from housing rehabilitation to Youth Assistance and road repairs in Norwayne," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Inglis.

"It's been a very instrumental program for the city over the years," agreed Mayor William Wild. "We've used it to fund community policing in the CDBG (eligible) area, an ordinance officer, energy efficiency upgrades at the fire stations and fire equipment. It's been very helpful to the city."

During the current fiscal year, Westland received $1.2 million in CDBG funds, along with $350,00 for the HOME program which funds home rehabilitation and payment assistance for new homeowners. The CDBG funds have been used in Norwayne for a number of projects — the $2 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program is a subprogram of Community Development — but not limited to one area of Westland.

"CDBG funds can be used all over the city, if they meet they income guidelines. It has truly benefited the entire city," said Inglis.

Some projects require that 51 percent of the residents served meet program income guidelines to utilize CDBG funds.

"We'll probably always meet the income requirements in Norwayne and senior citizens always count as eligible for the program," said Inglis.

NSP activities have been aimed at helping to stabilize residential neighborhoods.

"Property values still aren't up because there so many more foreclosures still out there," said Inglis. "Each time we keep one more house from being a blighted, vacant house helps the values. The impact is exponential. If your house is next door to a blighted vacant home, you lose 30 percent of the value. If you're in the next block, it's 20 percent. It's not just one block that is affected."

Other recent CDBG activities include the Norwayne Community Garden dedication, 10 abandoned, blighted buildings demolished in Norwayne between March-April, Life Remodeled's affordable housing project, Central City Park remediation activities, assisting two new homebuyers in April, lighting improvements at the fire stations, a new sound system at the Friendship Center and the Samuel B. Ware students' spring break camp.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 20. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just $6.

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

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

Food distribution

The City of Westland has established the day, times and locations that residents may obtain surplus federal food for the month of May.

All residents north of Michigan Avenue can pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Dorsey Community Center, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, north of Michigan Avenue and south of Palmer.

Residents of Westland living south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 9, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. The church's phone number is (734) 729-1737.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Greenwood Villa residents must pick up their food items at Greenwood Villa.

For the month of May, apple cherry juice, cranberry sauce, frozen ham, peanut butter, refried beans, shredded mozzarella cheese, sliced carrots, UHT milk, vegetable soup and possible additional items will be distributed. For more information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Senior Services.

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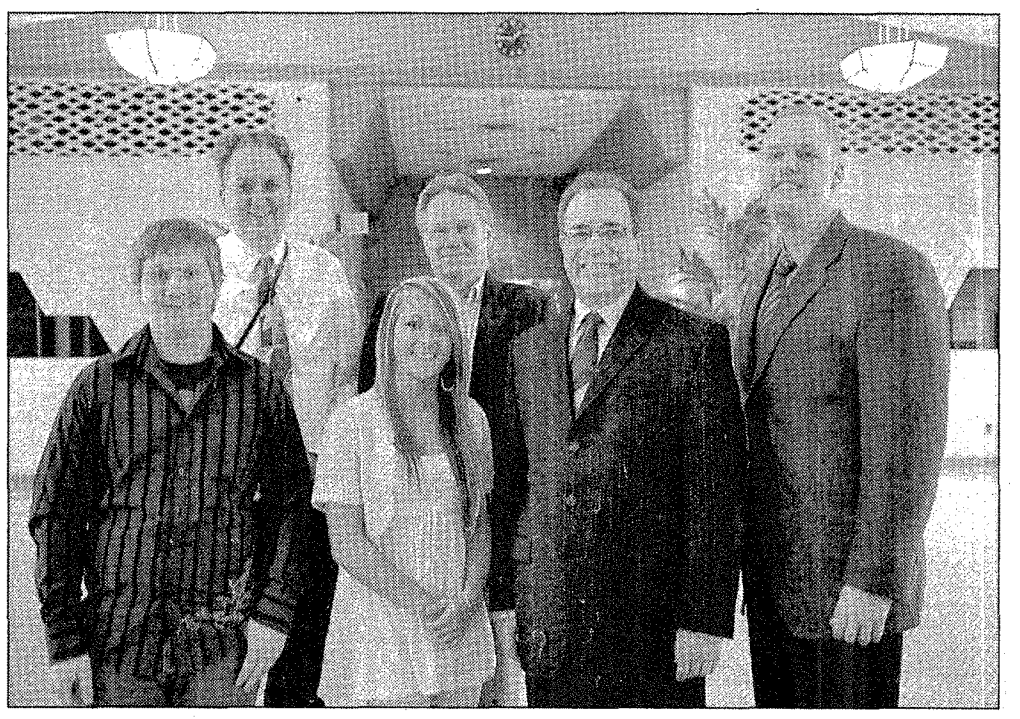
The Westland Goodfellows have added a new progressive raffle to its fund-raising efforts. In addition to its long-standing regular Bingo event, held every week at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, and poker tournaments, at Marvaso's–Electric Stick, the Goodfellows have launch an "Ace of Spades" Progressive Raffle, a 54-week event, hosted by Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Drawings are held at 9:30 p.m. every Monday. It is a 60/40 raffle with 60 percent of the jackpot going to the winner. People interested in participating, can visit Buffalo Wild Wings to get tickets each week.



Talented duo

Two students at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center have been selected as winners in an anti-bullying PSA contest, sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (second from right). Robert Slubowski (from left), a senior at Melvindale High School, won first place and $500, while Nicole Tyra, a junior at Wayne Memorial High School, won second place and a Flip video camera. Joining them at the ceremony was Career-Technical Principal Steve Kay (right), Jeff Bloomer (back row, from left), Media Production instructor, and Steve Paulsen, Graphic Design instructor. The Career-Technical Center also received a $2,000 grant for technology. There were more than 80 entries in the contest.

Book signings

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, will be signing her book, *Learn About Butterflies in the Garden*, at three events in May and June in the Wayne-Westland area.

Dziedzic will sign books 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland; 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Michigan State University Extension Wayne Satellite, 5454 Venoy, south of Michigan Avenue, Wayne, and 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, at Maplewood, Westland.

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The book can be ordered online at www.ButterfliesInTheGarden.com.

Golf outing

The Westland Fire Fighter's Public Awareness Committee is sponsoring a benefit golf outing for Children's Fire Safety.

The proceeds from the outing will be used to educate children about the dangers of fire and how to escape them. Throughout the year, the Public Awareness Committee promotes fire safety through school programs, after-school programs and the sponsorship of many other functions, both within the fire department and within the city.

The 2011 Children's Fire Safety Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, June 9, at the Gateway Golf Club, 33290 Gateway Dr., Romulus. The cost is $125 per person and includes lunch, dinner, refreshments and prizes. The tee time for the 4-person shotgun scramble is 8:30 a.m.

To participate in the golf outing or for fairway sponsorship information, call (734) 467-3201.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com or visit the website at www.hope4healing-hearts.com.

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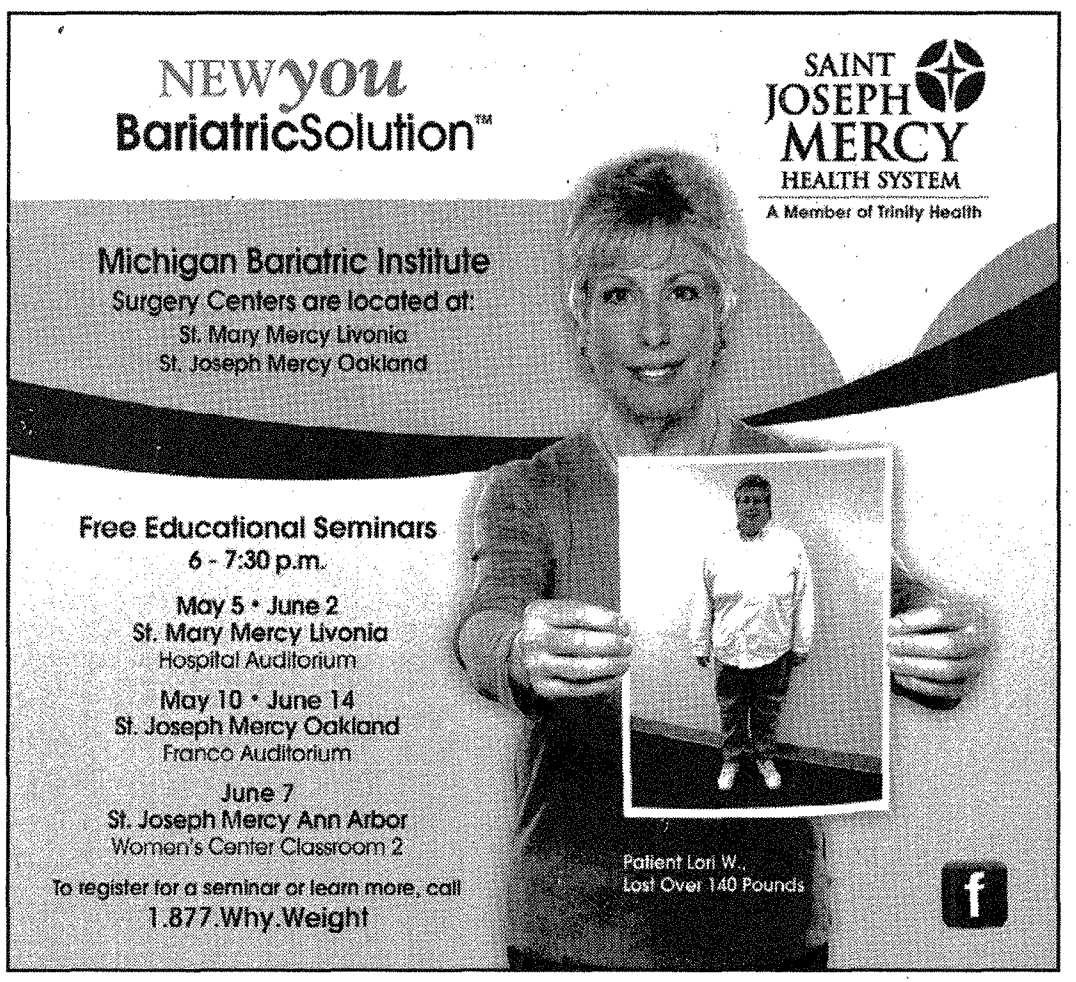

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2011-12 school year.
This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.
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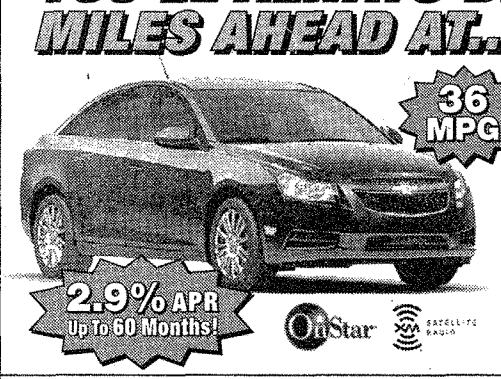

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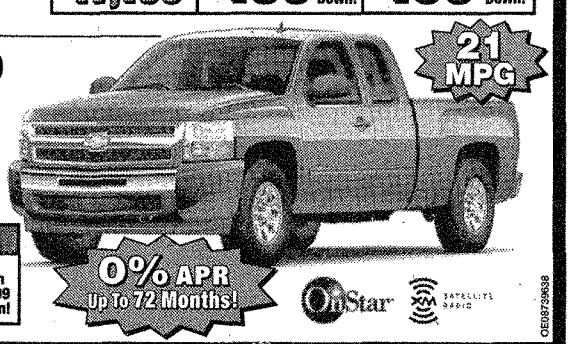

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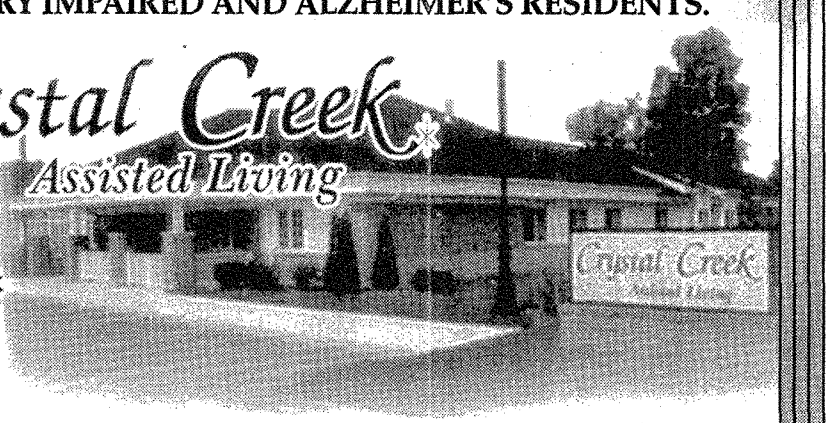

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For more information, visit ThinkFordFirst.com.

Cab ride ends in arrest of two women

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two women have been charged with fraud after they allegedly tried to get a free taxi ride from a home in Wayne to the McDonald's Restaurant in Garden City April 28.

According to Garden City police, the women and a juvenile female allegedly conspired to call a cab to their home in Wayne and then not pay for the fare.

According to the cab driver, he took them to the restaurant on Middlebelt just south of Ford where they bolted from the car. He was able to keep one of the passengers in the cab while he called police. She only had $12 with her and the fare was $20.

The other woman and her younger sister scaled the wall near the McDonald's restaurant and fled, police said. Police reportedly found the juvenile hiding in the bed of a pickup truck parked in a driveway in the 29000 block of John Hauk. They reportedly located her older sister walking on southbound Middlebelt near Block.

The two adult women were arrested for fraud while the juvenile was released to a relative.

They all reportedly told the police that the plan was to call for a cab, even though they knew that they didn't have the money to pay the fare, and then to run when the cab took them to their destination.

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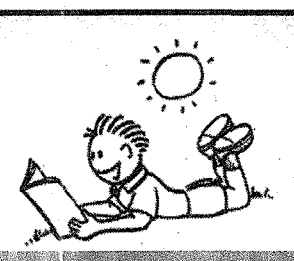
The arena is at Wildwood and Hunter, east of Wayne Road.

For more information about ice arena programs, call (734) 729-4560.



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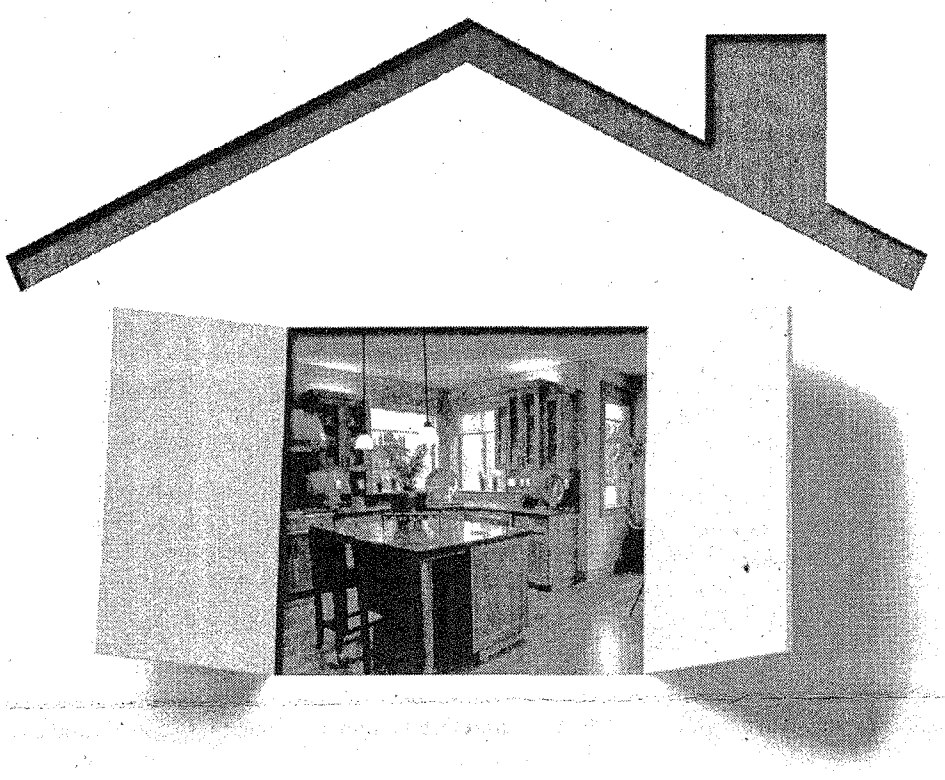

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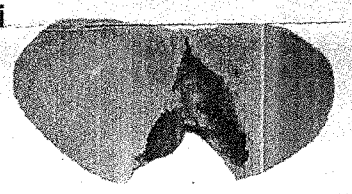

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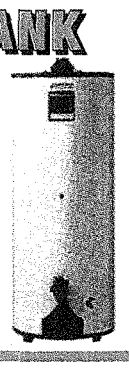

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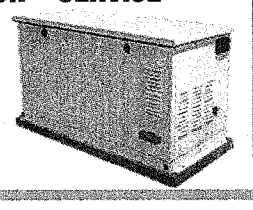

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Garden City Kiwanis

The Garden City Kiwanis Club of is recruiting new members to help provide assistance to the disadvantaged residents of our community — especially children — who are having a difficult time during this economic recession. Founded in 1948, the Kiwanis Club of Garden City provides many community service projects each year including a "Baby Shower" for the Garden City Family Resource Center, a continuing Food Pantry drive, the Trauma Doll Project for hospitalized children, and the Third Grade Dictionary Project.

The club meets at noon on Thursdays at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road at Venoy in Garden City.

Anyone who is interested in attending one of the luncheons or with questions about the club's community involvement can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101.

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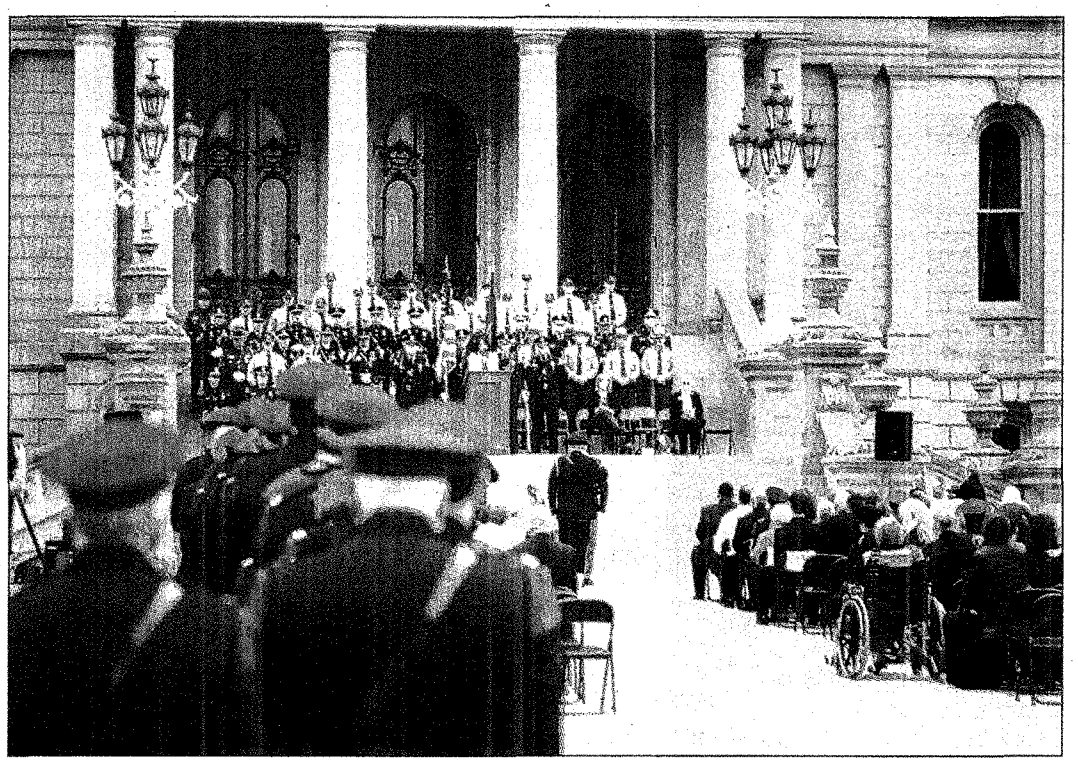

Law enforcement officers, families and friends of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty within the past year gather at the State Capitol.

Slain officers remembered at state Capitol ceremony

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

David Harvey believes Americans treat war veterans, the ones who fought daily to protect this nation, with deep respect and appreciation.

Harvey wants the public to remember police officers and the war they fight every day: the war on crime. Harvey spoke Monday at the 18th annual Law Enforcement Officers Candlelight Memorial Service.

"We forget those who fight the war at home," said Harvey, executive director of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

The ceremony at the State Capitol honored eight law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty, including Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil. Nehasil died in a gunfire exchange with a burglary suspect Jan. 17. The suspect was killed in the exchange.

The Memorial Service was presented by the Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors, a nonprofit volunteer organization that assists families and survivors of fallen law enforcement officers.

CANDLES LIT

Family members of the officers placed a flower into a memorial wreath, which was placed on the Capitol steps, according to Livonia Deputy Chief Curtis Caid, who is also Nehasil's brother-in-law. Blue candles were lit, one for each of the officers. The Livonia Police Department Honor Guard also fired a 21-gun salute.

"MI-COPS do their very best to recognize the families of fellow officers," Caid said. "It is a significant event and honor, and they do a great job of supporting families and law enforcement agencies during these very trying times."

Harvey, a former Garden City police chief, said that Nehasil was "doing what police officers do" in catching a suspect.

"Some police officer somewhere is doing right now what Larry did," Harvey said. "He did his job, and he paid with the ultimate sacrifice. He was a hero."

Caid said there are risks on the job, but often officers, such as Caid himself and Nehasil, didn't discuss those risks at home because they believed it placed more stress on their spouse.

"Like (Larry's wife) Linda said about Larry, 'He was just another Dad going to work,'" Caid said.

Harvey appreciates the respect and attention to officers during National Police Week, which is May 15-21, but he hopes that respect can continue beyond that.

"Being a veteran in the U.S. Army, I like to thank soldiers when I meet them," Harvey said. "I think we should do the same for officers, and particularly, the surviving families of officers, too."

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Fundraiser supports Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Chances are, someone you know suffers from Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Yet chances also are, you don't know it.

IBD, which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, afflicts one in 200 people in the United States — but because its affects are of such a personal nature, people are often hesitant to talk about it.

Yet spreading awareness of IBD and encouraging discussion among its sufferers can not only make the challenges easier to manage, it can also be an important step toward developing advanced treatment programs and possibly a cure someday, said Debbie Barris of Commerce.

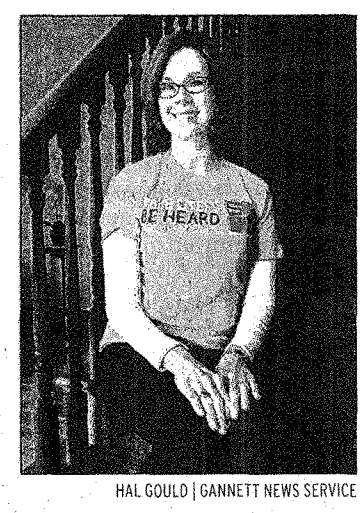
"Sometimes, people who have it don't want anyone to know — but they are living with an awful stress inside them," said Barris, who was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in 2003 and now works as a volunteer speaker for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. "I don't mind talking about it or educating people about it. It can be cathartic."

What's also rewarding — and helpful — is being involved in a major show of support for fellow sufferers and raising funds for research to battle IBD, she said. An opportunity to do that is planned for May 15 at Camp Dearborn in Milford, when the CCFA presents the 2011 Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis.

"Inflammatory Bowel Disease is a disease no one knows why we get it, and there is no cure," Barris said. "They money we raise goes to education and research and to send children (with IBD) to a special summer camp, so for a whole week they can be with children just like themselves. For a week they don't have to hide what they have to deal with or explain it, because they are with other kids who have the same thing — who understand."

IBD

Inflammatory Bowel Disease is inflammation of the digestive tract, causing abdominal pain, severe diarrhea and in some cases malnutrition. It can also lead to arthritis, delayed growth in children, fatigue, skin disorders and more. Types of IBD include Crohn's, which occurs in patches throughout the digestive track, often spreading to its deep lining, and ulcerative colitis, which affects a continuous stretch of the lining of the colon and rectum. There is no known cure.



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Debbie Barris, diagnosed with ulcerative colitis several years ago, is spreading awareness about inflammatory bowel disease and urging people to participate in the 2011 Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis fundraiser.

Registration for the event starts at 5 p.m. for the 6 p.m. walk. There's no minimum contribution required, but every person who participates is asked to raise funds. Along with walkers, there's a need for volunteers to help with set up and clean up, and to pass out water and snacks. The event will also include Radio Disney as well as a "Kids Corral" to keep youngsters entertained.

Stephanie Gregory, manager for the Take Steps walk, said this year's fundraising goal is $130,000. Last year, $110,000 was raised, helped in part by corporate sponsorship.

"We really try to engage the entire community," Gregory said. "With one in 200 people having this disease, just start asking around and you will find someone who has it.

"This is all about 'taking steps' to be heard. We want people to come out and really enjoy the evening. Everyone is welcome."

Barris said her ulcerative colitis is in remission, kept at bay by drug therapy, dietary changes and a lower-stress way of life. Her relief came after more than two years of trying different medications when finally doctors had success with a new drug, administered intravenously over the course of multiple weeks.

"Research is so very important," she said. "The drug that ultimately put me in remission wasn't even available until 2005."

Flare ups are always a possibility for IBD sufferers, Barris said, but she is happy to say her life is as close to normal as she can expect. She recalls the time when her suffering was at its peak, when she couldn't go 30 minutes without needing the bathroom.

"It's a really difficult disease to deal with. It affects every aspect of your life," she said. "I was going to the bathroom 15-25 times a day, so you quickly learn where all the bathrooms are. You have to."

Before her remission, Barris' disease cost her a substantial amount of weight, and robbed her body of nutrients and energy. At times, she had to be hospitalized.

For the first years after her diagnosis, Barris admits she didn't speak of IBD. "It was a hard diagnosis to swallow, and I felt very isolated," she said. Fortunately, she found CCFA. She urges other IBD sufferers to turn to the organization if they haven't already.

"The best word I can use to describe CCFA is 'supportive.' Meeting other people, helping other people just like you," she said. "Yes, I have IBD, but it's not who I am. It's what I have."

To find out more about CCFA, donate or set up a walk team for the fundraiser, visit www.ccfa.org or contact Stephanie Gregory at (248) 737-0900 or sgregory@ccfa.org.

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McKinely Co-Op Preschool at 6500 N. Wayne Road, at Hunter, in Westland, will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14.

Parents can come and have some fun with their two-five-year olds and meet the teach Carol Miles who has more than 25 years of experience. Learn about the kindergarten readiness program.

For more information, call (734) 729-7222, go online to www.mckinleypreschool.org or send an e-mail to mckinleypreschool@primemail.com.

Free Methodist

Westland Free Methodist Preschool will hold a spring open house and book fair 6:30-8:00 p.m. Monday, May 9.

The preschool, at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland, is enrolling for fall 2011-2012 classes. There will be tours, a chance to meet the staff, enrollment information, classroom activities, and a chance to shop at the book fair. There also will be a special of half off the enrollment fee, a $25 value, for those who sign up on May 9.

The preschool classes for four-five-year-old children will be 8:45-11:45 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuition will be $130 per month. Classes for three-year-old childrenwill be 9:15-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuition will be $100 per month.

For more information, call (734) 728-3559 or e-mail wfm-preschool@yahoo.com.

St. Damian

St. Damian School in Westland will hold an open house for prospective students 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12. St. Damian's offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

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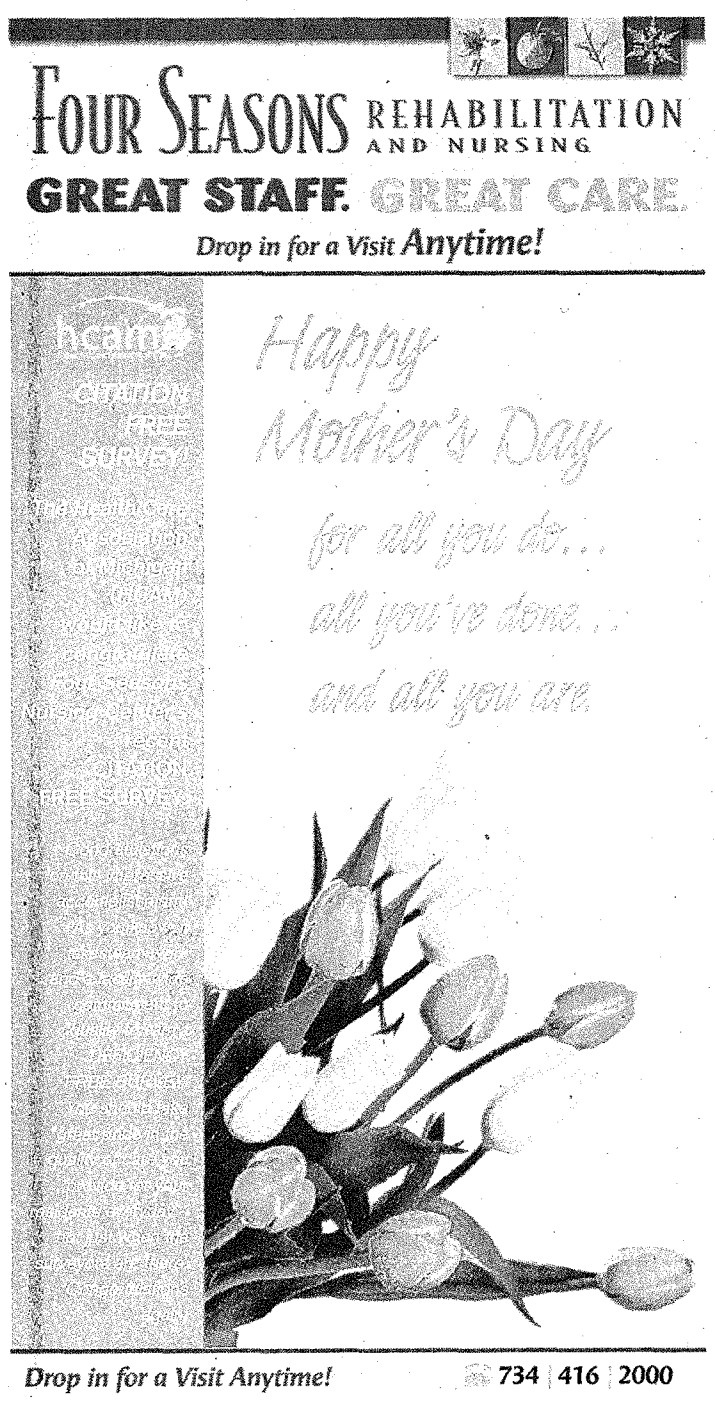

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BBB: Be wary of trial offers for e-cigarettes

The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to be wary of free trial offers for e-cigarettes.

Sounds like an unusual product to buy, however, over the past 12 months, BBB has received hundreds of complaints from consumers across the country who thought they were getting a free trial, but ended up losing often hundreds of dollars in recurring credit or debit card charges.

Ubiquitous deceptive online websites offering "free trials" are even falsely attributing news stations like ABC and CBS to the promotion of their products.

"Fighting deceptive free trial offers online continues to be a game of whack-a-mole," said Patrick Bennett, director of community relations. "Just as soon as one company is put out of business it's replaced by another with the same model of ripping consumers off under the guise of a no-risk free trial offer."

Customers from 44 states have filed more than 360 complaints against Direct E-Cig of Naples, Fla., and London, England, in the last year. More than 40 of those complaints came from Missouri and Illinois, including several from the St. Louis area. According to the BBB of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois, in response to some of the complaints, Direct E-Cig told the BBB that its website notes that consumers must go through a cancellation process within 15 days "to avoid being billed the full price of the kit of $109.95 and future monthly shipments." Several consumers said they received direct e-mail solicitations from the company and never saw the cancellation policy, while some have even reported paying $4.95 for the trial offer only to be billed more than $100 unknowingly.

Another scam to note is Smoke Freely, LLC, which has an F rating with BBB. According to the more than 300 complaints to the BBB serving Central, Northern and Western Arizona, the company lures in its customers by claiming that they will receive a free trial of smokeless cigarettes just by paying the shipping and handling costs. However, consumer complainants say that after agreeing to pay the $9.95 shipping and handling costs, they were repeatedly charged $149.90 along with a variety of other miscellaneous charges. Complainants report getting the runaround from the company when they request refunds or ask to stop being billed. One consumer claims to have lost more than $640 as a result of recurring charges.

"Before signing up for any free trial offers read the fine print carefully and always check the company out with BBB. You'll save time and money by avoiding the hassle and recurring charges of some unscrupulous offers," said Bennett.

BBB, along with the Federal Trade Commission, suggest asking the following questions before signing up for a free trial:

- Is the free trial offer related to a membership, subscription or extended service contract?
- Do I have to contact the company to avoid receiving more merchandise or services?
- Who do I contact to cancel?
- Will I receive other products with the free item? If so, will I have to pay for them or send them back if I do not want them? How long do I have to decide before incurring a charge?
- Is there a membership fee? If so, is it refundable?
- Will you automatically bill my credit card for anything?
- Who is offering the trial – you or another company? What is the name and address of the company?

Additional advice on signing up for free trial offers is available at www.bbb.org/us/article/free-trial-offers--are-they-good-deals-425. Consumers who believe they have been misled by a free trial offer can file a complaint online with the BBB at www.bbb.org.

The Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Eastern Michigan is located at 26777 Central Park Blvd., Suite 100, in Southfield. For more information go online to www.easternmichiganbbb.org, www.detroitbbb.org or www.bbbUP.org or call (248) 223-9400.

Stay away from stocks for short-term investing

Q: Dear Rick: I am recently divorced and was forced to sell my home. After paying off my ex-spouse, I was left with about $75,000.

I'm not sure how to invest this money. I'm currently living in an apartment and eventually would like to buy a home. The problem is, I'm not sure I'm going to stay in the area or move out of state. The $75,000 will eventually be used for a down payment on a new home. I figure if I don't move out of state, I'll buy a new home probably before the end of this year or early next year. I consider myself a somewhat aggressive investor. I'm not afraid to take risks. My initial inclination is to invest the money. I've done very well in an emerging market fund and I'm thinking about adding the money to that fund. What do you think?

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A: I like emerging market funds and believe they belong in just about everyone's portfolio as part of the growth side. However, acknowledging the fact that you are an aggressive investor, in your situation an emerging market fund would be the wrong investment. Not because emerging market funds are not good, but rather, they are not good for your situation.

I have always been a believer that successful investors invest based upon individual goals and objectives. Your goal is to use this money to buy a new home within a relatively short time frame. Because of that, an emerging market fund is not something to consider.

I believe your goals dictate how you invest money. It's like planning a vacation. You decide to bring shorts on a vacation, not necessarily because you like shorts, but because you'll have the opportunity to wear them. The investment must fit the objective.

In your situation, you have a short-term time frame as to when the money will be used. Because of that time frame, market-based investments that can be very volatile over a short period of time are inappropriate. My advice, and I know you're going to hate to hear this, is to invest in a certificate of deposit.

I recognize that CDs are paying very little, however, for the time frame involved, they are the best investment. They will protect the principal, which must be a primary consideration in your particular situation.

Not all CDs are the same. You can get better rates of return by shopping around. In addition to our local banks, a good website to use is www.bankrate.com. I also encourage you to check with a credit union.

As an investment adviser, the most important thing to know before you invest someone's money is their main goal and the time frame they have to achieve it. When an investor has a time frame in terms of months, you automatically know that you have to avoid the stock market. For long-term investors, the stock market is a great investment. For short-term investors, it's a gamble and something that I do not recommend.

Good luck!

I would like to wish all moms a very happy Mothers Day! Especially mine – Hilda Bloom! I love you mom.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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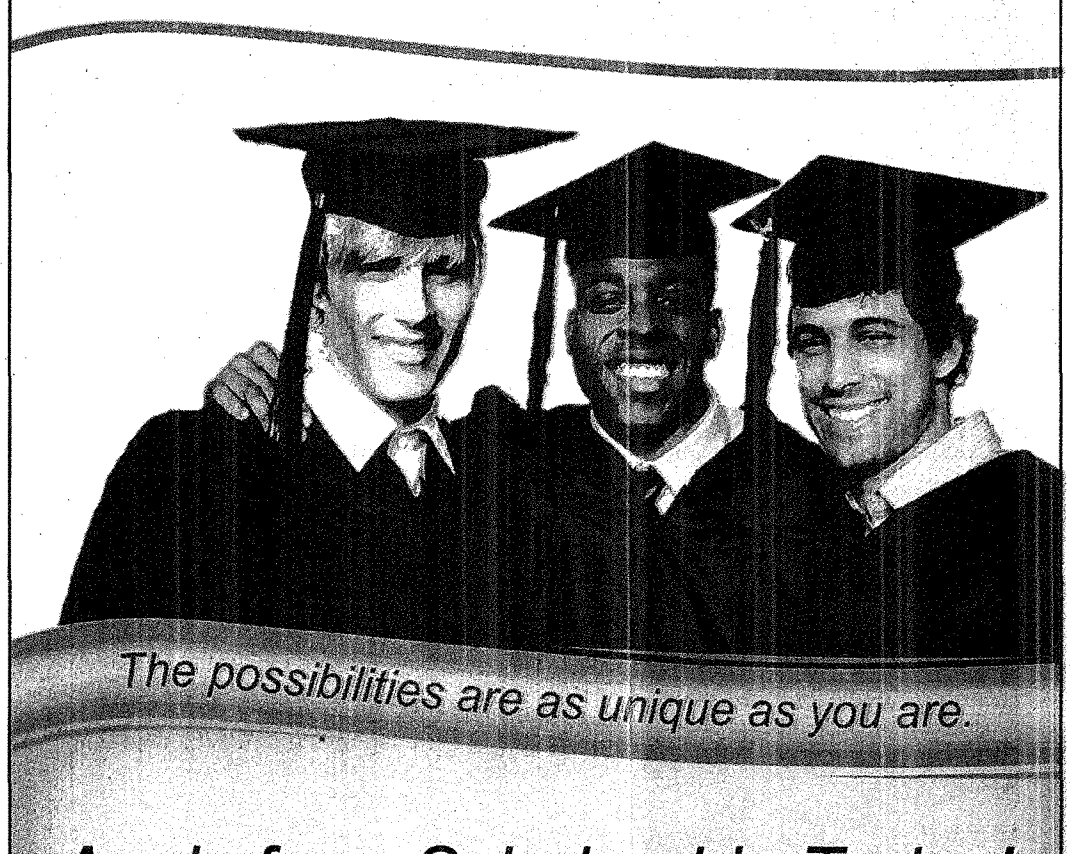

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Madonna graduates 1,065 at 64th commencement

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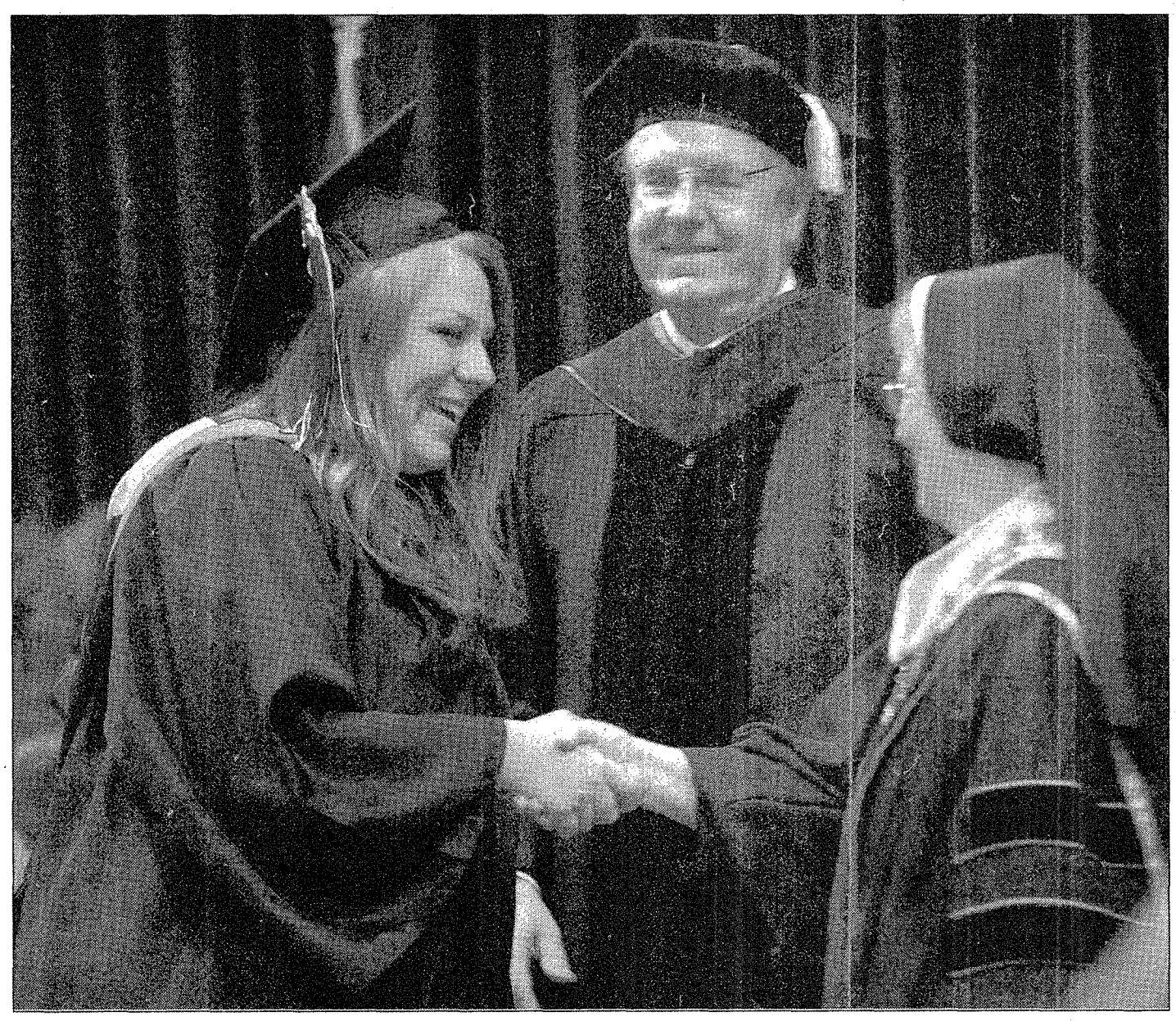

Kelly Ross receives her degree from Madonna President Rose Marie Kujawa and Board Chair Robert Sajdak. Ross lives in Livonia.

Of the 1,065 graduates who joined the Madonna University alumni ranks this year, some 525 walked across the stage to get their diplomas at the 64th commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were five of the first 15 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program that began in May 2009. Approximately 750 students earned a bachelor's or associate degree, and nearly 300 earned a master's.

Prior to conferring degrees to the graduates in attendance, Madonna University's president, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, and Board Chairman Robert Sajdak bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Paulson Mathew Chunkapura, Ph.D., president of the World of Knowledge Management Development Centre (WKMDC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Kaup Mohamed, Ph. D., dean and director of the WKMDC.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Brian Davis and Lucy Thomas. A Detroit Police Officer since he graduated from the police academy in 1986, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Madonna in 2002, and applied it to his work as a teacher at the Detroit Police Training Center. He returned to Madonna to earn a master's degree in educational leadership and a certificate in curriculum development in 2008. As commanding officer of the Detroit Police Department's Northwestern District, Davis was wounded in a shootout in the 6th precinct in early January. He is credited with saving the lives of his fellow officers.

Lucy Thomas, who earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983 and now serves on Madonna University's Foundation Board, was unable to make the commencement from her home in Louisiana, so her sister, Amy Habib, accepted on her behalf.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Kathryn O'Dowd, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. Graduate vocalist Amy Loskowski sang the National Anthem, which was interpreted by sign language studies graduates Katie Mann, Delta Covrett, Mary Spas and Kathleen McGowan. The mace bearer was Asaad Istephan, Ph.D., professor of physical and applied sciences.

Some 70 graduates and their families attended the Graduation Mass April 28 at Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel. Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, was the celebrant.

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Local musicians to play for peace May 13

A dozen local musical performers will be Playing For Peace during a 2-1/2 hour concert at Unity of Livonia, Friday, May 13. The eclectic peace players will render performances, ranging from pop, blues and jazz, to country and folk, to hip hop suitable for all ages.

The concert features 30-year veteran entertainer Bill Meyer, country folk artist Joe Kidd, pop/rock/folk songs of David Nefish, soulful, a cappella vocals of Ruby Woods, and uplifting songs of Michael Krieger. The contemporary acoustic guitar, mandolin and banjo sounds of Judy Insley and Floyd Raeon will include a touch of bluegrass. Kevin "Mr. Peace" Szawala will perform consciousness-raising hip-hop aimed at today's youth. Many of these local favorites will have CDs and performance schedules available.

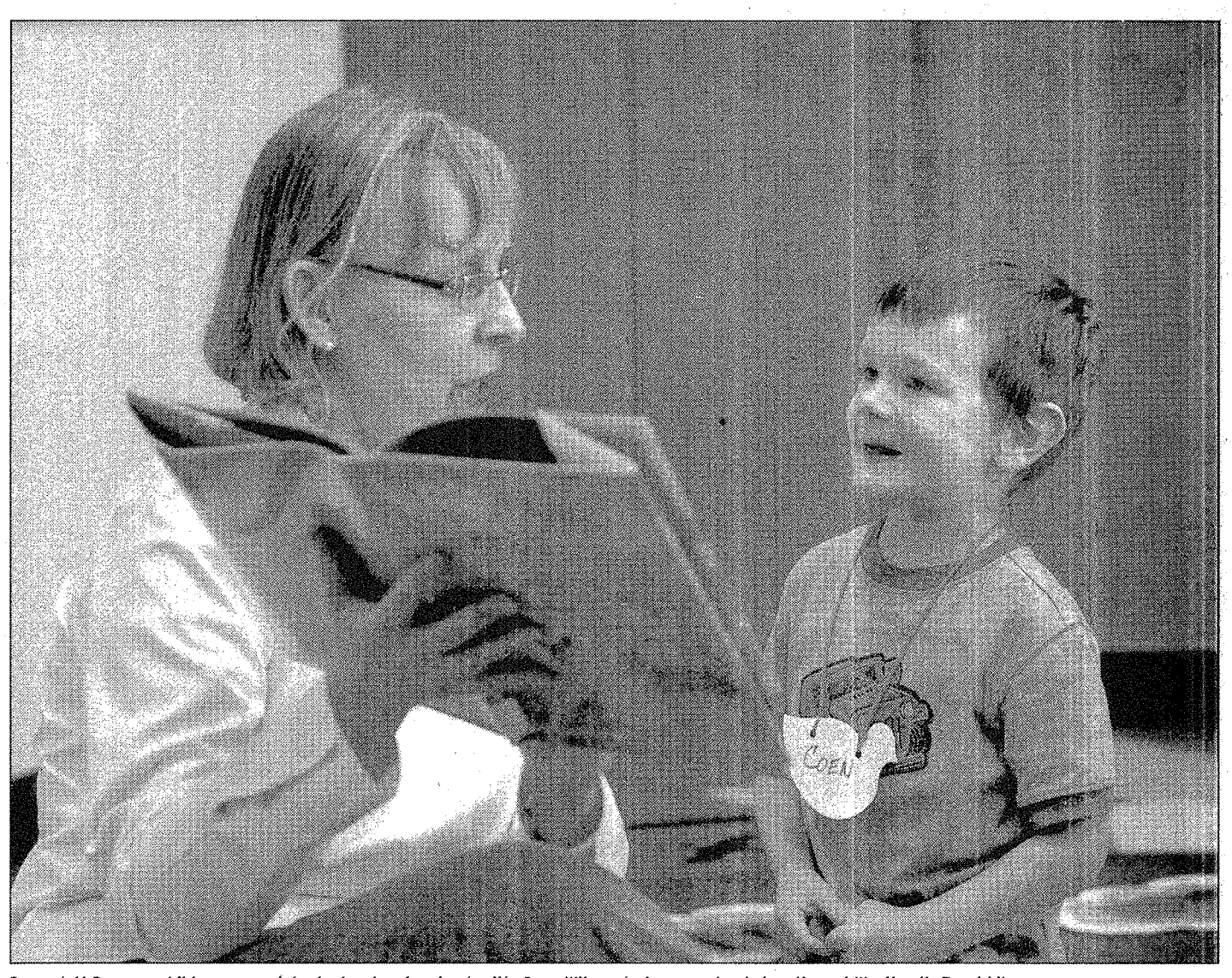
The Peace Players will perform to raise funds for a statewide effort this summer by a coalition of Michigan peace groups to increase awareness of the need for a viable culture of peace. Termed "Moveable Peace," the summer activities include coordinated community events, a traveling mobile exhibit featuring a 9-foot tall "Peace Mama" puppet, and Peace emissary Kevin Szawala.

A 10-day peace walk from all over the state to Lansing, a convergence of peace representatives statewide at the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day, and participation in the Detroit Labor Day Parade are planned.

Highlight of the summer's activities will be the submission of a petition to the state legislature and governor requesting the establishment of a Michigan Commission for Peace & Justice.

A donation of $10 per person is requested at the concert. Unity of Livonia is on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079 or cmills0079@yahoo.com.



Bernadett Dewyer, childrens associate, looks at a storybook with Coen Wilson during preschool storytime at Westland's Faust Library.

Storytimes introduce youngsters to library

When it comes to storytimes, Westland's Faust Library has something for the whole family.

"Our storytimes go all year long. We have three or four different age groups as young as infants and even family storytimes," said Marilyn Kwik, interim library director.

Parents must accompany children to storytimes but the offers a special evening session that is geared for the entire family - the other storytimes are offered during the day.

For preschoolers, storytimes feature a story book, songs and a felt board.

"There is a lot of participation. We have read and play for real young kids," said Kwik. "When they are older, they can join the reading club. It gets them comfortable coming here and being at the library."

As they grow up and move through the different story and reading programs, Kwik said youngsters develop relationships with the library staff, seeing the same people on their visits. It's also helps develop the habit of reading and visiting the library, she said.

No advance registration is required for the storytimes. Visit the library web site at www.westland.lib.mi.us/ for more on storytimes and other library programs.

By LeAnne Rogers

Gena Smith plays with a silk butterfly during preschool storytime at Westland's Faust Library.

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BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Academy of Westland will be holding its annual budget hearing on May 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be at 300 Henry Ruff Rd., Westland, MI 48186

The budget is available for public inspection at the same address. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Pavilion rentals

Summer is fast approaching and many people are planning for their summer events.

Picnics at one of Westland Parks and Recreation's park pavilions are great for a family reunion, child's birthday, graduation party or church picnic.

Tattan Park, home of the Play Planet Playstation and the H2O Zone, provides an ideal place for events with lots of children. Jaycee Park and Corrado Park have play equipment for children, as well as large grassy areas for a game of Frisbee or soccer.

Every pavilion will accommodate groups of 50 comfortably. Reservations for the summer of 2011 have already begun and weekend dates are going fast. For more information contact the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Weatherization help

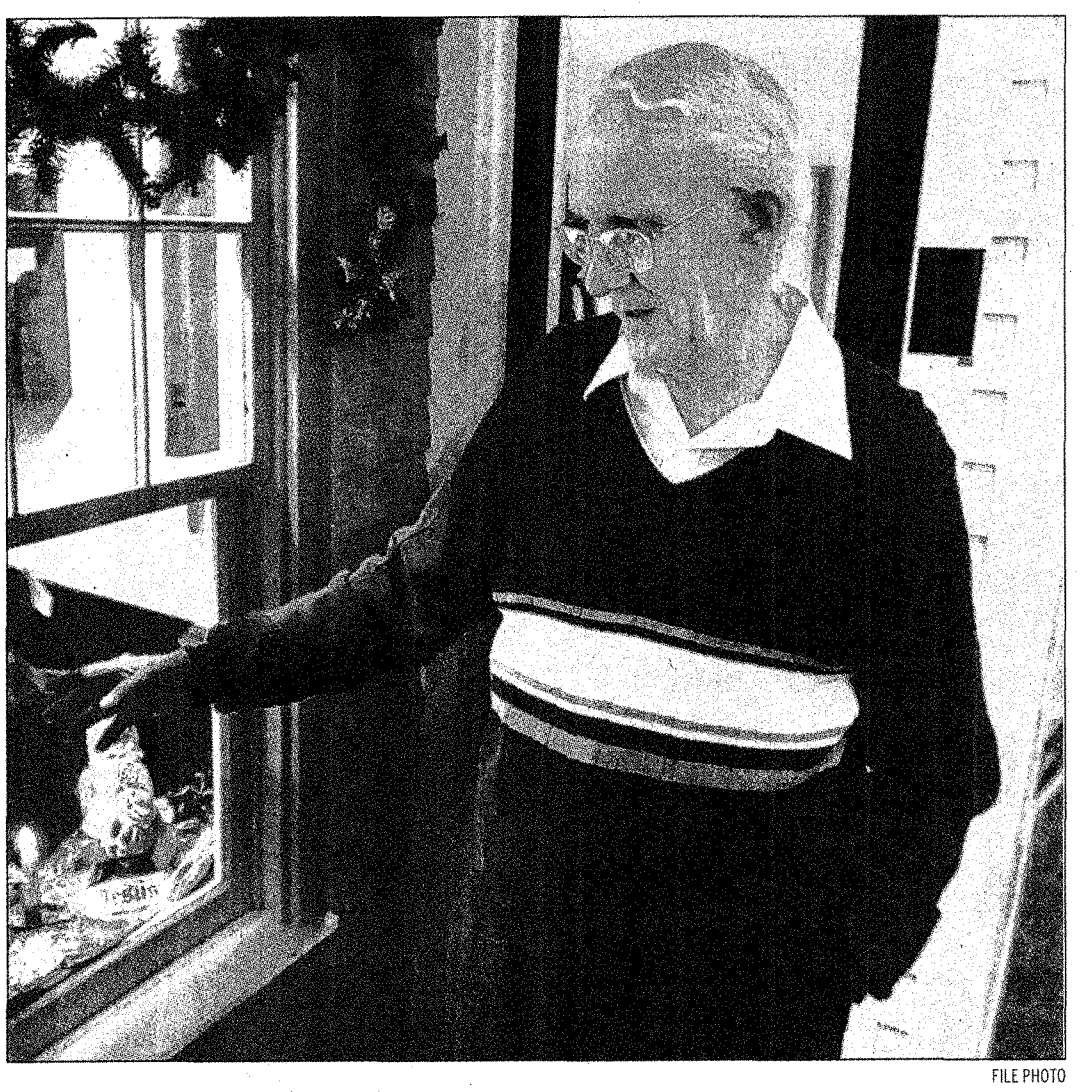
Weatherization Assistance is a home energy conservation program providing services to low-income residents. Families receiving weatherization services can expect heating costs to be reduced 20-25 percent, amounting to about $300 saving per year.

Eligible projects include such things as floor insulation, storm windows, window repair/replacement, programmable thermostat, furnace and duct repair or replacement and roof repairs.

Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency manages the Weatherization Program for Wayne County, including the city of Westland. Contact Jeff Boyd, weatherization director, at (734) 284-6999.

Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.



FILE PHOTO

Dr. Weldon Petz was well-known as a Lincoln memorabilia collector.

Lincoln buff remembered as 'rare treasure'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those who knew him best said Dr. Weldon Petz had several passions in his life, among them his wife, Shirley, Abraham Lincoln, music and Santa Claus.

During his life, he was a Lincoln scholar, a Big Band musician and arranger, writer and a school principal.

In death, friends are remembering Petz, who died April 28 at the age of 88, as "a rare treasure."

"He cared deeply for the people whose lives he touched and for his many passions," said Elizabeth Kelly Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, which has benefited from Petz's passions over the years.

During World War II, Petz served in the Special Services Band under the command of the Eighth Air Force. After the war, Petz played in several major Big Bands, traveling across the country with the Jimmy Dorsey Band along with Jimmy Durante as a favorite memory. Petz and his wife, Shirley, had apartments in Chicago and New York during this time. They traveled for seven years.

After these busy years, they settled in the Detroit and Oakland county areas. He became a teacher and school administrator in Detroit and Farmington.

"Being a principal in Farmington was a beautiful experience," Petz told the *Observer* in an April 2010 interview. "There were wonderful teachers and students. I still hear from them. Five of my students have become principals. They have called from Texas, Florida and Wisconsin. I always had an open door. Students could come in and discuss problems. I was able to help and encourage them."

Petz was also a writer, working with Roger Rosentreter to write two books for the Lincoln Bicentennial, *Seeking Lincoln in Michigan* and *Michigan Remembers Lincoln*, guidebooks to sites in Michigan which honor Lincoln.

Petz, well-known and respected among historians, gave nearly 5,000 talks on Lincoln to groups at universities, schools, historical societies, Civil War Roundtables and symposiums.

One of his biggest passions was Lincoln. Petz sold or donated his extensive collection to the Plymouth Historical Museum in 1998. The exhibit became very popular, and the museum built a room solely for the Lincoln exhibit in February 2002. That helped the museum fulfill one of the obligations created by the acquisition of Petz's collection: That it would always stay together in one place and not be sold off or separated.

"The Lincoln room is his legacy," said Dan Packer, a member of the Plymouth Historical Society board. "He would love to walk around the exhibit, point out an item, talk of its historical nature and tell how he acquired the item. Anyone who walked into the museum's Lincoln Room when he was present would learn a great deal about Lincoln and his times. His love for Lincoln was obvious."

Petz is survived by his wife, Shirley; children Cheryl (James) Shirtz and Mark (Diane) Petz; grandchildren Michael (Pamela), Kristopher, Jennifer and Danielle.

Kerstens said everyone "adored" Petz.

"We are incredibly grateful for the quality time that we at the Plymouth Historical Museum were able to spend with him," Kerstens said. "Dr. Petz will be deeply missed and we are all heartbroken."

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Golf event and raffle to benefit Angela Hospice

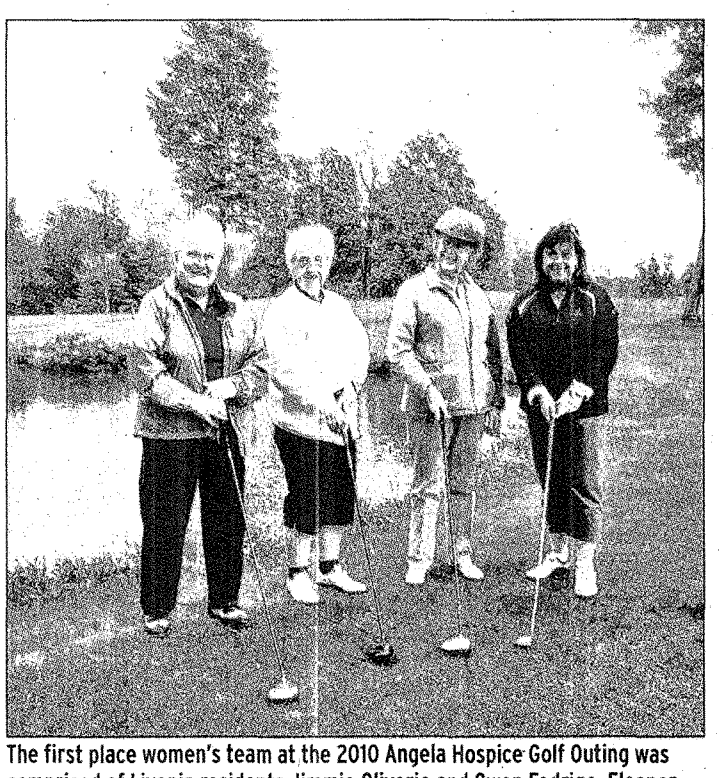
Angela Hospice invites supporters and community members to enjoy sun and sport for a good cause at the 23rd Annual Angela Hospice Golf Outing. The event will be held Monday, May 16, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Golfers will enjoy a full day beginning at 9:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and open driving range use before setting out for 18 holes on the Fox Classic course at 11 a.m. They'll have lunch at the turn and the opportunity to play on-the-course games as well. Finishing up the day will be a dinner reception with a silent auction and announcement of the winners.

"We'll be happy to see our loyal golfers return for another fun day, and we also expect to see new faces this year," said Barb Iovan, Angela Hospice's events coordinator.

Golfer packages are $180 per person for the day, and dinner-only tickets are available as well. The event offers corporate packages and sponsorship opportunities for businesses or individuals too.

"Phillips Service Industries is our host for the event," said Iovan. "Their generous sponsorship will enable a greater impact on our programs for terminally ill patients and their families."



The first place women's team at the 2010 Angela Hospice Golf Outing was comprised of Livonia residents Jimmie Oliverio and Gwen Fedrigo, Eleanor Jonson of West Bloomfield, and Fran Fields of Livonia.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's programs for patients and their loved ones, and community outreach programs, such as grief support groups and counseling services for children and adults.

The "Winner Takes All Raffle" will also be featured at the event, but the winner need not be present so anyone can enter to win Tigers tickets, a getaway to A-Ga-Ming golf resort, dining packages and more.

For more information, to register or purchase a raffle ticket, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or visit www.AskForAngela.com.

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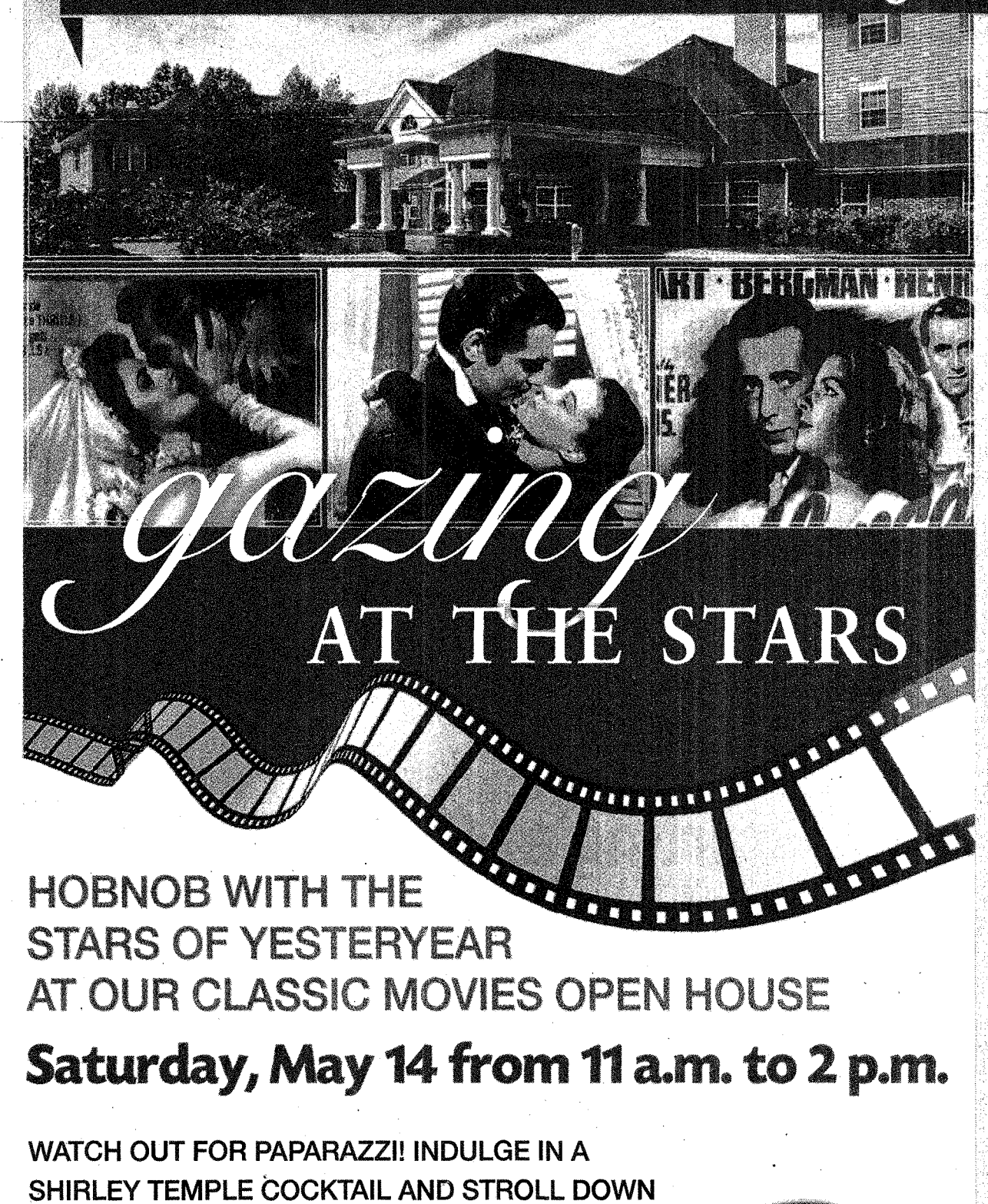

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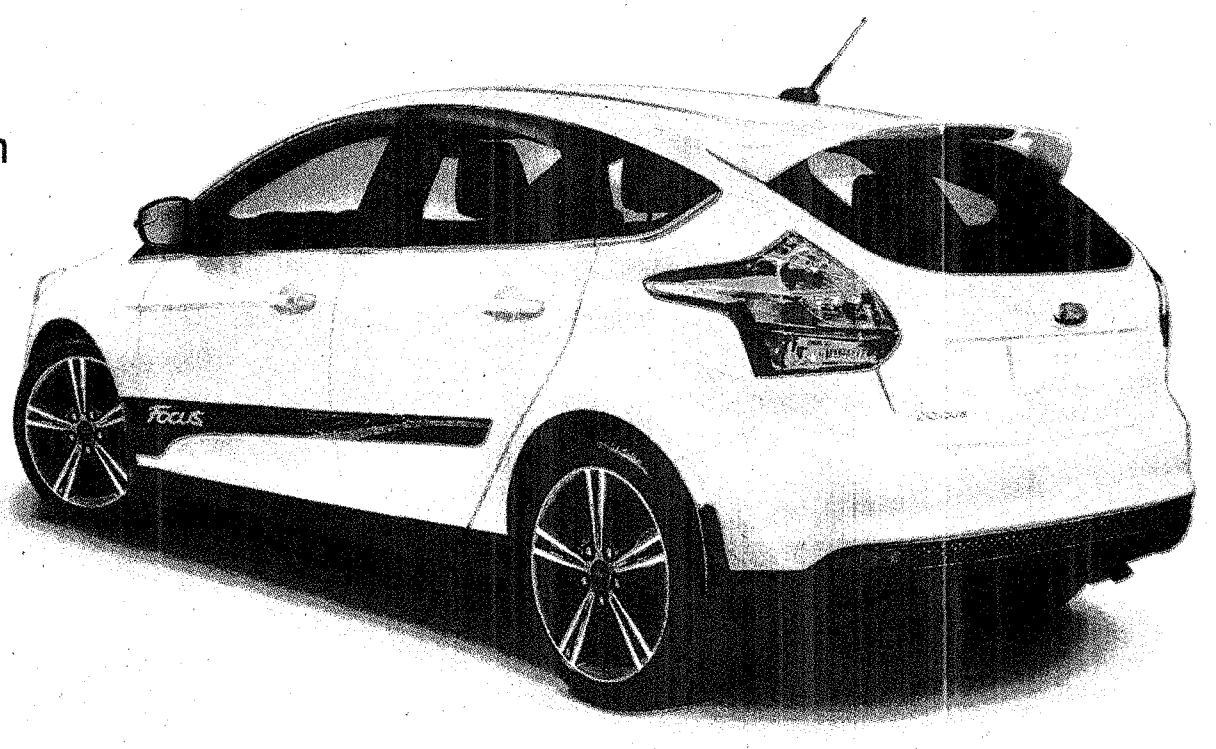

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RNs talk old times, plan for nursing school reunion, B8

Davenport walk-off slam ends Crusaders' year

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

It was a bitter pill to swallow Friday night as the Madonna University women's softball season came to a crashing halt in Battle Creek.

Amber Getty's one-out, walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning gave Davenport University a 7-4 victory and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship at Bailey Park's Flannery Field.

Getty, who finished with six RBI, hit her first two homers of the season as the Panthers, also the WHAC regular season champions, improved to 38-15 overall and earned a berth in NAIA postseason play.

Karlee Despres (11-2) was the winning pitcher. In seven innings she allowed three earned runs on seven hits. She fanned 10 and walked four.

Losing pitcher Jess Irwin (19-8) ended her illustrious career by allowing six earned runs on six hits. The senior struck out six and walked two.

Shortstop Jackie Barley went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Crusaders, who finished the year 38-12.

Arielle Cox also knocked in a run.

Earlier in the day, MU suffered its first setback in the double-elimination tourney at the hands of Davenport, 2-1, in eight innings.

Heather Brusokas accounted for both Davenport runs. She homered in the fifth inning to break a scoreless tie and walked to lead off the top of the eighth before coming home after two-base MU error coupled with three walks to force in the game-winning run.

Barley knocked in MU's lone run in the bottom of the fifth.

Samantha Cole, the winning pitcher, went the first seven innings to improve to 19-8 overall.

Irwin, who gave up just four hits and struck out 13, went all eight and suffered the loss.

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Finished or not?

MU eyes at-large bid after losing WHAC final

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE BASEBALL

The silence that fell upon the Madonna University baseball team's dugout around 3:30 Friday afternoon was anything but golden.

It was a remnant of a jolting 12-7 loss to Indiana Tech in the championship game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship game that was hosted by the Crusaders.

On Wednesday night, the Crusaders (32-14) were 2-0 in the double-elimination set-up and appeared to be in the driver's seat, speeding toward a tourney title and the subsequent automatic bid in the NAIA National Tournament that begins next week.

However, the Warriors (34-18) dropped a 24-11 bomb on their hosts Thursday afternoon, forcing Friday's winner-take-all encounter.

The two teams battled to a 3-3 draw through five innings Friday, but Tech exploded for five runs in the bottom of the sixth (Madonna was technically the visiting team), courtesy of two-out RBI singles by Reinaldo Scott and Brandon Paletta and a three-run homer from Justin Meideros, to pull away with the win.

"I thought we gave ourselves every opportunity to be successful today, but they got hot swinging the bats and here we are," MU head coach Greg Haeger said. "Looking back, I'm proud of what the kids did Wednesday; I'm proud of what they did here today. With all the injuries we've had, we knew we were going to be short on the mound, but we were right there today."

Thanks to some serious credentials — most notably a No. 25 national ranking and a 32-win season — the Crusaders still have a shot at being awarded an at-large bid to next week's national tournament, Haeger said.

"There are a lot of variables as far as what is going to happen across the country in other conference tournaments, so it may not be over for us," he said. "Considering everything that's gone on this season, I think the kids deserve another opportunity. We can just as easily put ourselves back in the same spot we were in this tournament, so you never know."

Haeger said the regional brackets should be released sometime Sunday afternoon.

The Crusaders bolted to a 1-0 lead against Tech right-hander Daniel

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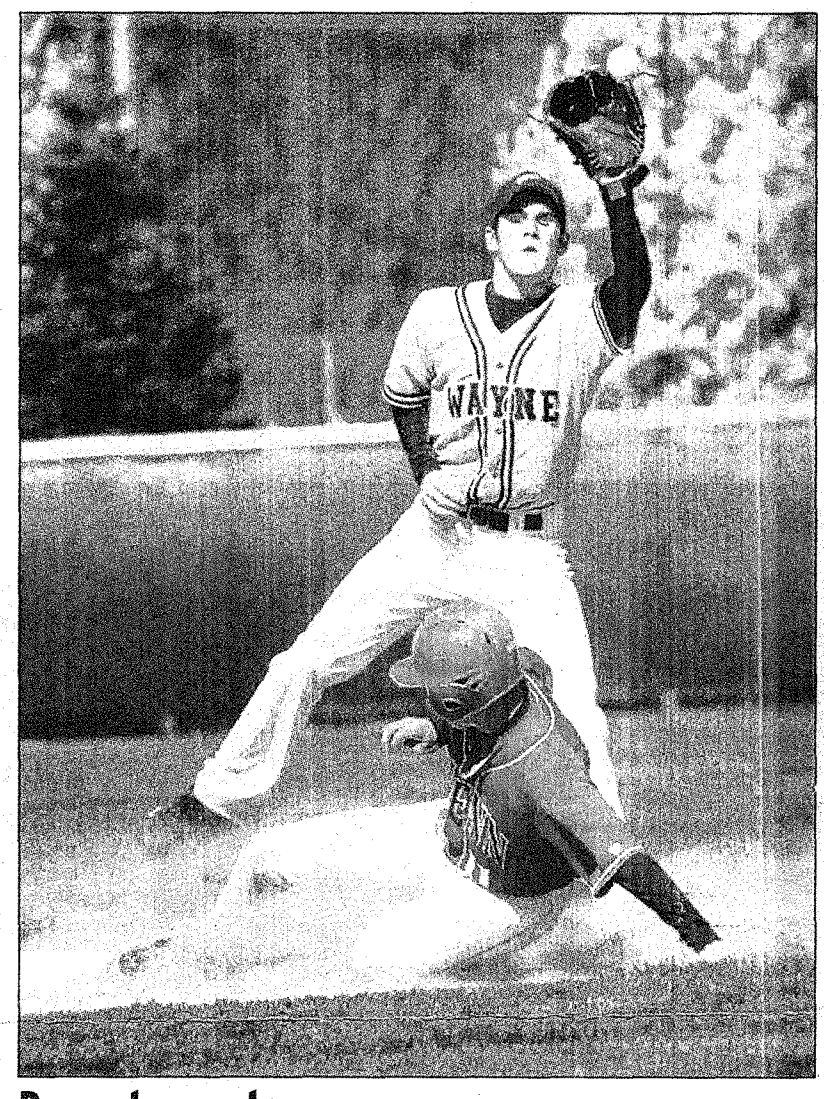

Bang, bang play

John Glenn's Danny Croft (bottom) slides safely into second base before Wayne's Chris Briggs can make the tag during Wednesday's KLAA South double-header. Wayne won both games. See roundup on page B2.

Chargers get 'statement' victory

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill girls soccer team appears to be coming of age.

The Chargers scored their most impressive result of the season Thursday by knocking off KLAA South Division leader Canton, 1-0.

Kayla Szado tallied the game-winning goal at the 60-minute mark when she toe-poked a shot past the Canton goalkeeper.

The play was set up when teammate Kelsey Rothermel won a 50-50 ball and lofted a ball over the Canton defense and into Szado.

Churchill goalkeeper Kaylie Secord made four key saves as the Chargers improved to 5-3-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAA South.

"For 60-to-65 minutes, Canton chased us around," said Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit, whose team avenged a 3-0 setback to the Chiefs on April 12. "I was so happy with our play in the first half. We've been practicing well and today it all came to fruition. We were able to see the real product. We attacked them in wide

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JOHN KEMSKI

Churchill's Julia Twigg (right) converges on Canton's Melanie Pickert during Thursday's KLAA South Division clash.

Churchill pulls out 1-run win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After trailing since the first inning of Friday's KLAA crossover softball game at Salem, Livonia Churchill finally took the lead with a four-run rally in the sixth.

But that 7-5 edge proved precarious and the visiting Chargers had to hang on for a 7-6 victory. It took a perfect relay throw from second baseman Julia Cavagnini to sophomore catcher Casie Bias to nail Salem's Alexis Powell with what would have been the equalizer.

PREP SOFTBALL

"The last play of the game

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SIDELINES

Ladywood Burns 'em

Senior Alex Burns tallied seven goals and added five assists Wednesday in Livonia Ladywood's 19-6 Catholic League girls lacrosse win at Warren Regina.

Senior Niki Jacobs added four goals and one assist, while senior Erin Barnes contributed two goals for the Blazers (4-4 overall).

Donna LaPorte led the Saddlelites with five goals.

Ladywood goalie Lauren Perugi made six saves, while Regina's Lindsey Holdway had 23 stops.

"We played well last night and tonight where we were able to put two great halves together," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said.

WHAC golfers lauded

Madonna University senior Austin Stillman and Siena Heights junior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) were both named to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's golf team for the 2010-11.

Myers defeated Stillman in a playoff for individual medalist honors in last week's WHAC Championship held at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Leading the way for MU was senior Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) who was named to the All-WHAC first team after tying for individual medalist honors with Siena Heights' Andy Myers. Stillman lost to Myers in a playoff for the crown.

MU senior Justin Taurence (Wyandotte) was named to both the Academic All-WHAC team and the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best displays the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

To be named to the academic team, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

After capturing the 2010-11 WHAC regular season title, the Crusaders placed third in the 2011 WHAC tourney.

Spartan 5K run

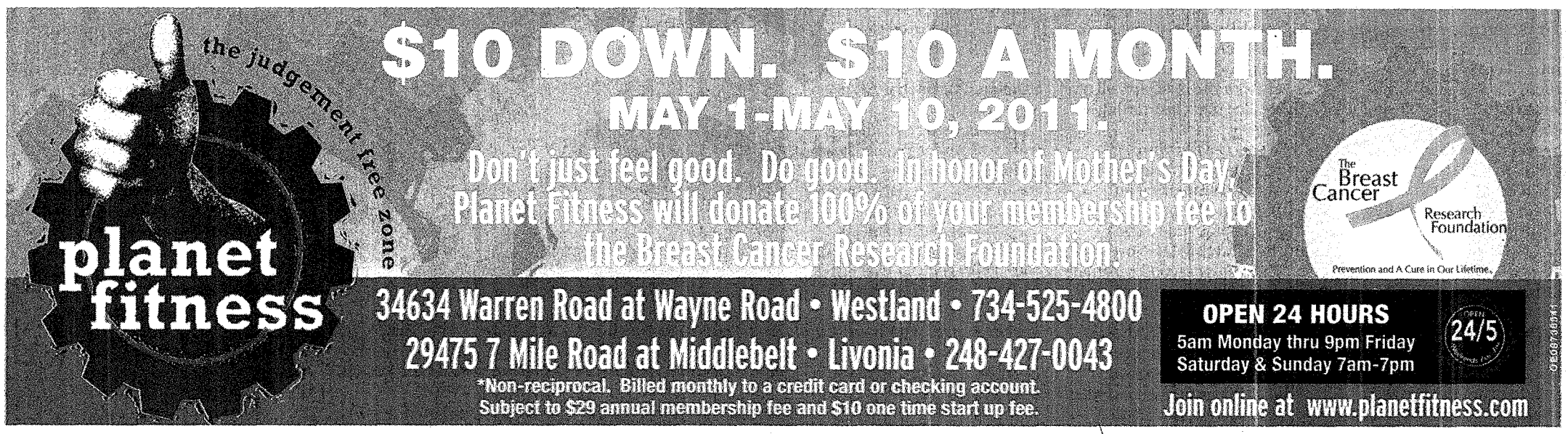
Doug Kurtis, a 1972 Livonia Stevenson alum and champion marathoner, will make an appearance at the Spartan 5-kilometer run-walk, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 22 at the high school, located at 33500 W. Six Mile Road (just west of Farmington Road).

Kurtis captured the Detroit Free Press Marathon six years in a row (1987-92) and holds the world record for finishing 76 marathons in less than 2 hours and 20 minutes.

There will also a be a 1-mile fun run.

Race fees are $20 for the 5K and $10 for the 1-miler. Those registered before Friday, May 6 will be guaranteed a T-shirt. Awards will go to the top three finishers in each male and female age group.

To register online, visit www.shsboosterclub.info. For more information, call Jeff Brindley at (734) 748-4909.



Walk-off victory

DeYonker's grand slams gives Stevenson 6-2 win

Talk about a flair for the dramatic.

Josh DeYonker's walk-off grand slam proved to be the difference Friday as host Livonia Stevenson stunned Canton, 6-2, in a battle of Kensington Conference baseball divisional leaders.

Stevenson, atop the KLAA Central, improved to 14-5 overall and 9-1.

Canton, which was leading the KLAA South, falls to 11-3 and 6-2.

DeYonker's homer came off Canton reliever Chris Perkovich, who came on in the seventh inning. Vaughn Birchler started for the Chiefs, allowing one run on two hits and three walks in four innings.

Stevenson starter Chris McDonald went the first 6.1 innings, but got no decision. He allowed two earned runs (one earned) on five hits and five walks while striking out nine. Jake Semak came on to get the final two outs and record the victory.

Tyler Lynch went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and scored one run, while Evan Piechota also had an RBI for the Spartans, who are ranked No. 8 in the last Division 1 statewide coaches poll.

Seth Tschetter went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Canton.

CHURCHILL 11, SALEM 1: On Friday, Ben Matigian belted a 2-run homer and Mike Rybinski added a solo blast to propel Livonia Churchill (12-3, 8-2) to a Kensington Conference crossover victory over the host Rocks (6-4, 4-3).

Troy Bogenschutz also went 2-for-3 with four RBI. Matigian scored two runs, while Rybinski also knocked in two.

Winning pitcher Brent Ochodnicky went six innings, allowing just five hits. He walked two and struck out four.

Salem starter Tommy Rodriguez went four innings and took the loss. He allowed seven runs on nine hits and walked four.

Brett Ramirez had two hits in a losing cause.

WAYNE 22, S. LYON EAST 18: Wayne Memorial (8-7, 4-6) overcame Ryan Ferguson's monster effort at the plate Friday to beat host South Lyon East (1-7, 1-6).

Ferguson went 5-for-5 with three homers and 10 RBI. He had a grand slam, 3-run homer and 2-run homer.

Wayne's Shane Wilson countered with a grand slam in the top of the seventh inning to spark a 7-run outburst. He went 3-for-5 with six RBI and scored three runs.

Tom Briggs and Stephen Gush each added two hits and two RBI, while Kyle Casey contributed a 2-run homer for the victorious Zebras.

Wayne starter Jacob Lefler pitched five innings to earn the victory.

Shane Taylor also went 3-for-5 with an RBI for the Cougars.

SOUTH LYON 5, JOHN GLENN 4: John Newman hit a solo homer and Dakota Heidt went 3-for-4 Friday as the host Lions (4-10, 3-6-1) won it in the bottom of the eight against Westland John Glenn (5-11, 0-7).

Tom Kort's fly ball was mishandled in the outfield and Josh Green scored the game-winning run for South Lyon.

Dylan Miller pitched 5.2 innings of scoreless relief to pick up the victory.

He allowed just three hits.

Rob Schurig, the losing pitcher, allowed nine hits and walked 10 in 7.2 innings of work.

Caleb Clenney hit a 2-run homer for the Rockets, while Daniel Ammons and Jesses Smitherman each added RBI singles.

Schurig also reached base safely three times, while Jake DeMoss and Brian Monty both doubled.

NOVI 9, FRANKLIN 0: Tyler Root's flirted with a no-hitter for 6.2 innings Friday before Brent Marzion broke it up with a single as the host Wildcats (4-6, 4-3) blanked Livonia Franklin (11-7, 4-6) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Root struck out nine, walked one and hit one batter in the complete-game victory.

Chris Valade went 2-for-4 with three RBI to pace Novi's nine-hit attack.

Novi scored eight runs in the first inning to chase Patriot starter Bobby Andrus. He gave up four hits and walked four in two-thirds of an inning.

Zebras get best of rival Glenn

Wayne posts twinbill sweep; Chargers also take pair

Bragging rights were at stake Wednesday as baseball rivals Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn took the diamond in a KLAA South Division twinbill.

And it was the visiting Zebras who emerged with a pair of victories as they defeated host Glenn, 8-7 and 17-2 (in three innings).

Wayne improved to 6-7 overall and 3-6 in the division, while Glenn falls to 5-10 and 0-6.

Tyler McCurry pitched the final four innings in relief to pick up the victory in Game One for Wayne in relief of starter Kyle Casey.

Glenn starter Colton Lipinski, who gave up all eight runs in five innings, took the loss. He struck out three and walked four before giving way to Jake DeMoss.

Shane Wilson went 2-for-4 and Jordan Lowry's RBI double in the fifth inning sparked Wayne's eight-hit attack.

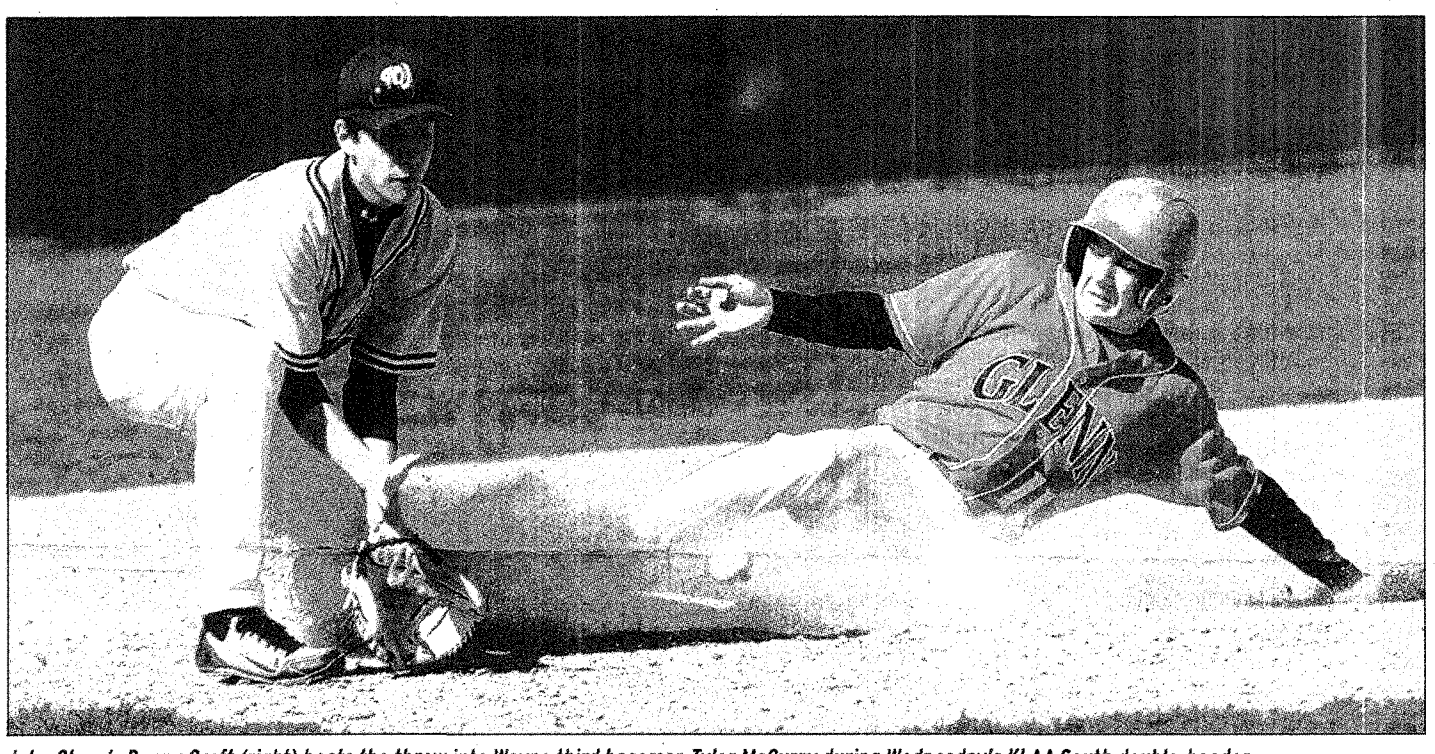
Glenn pulled to within one in the seventh thanks to an infield throwing error scoring two runs, but McCurry got the final out to seal the win.

Each team committed three errors.

In the nightcap, Wayne scored 11 times in the second inning to invoke the 15-run mercy rule.

Jacob Lefler, the winning pitcher, went 4-for-4 with a triple and five runs scored. Lowry and Brandon Harnos each went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Shane Wilson had an RBI triple.

Shane Anderson's RBI single and Brian Monty's RBI triple accounted for Glenn's only two runs off Lefler, who gave up three hits, walked two and struck out four.



John Glenn's Danny Croft (right) beats the throw into Wayne third baseman Tyler McCurry during Wednesday's KLAA South double-header.

KLAA BASEBALL

Jesse Smitherman, who went 1.1 innings, took the loss for Glenn.

CHURCHILL 6-9, FRANKLIN 2-8: On Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (11-3, 7-2) swept both ends of a KLAA South Division double-header against Livonia Franklin (11-6, 4-5).

Ben Matigian pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the opener for the Chargers. He allowed four walks and did not record a strikeout.

Troy Bogenschutz went 2-for-3 with two RBI to lead Churchill's seven-hit attack. Sean Servalish also added an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Brent Marzion, the losing pitcher, went all six innings. He struck out six and walked only one.

Josh Gorman had two hits in the loss.

In the nightcap, Churchill overcame five errors to pull out a 9-8 win as Stephen Foster went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Servalish and Connor Dwyer each added two hits and two RBI.

Bogenschutz went 6.2 innings on the mound to record the victory and Jon Targus came on the get the final out and the save with the tying run on first base.

Dan Muller was the losing pitcher in relief for the Patriots. Starter Bobby Andrus allowed five runs on seven hits and four walks in four innings.

Justin Forrestall and Andrus each collected two hits.

STEVENSON 3-6, SALEM 2-10: In a KLAA Central Division twinbill Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson (13-5, 8-1) and the host Rocks (6-3, 4-2) settled for a split.

Josh DeYonker went 3-for-3, including a 3-run homer and scored what proved to be the winning run to propel the Spartans to a 3-2 win in the opener.

Winning pitcher Evan Piechota went all seven innings, allowing just five hits while fanning nine and walking only two.

Scott Devine and Brett Ramirez each collected two hits for Salem.

Losing pitcher Matt Roland allowed three runs on five hits and two walk in five innings. He struck out four before giving way to reliever Marcus Olind.

Salem bounced back to win the nightcap, 10-6, as Tommy Rodriguez went 3-for-3 with two RBI. Drew Thompson added two hits and two RBI, while Brad Trublowski also knocked in two runs as the Rocks broke a 6-all deadlock with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Piechota, Mark Wagner and Justin Small each had two hits and two RBI for the Spartans. Tyler Lynch also went 2-for-3.

Losing pitcher Chris McDonald gave up four runs (all unearned in one inning. Troy Bodtke, Josh Dehetre and Mike Kanitra also took stints on the mound.

CHURCHILL

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was huge," Churchill head coach Steve Gentilia said. "Julia Cavagnini was in the right place at the right time, (she) makes the cutoff and makes the throw."

Bias quickly applied the tag on Powell to keep Salem from at least forcing extra innings.

"The game shouldn't have come down to that anyway," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We had other opportunities in the game. We had four innings where we went down 1-2-3, which kind of hurt us."

Salem's last-ditch rally against Chargers starting pitcher Missy Sidor started after the first two batters were retired.

Senior catcher Kelli Janiczek singled and Powell — who smoked a two-run homer over the center-field fence in the sixth to bring the Rocks to within 7-5 — was walked on four intentionally wide pitches from Sidor.

"I told Missy not to give her (Powell) anything to hit," Gentilia said. "We made sure she wasn't going to beat us in the last inning."

That brought up freshman left fielder Emily Marcero, whose hit to right-center scored Janiczek. But thanks to the Cavagnini throw, Powell wasn't as lucky with her bid to tie the contest.

"I was keeping (pitches) outside because they're all good hitters," Sidor said. "I stayed away from the inside on all of them. But that (last inning) was scary."

So was the first inning, when Salem (2-7 overall) scored three times on an assortment of mostly infield hits and some indecisive fielding by Churchill (11-5 overall).

After senior second baseman Lizzy Mazorowicz led off with a walk (and Churchill leading 1-0 on an RBI single by Bias), senior shortstop Heidi Schmidt and Janiczek were safe on infield singles to load the bases.

Powell's sacrifice fly to right tied the game at 1-1 and Marcelo's bunt single brought in Schmidt. Following an error, freshman center fielder Kristine Zink singled to center for the third run of the inning.

Churchill trimmed the score to 3-2 on a home run to center field by Abby Jewell and the Chargers pulled even in the fifth when Bias (3-for-4, two runs, one RBI) tripled and scored on a suicide squeeze bunt from Mackenzie Everson.

The 3-3 tie lasted until Churchill's four-run rally in the sixth, which knocked out Salem junior pitcher Alyssa Meagher.

Getting it started with a walk was junior Rachel Jason (2-for-3). Jewell singled up the middle, with both runners moving up on an error.

Following with a smash right down the third-base line was senior Natalie Hiser (2-for-5) to drive in two runs.

Another single by Bias kept the surge going and with Zink on the mound in relief, Everson drove in two more with a single.

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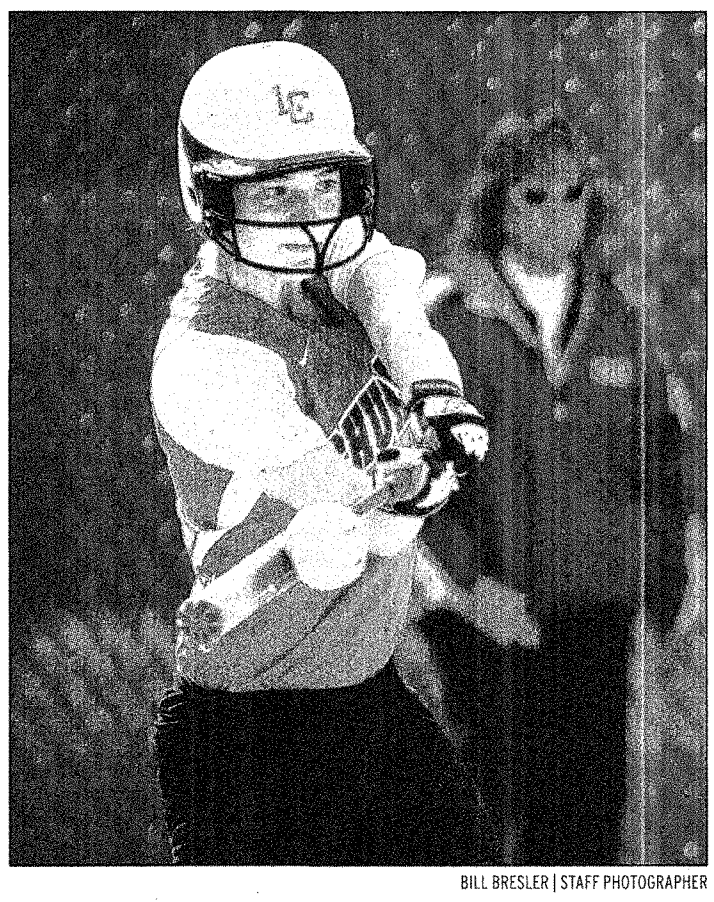

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Churchill's Casey Bias rips a triple during this at-bat in Friday's 7-6 victory over Salem.

BASEBALL

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Puckett in the top of the first when senior shortstop Mike Gansser tripled — the first of his two three-baggers — and scored one batter later on Steve Pelletier's long sacrifice fly.

The Warriors countered with a run in the bottom of the first off MU sophomore southpaw Erik Wright when Taylor Hoisington delivered a sac fly, plating Brandon Paletta.

MU jumped in front, 3-1, in the second thanks to clutch two-out RBI singles from Alex Charles and Jeff Bultinck, however, the Crusaders didn't register another hit against Puckett until Charles ripped a single with out in the seventh.

"Puckett did a good job of getting his off-speed stuff over the plate," Haeger said. "At any level of baseball, if you can get two pitches over the plate, you're going to be tough to hit; round ball, round bat, it's not easy. He deserved to win. He did a nice job."

Tech tallied single runs in the second and third against Wright, who was within a pitch or two of escaping both innings unscathed. Charles made the defensive play of the game in the third when he went horizontal to rob Hoisington of a single.

Tech's Wes Smith — who was 8-for-8 over the final two games of the tourney — led off the bottom of the sixth with a double. Paul McIntosh then battled back from an 0-2 count to draw a walk and Travis Schuba replaced the pitcher.

MU appeared to have escaped the jam when the next batter, Riley Muhlenkamp, lined into a double-play to second baseman Bultinck, however, a walk, two singles and a three-run homer later, Tech owned an 8-3 lead that it would never relinquish.

The Crusaders made things interesting late when Brad Lineberry blasted a three-run home run in the top of the eighth to bring his team to within 10-6, however, Tech scored two more runs in the eighth to seal the deal.

Wright, who yielded eight hits and four earned runs in five-plus innings, took the loss.

Puckett scattered six hits and three walks in 7.1 innings to earn the victory.

Lineberry, Gansser, Charles and Matt Kay paced MU's 10-hit attack with two safeties each.

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SOFTBALL

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In the loser's bracket Friday, MU eliminated Indiana Tech in five innings, 10-2, as Barley went 3-for-4 with three RBI. Erin Mayes also knocked in two runs, while Amber Rafko added two RBI.

Hallie Minch (19-4) scattered eight hits to pick up the win.

Indiana Tech, the second seed, bowed out with a 38-16 record.

2-0 tourney start

On Thursday, the third-seeded Crusaders improved to 37-10 overall with victories over Concordia University (6-3) and No. 2 seed Indiana Tech (8-2) at Flannery Field.

Tara LaMilza's 3-run homer and Caitlyn Keuvelaar 2-run blast keyed the victory over Indiana Tech (35-15).

Jackie Barley and Erin Mayes each added two hits in the victory.

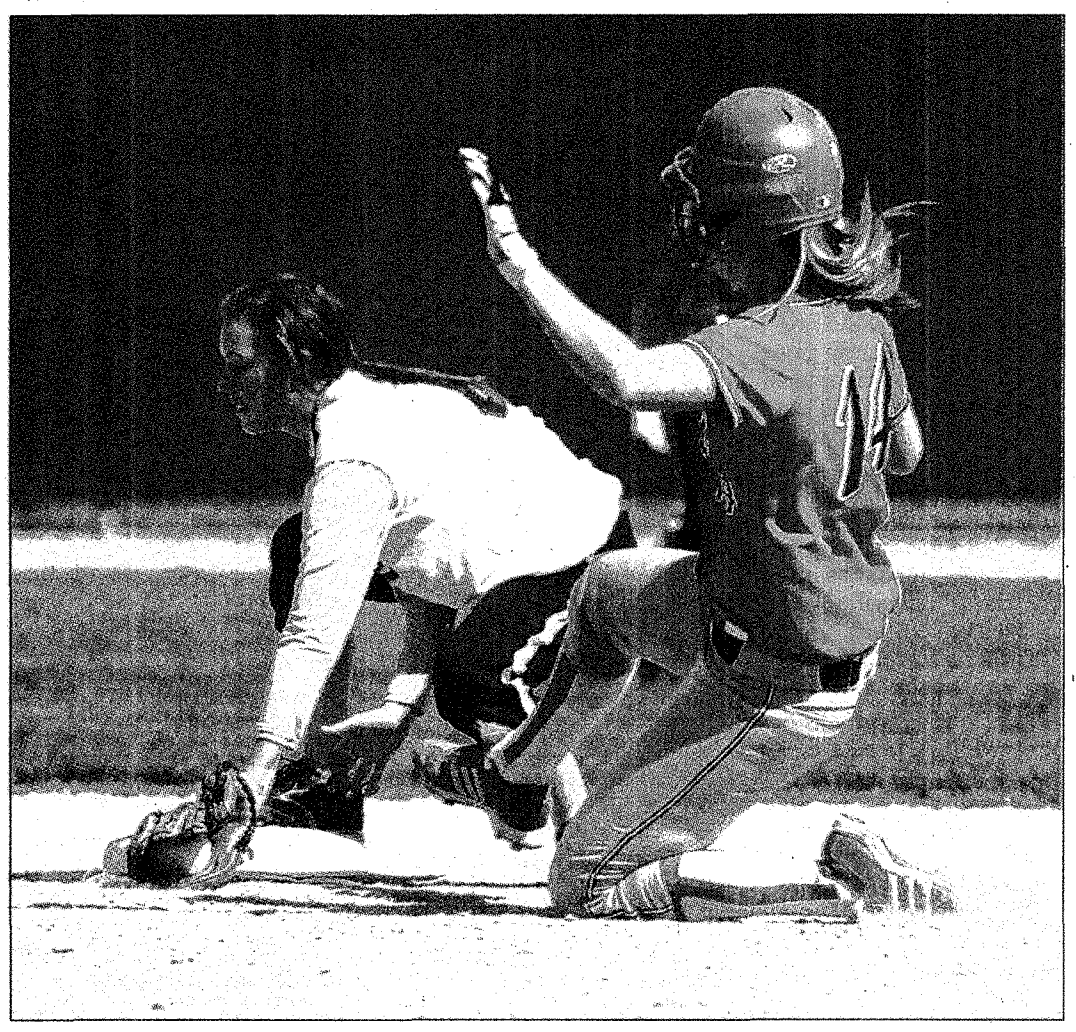
Winning pitcher Jess Irwin scattered three hits and struck out eight in recording her 19th win of the season.

In the first game, MU rallied from a 3-1 fifth-inning deficit to beat sixth-seeded Concordia thanks to Kelly Lesko's first career homer, a 2-run shot, in the top of the fifth inning.

Hallie Minch (Garden City) added a 2-run single to help secure the victory over the upset-minded 7-30 Cardinals.

Keuvelaar added an RBI double in the sixth, while Arielle Cox also collected two hits in the win.

Irwin, who came on in relief of Minch in the fourth inning, worked around a two-out single in the seventh and allowed just three total base runners over the final three innings for the win.



Wayne's Alyssa Florn (left) tags out John Glenn base runner Lexie Lester (14) during Wednesday's double-header.

Splitsville

Rivals Glenn, Wayne each earn victory in twinbill

KLAA SOFTBALL

It was a rivalry test Wednesday as host Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial divided a KLAA South Division girls softball double-header.

Glenn captured the opener in nine innings, 2-1, as winning pitcher Lexie Lester scattered seven hits. The freshman struck out nine and did not allow a walk. She also collected two hits, including a double.

Nicole Quaine added two hits along with Sam Fox and Arika Agnew.

Quaine and Kailey Vowles each had an RBI.

Losing pitcher Nicole Odom scattered 10 hits, struck out 10 and did not allow a walk. She also went 3-for-4, while Julia Johnson doubled twice and Megan Macek added two hits.

Odom got the victory in the nightcap as Wayne pulled out a 9-7 victory. The junior scattered seven hits, struck out three and walked two.

Lester, meanwhile, allowed eight hits, walked two and fanned eight in taking the loss.

Quaine went 3-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Brandi Holbrook added an RBI sacrifice fly and contributed a sacrifice bunt.

Kayley Porta and Odom each went 3-for-4 for Wayne, while Johnson added two more doubles.

"We had seven errors in this game and did not play to our potential," said Glenn co-coach Elisabeth Tyzo, whose team is 5-9 overall and 1-3 in the KLAA's South Division.

Wayne is 3-10 overall and 1-5 in the KLAA South.

NOVI 8, FRANKLIN 5: Jessica Emery, Mariah Barcus and Nicole Williamson each collected two hits and knocked in a run, but it wasn't enough Friday as the host Wildcats (3-5) held off a late rally by Livonia Franklin (8-6).

Franklin trailed 8-0 until the top of the seventh, then scored five times but it wasn't enough. Maggie Leins had a 2-run single during the surge.

"We had opportunities to score in every inning, but could not get the key hit until the last inning," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Despite the loss, I was pleased that offensive we hit the ball hard."

Winning pitcher Rebecca Richter scattered 10 hits over seven innings.

Franklin starter Tiffany Lamble (6-4), who gave up four runs on six hits in three innings, took the loss.

SOUTH LYON 7, JOHN GLENN 0: In a Kensington Conference crossover Friday, the host Lions (11-2) stopped Westland John Glenn (5-10).

Samantha Fox went 3-for-3, including a double, in a losing cause.

Kailey Vowles and losing pitcher Lexie Lester had the other Glenn hits.

Lester allowed all seven runs, but only one was earned on just four hits. She struck out six and did not allow a walk.

CHURCHILL 1-2, FRANKLIN 0-7: In a KLAA South Division double-header Wednesday, host Livonia Churchill (9-5. 3-3) and Livonia Franklin (8-5, 3-3) settled for a split.

Churchill won the opener, 1-0, as Natalie Hiser pitched a one-hitter. The senior left-hander, who struck out four and walked five, flirted with a no-hitter until one-out in the seventh when senior Audrey Geraghty singled.

Churchill got its lone run in the top of the sixth on a lead-off triple by Rachel Jason followed by Jackie Tolles' RBI groundout.

Losing pitcher Tiffany Lamble gave up five hits and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"We looked back to the first inning when Hiser walked three batters with one out and we could not get the key hit," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "Both teams played great defense. Our infield had nine assists."

In the nightcap, Katelyn Devers and Maggie Leins each went 3-for-4 as the Patriots bounced back for a 7-2 victory.

Lamble, the winning pitcher, improved to 6-3 by scattering six hits and one walk. She also collected two hits and a RBI.

Mackenzie Lukas added two hits, while senior Mariah Barcus delivered a key 2-run double in the sixth.

Losing pitcher Abbey Jewell gave up 13 hits and walked two in going the distance.

STEVENSON 6-3, SALEM 4-4: In KLAA Central Division twinbill Wednesday, Livonia Stevenson (7-5, 2-2) and the host Rocks (2-4, 2-2) settled for a split.

Allie Koestering tripled twice and knocked in three runs as Stevenson took the opener, 6-4.

Ashley Avery also added two hits and two RBI in the victory, while pitcher Jackie Johnson scattered eight hits and struck out five in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Heidi Schmidt and Kelly Janiczek each went 3-for-4 in the loss. Alexis Powell went 2-for-3, including a homer and three RBI.

"I thought that both teams played exceptional today both offensively and defensively," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "The team that was able to make the big stop defensively was the one that ended up winning each game. We played tough defense, in the first game, and were able to prevent them from getting the big hit with runners in scoring position."

Salem, however, won the nightcap, 4-3, despite being out-hit 11-6.

Lexi Zink was the winning pitcher, while Stevenson's Morgan Copperstone, who gave up four earned runs on six hits, took the loss.

Sarah Fier went 3-for-4, while Avery added two hits, including a double, for the Spartans.

"We felt the frustration, in which Salem felt earlier, during the second game as we were not able to take advantage of runners in scoring position," Witherspoon said.

Liggett ace Daar two-hits Warriors

PREP BASEBALL

Top-ranked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett got a two-hitter Wednesday from junior pitcher Alex Daar and the host Knights ended Lutheran High Westland's 14-game win streak in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 3-0 victory.

Daar struck out 13 and walked only two as Liggett improved to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the MIAC's Blue Division.

The Knights were led offensively by sophomore Kevin Allen, who went 3-for-3, including a double. Sophomore Conner Fannon also homered and tripled in the victory.

Jake Andrzejewski doubled and Kent Krzyske singled for Lutheran Westland's lone hits.

Andrzejewski, the losing pitcher, gave up eight hits, including a pair of solo homer. He struck out three and walked one in six innings.

"We can't be too disappointed defensively," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team fell 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the MIAC Blue. "We pitched well and played solid defense with the exception of the one error, but if you can't hit it is going to be very difficult to win.

"We stranded two guys on second in scoring position and had a guy thrown out at the plate on a bang-bang play. We showed we could compete with the number one team in the state. If we can get our bats going, we will be alright."

WAYNE 9, CLARENCEVILLE 6: On Thursday, Shane Wilson went 2-for-4 and scored twice as host Wayne Memorial (7-7) turned back Livonia Clarenceville (5-3) in a non-league game.

Jordan Lowry also contributed an RBI double as Wayne jumped out to a 6-1 lead after three innings and chased Clarenceville starter Damien Quarles, who gave up six runs (four earned) on four hits and two walks.

Zach Lankton pitched the first 4.1 innings to earn the victory. Brandon Harnos worked the final 2.2 to pick up the save.

Clarenceville's top hitters included Ben Gehan (two RBI), Damien Sanchez (2-for-3, stolen base) and Matt Kurdziel (RBI).

LUTH. WESTLAND 12, OAK. CHRISTIAN 2: Mitch Boehm, Nick Flanery and Thomas Handschumacher each collected two hits as Lutheran High Westland (3-2, 2-1) cruised to a MIAC Blue Division triumph Thursday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (2-4, 0-3).

Jeremy Kohtz knocked in two runs, while Hanschumacher and winning pitcher Taurrek Fikes each added one RBI.

In five innings, Fikes did not allow a hit, walked seven and struck out 13.

"We are happy with the win but we need to start hitting more consistently if we are going to be able to stay in games," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Our timing is off due to the lack of live game pitching and we need to figure it out quickly. Once we do that, we will settle in nicely. Pitching is also going to be a concern with so many games backed up next week. We need to start hitting and allow our starters to rest a bit and let the bullpen get in there and finish out games to help save some arms, so we've got some work to do the next few days that is for sure."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 9
Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Harrison at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
S'field Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12
Wayne at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Roeper at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Wayne at Garden City (2), 4 p.m.
Summit at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Annapolis at Clarenceville (2), 10 a.m.
Lakeland Invitational, TBA.
(Carleton Airport Invitational)
Churchill vs. Carleton Airport, 10 a.m.
Churchill vs. Blissfield, 12:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Taylor Kennedy, 3 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 9
Novi at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Wayne at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Groves at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Churchill at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Redford Union (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Swartz Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 10 a.m.
Charlotte Invitational, TBA.
Lakeland Invitational, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 9
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Taylor Baptist at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at S.H. Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth (CEP), 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Kensington Wds. at Luth. Westland, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Country Day, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Lutheran North at Ladywood, 12:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, May 10
Canton at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.
Churchill at Wayne, 3:45 p.m.
Novi at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 4 p.m.
MIAC Jamboree No. 2
at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
KLAA Kensington Conference Meet
at Churchill, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
River Rat Inv. at A.A. Huron, 9 a.m.
Warrior Inv. at Luth. Westland, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, May 10
Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Ladywood at A.A. Gab. Richard, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Clarenceville at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Kensington Conference Tourney
at Plymouth High School, 9 a.m.
Catholic League Tournament
at Marian, Sacred Heart, TBA.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, May 9
Churchill vs. Plymouth
at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. John Glenn
at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Novi
at Cattails G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Wayne vs. Canton
at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Huron Valley at Inter-City, TBA.
Wednesday, May 11
Churchill vs. Wayne
at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon
at Downing Farms, 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth
at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Churchill vs. Wayne
at Gateway G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Birm. Roeper
at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Bedford Inv. at Legacy G.C., 9 a.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, May 9
A.A. Gab. Richard at Ladywood, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Catholic League semifinals, TBA.
Saturday, May 14
Catholic League finals, TBA.
TBA – time to be announced.

Mercy deals Ladywood first defeat

Livonia Ladywood suffered its first softball defeat of the season Thursday as Farmington Hills Mercy earned a split of a double-header.

Ladywood, now 19-1 overall and 7-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division, took the opener 2-1 as junior Briana Combs earned the pitching victory over Mercy ace Kacy Nieto.

In the nightcap, Mercy turned the tables by the same 2-1 count as Nieto got the win and Combs took the loss.

WAYNE 4, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Nicole Odom pitched a four-hit shutout Thursday as host Wayne Memorial (4-10) doused Livonia Clarenceville (4-5).

Odom had great control, allowing no walks while striking out 10. She also starred at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Megan Macek added two hits, while Shelby Hooper scored a pair of runs. Clarenceville pitcher Kiana Smith, making her first varsity start, allowed eight hits, walked four and struck out three in six innings of work.

Smith and Reba Bibik had the lone hits for the Trojans.

LADYWOOD 5-7, REGINA 0-2: Livonia Ladywood (18-0, 6-0) continued its winning ways Wednesday with a double-header sweep over host Warren Regina (3-5 Catholic League Central Division).

Junior right-hander Briana Combs pitched a two-hit shutout in the opener. She struck out seven and did not allow a walk in the 5-0 win.

Alyssa Kashat collected three of the Blazers' 12 total hits, including a double. Combs also added two hits, while Andrea Gietl delivered a key two-run double.

In the nightcap, Carli SanMillan continued to stay hot by collected three of the Blazers' 10 hits. Freshman Lauren Hayes and Combs added two hits apiece in a 7-2 victory.

Combs pitched five perfect innings, striking out 10 and allowing no hits and no walks to pick up the victory. Hayes finished up in relief.

Blazers, Mercy settle for 1-1 tie

GIRLS SOCCER

Livonia Ladywood couldn't hold a 1-0 halftime lead Friday night as host Farmington Hills Mercy scored with only seven minutes remaining to earn a 1-1 Catholic League girls soccer deadlock.

Kristen Padalis finished off a rebound off a long ball from teammate Macenzie Williams to give the Marlins the tie.

Ladywood, now 9-1-5 overall and 4-1-4 in the Catholic League, got a goal in the 32nd minute on a 20-yard shot from Kelly Capoccia off an assist from Morgan Chops.

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed made five saves, while Monica Mackie had seven stops for Mercy (4-3-4, 3-2-2).

The Blazers played without standout forward Paige Brennan (knee injury).

"It looked like an uninspired effort across the board by us," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team needs a win or tie Tuesday at home against Mercy to clinch second place and a berth in the Catholic League playoffs. "We just never got into any kind of rhythm. A full weekend off to rejuvenate ourselves and get healthy is probably what we need."

JOHN GLENN 2, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Marissa Edwards and Jenna Williams accounted for all the scoring Friday as host Westland John Glenn (5-6) downed Livonia Clarenceville (4-6).

Cecilia Said also drew an assist for the Rockets, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Emily Hinkle got the shutout in goal for Glenn, while Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz made 16 saves for the Trojans.

N. FARMINGTON 2, STEVENSON 0: Morgan Moffitt's scored twice Friday as host North Farmington (7-4-3) downed Livonia Stevenson (3-5-2) in a non-conference encounter.

The Spartans got outstanding play in the midfield from Alexi Kliza and Carlin O'Malley, according to coach Chris Grodzicki.

Lauren VandenBossche made three saves to post the shutout in goal for North.

LADYWOOD 2, REGINA 1: Shelby Walsh tallied a rebound goal with just 10 minutes remaining Thursday to give host Livonia Ladywood (9-1-4, 4-1-3) a Catholic League win over Warren Regina (3-5-2, 3-4-1).

Walsh finished off a shot taken initially by Domenique Sarnecky, who got credit for the assist.

Sarnecky scored on a header during the third minute of the opening half off a cross from Becky Babon, but Regina's Caitlin McGillis answered with a free kick from 20 yards out just two minutes later.

Taylor Marchin made 14 saves for the Saddlelites, while Maddie Reed had four stops for Ladywood.

"We are pleased with the result," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We expected a bit of a letdown coming off the Marian game.

"It's always tough for us to score against Regina. They are organized in the back and their keeper is solid."

CLARENCEVILLE 3, HAMTRAMCK 0: Sophomore Ashley Murphy scored two unassisted second-half goals Thursday as host Livonia Clarenceville (4-5) blanked the Cosmos.

Kayla Zawol tallied what proved to be the game-winning goal for the Trojans in the 25th minute off a corner kick from Sadie Zachos.

Goalkeepers Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz (first half) and Rachel Kirschweng (second half) combined for the shutout.

Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody also singled out the play of freshman stopper Grace King and senior defender Jenny Cruz.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5
WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 4
May 5 at Lakeland

No. 1 singles: Paige Fallu (LC) defeated Heather Horne, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; **No. 2:** Lindsey Dehnbostel (L) def. Nicole Kruse, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 3:** Maryssa Herbert (L) def. Ani Cooper, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Mara Kargoezian (LC) def. Linnea Kynast, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Quincy Banini-Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Danielle Mathaison-Taylor Sims, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Cheryl Craig Lindsey Lingnau (L) def. Jayde Schulz-Kristi Fata, 4-7, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0; **No. 3:** Maria Paul-Becky Snyder (LC) def. Katrina Antonishek-Lindsay Henderson, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Taylor Staffileno-Sydney Sinclair (L) def. Rujuta Patil-Pankti Thaker, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 5:** Allison Linder-Claire Rose (LC) def. Catherine Strauss-Carly Anderson, 7-5, 6-1.

Dual match records: Churchill, 10-3 overall; Lakeland, 4-2 overall.

HARTLAND 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 4
May 5 at Hartland

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Abby Haughie, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Rachel Byron (H) def. Laura Gumpper, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Kaitlin Ratliff (H) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Swan Germaine (H) def. Melissa Martinez, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Allison Beaver-Caitlin Distelrath (H) def. Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann (LS) def. Lexie Hayes-Alex Piper, 0-6, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault (LS) def. Mattie Rausch-Catie Helm, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano (LS) def. Elle Cook-Justine Mixter, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 5:** Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS) def. Justin Mixter-Kelly Shanahan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Dual match records: Hartland, 5-3 overall; Stevenson, 4-7 overall.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 5
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 4
May 5 at W.L. Northern

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) def. Corie Leonard, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jenny Pagador (LF) def. Katie Thiwaite, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Madison Morton (WLN) def. Natallie Mays, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 4:** Kelsey Sitarski (LF) def. Brianne Recker, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Marissa Moore-Allie Kazonowski (WLN) def. Sarah Noffze-Jackie Horsell, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Leena Herrerias-Morgan Greenberg (WLN) def. Bria Tiller-Brittany Borregard, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 3:** Alexis Carlson-Natalie Hite (WLN) def. Sarah Gadzinski-Nicole Jarecki, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; **No. 4:** Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko (LF) def. Elizabeth Harte-Karlie Fahlman, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 (9-7); **No. 5:** Brenna Powers-Emily Crawford (WLN) def. Renee Kozakowski-Laura Corp, 6-2, 6-3.

Dual match records: W.L. Northern, 3-5 overall; Franklin, 3-7 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 7
WATERFORD MOTT 2
May 5 at Mott

No. 1 singles: Sabrina Lawrence (WJG) defeated Melissa Henderson, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Latina Yacks (WJG) def. Stephanie Vue, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Sarah Aulidge (WJG) def. Chandler Reiche, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; **No. 4:** Rachael Northey (WM) def. Juanita Varmah, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Desiree Clenney-Shannon McFadden (WJG) def. Ali Belsky-Elizabeth Kue, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Alexa George-Haley Klein (WM) def. Khadyah McCloud-Kyra Moorehead, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); **No. 3:** Rachael Aiholinna-Montana Graszak (WJG) def. Savannah Lisky-Makenzie Sova, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Shain Jones-Natasha Hawkins (WJG) def. Seanna Kryzaniak-Hannah Klein, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Eunice Onadia-Alyssa Napier (WJG) def. Taylor Mobey-Katelyn Pender, 6-1, 6-1.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 5-5 overall; Mott, 1-5 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5
BRIGHTON 4
May 3 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Paige Fallu (LC) defeated Taylor Parrish, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Lia Mancuso, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ani Cooper (LC) def. Rachel Ranses, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 4:** Mara Karagoezian (LC) def. Kate McClure, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Quincy Banini-Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Mary Wojtala-Lexie Willey, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shannon Urban-Aubry Russell (B) def. Jayde Schulz-Kristi Fata, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 3:** McKenna Russell-Rylie Haupt (B) def. Maria Paul-Becky Snyder, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 4:** Alyssa Pratt-Mackenzie Struenkel (B) def. Rujuta Patil-Pankti Thaker, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 5:** Sydney Wisniewski-Julie Hamlin (B) def. Allison Linder-Claire Rose, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Dual match records: Churchill, 6-1 overall; Brighton, 7-3 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 9
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 1
May 3 at W.L. Northern

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Corie Leonard, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Katie Thwaite, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Ashley Benvenuti (LS) def. Jessica Kilmer, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Melissa Martinez (LS) def. Madison Morton, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Marissa Moore-Allie Kazonowski, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann (LS) def. Morgan Greenberg-Leena Herrerias, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault (LS) def. Alexis Carlson-Natalie Hite, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano (LS) def. Elizabeth Harte-Karlie Fahlman, 6-1, 7-5; **No. 5:** Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS) def. Torie Ewald-Sonoma Patel, 6-4, 6-2.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 4-6 overall; W.L. Northern, 2-5 overall.

HARTLAND 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
May 3 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Angelica Woods (LF) defeated Abby Haughie, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Rachel Byron (H) def. Carolyn McCullen, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kaitlyn Ratliff (H) def. Kelsey Sitarski, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Swan Germaine (H) def. Natallie Mays, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Allison Beaver-Caitlin Distelrath (H) def. Laura Corp-Sarah Gadzinski, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Laura Seifert-Lexie Hayes (H) def. Nicole Jarecki-Brittany Borregard, 6-0, 6-3; **No. 3:** Mattie Raush-Caitie Helm (H) def. Renee Kozakowski-Bria Tiller, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 4:** Brianna Conway-Elle Cook (H) def. Jamie Buchanczenko-Kayla Buchanczenko, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; **No. 5:** Justin Mixter-Alex Piper (H) def. Amanda Lyon-Katelyn Herrin, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Hartland, 4-3 overall; Franklin, 3-6 overall.

BRIGHTON 7
LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
May 2 at Brighton

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Taylor Parish, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Maddie Heatley, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Rachel Raneses (B) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Kate McClure (B) def. Melissa Martinez, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Mary Wojtala-Lexie Willey (B) def. Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 2:** Shannon Urban-Aubrey Russell (B) def. Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; **No. 3:** McKenna Russell-Rylie Haupt (B) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arnsenault, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 4:** Alyssa Pratt-Mackenzie Stuenkel (B) def. Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 5:** Sydney Wisniewski-Julie Hamlin (B) def. Caroline Hay-Laura Shureb, 6-0, 6-4.

Dual match records: Brighton, 7-2 overall; Stevenson, 3-6 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7
SOUTH LYON 2
April 29 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Sophie Welch, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Laura Gumpper (LS) def. Brittany Johnston, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Katie Karrick (SL) def. Melissa Martinez, 4-5 (retired); **No. 4:** Yuki Roy (SL) def. Shelby Seay, 7-6, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Lexie Ranski-Kathryn Malkowski (LS) def. Jenny Quang-Nicole Fergusson, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruetimann (LS) def. Kaitlin Richter-Katelyn Osterdale, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault (LS) def. Vivianne Larsson-Katheen Wong, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Laura Shureb-Melina Canzano (LS) def. Ashley Osterdale-Jessica Price, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Jenny Cami-Caroline Hay (LS) def. Ellen Jarrell-Sami Leonardo, 6-2, 6-3.

Dual match records: Stevenson 3-5 overall, 2-3 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-5 overall, 0-5 KLAA Central.

CHARGERS

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space and centrally got through. Tonight was a wonderful game to watch because we had every single girl supporting and they all played well."

The Chargers also held Canton's dangerous scoring threat Ally Krause in check.

"We had a game plan for her," Hebestreit said. "Their game plan was trying to play into her and get the ball over our heads. Things got a little hairy at the end. They (Canton) put the ball into the box and hit a post."

The loss drops state-ranked Canton to 5-3-1 overall and 5-1 in the KLAA South.

JOHN GLENN 2, WAYNE 1: Ashley Sportsman tallied two goals, including an unassisted game-winner with less than 10 minutes remaining, to give Westland John Glenn (4-6, 2-4) a KLAA South Division win over host Wayne Memorial (1-9, 0-6).

Amber Parrish scored for the Zebras in the opening half off an assist from Anne Marie Temmen, but Sportsman answered from Lexi Gagleard to make it 1-all at halftime.

Glenn goalkeeper Emily Hinkle made a couple of key saves to preserve the victory, while Nicole Johnson was in goal for Wayne.

Freshman sweeper Elise Penhollow also stood out in goal for the Rockets, who were coming off a 6-0 setback Tuesday at Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 0: Mackenzie Hengesh scored twice Thursday as the host Wildcats (4-2-3, 3-1-2) turned back Livonia Franklin (3-6-1, 2-3-1) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

On Tuesday, Ally Krause scored three times as Canton downed the Patriots, 8-0.

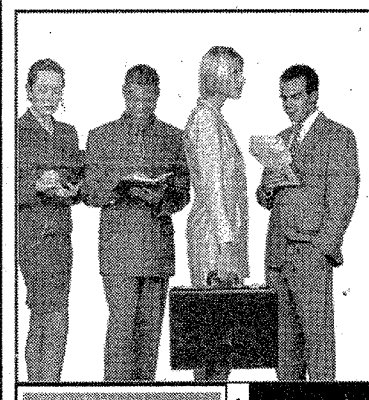
Franklin trailed 3-0 through 60 minutes before the Chiefs scored five times to invoke the eight-goal mercy rule.

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 0: On Wednesday, Emily Barfus and Emma Tardiff scored five minutes apart to give the host Rocks (5-4-2, 3-2-1) a KLAA Central Division triumph over (3-4-2, 1-3-2).

Barfus intercepted a pass on the Stevenson backline with three minutes to play in the first half, while Tardiff headed in a cross just two minutes into the second half.

"Salem was all over us for most of the game," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "Our legs looked tired, and our focus was lacking. Our performance today was not where it needed to be. I think we showed our youth today. It's a fact that we are a young and inexperienced team. But we cannot use that as an excuse. We have to keep working to improve every day. Today we did not show that."

STEVENSON 0, SOUTH LYON 0: In a KLAA Central match Monday, host Livonia Stevenson (3-3-2, 1-2-2) and the Lions (2-7-3, 1-3-1) battled to a scoreless draw.



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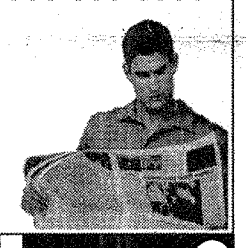

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Hospitals aim to reduce obesity with better food

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) aims to improve the nutrition of food served at hospitals throughout the state.

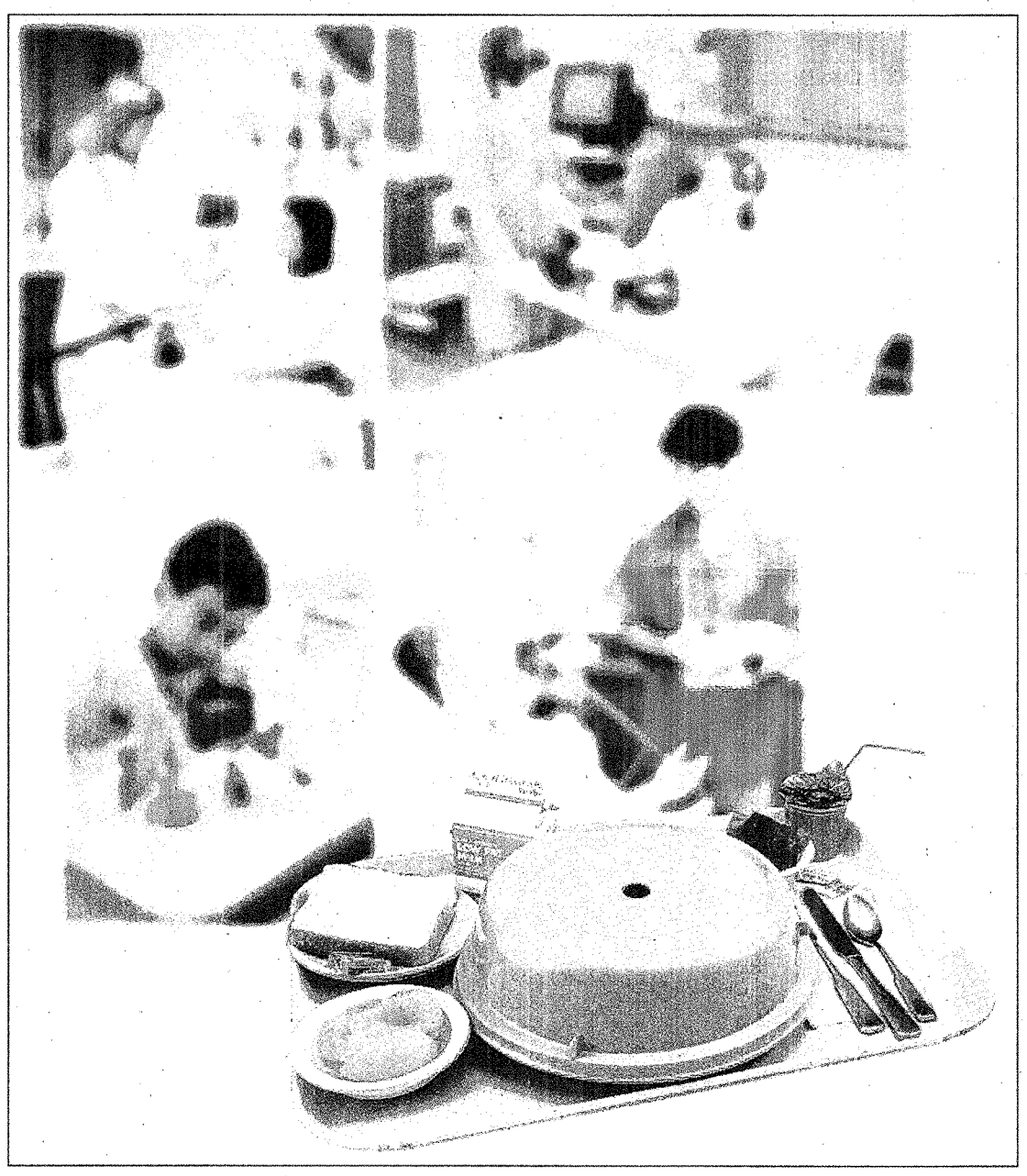
The organization launched a program last week that gives hospitals the tools to improve food served to staff, visitors and patients. It consists of four "stars" that address healthy eating and weight management. To earn stars, hospitals must improve the nutritional value of menus for food and beverages, add nutritional content labels to cafeteria and menu items, and commit to buying more Michigan grown and produced food products. The goal is to reduce obesity.

"The goals of Healthy Food Hospitals are to improve the nutritional value of food served to everyone who walks through the doors of Michigan hospitals, and help people continue to make healthier food choices after they leave the hospital," said Spencer Johnson, MHA president. "The national obesity crisis is reflected here in Michigan and there is a tremendous cost that being dangerously overweight adds to the health care system. With Healthy Food Hospitals, Michigan hospitals are demonstrating community leadership in helping people live healthier lifestyles, one of the key actions necessary to improve quality of life and reduce health care costs over generations."

More than 50 Michigan hospitals across the state signed up for the program.

Healthy Food Hospitals was created after the success of two previous MHA-launched health and wellness initiatives that resulted in 93 percent of Michigan's community hospitals voluntarily adopting smoke-free campus policies, and 89 percent of Michigan hospitals voluntarily eliminating foods containing trans fats from their cafeteria, vending machines and patient nutrition.

"Our goal is for all community hospitals in Michigan to become Healthy Food Hospitals," Johnson said. "This is another way that Michigan hospitals — as major employers and prevention and wellness advocates — can lead by example."



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Childhood obesity is among the nation's most costly and complex public health threats. Michigan is the 10th most overweight state in the country, with 29.4 percent of adults and 12.4 percent of children ages 10 to 17 obese. According to the Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan initiative, Michigan's annual medical costs associated with obesity total more than $3 billion.

The Healthy Food Hospitals program focuses on improving hospital menus for children and adults. Hospitals accomplish the first two stars when they adopt pediatric patient default menus for children ages 2 to 18 meet American Heart Association guidelines, and for serving milk without the recombinant bovine growth hormone. The third star goes to hospitals that label food nutritional content in their cafeterias. Hospitals complete the fourth star by committing to buy at least 20 percent Michigan-grown, produced and processed foods.

The Ecology Center, based in Ann Arbor, and the MHA worked together to create the four-star approach. The Healthy Food Work Group — consisting of dietitians from MHA-member hospitals — polished the campaign.

Local participating hospitals include Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Botsford Hospital in Farmington, Henry Ford Hospitals, Oakwood Hospitals, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers.

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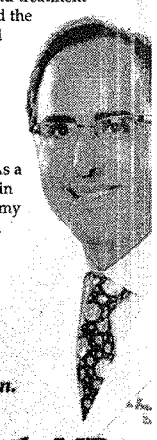
Recent advances and treatment methods have changed the way both diabetes and E.D. are now treated. With regard to E.D., some treatments offer a temporary solution; others provide a more permanent way to resolve the problem. As a urologist specializing in the treatment of E.D., my goal is to provide men with the information they need to find the solution that's most satisfying for them—and their partner!



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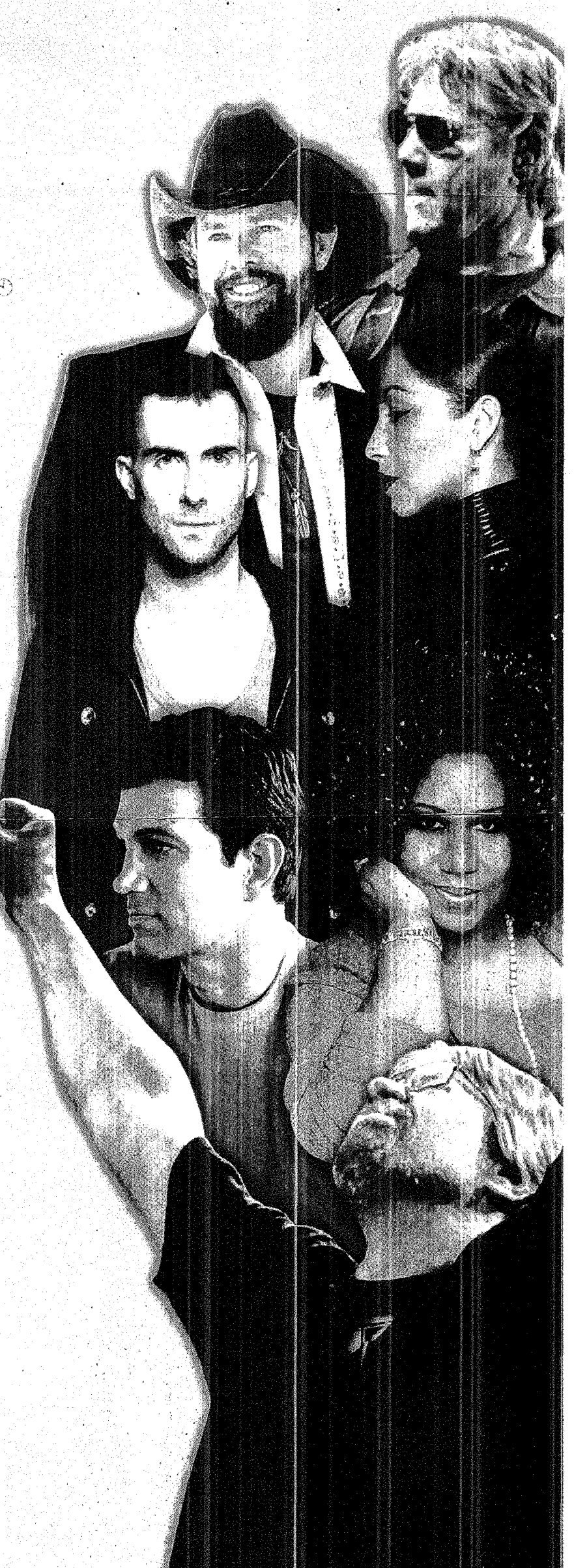

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The big 5-0

RNs talk old times, plan for nursing school reunion

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Marge Becker (left) and Marilyn Kramer will attend their 50-year nursing school reunion next weekend. They both work at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Marilyn Kramer nursed at Oakwood Hospital before starting her career at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Marge Becker at the start of her 50-year nursing career.

Back in the day, Marilyn Kramer deciphered doctors' handwritten orders, administered breathing treatments and sharpened injection needles.

Marge Becker made infant formula from scratch, scrubbed tracheal tubes by hand, and got to know her patients well because they often stayed at least a week.

"It took longer to do everything back then," said Becker, an RN who works in pre-anesthesia testing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia. "You had to sterilize everything."

Today, 50 years after the pair graduated from nursing school, physician orders are printed by computer; disposable "sharps" and tubing have become the norm and many patients leave the hospital a day or two after a surgical procedure.

"There's more responsibility, more technical care," said Kramer, an RN in the Medical Cardiology Unit at St. Mary Mercy. "We're using technical equipment and we have to know how it all works and we document everything. There is a whole lot more to everything. The whole scope of caring is more specific and there are protocols to follow.

"When I started in nursing school the basic comfort and care of the patient was not as technical as it is now."

She and Becker, along with their classmates from the Providence Hospital School of Nursing, will have plenty of time to reminisce about the old days during their 50-year reunion, May 13-15 in Southfield. The event, which coincides with National Hospital Week, includes a stop on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, where the school operated until 1975, along with a visit to Providence Hospital in Southfield.

A STRONG BOND

Both Becker and Kramer have kept in touch with many of the class of 1961's 55 graduates. Less than a dozen of them are still nursing, but they all share in a kind of sisterhood that started at Providence, where students lived in hospital dorms during their three-year training.

"What was wonderful was if you had a bad day in the hospital, you could share your woes with friends because they were probably experiencing the same thing," Kramer said. "Today, students sit in classes and go on site to the hospital and then go home to their families and no one understands what they went through.

"We lived together for three years and were like sisters. We were there all the time and we became good friends. Everyone went their own way after graduation, but when we get together, it's like old times."

Kramer worked on a "difficult" surgical floor at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn after she obtained her nursing certificate and before she moved to Charlotte near Lansing, where she assisted at a private medical practice where she did everything from getting patients ready for exams to sterilizing equipment.

By the time she took on a midnight job at St. Mary Mercy, she had married and her husband was teaching at Schoolcraft College. She quit two years later to teach the nurses aid program in Livonia schools and rejoined St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1989. In the meantime, she also raised a son and daughter.

"I was anxious to get back to regular nursing," she said, explaining why she quit teaching. "It's just something you want to do when you're a nurse. Everyday is different in nursing ... it's a challenge and it's exciting."

She's considering retirement within the next year or two and looking forward to travelling with her husband.

MOM AND SON

Becker trained in the operating room at Jennings Memorial Hospital in Detroit after her graduation. She stayed there for six years and then moved to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 1968.

"We were one building back then. I worked the emergency room for 18 years," Becker said. Now she talks with patients primarily by phone, obtaining medical history and medication dosage as they prepare for surgery. In her spare time she takes Irish dance classes.

One of her two sons is a nurse who works at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Her daughter works as a dietary aide at St. Mary Mercy.

She was surprised when her son decided to become a nurse, but also recognized that the career offers many perks.

"It's a wonderful profession. There are so many variables. You can work in different shifts and areas. You can always find a job," she said.

Kramer has worked with several women who raised families and then went to nursing school. She said mothers often do well nursing because of their caregiver roles.

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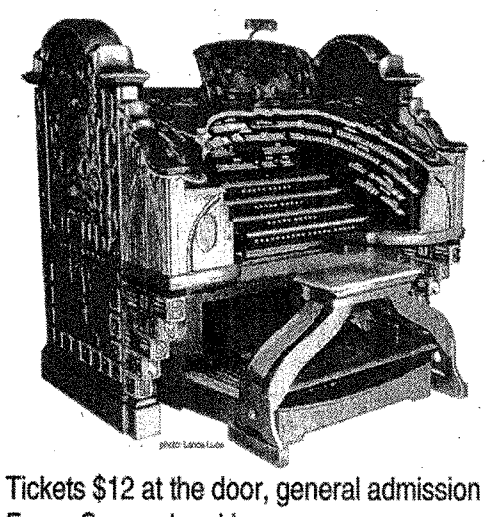

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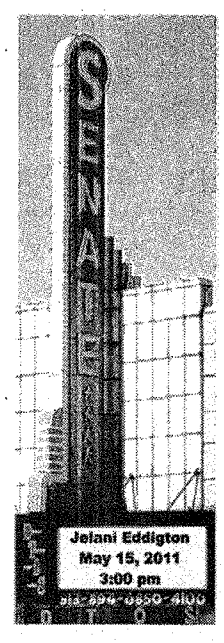

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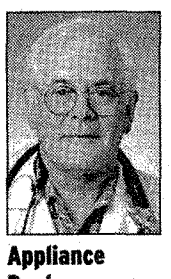
Dishwasher problem almost stumps the 'doctor'

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

When you are married to a retired school principal there is no slacking off on the job.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Around our house she figures that the Appliance Doctor can fix anything which is truly not the case, so once in a while I hire someone. She will not spend money to fix an appliance because she has me for free and I also must maintain a sense of pride.

Several months ago after she ran out of dishwasher powdered detergent purchased last year, she filed the complaints on an almost daily basis. "My glasses are coming out all foggy and they look terrible." When she started so did the readers of this column, along with the same comments coming from consumers calling my radio show. "My dishwasher does a terrible job" became a constant echo between my ears and it was time to make some inquires.

Some people went out and purchased a brand new dishwasher only to find out that was not a solution. Many individuals spent money for a service call which resulted in wasted dollars. Many homeowners changed the brand of dishwasher detergent they had been using for years to no avail. My standard answer has been, don't blame the dishwasher, and blame the detergent. The soap companies have removed the phosphates!

In our house I was under strict supervision to solve this dilemma. I was told that my tenure was under a dark cloud and my doctoring days could suffer an image black-out so I got on the case full time.

I went to my all knowing computer and folks, I want to tell you that you should not believe everything you read on the Internet.

REMEDIES

I tell my darling Valorie to try mixing a spoonful of Tang with the powdered detergent in the soap container. That doesn't work! I suggest she mix a spoonful of Kool-Aid and that doesn't work! Even with more emphasis I inform her that a spoonful of lime or lemon juice will take care of it and that doesn't work! I stop by an old friend's appliance store in Chelsea and I tell Mark Heydlauff that my marriage is about to go on the rocks and he hands me this container of a product called Lemi-Shine and guarantees it will take care of all the problems.

He was absolutely correct and now the principal's dishwasher is working just beautifully and she begun to call me by my first name again.

HELPFUL PRODUCT

There are 16 states in this country that have a ban on using phosphate in dishwasher detergent and Michigan is now one of them. That means 36 states don't seem to be overly concerned about it. This new product called Lemi-Shine has not hit the grocery store market full bore yet but your request for it might make them act in a full speed manner. I can now guarantee it will take care of the problems with wash ability in your dishwasher.

Another suggestion might be applicable if you are traveling to another state this year. I am going to North Dakota in a few days and I am stopping by a grocery store and will purchase a few boxes of powdered dishwasher detergent. These are the states that currently have banned the use of phosphates: Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. If you are going to one of the other 36 states please be careful crossing the borders. There may be border inspections to check your vehicle for illegal dishwasher detergent. Stay tuned.

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

Sunset at the Zoo tickets on sale

Sunset at the Zoo will feature a strolling supper offering tastes of signature dishes from 40 restaurants and zoo-themed martinis, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 17.

Tickets, ranging from $150-$600 are available by calling (248) 541-5717 and pressing 3 or by visiting www.detroitzoo.org/sunset.

The 21-and-over gala will be held rain or shine and will include live entertainment by Larry Lee and Back in the Day, dancing, live and silent auctions including "zoo-nique" experiences, and access to the Zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "safari chic."

The zoo will close that day at 2 p.m. in preparation for the festivities.

A benefactor party will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at the Grosse Pointe home of Lois and Gail Warden for those buying $600 benefactor tickets. A VIP reception will be held at the Zoo from 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, June 17 for those with $600 benefactor tickets and $300 patron tickets.

Golf event benefits senior services in area

The Senior Alliance is registering teams for its 11th Annual Golf Classic, Friday, July 29, at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

The Senior Alliance is a non-profit, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, that is designated to help thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Meals-on-Wheels program, the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information and assistance and many other services for senior citizens. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised from this event will go directly to senior services.

The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick-off a day filled with opportunities to win raffle prizes, and possibly the cherished "Ficano Cup" trophy. Last year's event sold out quickly. To reserve a foursome or sponsor the event, call Linda DeVore, information services manager, at (734) 727-2017.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

PLANT SHARING

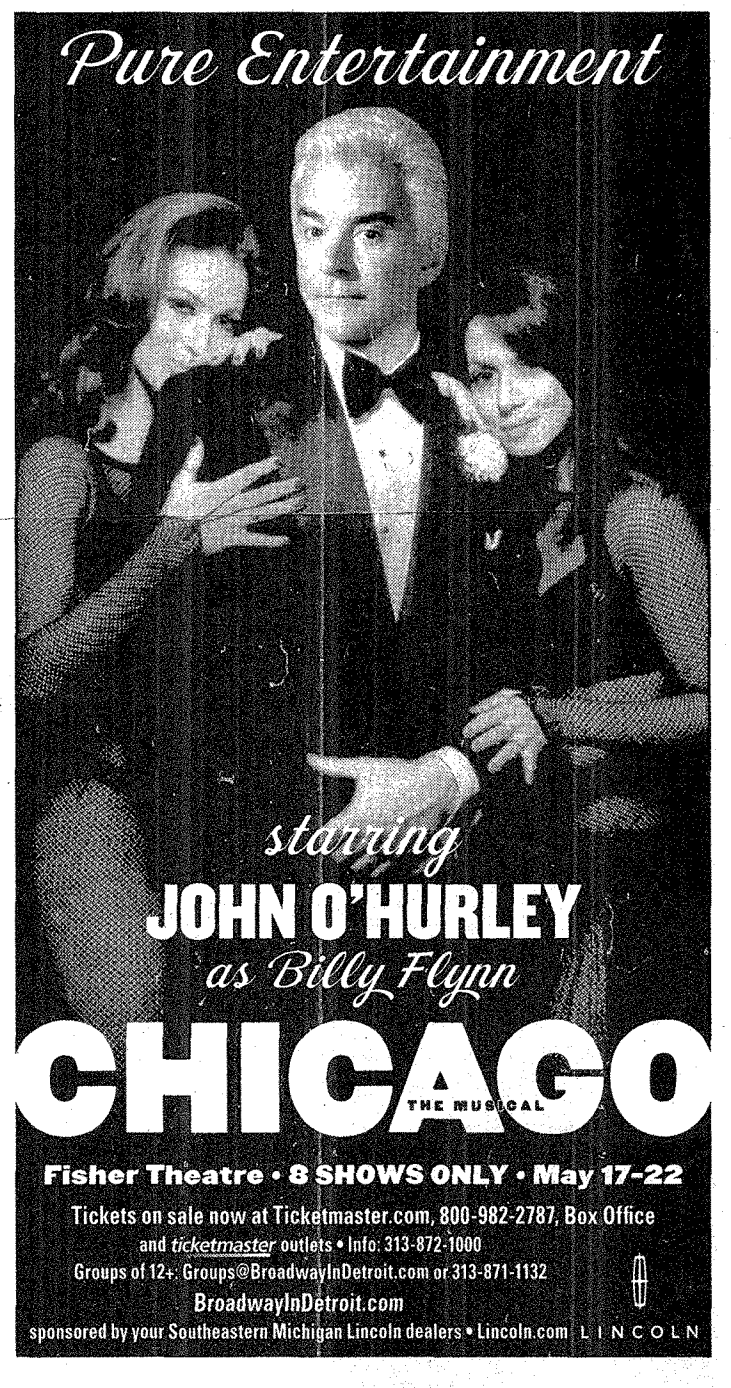
The Livonia Garden Club holds its annual Plant Sharing, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 14 at Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. The event will be held rain or shine. Questions? Call (734) 425-6880.

GARDEN WALK

The 21st annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Six gardens and a marketplace of garden art are included. Garden Walk tickets can be purchased online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org, or at these Ann Arbor locations: Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home & Garden, Nicola's Books, and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Advance tickets are $12. Tickets are available the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at $15 adult, $3 students K-12. Groups can purchase advance tickets for $10 per person; contact Irene Ball at (734) 222-0747. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens are on the Web site.

BIBLE GARDEN

Congregation Beth Ahm will dedicate its Louis and Fay Woll Memorial Bible Garden at 11 a.m. June 5, at 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The dedication and public opening will include tours of the garden. Visitors will experience a series of themes including the Garden of Eden, Abraham and Sarah's Tent, Parting of the Red Sea, and the giving of the Hebrew Bible at Mt. Sinai. The many species of plants, flowers, and trees included in the garden are identified by both their biblical references and botanical names. A visit to the Woll Memorial Bible Garden concludes at a replica of the Western Wall, the remnant of the Old Temple and one of Judaism's holiest sites, in Jerusalem. The Woll Memorial Bible Garden will be open from sunrise to sunset in the spring, summer, and fall. Guided visits can be arranged by calling (248) 851-6880 and visitors may come at their convenience for self guided tours. See the garden on the Internet at www.wollbiblegarden.org.



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ARTHRITIS IN THE SPRING
After this long Michigan winter with its unending cold and gloom, we feel the warmth and light of spring. However, spring brings a mixed message to people with arthritis.
If one has psoriatic arthritis then spring brings relief. The ultra violet rays that help clear psoriasis exert a good effect on psoriatic arthritic joints. But patients with Lupus arthritis find that the same ultraviolet light exerts an aggravating effect on the skin, joints, and kidneys. For Lupus patients, spring with its warmth and light creates a risk.
For individuals with arthritis of the knees and shoulders, spring is both a help and hazard. The return of good weather means the chance to walk and play tennis or engage in golf. But a slip or fall, playing too long or too hard bring on wear to the joints and the risk of strain to supporting tendons and ligaments.
For patients with fibromyalgia, spring is a pure blessing. Many medications are available to treat fibromyalgia, but none of them are as effective as exercise. In turn, the best exercise is walking done early in the morning. When a person with fibromyalgia exercises early he or she is giving movement to muscles before those muscles can stiffen and ache through the day.
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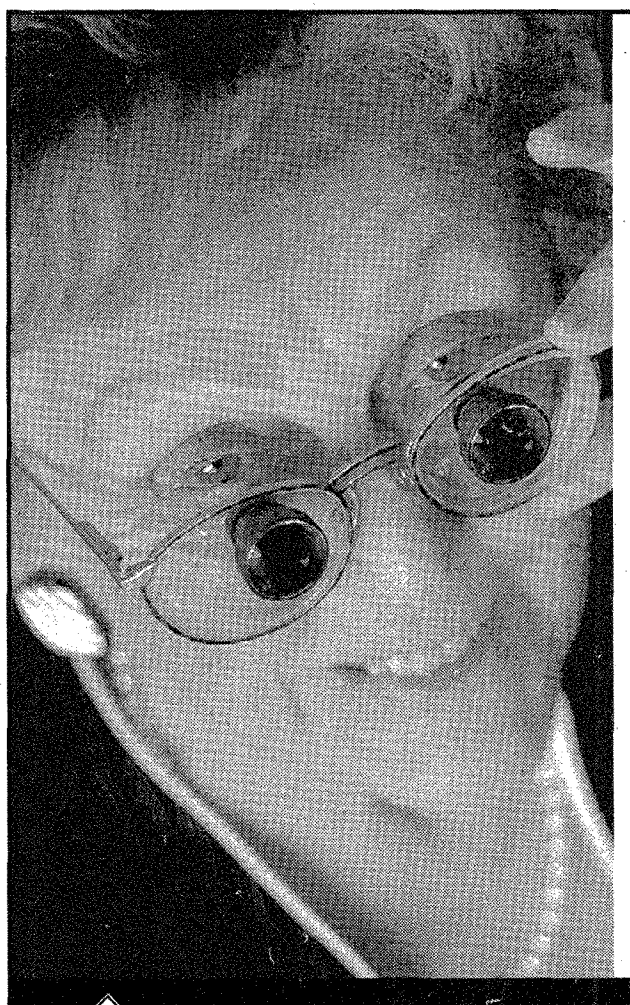
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Heron Days event combines, birds, books, clowns

See majestic great blue herons on their nests at "Heron Days," noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford.

Visitors can observe the great blue herons at the rookery through spotting scopes on the 800-foot boardwalk on Wildwing Lake. The birds are typically taking care of their young, and may be seen flying to and from their nests.

Representatives from Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy, Livingston Land Conservancy, Sierra Club, Wildernest, Friends of the Detroit River, and The Michigan Archeology Society will be on hand at the Nature Center to meet visitors and answer questions about their organizations.

An Ohio State University crew that studies Emerald Ash Borers in the Nature Area will discuss the next threat — Asian long-horned beetles. Heavner's Canoe Livery will promote its No child Left Inside programs, and photographer Ted Nelson will sell copies of his book, *Nature of Kensington.*

Rosco the Clown will keep kids laughing at the Nature Center, while gardeners browse native plants from Wildtype Nursery of Mason.

Live insects also will be on display.

For more information on Heron Days at Kensington Metropark, call the Nature Center at (800) 477-3178 or (248) 685-0603.

Mission matters

Fourteen American Association of University Women (AAUW) branches, including Plymouth/Canton, received awards for reaching out to the community with programs such as used book sales, women's wellness days, college career night presentations at high schools and equal pay day efforts. They received recognition at AAUW of Michigan's 89th Annual State Convention, held April 30-May 1, in Grand Rapids. The Plymouth/Canton branch has presented live drama to children for more than 50 years and this year organized a used dress sale for girls who couldn't afford prom or party attire. Recipients of the "Our Mission Matters" Award are Sue Hampton, representing the Escanaba chapter; (left) Lorelle Eberly, Holland; Jeanette Douglas, Romeo; Kaytee Bellows, Plymouth/Canton; Barbara Bonsignore, Rochester; Katherine Mulhaney, Grosse Pointe; Jane Wirth, Midland; Pat Vomsteeg, Dearborn; Pam Hoffman, Birmingham; Margaret Fisher, Ann Arbor; Janet Watkins, Detroit; Sally Doty State AAUW president; Mickey Edell of the State Awards Committee; and Crinela Wedel, Wyandotte-Downriver.

REUNION CALENDAR

Belleville High School
Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson
Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for $52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody
Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

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Nancy, Bob, Alex, Ashton & Magalie

In Loving Memory of
June C. Brown,
Age 88, went to be with the Lord, 9/6/10 in Clearwater, Fla. (formerly of Allen Park, MI). Proceeded in death by her husband, Gordon C. Brown. Wife, Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, words cannot express how much you are missed by: Donna Codere, Sharlene (Cy) Totten, Gayle (Curt) Harshman, Rob (Diane) and Christopher Totten, Debbie (Andy), Chelsea, Allison and Nick DeGeorge, Kristen (Matt), Calen and Brayden Smelser

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"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"
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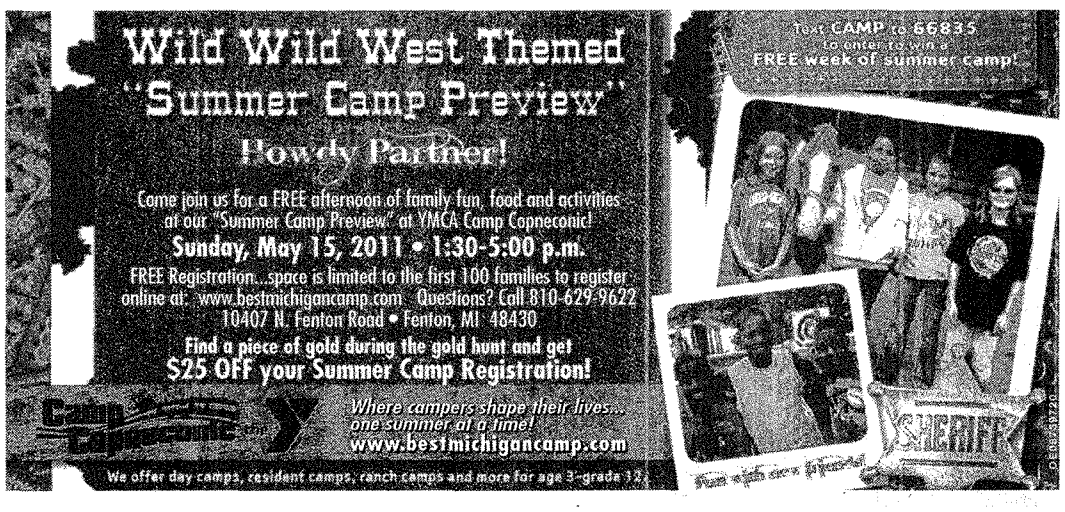
Love, Trudy, Dave, Sandy & Paul



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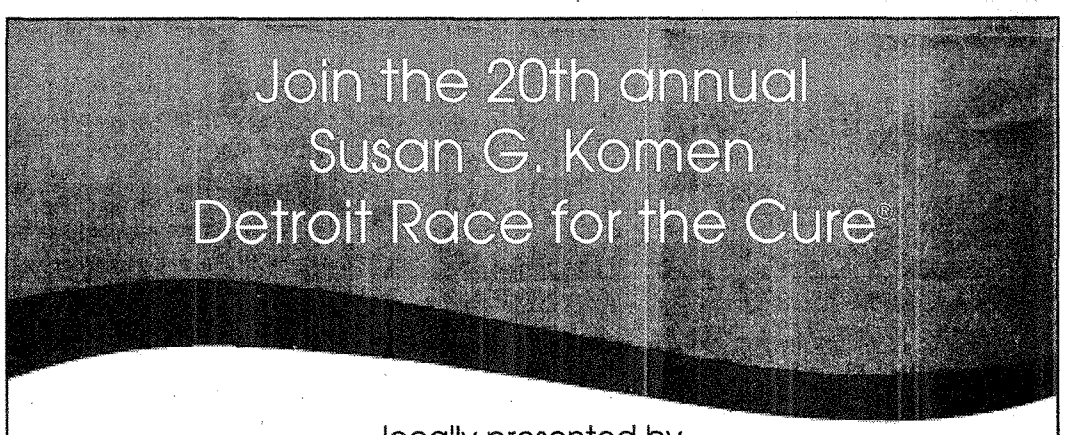

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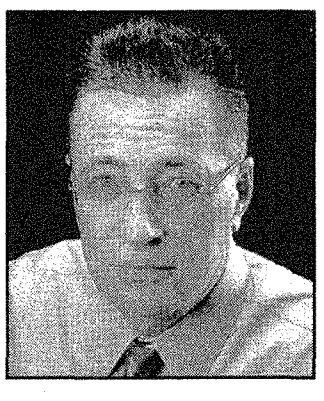
Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 years. That is the **only** type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.



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

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. If Bieske represents you, there will be **no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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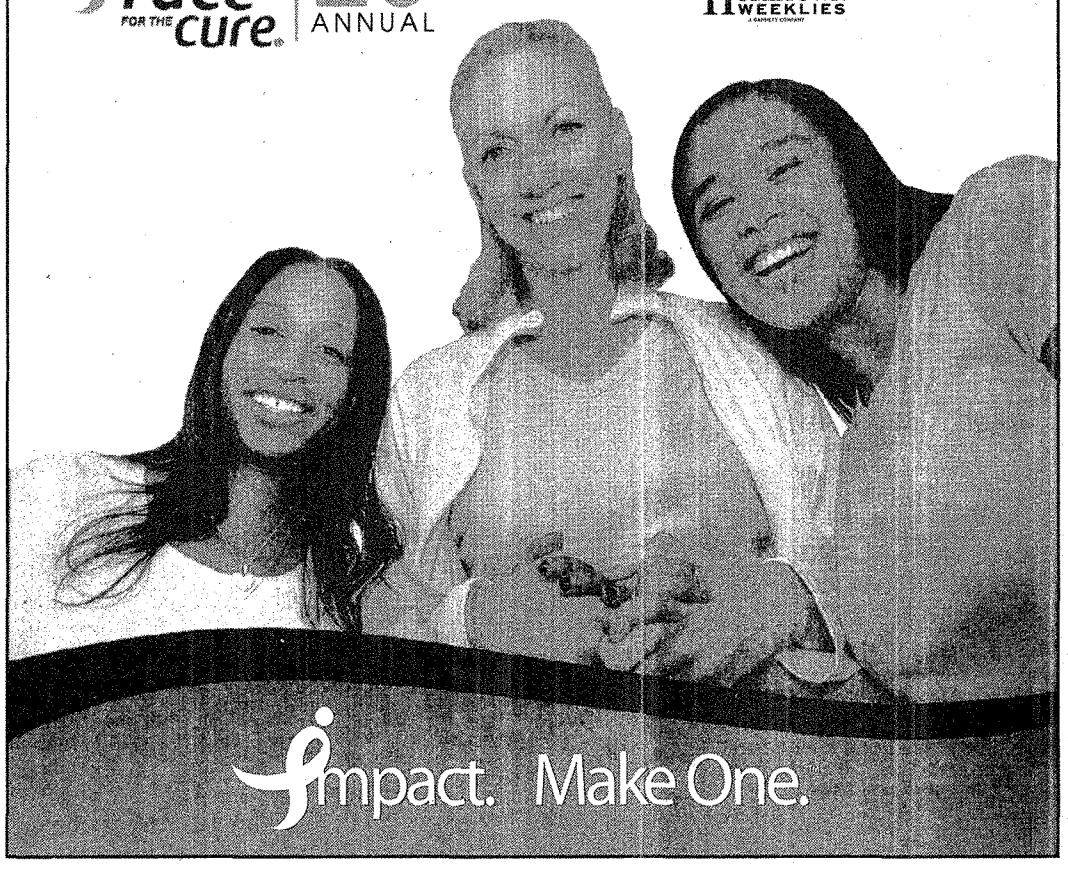


NOAH ARRIVES

Noah William Battle

Noah William Battle was born Jan. 7, 2011 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

He joins his parents, Tim and Kristen, and sibling, Samantha, 9, at home in Howell.

Proud grandparents are Bill and Janet Heiob of South Lyon and Bob and Pet Battle of Livonia.

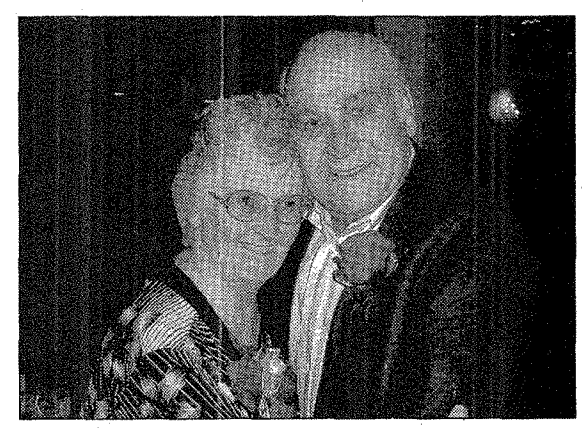
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mike Accettura and Pat (Rutledge) Accettura celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary Feb. 4 with friends and family at the Italian-American Banquet Center.

The couple met on a blind date and married in 1961 in Detroit. They raised four children — Mike (Mary) of Berkley, Tony (Julie) of Farmington Hills, AnnaRita (Jeff) Schultz of Farmington Hills, Philip of Taylor — in Redford Township, then moved to Farmington Hills approximately 18 years ago. Mike, a retired carpenter, and Pat have nine grandchildren and are avid mall walkers. They enjoy spending time with their friends who also mall walk.

Mike and Pat Accettura on their wedding day.

They also maintain a special tradition that started more than 40 years ago. Every Thursday is Spaghetti Day at their house. Mike used to make the homemade spaghetti sauce, but he has since taught Pat to make it, too. All the kids and grandkids are invited to their house on Thursdays for spaghetti dinner.



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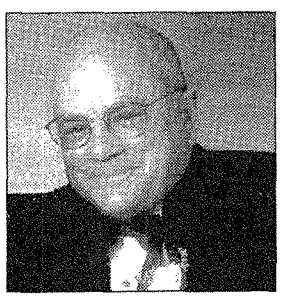

CESPINO, FRANK

May 4, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Betty. Loving father of Jennifer and Dominic (Carolyn). Dear brother of Arlene Cespino. Dear brother in-law of Kay and Ferd Wint, Jim and Peg Schmiesing, and Dwight and Mary Jo Schmiesing. Frank was born May 2, 1948 to Frank and Irene Cespino. On April 11, 1970 Frank was united in marriage to Betty Schmiesing. Frank graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master's degree in Engineering Management. Frank was a Project Manager at Ford/ Visteon until his retirement in 2005, and worked as a consultant for various automotive companies. He was active, for many years, in the Plymouth/ Canton Youth Soccer League and enjoyed golfing and traveling. Visitation Monday 4-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor. Road, (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In State Tuesday 10 AM until the 11 AM. Funeral Mass at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd. (south of Five Mile Rd.), Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CHRISTIANSEN, MARGARET (MARNIE) GARDNER

Died on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the age of 90 in Naples, FL after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, G. Thomas Christiansen. Born on August 2, 1920 in Akron, Ohio and raised in Portsmouth, Ohio, Marnie graduated from the University of Michigan in 1942. While at U. of M. she was vice president of the senior class, a member of Wyvern and Scroll honorary societies and a member of Pi Beta Phi. After graduation, she taught English and Speech before marrying Tom on June 29, 1946 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor, MI. She and Tom lived in Birmingham, Michigan from 1946 to 1985 where they were members of the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham Athletic Club and Orchard Lake Country Club. Marnie belonged to The Village Club and served as its president from 1972 – 1974. A loyal member of Pi Beta Phi, she represented the sorority as National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. She also served as Alumnae Province President and Collegiate Province President. Marnie and Tom moved to Naples, FL in 1985. They were members of Naples United Church of Christ and Kensington Golf and Country Club. Marnie was active in the Naples Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi and the Greater Naples Alumnae Panhellenic. Marnie is survived by her three daughters: Karin C. Fowler (Scott W.) of Grand Haven, MI, Margaret A. Christiansen of Naples and Sally C. Harris (Wilmot L.) of Greenwich, CT; two grandsons: Andrew T. Fowler (Kristi) and Ryan W. Fowler (Kelsy); one great-granddaughter, two great-grandsons; two step-granddaughters: Ashley Harris and Brooke Harris; and two brothers: John W. Gardner and Robert M. Gardner of Upper Arlington, Ohio. Marnie was predeceased by her parents David E. and Petrea (Gableman) Gardner and a brother David E. Gardner, Jr. A memorial service celebrating Marnie's life will be held at Naples United Church of Christ on Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Avow Hospice of Naples, Inc. (1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples 34105), Naples United Church of Christ (5200 Crayton Rd., Naples 34103), or University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Research (Office of Development, 2800 Plymouth Road, Bldg. 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0843).

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DIVIDOCK, ANDREW T.

Age 97. May 2, 2011. Beloved Husband of the late Pauline for 43 years. Dearest Father of Lawrence (Susan) Dividock, Kenneth Dividock, Elaine (Stephen) Murad, and Kathleen (Andrew) Davis. Loving Grandfather of 15 and Great-Grandfather of 15. Funeral, Saturday, 10am at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Visitation Thursday, 5-8pm and Friday, 2-8pm. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

www.mccabefuneralhome.com

EVARTS, GWENNIE SMITH

Age 74, passed away peacefully April 20th. She resided in Birmingham, Michigan and graduated from Birmingham High in 1955. She was so very much loved by her Daughter, Julie, (David), Sons John, (Kristi), and Jeff. She is also survived by 5 beautiful grandchildren, Brooke, Logan, Hannah, Ian, and Celia. Her 4 sisters Gail, (Stan), Jill, (Wayne), Mary, (John), and Bonnie are deeply missing her! She also had many neices, nephews and friends. Services will be held May 14 at 12:00-1pm at

Unity of Livonia Church,
28660 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI.

We will be celebrating her life after the service in the fellowship hall.

HOLLEMAN, WILLEMINA KANT

Formerly of Birmingham, died peacefully with her family at her side on April 26, 2011 at Lourdes Senior Community, Waterford, MI. In her 92 years, she lived in two different worlds, bridged by her nurturing spirit. Born the third of five siblings January 28, 1919 in Dordrecht, The Netherlands, to Arie and Wilhelmina Kant, she was named after her maternal grandmother. Willemina grew up in the lean years following World War I and studied nursing after completing high school. As a young woman, she endured the stresses and hardships of living in an occupied country during World War II. On August 1,1946, Willemina married a young architect, Jacob Holleman, in Rotterdam. With their two-year-old daughter, they immigrated to the United States in 1950. Soon after, as Jacob embarked on his professional career, two additional children were born happily committing Willemina deeply into motherhood, the role she cherished for all of her life. Over the years, the family prospered and blossomed to include eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, providing endless opportunity for Willemina to nurture and teach by example as the family's inspirational matriarch. She was a devoted wife, the consummate mother and the model grandmother, always putting her family before herself. She was a woman with boundless energy who loved all children as well as flowers and gardening, music and dancing. She believed in the goodness in everyone's heart and would strive to bring out the best in everyone she met. Willemina was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings and her husband, Jacob. She is survived by her youngest sister Aad Kant; daughter Wilhelmina Mariah Finnicum (William); son William James; daughter Marian Louise Hutchins (William); eight grandchildren: Justin Finnicum (Carolyn), Elyse Finnicum Hardesty (Scott), William Finnicum IV, Marie Hutchins, Elizabeth Hutchins, Jacob Hutchins, Austin Holleman and Chase Holleman; seven great- grandchildren: Kyla Hardesty, June Hardesty, Rhett Hardesty, Gavin Finnicum, Hanley Finnicum, Nolan Finnicum and Annelyse Hutchins. A Memorial Service is to be held at 11:00 AM Friday, May 13, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, MI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Willemina's memory.

LIBBY, PATRICIA

Age 77, May 4, 2011 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Gordon. Loving mother of Sharon (Richard) Rucinski, Debbie (Jim) Fahner, Gordon, & Nancy (Russ) Hammond. Sister of Chris (Stan) Kovacheff, Joan (Joe) Pape and the late Jerry. Grandmother of Julie (John) Alexander. Chris Fahner, Libby (Tim) Varner, Emily Libby, Gordon Libby, Natalie Walser, Olivia Walser & Ian Hammond. Great-grandmother of Maddie Varner and soon-to-be Baby Alexander. Funeral service Monday at 11:00 AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Visitation on Saturday from 3-9PM. Please sign Patricia's online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com

PASCIAK, JASON MICHAEL

38, of Frederick, MD passed away on May 4, 2011. He was the husband of Alicia Pasciak, of Frederick. Born May 1, 1973 in Michigan, he was the son of Kenneth and Karen Pasciak. Jason graduated from Thurston High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1993 to 1998, when he was honorably discharged as a Specialist. He was employed as a network engineer with Blue Ridge Technical Services. In addition to his loving wife and parents, Jason is survived by his son, Tristan Pasciak; stepchildren, Alex Sigler and Scott Largent; a sister, Casi Pasciak; grandmothers, Cathy Barton, Ella Pierce, and Barbara Pasciak; parents-in-law, Mike & Donna Bolinger, and Susan Rooney & friend Robert Norris; sisters-in-law, Amy Yost & husband Ryan, Beth Carnell & husband Robert, and Michele Lavoie & husband Daniel; brother-in-law, Samuel Tourney; one niece; three nephews; and a host of friends and other family members. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Henry Barton. A visitation will be held Monday, May 9th from 7 – 9 PM in the Chapel Mausoleum of Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 U.S. Route 15 N in Frederick, where a funeral service will take place at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10th. The Rev. Clark Carr of Grace United Methodist Church (Hagerstown) will officiate. Arrangements are with Resthaven Funeral Services, Skkot Cody P.A. in Frederick.

SHOWERMAN, ELIZABETH J. " JANE"

Of Northville. Jane was born July 13, 1927 in Howell, MI; died May 2, 2011, at the age of 83. She graduated Howell High School before moving to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. She was married to Donald Joseph Showerman for 49 years. They owned and operated Showerman's Party Store, in Livonia, for over 30 years and then moved to Glen Lake. Friends remember her as a sharp businesswoman, loving mother and grandmother, with a kind heart. Jane enjoyed reading, crosswords, and puzzles and was a fan of all the Detroit sports teams. She was active in her church and had a very strong family orientation. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1998; son, Mark, in 2009; and her siblings. Surviving are her daughters, Kay (Leonard) Zuckerman and Pam (Brian) Fazzio; sons, David (Bonnie) Showerman and Paul (Cheryl) Showerman; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jane King, Ruth (Jack) Borden and Irene Showerman. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2011, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Empire, MI. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674, in memory of Elizabeth "Jane" Showerman. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

Online condolences may be sent to www.gorslineruncimaneastlansing.com

SOLTIS, KATHLEEN RITA DOYLE

Age 74, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away May 3, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

SPENCER, MARION G.

Carsonville- Marion G. Spencer, age 91, a resident of Carsonville passed away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday April 27, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1920 in Detroit a daughter of the late Henry and Ella (Engelhardt) Hamel. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Marshall Spencer. Marion was a retired school teacher from the Farmington Hills District after 30 years of teaching. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. Per Marion's wishes there will be no services. Memorials in memory of Marion may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Port Sanilac. Arrangements were by the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.

STANLEY, JEANE M.

April 10, 2011, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Alan. Loving mother of Karen (Marshall) and Julie (Ed). Dearest grandmother of Tony Atkins, Sara Weingarden, and Alexander Brezinsky. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard (at the corner of W. Chicago) in Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt in Livonia.

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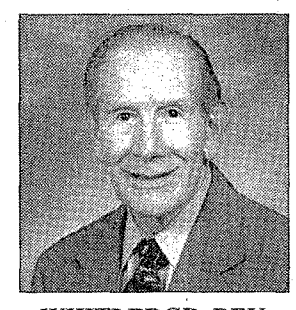


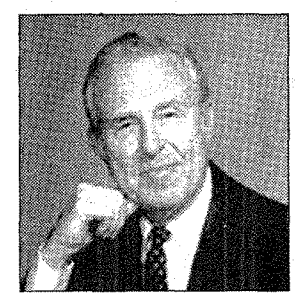
WHITLEDGE, REV. WILLIAM FRANKLIN

Age 83, of Hudson, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 3rd, 2011. He is survived by his son, William H. Whitledge (married to Holly Doty Whitledge), his daughter, V. Beth Edwards (married to Frank J. Edwards), his two grandsons, William R. Whitledge and James D. Whitledge, and his sister, Carol Whitledge Glick (married to Robert Glick). His wife of 47 years, Virginia Haynes Whitledge, preceded him in death in 1997. Originally from Henderson, KY, Rev. Whitledge was a WWII Navy veteran, a graduate of Evansville College, 1950, in Evansville, IN and McCormick Theological Seminary, 1953, in Chicago, IL. Alma College, Alma MI, bestowed an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on him in 1971 for service and leadership to his church and community. While in seminary, Rev. Whitledge served as the student pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Branch, IN. After completion of his Master of Divinity and ordination, he was called to serve at First Presbyterian Church of Albion, MI in 1954. In 1961 he was called to serve at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia MI. During his 27 years as Senior Pastor at St. Paul's, he was also active in the Presbytery of Detroit, the Synod of Michigan, and the Synod of the Covenant. Upon retirement in 1988, Rev. Whitledge and his wife, Virginia, relocated to Hudson, FL, where he became active in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, serving on the Committee of Ministry and as interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Port Richey and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church of Tampa. In 1993 he was called to serve as the Parish Associate at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Hudson, FL. In 2007, at age 80, and after 14 years at St. Mark's, he retired for the second time. His remaining years were spent in love and enjoyment with his family, his friends, and his faith. A memorial service will be held for Rev. Whitledge on June 1st at 1:00 PM at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 7922 SR 52, Hudson, FL 34667. Rev. Whitledge's ashes will be joined with his wife's and buried during a private family service at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made to HPH Hospice Foundation, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667 or St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. Service arrangements are being handled by Prevatt Funeral Home; 727-863-3700

www.prevattfuneralhome.com

WILSON, MARION E.

95, of Farmington Hills, MI passed away April 18, 2011. Preceded in death by her husband Wallace A. Wilson. Survived by daughter Kathleen (Keith) Milam of TN. Interment in Alpena, MI. See complete obituary at: www.Thayer-Rock.com.



YEAGER, WELDON OSBORNE

Retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State. Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for eight years prior to starting his own insurance company. He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida, and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr. Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. Mr. Yeager is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He is also survived by his daughter Carey Yeager; his sons Mark Yeager and Sky Yeager; his three granddaughters Halina Acosta, Morgan Yeager, and Beverly Yeager; his great- granddaughter Carmen Acosta, his great- grandson Marcos Acosta; his brother David Yeager; and his niece Nancy Yeager. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager. A service was held at graveside on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Roselawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. A memorial service is being planned for Wednesday, May 11, at The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach. The Rev. Dr. Robert Norris is officiating. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, 58 Coconut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

ZIEGENHAGE, HARLEN

Of Manistee, Michigan and formerly of Livonia and Brighton passed away on January 18 at the Manistee Medical Care Facility at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris Mae, Grandson Nathan Ziegenhagen of Northville, and sisters Ruth Schoedel of Manistee and Marie Peterson (Lowell) of Livonia. He was also preceded in death by his sons Harlen and Robert and sister Gertrude Baker. He graduated from Manistee High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy that year. He was employed as a Quality Control Manager for Ford Motor Company and retired from the Wayne Assembly Plant after 36 years of service in 1987. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 in Manistee with final internment at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Manistee. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Alzheimers Association.

COMETTO, MARILYN SUELLEN

Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on May 1, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Alvin and Donelda Sass. Moved to California and became a well respected horse trainer and than moved back to Plymouth after her retirement. Loving sister of Dale Sass and his wife Idelle Hamond-Sass and George (Leslie) Sass. Dear aunt of Katherine (Chris) Slicker, Jennifer (Brett) Fry and Casey Sass. Great aunt of Matthew Slicker, Madison and Kaitlin Fry. Also survived by her uncle Ron Stanton and his partner David Martindale and by aunts Eldora Waters and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely and last but not least her beloved dog Hershall. Suellen was a accomplished artist and gardner. Services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to her parents at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Assoociation. Share memories at

schrader-howell.com

CROSS, WALLACE REED

Age 88, died 5/4/11 in Raleigh, NC. Arrangements by: Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 1701 E. Millbrook Rd. Raleigh, NC 27609.

www.brownwynne.com

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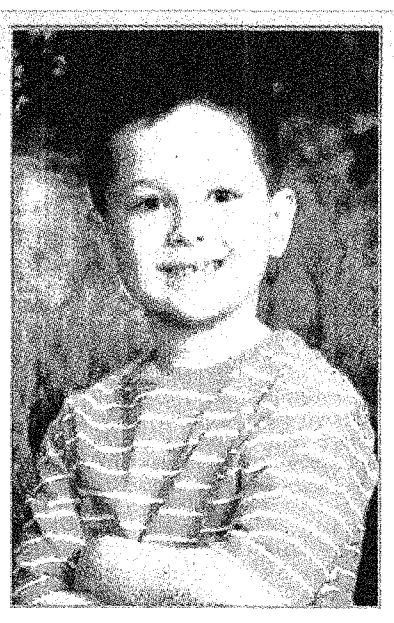

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