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Clothing sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions and Full Gospel Temple is holding a spring clothing give-away from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, at the church, 34033 Palmer between Wildwood and Venoy, Westland.

Men's, women's and children's clothing will be given away. Buy a bag for \$2 and fill it with clothes and shoes to the top. Buy as many bags as you like for \$2 each. Proceeds from the sale will go fund the work of the mission.

Artists wanted

Three Cities Art Club is seeking the best works created by the most talented artists in the area for its first exhibition open to non-members. Cash prizes will be available and works will be displayed at Westland's William Faust Library.

In addition to paintings and photography, the club is hoping to attract entries from artists who specialize in three-dimensional works.

The postmark deadline for entries is April 8. Entry forms with complete details can be downloaded from the "Member Corner" at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Board games

The Wayne Library is hosting the first of two Family Game Board Nights 6-7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) and April 18. Bring your own games or use the library's games. It's a free program and open to all ages.

No registration is required. The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road. Call (734) 721-7832 for information.

Home repairs

Westland has \$90,000 in federal funding available to make emergency home repairs for low-income residents. The program is for those low-income residents who cannot afford to replace their furnace or roof or cracked windows.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center at (734) 595-0288, ext. 2630.

Proposed budget includes road work, police cars

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland council members got their official first look at the proposed 2013-14 fiscal year budget at a study session Monday, as required by the city charter.

Council President James Godbout wondered aloud if the city fathers who wrote the charter

had a sense of humor in setting the budget deadline on April Fool's Day.

But Mayor William Wild presented a proposed \$57 million two-year balanced budget with a \$5 million fund balance projected. That is despite an average 4-percent reduction in taxable property values for revenue reduction of \$394,964. No layoffs are planned.

"We're creeping up to the 10-percent (of fund balance) mark," Wild said.

When he was first elected to council in 2000, Godbout said the city only had a \$200,000 fund balance. "We've improved it to \$5 million. We've come a long way improving the overall financial position of the city," he said. "We're not out of

the woods, but there is a reason we're in a better position than some of our neighboring communities."

The city will see reduced refunds from the Tax Increment Financing Authority — which is bonding for the new City Hall, a fire station and road and landscaping improvements to Central City Parkway — and

the Downtown Development Authority, which will bond for the Farmers Market project and improvements to Tattan Park.

Other scheduled projects include: improvements to Newburgh from Warren to Palmer to be completed over two fiscal years; completion of

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Westland Mayor William Wild speaks to students at Elliott Elementary School to kick off career day.

Elliott students explore careers

A chef and a police officer, a chiropractor and a dental hygienist — those were just some of the professionals who shared information about their jobs with students at Elliott Elementary School during career day.

Students heard from three speakers during the morning-long program. The speakers moved from class to class led by a fourth-grade student acting as their escort.

More than 15 other special guests were in attendance, including a physical therapist, chef, police officer, chiropractor, librarian, optometrist, reporter, artist and fireman. Accompanied by a ferret, turtle and some marsupials, the veterinary technicians were particularly popular with

the students.

The students got a chance to ask questions and interact with the speakers during the classroom visits.

Westland Mayor William Wild was the keynote speaker, talking about his job to students and staff gathered in the gym at the start of the program.



Chiropractor Michael Brackney of Canton talked about his job utilizing skeletons during career day.

Councils to review joint dispatch agreement

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Officials in Wayne, Garden City and Inkster will soon be getting a look at a proposed intergovernmental agreement for a combined emergency dispatching service with Westland.

Council members in Westland were the first to get details of the proposed agreement at the council study session Monday.

Discussions have been under way to merge the combined Wayne and Garden City dispatching operations into a single unit with Westland and Inkster dispatchers, who work at the Westland Police Department. Currently, the Westland operation has 15 dispatchers but physically can accommodate additional staff.

"The key goal is cost savings. Westland would save about \$100,000 annually," Westland Personnel Director Cindy King said.

The four communities, along with Dearborn Heights, previously had entered a similar agreement for the joint purchase, maintenance and operation of an 800 megahertz digital communications system, King noted.

"It is in the hands of our city attorney right now."

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Schuck is library employee of the year

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Librarian Andy Schuck has been recognized as the Westland William P. Faust Library Employee of the Year for 2012.

Co-workers annually submit their nominations for Employee of the Year recognizing the person's dedication to the library, co-workers and community, said Marilyn Kwik, who heads the library Information Services Department.

"Andy's impact can be found throughout the library. He seeks out collaborations and is all-inclusive working to use the strengths of our



Westland William P. Faust Library Employee of the Year Andy Schuck flanked by his parents Kathy and Miller Schuck of Marquette, who happened to be visiting when their son was honored.

staff," Kwik said.

A five-year library employee, Schuck has been involved in the Fri-

day night dinner and movie, the cans for cash for food drive and hired the Battle of the Bands

winner to perform at the Zombie Prom.

"He has great customer service and great rapport with customers," Kwik said, noting Schuck organized holiday concerts, activities and the take a book, leave a book program at Biggby Coffee. "You can always count on him when volunteers are needed."

Speaking at a recent city council meeting, Schuck noted libraries had played an integral part in his life. He earned a degree in creative writing before getting his library science degree.

"The library is more than a storage place for

books. We've been able to bring innovative programs, skills training, the job seekers workshop, computer training and money sense," Schuck said. "We're working to prove ourselves worthy of millage for the next 10 years."

Schuck's parents Miller and Kathy Schuck were in the audience at the council meeting. The couple were down from Marquette for a rescheduled visit, so being present to see their son honored was purely coincidental.

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Missing man's body found in Westland

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Friends of Matthew Morris, a 36-year-old Canton man missing since Jan. 13, had hoped he would be found alive, but they had to face a disappointing truth after authorities found a body Monday afternoon in an industrial area on Westland's far west side.

"He was a good friend who is really going to be missed," Dustin Brungardt said. "But we're relieved that we now know where he went."

Westland authorities notified Canton police Monday afternoon that a group of surveyors found the body in a marshy area near an industrial building on the north side of Ford Road east of the Canton Walmart store, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

"There is no sign of foul play or trauma," he said. "There was nothing found on the body to indicate foul play or trauma."

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said the body was found with identification indicating it was that of Morris, a diabetic man whose friends had become increasingly worried after he disappeared without saying anything.



Friends had held out hope Matt Morris, missing since January, would be found alive, but his body was found Monday in Westland.

Schreiner said Westland police notified Canton authorities about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

"There was a body found in Westland in front of an industrial building east of the Walmart on Ford Road," he said. "It was an adult male with the same age and physical description of Matt Morris. It was found in some reeds and tall weeds by some surveyors who were doing some work at the building."

Toxicology results hadn't been received that might help pinpoint a cause of death, Schreiner said Wednesday morning, but authorities appear certain the body is that of Morris due to the physical description and personal effects found at the scene.

Morris disappeared Jan. 13, and his white Geo Prizm was found parked at the Emagine Theater near Ford and Lotz roads. He lived across the road in the Village Squire apartment complex.

Schreiner said Canton and other law-enforcement agencies had combed the area near the Emagine Theater and Morris' apartment in recent weeks searching for him.

Early in the investigation, Schreiner said there had been no indication of foul play such as a struggle inside Morris' apartment.

Friends such as Kathy Gomoll of Canton had called it "frustrating" that there had been no sign of Morris. She had said it wasn't like Morris, a former Kroger employee, to disappear and not tell his friends where he was going.

Friends had distributed fliers in hopes someone might have seen Morris. Brungardt, Gomoll and others had said Morris didn't take his diabetic supplies or his coat when he disappeared on a cold winter day.

The last anyone heard from him was when he sent a text on Jan. 13.

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Michigan Avenue Cruise status under discussion

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

For the past five years, the Michigan Avenue Cruise has brought classic cars and spectators to downtown Wayne.

Now there is some question about how the event, traditionally held in July, will be operated and when it will be held.

U.S. 12 Bar and Grill owner John Goci has called for a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at his establishment to discuss the future of the cruise in downtown Wayne. All residents, business owners and other Wayne community stakeholders are invited to attend.

In calling for the meeting, Goci said cruise organizer Don Nicholson doesn't plan to run a downtown Wayne cruise this year, but is moving his event to Westland.

Not true, according to Nicholson, who said the All-American Cruise planned for Westland would be in addition to a downtown Wayne event.

Funding for the event is the issue — on that, both sides agree. Nicholson said that he has been losing money on the Wayne event due to the lack of sponsorships from local businesses which are financially benefitting from the event.

"I asked all of the businesses for support. There was not enough money to pay for the event last year," said Nicholson, who also runs the Hines Drive Cruise and works on other events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise. "I paid out of my pocket. We need sponsors and support from the community to keep it going."

The main expense for cruise is promotion, with print and television advertising and other materials, to get cruisers and spectators out for the event, Nicholson said, adding he spent \$4,000 for a booth at a Autorama.

Sponsors for the Michigan Avenue Cruise were solicited through a recent Wayne Chamber of Commerce

newsletter.

"He (Nicholson) was looking for sponsors. We did our promoting of the cruise independently," Goci said. "We'd hate to see this event go away. We'd like to see if the businesses can do it on their own."

The meeting Monday will explore the possibility of operating the downtown Wayne cruise as a nonprofit event organized by local businesses and community groups.

"I think as a nonprofit we can be more successful in getting sponsors. Don is trying to run this as a for-profit entity," Goci said. "We lost Wheelfest and the fireworks. I'd hate to see us lose this."

For his part, Nicholson said Goci and others have no idea the amount of effort it takes to organize a successful cruise.

"It's always been a business for me. I never said it was nonprofit. I give an awful lot back to the city of Wayne," Nicholson said. "The people who want to put it on are the same ones putting up road blocks. U.S. 12 (Bar and Grill) wants to use it as a charity, but made a lot of money off this event."

Due to delays in getting the Wayne cruise organized and the availability of main radio sponsor WOMC, Nicholson said the traditional date of the event the Saturday following the July 4 holiday isn't available any longer.

The Westland event — the All American Cruise, which will be held on Wayne Road — has taken that July 13 date. Nicholson said Wayne businesses can take advantage of the Westland cruise.

"It's on Wayne Road and, officially, it's a Westland event. But cars won't stop in Westland if they are welcomed in Wayne," Nicholson said. "The Wayne Road cruise has been in the planning stages for three years. It is in addition to Michigan Avenue."

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phase two and three work on Hunter; and completion of the work in the Brookfield subdivision.

The city will again complete state mandates for Economic Vitality Incentive Program funds for \$1.252 million in the current fiscal year and the same amount in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

For the first time in nine years, the state is also projecting an increase in constitutional revenue sharing to bring an additional \$773,000 to Westland.

There will be a slight increase to the 0.4305 mills levied for sanitation. For an average homeowner with a taxable value of \$50,000, that would mean an approximately \$21.52 tax

increase annually.

The increase had been deferred the last several years, Wild noted, because of savings generated by recycled materials being diverted from the landfill, which reduced the city's tipping fees. The city also received revenue from recycling earlier than expected. That millage had been expected to increase in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Projected 18th District Court revenues have been increase to \$4 million, up from \$3.3 million in the current fiscal year. That is due, in part, Wild said to the Police Service Aide program, which allows more officers to be on the road.

The city seeing revenue from changes to health care and retirement programs. Employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees are now contributing to their health care and retirement, as are city directors. The court administration is contributing to health care, while approximately 40 new police and firefighter hires are contributing 5 percent to their pension costs.

The city's mutual gains program has been modified for a savings of more than \$100,000. That means employees who have medical coverage through the Westland retirement system or through a spouse who has city benefits will no longer receive a payment for not taking their benefits as an employee. In addition, mutual gains payments have been reduced by more than 40 percent for current employees.

The proposed budget includes the purchase of 20 patrol cars to be paid for over three years and a replacement ambulance at a cost of \$157,000.

The city expects to save \$100,000 annually with the expected July 1 merger of the Westland/Inkster emergency dispatching operations with Wayne and Garden City.

Council only adopts a single fiscal year budget, but the administration annually presents a two-year budget for planning purposes.

"The second year does use some of the fund balance, but we'll work on that until this time next year," Wild said.

Council is expected to schedule a day-long budget session Saturday, April 27. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Monday, May 6. The fiscal year begins July 1.

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It will probably be two or three weeks before I can get the agreement to council," said Wayne City Manager Robert English. "Council knows that we have been discussing it."

Westland was the first to see it."

The projected July 1 merger — which would coincide with the start of the cities' fiscal years — can be met, said English.

English commented that he had been working on this issue with Garden City Manager/Police Chief Robert

Muery. Muery couldn't be reached for comment.

The proposed agreement would spell out staffing issues caused by the merger but also cost-sharing, capital improvement decisions and calls for the establishment of a joint dispatch council consisting of each city's police and fire chief.

Westland and Wayne have already merged their fire departments and parks and recreation departments. Talks are under way to add Garden City to the merged fire department.

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Madonna auction features museum-quality art, diamond earrings

Diamond earrings, artwork and a basket of Pope John Paul II memorabilia are among the items that will help raise funds at Madonna University's All Aboard for Student Scholarships event. The cruise-themed dinner and auction takes place, Friday, April 12, at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center. Boarding passes are \$75 each.

In addition to a strolling dinner of foods from such ports of call as Poland, China, Italy and the Middle East, the event features a silent auction with more than 160 items donated by many area businesses. Auction committee member Julie DePodesta, of Livonia, donated, among other things, an abstract painting by her cousin and accomplished artist Tino Zago.

Born in Italy, Zago spent his formative years in the Detroit area where he studied at Cranbrook Academy of Art. He also studied at Yale University and now lives in New York. His artwork can be found in museums and corporate collections in Michigan and throughout



Julie DePodesta and Andrea Nodge, vice president for advancement at Madonna, show off the Tino Zago painting DePodesta provided for the silent auction.

the United States.

Asked why she was so involved in helping make Madonna's event a success, DePodesta said, "God has blessed me in so many ways. I try to

put my heart and soul in every activity or project I take on. I get involved because it comes naturally - a gift from God."

A special Purser's Diamond Pull at the event



Angela Ansara-Bahu, of MJ Diamonds, presents Andrea Nodge, of Madonna University, with one of three pairs of diamond earrings for the Purser's Diamond Pull at All Aboard for Student Scholarships.

gives guests the opportunity to purchase a chance to win one of three pairs of diamond earrings valued at \$1,500. The earrings, along with a sea of cubic zirconia earrings, were donated by Angela Ansara-Bahu, owner of MJ Diamonds at Laurel Park Mall in Livonia.

As manager of an independent, family-owned business Ansara-Bahu enjoys giving back to the community. "I love the Livonia community, and therefore love to support groups like Madonna," she said.

WJR's Ken Rogulski will be the ships cruise direc-

tor/emcee, and entertainment for the evening includes a strolling Italian accordion player and a student crooner with a cruise ship lounge act. Reservations for All Aboard can be made online at www.madonna.edu/allaboard, or by calling (734) 432-5602.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

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Proceeds from the sale will go fund the work of the mission.

Garage sale

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is holding a garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. There will be a \$2 Bag Sale at 3 p.m. All large items go for \$2 at bag sale. For more information, contact Mae Bray at (734) 722-8209.

Coffee Hours

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, will hold coffee hours in Westland and Garden City on Monday, April 8.

LeBlanc will be in Westland 9-10:30 a.m. at Mr. Mikes Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford. He will be accompanied by State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and State Reps. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, and David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights.

He also will hold a coffee hour 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 117 of the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Meriman. He will again be accompanied by Knezek.

Residents can contact Knezek at (517) 373-0849 or by e-mail at davidknezek@house.mi.gov. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Annual Auction

St. Mary Parish and School will be holding their second annual auction, A Blast From the Past, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20. The event will include both silent and live auction items as well as various raffles throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$35 and include a strolling buffet and two drink tickets. Additional drink tickets may be purchased dur-

ing the event. Event registration and payment may be made directly to the school or parish office or after Masses on the weekends of April 6-7 and April 13-14, or until sold out.

Seating assignments for the live auction are first come, first serve with registration. Registering early offers the best opportunity to sit with a specific group for the live auction and dessert.

For more information, visit sites.google.com/site/smauction2013/home.

Spaghetti dinner

A spaghetti dinner will be held Sunday April 14, to benefit the Romanowski VFW Post 6896 pool team.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. A hungry plate will be available for \$8. The meal includes spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad and bread and butter. Desserts will be available. There also will be a cash bar, raffles, music and much more.

The Romanowski Post is at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland. For more information, call (734) 525-9454 or (734) 261-0260.

Play date

Designer Duds n Infant Treasures is holding a "Play Date" 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the store at 815 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland. Appointments are being taken to children's fingerprints made into a one of a kind piece of jewelry for Mother's Day! Check out www.pixieprintz.com

For more information, call (734) 331-2519 or check out Designer Duds on Facebook.

Ladies Night Out

The Westland Veterans Association will present its second annual Ladies Night Out Boxer Review Saturday, April 13, at the Harris-Kehr VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Doors open at 7 p.m., show times is 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$20. There will be a cash bar and 550/50 tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

For more information, call Connie at (734) 578-4615.

Healthy Passport

The city of Westland will hold a Healthy Pass-

port Run Wild 5K and Mayor's Mile Saturday, April 20, at the Westland City Hall on Ford Road west of Wayne Road. Check-in will be at 7:30 a.m., with a shot gun start at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$20 and includes an event T-shirt and free for Buddy-Up participants. Register online at www.cityofwestland.com/healthy-passport.

Pancake Breakfast

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding a pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Applebee's, 36475 Warren Road, Westland. The all you-can-eat-breakfast includes pancakes, meat, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$7. Tickets are available from members of United Methodist Women or at the door. For more information call Applebee's at (734) 467-7215 or (734) 721-4801.

Captain's coming

Children's book hero Captain Underpants will be the focus of a Captain Underpants Gross-Out-a-Rama at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

Children and their favorite adult Captain Underpants fan are invited to our celebration of the popular books. They will play games, eat gross snacks, make toilet-rific crafts, and every child will get a free *Captain Underpants* book to keep.

This event is sponsored by Target. Registration for the program begins two weeks before the event. It can be done in person or by calling the library at (734) 721-7832.

Blood Drive

On Monday, April 15, the William P. Faust Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

To make an appointment log onto www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Everyone who comes to donate will be entered into a drawing for a free iPad mini. Anyone over age 17 (age 16 with a permission slip) can donate blood.

Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer down-

town revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday,

April 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. The center will hold its game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

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

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

Rummage sale

The First Methodist Church Of Wayne-West-

land is holding a spring rummage sale Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27. Thursday and Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday is also bag day - a grocery bag is \$2 and a plastic lawn bag is \$5.

Home made bake goods and refreshments will also be available for sale.

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Spotlight puts on 'Barnum'

Spotlight Players, a community theater group based in Canton, presents a production of the musical "Barnum," by Mark Bramble, Michael Stewart, and Cy Coleman. The show will be staged April 19-28 at The Village Theater in Canton.

Wendy Sielaff of Canton directs this production that tells the story of P.T. Barnum (Leo Babcock of Saline), and his conclave of circus acts, assisted by Music Director Richard Alder of Westland and choreographer Jen Beitzel of Northville.

Spanning 45 years, the show covers the dynamic relationship with his wife Charity (Cathy McDonald of Plymouth) as it influences the colorful cast of characters that would make him a household name, including Joice Heth (Tina Paraventi of Ypsilanti), General Tom Thumb (Jim Jackson of Westland), Jenny Lind (Rebecca Winder of Livonia), and of course James Bailey (Jeff Foust of Canton), with whom P.T. Bar-

num eventually forms the famous circus.

Barnum himself narrates the show, telling the audience a bit of his life story and the art of humbug.

Babcock, an architect in Saline and veteran performer, remarks that, "Of the 100 different shows I have performed in, 'Barnum' ranks among my favorites," said Babcock, an architect and veteran performer. "P.T. Barnum is truly a complex character to play. From a struggling showman to a successful entrepreneur, Barnum rides a roller coaster from financial ruin to fame and influence. With the steady support of his wife Charity to anchor him through the pain of midlife crises and tests of his fidelity, his zeal for life is inspiring. It is a powerful and greatly satisfying character to portray."

Foust ("Ringmaster/Bailey"), a full-time dad to a new baby boy, relates to Barnum on a personal level.

"Barnum had a dream that didn't fit with the life

everyone else was telling him to lead, but he never let those dreams go and even though he failed a few times, he persevered and created 'The Greatest Show on Earth!'" Foust said. "I have wanted to do this show since college and this is the first time I have seen a theatre produce it. I feel so lucky that it is being produced right in my own back yard."

Cathy McDonald, a teacher in Plymouth, plays Charity.

"It's really fun and exciting to be part of a show that not many people know, but those who do, love," McDonald said. "I can't wait for those who are unfamiliar with Barnum to come and see why everyone loves it. It's got really great music, circus performers, and we have an incredibly talented cast."

Tickets range from \$13 to \$16, and are available through The Village Theater, by calling (734) 394-5300, or by going to the Spotlight Players' website: www.spotlightplayersmi.org



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Co-owner Jim Allie, 51, said the Lifeline Assistance program started before President Obama took office, so the term Obama Phone is a misnomer.

'Obama Phone' store comes to area

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A new store has opened in Livonia that serves as the Michigan headquarters for a distributor of the "Obama Phone."

The Obama Phone is a refurbished cell phone with 250 monthly voice minutes provided free to low-income and disadvantaged families by the federal Lifeline Assistance program.

The program is funded by FCC-mandated universal service fees paid by telecommunications carriers and passed along, at least in part, to consumers. Consumers may notice a "universal service" line item on their telephone bills.

Owners Zach Carroll, 25, of Farmington Hills and Jim Allie, 51, of Novi opened the store March 6 at 20215 Middlebelt Road, next to Clarenceville High School.

It is one of 11 My Life Mobile locations the businessmen have opened in Michigan and Toledo since starting their company three months ago. Budget Mobile is the carrier.

The Livonia store is one of a handful of the stand-alone stores; the others are located inside other businesses, such as tax centers.

Carroll said that while the Obama Phone is available from other distributors and carriers, they don't have storefront locations like My Life Mobile.

Discount service

"We're here to provide support as well (such as instructing recipients on the use of the phones)," he said, adding they intend to keep their loca-

tions open as long as the program is available.

Allie said the Lifeline Assistance program started before President Obama took office, so the term Obama Phone is a misnomer. According to the FCC website, the Lifeline program has provided a discount on phone service for qualifying low-income consumers since 1985, to ensure that all Americans have the opportunities and security that phone service brings. In 2005, Lifeline discounts were made available to qualifying low-income consumers on pre-paid wireless service plans in addition to traditional landline service.

"This program allows people who are using certain government assistance programs to help keep in touch with the person that they care about the most," Allie said.

My Life Mobile is compensated for each phone it gives away, with the amount going up as the volume it gives away increases. It also receives a monthly residual for 12 months for each phone, Carroll said.

In addition, My Life Mobile earns an average 16-percent commission for selling services over and above the 250 free voice minutes. For an extra \$25 a month, recipients can purchase unlimited text messaging and voice call minutes. For \$10 more per month, recipients can purchase an additional 100 minutes or 1,000 text messages.

One per home

Only one Obama Phone per household is permitted. Phone service ends after 250 minutes

per month for those who haven't purchased additional service.

Recipients qualify by having an income that is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline or by participating in a qualifying government assistance program, such as Social Security, Medicaid, food stamps and the National School Lunch Program.

"Seniors are ideal for the program," Carroll said. "Most don't want a cell phone, they don't want to pay for one. The major carriers, they can't afford or don't need."

Carroll said they've given away about 50 phones so far in Livonia. He estimates 15,000 to 20,000 Livonia residents qualify.

More coming

Recipients can also apply online at www.mylifemobile.us/ and have a phone mailed to them within about three days.

Carroll and Allie, both of whom have backgrounds in the cell phone industry, hope to open as many as 50 My Life Mobile stores each in Michigan, Ohio and Arizona.

Carroll said he gets satisfaction out of giving something to someone in need, rather than selling services to those who can afford it. "I don't expect to make millions," he said.

My Life Mobile also accepts donations of used Verizon phones for refurbishing. Hours are from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 289-0046 or visit www.mylifemobile.us/.

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State road funding proposals topic of town hall

State Rep. John Walsh (R-Livonia) will host a town hall to discuss road funding proposals. The event will take place 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Vista Tech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Speaking at the town hall will be Michigan Department of Transportation Director Kirk Steudle, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association Vice President

of Government Affairs Lance Binoniemi and County Road Association of Michigan Deputy Director Ed Noyola.

Individuals from the Wayne County Department of Public Services will also be on hand to answer questions.

"Transportation funding is the big issue being talked about in Lansing currently, and many people are unsure of what proposals are out there,"

said Walsh.

"This event will allow residents to ask questions directly to the experts about funding, maintenance and repair of Michigan's road infrastructure."

This event is free, and no registration is required.

For more information, contact Walsh's office by calling (517) 373-3920 or by emailing johnwalsh@house.mi.gov.

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON 2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

Publish: April 4, 2013

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Copper pipes stolen from vacant home

Copper stolen

An employee of a company hired to work on a bank-owned home in the 29000 block of Marshall told police March 25 that he arrived to find the rear door had been kicked in.

Copper piping valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen. The alarm on the home had been ripped from the wall and drywall was damaged.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Fountain Park Apartments, 37573 Fountain Park Circle, told police March 25 that someone had stolen all four tires and rims off his 2006 Buick Lucerne overnight.

Larceny

A 52-inch television and a stereo speaker were reported stolen from an unit at Westland Store 'N' Lock, 7840 N. Wayne Road, March 24. The owner, an Inkster man, told police he had last checked on the unit in November.

The man told police he had made a payment in November to stop the items from being auctioned and hadn't paid the rent again until March when he was again threatened with auction.

Larceny from a vehicle

Police were called to the Parkcrest Apartments, 7100 Parkcrest, March 27 after resident reported four tires and rims valued at \$1,600 stolen from a 2012 Ford Edge. A laptop computer and a cell phone were also reported stolen.

The resident said the vehicle belongs to his boss, a Livonia man. The rear passenger window had been smashed.

Vandalism

On March 25, a Redford man told police that someone had cut the lock off a shed and threw a rock through a window of a

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home he owns in the 32000 block of Hillsdale Court.

Larceny

A Canton man told police March 26 that on March 15 he had left his bicycle parked outside Fifth Third Bank, 36700 Ford. When he returned, he said the bicycle was gone along with a plastic bag containing his cell phone and prepaid credit card with a \$35 balance. He told police he waited to report the theft so he could check with the credit card company.

Vandalism

On March 26, a resident in the 1600 block of Daisy told police that someone had knocked her mail box off the post overnight. She said it was the third time her mail box had been damaged.

Stolen vehicle

A 2003 Ford F-250 Super Duty pickup truck was reported stolen March 27 from a home in the 600 block of Larchmont. The owner said he looked out the window to see the truck parked in the driveway before he went to bed at 12:30 a.m. The truck was gone at 7:30 a.m., he said.

The truck was described as having big tires, tinted windows and a gold firefighter sticker on the rear window.

Larceny from a vehicle

•A resident in the 2400 block of Barns told police March 27 that someone had smashed a window on her pickup truck overnight while it was parked in her driveway. She said her purse was stolen containing her driver's license and credit cards.

•Also on March 27, a resident in the 38000 block of Shelby told police that someone had damaged a window and frame on a 2010 Ford Taurus trying to pry it open. A 2004 Buick Rendezvous

was entered and a Louis Vuitton purse valued at \$300 was stolen. The owner said a door on the Buick doesn't lock so there was no damage to that car.

Break-in

A resident in the 38000 block of Shelby told police March 27 that someone had entered his unlocked 2006 Dodge Caravan and took his garage opener. The suspect had used the garage opener but was unable to enter the attached home. Nothing was missing except the garage door opener.

Larceny

A maintenance worker at the Margo Capri Apartments, 28400 Warren Road, told police April 1 that someone had stolen the top off a dryer along with the coin box. He said he found the coin box in the dumpster but couldn't locate the dryer top.

The coin box had some blood on it, the officer noted, but wasn't opened and sounded like it contained coins. The coin box on the washing machine was also pried but not opened.

Break-in

A resident of an apartment at 1976 S. Venoy told police March 28 that someone had pried open the door to his apartment sometime during the previous two days. A 55-inch plasma flat screen television was reported stolen.

The resident told police he is a truck driver and had been out of town. The television was rented, he said.

Vandalism

A resident in the 31000 block of Calhoun Court told police March 26 that someone had cut the tire on her 2005 Mercury Sable. The officer noted the cut but added that the tire had not been punctured.

By LeAnne Rogers

Car stolen at car wash

Buick boosted

A 53-year-old Westland woman's car was stolen about 8 p.m. March 29 after she washed it at Parkway Car Wash at 29043 Warren Road in Garden City.

After she finished, she left her 2004 Buick Rendezvous with the keys inside and went to the vacuum bay to retrieve her floor mats.

When she turned around, she saw an unknown man enter her car and drive off.

She used another customer's cell phone to call the Garden City police.

Her purse and her cell phone were inside the vehicle.

She described the suspect as a white man in his 20s, wearing a beige hoodie and blue jeans. She had observed him in the area just prior to this and she said he was talking on a cell phone and looked like he was waiting for a ride.

At about 10 p.m., the Westland police called to say that they located her vehicle in their city.

There was front end damage and the air bags were deployed. Her keys were recovered but not her lost property.

There was no arrest because the suspect had fled. The car was impounded at Westland Car Care.

Attempted vehicle theft

A resident in the 32000 block of John Hawk reported that someone attempted to steal his Ford van which was parked in front of his house.

About 5:30 a.m. March 27, he discovered that his driver's door lock had been jammed.

The police observed pry marks from a flat head screwdriver. An unknown

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suspect had removed the ignition collar and damaged the ignition but was unable to steal the vehicle.

The owner was still able to use his key to start the vehicle and he was able to remove it.

Nothing was missing from the interior.

Vehicle theft

A Garden City Hospital employee's 2002 Dodge Neon was stolen from the east part of the hospital parking lot at 6245 Inkster.

His wallet containing his driver's license, cash and a debit card which were inside were also stolen.

The employee discovered the vehicle missing about 11:30 p.m. March 27.

Theft

A 22-year-old Livonia woman reported at 2 a.m. March 31 that her purse was stolen while she was at Bar 153 located at 31268 Ford Road.

She said that she left her purse on a table next to the DJ booth before she went on stage to dance.

Her purse contained cash, a debit card, her cell phone and Suboxone, a replacement drug used to treat opiate dependence.

When she returned, she couldn't find her purse.

There are no suspects.

Break-in

When a family in the 2800 block of Krauter returned to their home about 10:30 p.m. April 1, they discovered that someone had broken into their home. A back door window was broken and the door was partially open.

Nothing was missing from the home.



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Youngsters get into the beat as the dance-party gets going.

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W-W dance party gets kids, parents excited about school

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The joint was jumpin', so to speak, as the Walker-Winter school community gathered for a Radio Disney Rockin' Dance Party Open House last week.

The first of two such events the district is hosting, the get-together was designed to introduce the school to parents and their youngsters. While youngsters danced and played games with a Radio Disney DJ, parents had an opportunity to meet the elementary teachers and principals and learn about a variety of programs available in the district.

"We hope to get parents and kids excited about school," district Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "We want them to learn about the building and the quality of the learning experience while having fun."

Walker-Winter in Canton and Hicks Elementary in Inkster were picked to have the 1½-hour dance parties and open houses. The Hicks event will be April 24. The district is making a push to bring families back to the schools.

Wayne-Westland experienced a double-digit enrollment loss at Walker-Winter to a charter school that had opened in southern Canton Township. The staff walked the neighborhoods around the school to pass out papers about the event.

"My daughter is in kindergarten. She insisted on coming," Cheryl Brown-Deacon of Canton said. "I think it's a well-organized event. It's good exposure for the school and a fun activity for the kids."

In addition to daughter Gabriella, Brown-Deacon brought her 3-year-old daughter Jayden, who will start preschool in the fall.

"I got to go to the classrooms and see different activities I wasn't aware of," Brown-Deacon said.

The event allowed parents to join youngsters in the school gym for the dance party and then leave to tour the school. Staff members and parent liaisons like Juanita Francis of Westland kept a close eye on the young-



Amaaree Hooper and sister Alysa Johnson of Westland dance together. Youngsters were treated to a dance party while their parents had an opportunity to learn more about Walker-Winter School and the Wayne-Westland Community School.



Westland residents Naomi Hughes, Juanita Francis and America Espinoza have a picture taken to document their dance night.

sters while their parents toured the building. "This is awesome," Francis said. "We need something like this at other schools. We have a lot leaving the schools and we need to get them back. This is a way to get them back."

Parents had a chance to go on a virtual field trip, see some of the technology used in the school district, get information on

its K-11 schools of choice and meet the principals from Adams and Marshall Upper Elementary schools.

The district also used the event to promote its talented and gifted program, which is being piloted at Walker-Winter, Adams and Marshall for the 2013-14 school year, and its Spanish language class that will be offered to all elementary and



Twin sisters Autumn and Audrie Johnson of Canton dance the night away.



Youngsters like Alex Proctor of Canton wore wristbands that were paired with ones worn by their parents.

upper elementary students next year.

Representatives from the Oakwood Health Clinic, local public libraries, the district's Family Resource Center, Bright Futures after-school program, PTO and WATCH D.O.G.S. were there as well.

"It's really been well-received. It's been an amazing time," Principal Julie Mytych said. "I hope it's been a learning



Daniel Price of Wayne takes a cookie break during the Radio Disney Rockin' Dance Party at Walker-Winter Elementary School.

experience for the parents."

Seven-year-old Christian Birmingham was excited to come to the dance. He'd just gotten his hair cut and was there to see his friend Stephanie. His mother was busy checking out the kindergarten classroom while he was enjoying the dance party.

"He used to go to a uniform school in Southfield. The school didn't have a lot of activities," his mother said. "We came to register during Halloween and he was so excited. I'm glad I brought him here that day. He was so excited, he probably

talked about it for a couple of days."

"I think this really good," the Canton resident said. "It brings a lot of families together to meet."

Baracy was pleased with the first of its kind event.

"It's a very nice turnout. I'm really happy to see the students, but more so the parents interacting," he said. "It brings a school community together and that's what we're all about, the Wayne-Westland family."

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State fair back with new name, sponsor

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Michigan's state fair, revived last year as the Great Lakes State Fair after then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm pulled funding in 2009, will be back again this year under another new name — the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

The announcement of the title sponsor came at today's press conference at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi where the event will again be held Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 through Sept. 2.

Although the fair is now produced by a private entity — Michigan State Fair LLC — organizers say it will continue to offer all of the great traditions of the event that started in Detroit in 1849.

"When we asked the public what they missed most about summer in Michigan, they overwhelmingly said, 'the state fair,'" said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collec-

DETAILS

Event: Fifth Third Michigan State Fair

Dates: Friday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 3

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Livestock Exhibits: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday
Agriculture and Indoor

tion Showplace. "They missed the atmosphere of being close to nature, the excitement of a child seeing his first goat, cow or baby lamb, and the celebration of Michigan's agricultural heritage."

Along with the agriculture, tourism and livestock products, this year's state fair will again have the Detroit Shrine Circus — presented by Bright House Networks — this time with the world's largest circus tent.

"We have added the one and only Detroit Shrine Circus to the festivities, and seeing a performance of this great event

Vendor Booths: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

Midway: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday

Circus: noon; 2:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily (no 7:30 performance on Monday)
Entertainment Stage,

is included in one low price admission," said Bowman. Circus performances will be held daily at noon, 2:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. (no 7:30 performance on Monday).

One-third of the admission price will go toward the circus, which is a significant contribution to the Shriners' annual budget and indirectly helps the organization's effort to fund their nonprofit and philanthropic efforts through the Shriner Hospitals for Children.

"The Detroit Shrine Circus is excited to be a major part of the return of the Michigan State Fair, and all the traditions

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and community goodwill that goes along with this association," said Craig Stigleman, chairman, Michigan State Fair/Shrine Circus.

The midway, presented by Walmart, is expanding, and live entertainment and a beer tent return as well.

One of the big changes from last year, due to

the sponsorship of Fifth Third Bank, will be the Youth Scholarship Program, offering \$10,000 in competitive scholarship programs. The scholarships will recognize excellence in breeding programs, showmanship and academics to advance the postsecondary effort of outreach through county fairs, and their 4-H clubs.

"Fifth Third Bank recognizes the state fair as not only a destination for fun and entertainment for families across the state of Michigan, but as the declaration of agriculture as an economic force within the state," said Dave Girodat, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan. "We are proud to be the title sponsor of

this event and are committed to supporting the revival of this Michigan tradition."

Tickets for the state fair will be available in the near future and more information will be available on the web at www.michiganstatefairllc.com.

"We are so proud to partner with the great financial institution, Fifth Third Bank, which has strong roots in the community, and provides significant support to charitable efforts across the state," said Bowman. "We promise to make the Fifth Third Michigan State Fair bigger, better and more fun for a long time."

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IN BRIEF

Talk of War

The talk will turn to war - the War of 1812 - when military historian Daryl A. Bailey speaks at a Friends of Nankin Mills adult local history program Saturday, April 16, at Nankin Mills.

Bailey, the vice-president of the Friends of Nankin Mills will present an historical talk, entitled *The War of 1812: The Western Frontier*, at 1 p.m.

"The War of 1812 is a perfect example of how war is not an isolated event," said Bailey whose will discuss events lead-

ing up to the war, especially on the frontier where Native Americans battled American settlers. He will reveal the role previous wars, such as the French and Indian War, played into the resulting conflicts and cite several battles to illustrate this point.

Bailey and his wife, Sherry, are the co-authors of the Arcadia book *Images of America: Westland*. He also has written articles for *Time Illustrated: America's Civil War* and *The Blue and Gray* magazines. The talk will be pre-

sented at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call (734) 261-1990 to preregister. Refreshments will be provided.

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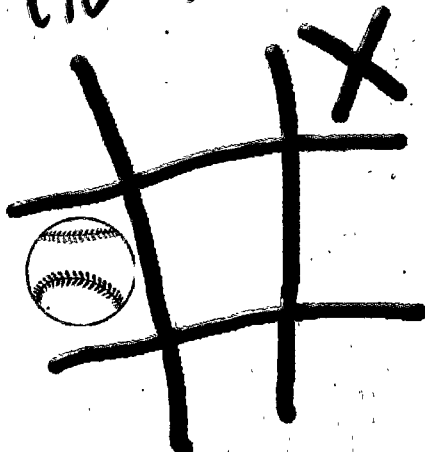
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Tips for small businesses using social media

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Volunteers, marketing managers and small-business owners are always asking me how to find important data about their Facebook fans or simply how to use social networks to drive sales.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

With so many social networks and large volumes of data, uncovering insights about your company or organization's fans may seem daunting, but it is actually easier than you think.

1. Find Where Your Targets Are – With more than a billion users, it is safe to assume your key demographic is on Facebook. The problem is, your key demographics may not use Facebook to get information about what you're selling. This is especially true if you are, say, a business-to-business wholesaler of widgets to regional retailers. Find where your target is whether on major networks like Twitter or niche message boards and blogs and work from there.

2. Don't Focus on Fan Counts – The most common mistake brands small and large make is putting too much importance on fans and followers. Large communities are great, but if those fans aren't engaging with your brand, they aren't helping your

bottom line. Make it a priority to increase interaction among a core group of followers. It will build loyalty for your brand or product and prove more important, even if your competitor has a few more likes.

3. Start Small With Metrics – We are in an age of big data and social media data is something even professionals can get lost in. When looking at YouTube insights, Facebook insights or measuring conversation volumes, pick a few key numbers to look at. My favorites are impressions, reach and engagement metrics such as comments, video views, or replies. After understanding these key metrics, expand using common sense. Do you need to understand day-to-day increases in video views? Probably not. But it might make sense to look at month-to-month increases in Facebook likes, or the best time to post content.

4. Have A Plan – This might be the most important tip for any small business or non-profit on the social web. If you don't have a set posting schedule or time to engage with your key demographics on message boards or blogs just stop. With social media you are either in or out – there is no halfway. A Twitter account or Facebook page with no new content is like a website with outdated contact information.

5. Use Resources Wisely – There's a reason big companies don't have marketing managers and CEOs running their social presence: Social is time-

consuming. Small companies may not have the luxury of dedicated social staff – and if that's the case, do your research on Google. Instead of spending a day's time to find the best time to post for your brand, look for research or white papers on Facebook's peak activity time, or key information on your industry.

6. Don't Overwhelm Fans – When considering what and when to post content remember not to overload fans with information they don't need. If you post too much, fans will hide your content making your fan count even less important. Additionally, you can look into Facebook's post level data (by clicking and exporting insights) to see if any specific content has driven fans to unlike or unsubscribe for your page.

7. Have Fun – Social media is a two-way street. Followers and potential followers want to have fun, not listen to constant sales pitches. Try applying the 80-20 rule when posting content. Eighty percent should be topical, conversational, helpful and of added value. The other 20 percent can be what I refer to as "shameless self promotion."

While these tips won't make your brand the next Red Bull or Taco Bell, they will make your social presence more effective and efficient.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com.



Owner/director Roger Husband is a 30-year veteran of the funeral home business and has served the community in all phases of the grieving process.

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Husband is a graduate of Wayne State University. In addition to being a funeral director, he is an instructor at WSU where he teaches mortuary sci-

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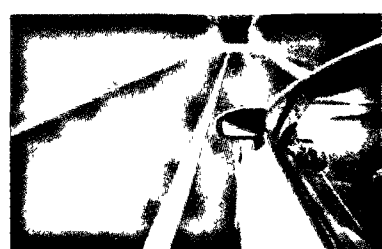
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"Through the generosity of SERVPRO, the Red Cross will help empower workplaces to re-open more quickly after natural or man-made disasters, such as water main breaks, medical emergencies, power outages, tornados, floods and hurricanes through the Ready Rating Program," said Tom Heneghan, manager of Business

Continuity Programs for Red Cross. "Up to 40 percent of businesses never re-open their doors after such disasters; SERVPRO's partnership will enable more businesses, schools and organizations to become better prepared. We are excited to have SERVPRO join us in community outreach efforts to educate and highlight the importance of community preparedness in neighborhoods across the country."

With the approaching spring season comes the threat of severe weather, such as high winds, downpours, flash flooding, fires caused by lightning strikes and even tornadoes spawned by thunderstorms. SERVPRO® urges all Detroit-area property owners to visit the Red Cross Ready Rating website at readyrating.org to complete a 123-point self-assessment of their level of preparedness for weather-related or other emergencies.

Aligned with the federal government's Private Sector Preparedness standards, the Ready Rating assessment offers businesses, organizations and schools access to tools, tips and best practices to help improve their level of preparedness.

Isaacson said key to the program are the fol-

lowing Five Essential Steps to Preparedness – the cornerstones of the Ready Rating program: commit to preparedness, conduct a hazard vulnerability assessment, develop an emergency response plan, implement your emergency response plan and help your community get prepared.

"The time to prepare for a disaster is before it happens," said Isaacson. "Taking steps to make your property as secure as possible, then having a plan to deal with the aftermath if disaster does strike is just good business and common sense."

For information on readiness resources including SERVPRO's free Ready Plan Mobile Application, available on all smartphones, visit www.SERVPRO.com. For more information about the Ready Plan Mobile Application, visit www.servpro.com/ready. For more information on the Red Cross Ready Rating program, visit readyrating.org.

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Do some spring cleaning of your financial records

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Most people have finished filing their tax returns so it's a great time to do a some financial-record spring cleaning.

When people save too much information then need to find something, they can't because they have too much stuff. Since you've already done some organizing because of tax season, what better time of year to clean out those files?

What should you save from a tax standpoint? Too many people save all tax information for decades. The thought is that you should never throw out tax information but that is not the case. The IRS can audit you for three years after you file your tax return. Therefore, for the majority of people, once that three-year period ends, there is no reason to save all information.

If you filed your 2009 tax return by April 15, 2010, that is your last return the IRS can audit. There is an exception, however. If the IRS claims fraud (where you under reported income by at least 25 percent), it could extend that for a few more years.

My general advice is that you keep the return but shred all the backup information.

Notice I did not say throw away; rather, shred it. A shredder is

something everyone needs. In today's world where identity theft is a major issue, there is no reason to put yourself at risk. Whenever you have sensitive financial information that contains account numbers or Social Security Numbers, shred it, do not throw it away.

Stock statements

Some people retain brokerage statements and statements from mutual fund companies far too long. My general advice is when you receive your latest financial statement, and after you have reviewed it for accuracy, shred your old statement. Most statements today are cumulative and are saved by the financial institution.

If you're buying an individual stock you may want to save your first statement where the purchase shows up. This will allow you to know what your basis is on that investment. For mutual fund purchases, the mutual fund company itself keeps those records so it is not as important for you to retain them.

What about utility and cable bills; how long is it important to save those? Once again, when you receive your new statement it makes sense to shred the old one. I know people that keep their cable TV bills for years. There is no need to do so. Whether it is utilities, cable TV or even your charge card bills, once you receive the new statement there is no reason to retain the old one.

Every year we receive new policies from our auto and homeowner's insurance company. Once again, there is no reason to save your old poli-

cies — shred them. In the old days it used to be that you saved everything because in the unlikely event that you needed the information there was nowhere to go. In today's world, that is not the case.

It is important, however, to keep a permanent file where you keep documents that you need to hold to for long periods of time; for example, your mortgage documents. Retain your mortgage documents until the home is sold. Of course, if you've refinanced and you've received a discharge of mortgage from the old mortgage that has been recorded, there is no reason to save the old documents.

Wills and trusts are also something that you need to save and should be part of your permanent files. Of course, if you execute new documents and you revoke the old ones, once again, there is no reason to save the old documents.

The adage — less is more — applies to financial documents. Since it is spring, it makes sense to go through your financial records and start pruning. It's nice when you go into your file cabinet and it's not stuffed to the brim and you don't have to try and force papers to fit. By pruning documents, you will free up space and, in addition, if you ever need to find any financial documents, you'll have no problem.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, e-mail him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom



Dave Birchler performs at the 2012 "Jammin' to End Famine" concert.

Concert takes aim at childhood hunger

The Birchler family hosts its sixth annual "Jammin' to End Famine" concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger Friday, April 26, at Marian High School auditorium.

Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit organization with the mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S., and to feed starving children throughout the world.

The show begins at 7 p.m. and will showcase three acts, each featuring members of the Birchler family.

"The need for nourishing meals here in Michigan, as well as in places like Haiti, is just staggering," big brother Dave Birchler said.

Concert organizer Tom Birchler said he was "very impressed" with Kids Against Hunger after participating in a mega-packaging event in Okemos, where 800 volunteers assembled 110,000 meals.

"I was astounded to see hundreds of grade school and high school kids laughing and having fun while helping to package food for the less fortunate," he said. "All the profit from this concert will go directly toward buying the food at a packaging event we have scheduled in June. Your support of the con-

cert will help us take advantage of the tremendous participation Kids Against Hunger inspires in our youth."

The concert, the Birchlers said, gives people of all ages the opportunity to "let loose and enjoy music and dancing" in a casual atmosphere. John Birchler, past-president of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, will open the show as a member of the a capella vocal jazz group The Grunyons. Sixties rock band The Paisley Fogg (featuring Tom, Keith and Dave Birchler) will start with an acoustic set. Jim Birchler, with high school band mates Moose Wampler and The Overdays reunite to play 50's rock-and-roll.

Kids Against Hunger works with churches and local nonprofits to package its specially formulated rice-soy casserole for delivery in the U.S. and more than 40 countries to feed starving children and their families. Since 2008, "Jammin' to End Famine" has raised the funds for more than 75,000 of those meals.

"Our concert is a very fun way to help us continue this effort," John Birchler said.

Marian High School is located at 7225 Lahser in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets (\$10 for students, \$25

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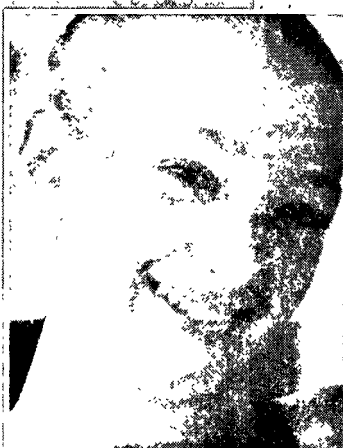
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OUR VIEWS

Right choice

W-W employees give back to help the district

To use a baseball metaphor, the employees of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools collectively stepped up to the plate and hit a home run last week. It was an out-of-the-park blast aimed at preserving the educational program for students and keeping the district financially solvent.

Every employee group, including the superintendent and his Cabinet, made concessions that will save the district an estimated \$11-\$13 million over the next three years and avoid a deficit through 2014-15. With other cost-saving measures, school officials believe the district will be able to stay in the black through 2016-2017. That is, if Gov. Rick Snyder doesn't throw any more curve balls Wayne-Westland's way.

It is truly a reversal of fortune for the school district. For years, Wayne-Westland has cut spending and tightened its belt to make it through the state's tough economic times. It appeared it would succeed until the governor eliminated the \$6 million enhanced school aid money the district was receiving in lieu of millage not factored into its foundation allowance formula. When added to his other funding cuts, Wayne-Westland became the hardest-hit district in the state, losing more than \$900 per student in school aid.

For unions, scaling back on hard-fought wages and benefits is never easy, but faced with the loss of jobs, they made the tough decision.

School officials had fully expected to be more than \$11 million in debt and filing a deficit reduction plan with the state for fiscal 2013-2014. They also anticipated that the deficit would balloon to \$20 million in 2014-2015. That won't happen now, thanks to the new agreements approved by the school board last week.

For unions, scaling back on hard-fought wages and benefits is never easy, but faced with the loss of jobs, they made the tough decision. No one group gave back more than the other. The district provided them with the specific percent of their expenditures from the general fund and then applied that same percent to the structural deficit to come up with a targeted savings. For some employee groups, it means a 5-percent pay reduction, for others a pay freeze. Those employees working their way up the pay scale will not get their step increases.

When the handwriting is on the wall, it's hard to ignore it. Changes needed to be made now, not later, especially with the state's right-to-work law going into effect on March 28. Had the unions waited until their current contracts expired in 2014, they and the district would have been prohibited from making workers pay union dues or fees as a condition of their employment. With these agreements, the unions' agency shop provisions will continue until the new contracts expire in 2017.

The school board and Superintendent Greg Baracy have made it perfectly clear how much they appreciate what the unions have done for the students. Painful as it is, the loss of income is better than the loss of a job.

We agree with school board Vice-President Thomas Buckalew who pointed out that the situation the district faces wasn't created by the administration or the unions. Wayne-Westland has done all the right things so it can continue to offer a viable educational program for students.

We believe that parents should take the time to say thank you to the employees who gave up so much for their children. They are the benefactors. They are the ones who will continue to receive a 21st-century education.

Board Treasurer Shawna Walker may have said it best when she told union representatives that "you came to the bar and the sacrifices you made show your love for this district."

COMMUNITY VOICE

It's almost April 15. Have you done your income taxes yet?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



"I've just started doing them. I don't have that much to do, I'm retired."

Virginia Bernsges
Westland



"No, I'm waiting for my business ones to come. Hopefully, it's soon. They usually come the end of March."

Jennifer Hrycaj
Westland



"No, I usually wait to the last minute to get the paperwork together. I always say I'm going to be more organized, but it never works out."

Bonnie Hurst
Inkster



"Yes, we have. We did them about a month ago."

Matt Mazaitis
Westland

LETTERS

Wild about Wayne

What is going on in Westland?

According to Mayor Haidous in Wayne City, the mayor of Westland has been making trips down to Wayne, sending over "statistics" about the "kind of businesses needed around here." The City of Westland has even sent a bunch of firemen over to Wayne. They have even donated their Fire Chief to Wayne City — isn't that nice?

The firemen will be used as "ordinance officers." They will give out tickets to citizens that don't keep their yards tidy. I originally thought this a good idea — but I was misinformed of the facts. Rather than two fire marshals checking up on fire hazards these guys will apparently be entering private property, knocking on doors, giving verbal warnings and issuing tickets. A recent City Council meeting would have had you thinking they are preparing a small war on the local citizenry.

Why is Wild winging around Wayne?

Down here in Wayne City we are working out our difficulty with our local government and Mayor Wild's name keeps popping up. Why? We

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have enough trouble with one mayor, we don't need two. If you can't keep track of yours, we may have to call an ordinance officer and you will need to keep him tied up.

If you want to know why Mayor Wild seems to be more concerned with Wayne than Westland (where he is mayor), you can contact Wild at (734) 467-3172. Would he would be glad to hear from a Westland citizen?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Bad call

I am writing in regards to an accident my husband was in on March 19, 2013. The road was

extremely icy and a woman was the first to lose control off her car. She swerved and spun out and caused seven other cars to go in every direction they could to avoid an accident.

My husband proceeded to slide into a vehicle which didn't have any damage. Our bumper needs repaired, but no bags went off from the impact because he was not speeding! The officer who "arrived" at the scene decided everyone's report should have speed to fast on the hazardous actions. I wasn't aware that there is a speed limit while you are sliding on ice!

I'm hoping Mr. Sullivan is satisfied with this as it has caused everyone who needs repair to be responsible for their deductible, even with broad collision, because of his statement. No ticket was issued, but it's enough for the insurance companies to not pay the deductible. \$1,000 may not be much for the city of Livonia, but for someone who makes \$14 an hour, it is a lot of money. Please take the time to thank Mr. Sullivan for calling it as he didn't see it! I'm sure everyone else involved is happy also!

T. Orman
Westland

GUEST COLUMN

Arts play key role in state's economic future

By Jennifer Goulet
Guest Columnist

Collaborate. Create. Connect. These themes set the stage at the Governor's Economic Summit in mid-March that strategically engaged business, education and emerging leaders to define approaches aligning Michigan's rich talent



Jennifer Goulet

supply with the workforce needs of Michigan's employers. As Michigan continues on a strategic pathway of reinvention, we have important decisions to make. How can we maximize our state's assets in innovation and creativity to equip emerging talent to possess the skills needed by employers today and into the future? What must we do to ensure talent is attracted to live and work in Michigan communities, finding both meaningful career opportunities and a vibrant quality of life?

Studies abound documenting the critical role the arts play in educating our children: not only through arts programs like music, theater or dance but also by incorporating the arts throughout academic curriculum. With inclusion of the arts in education, students gain valuable skills in creative and innovative problem-solving; critical thinking and reasoning; teamwork;

and communication. Results for increased academic achievement overall, and especially in subjects like science, math, engineering and technology, a mastery of which is in high demand, have been a proven benefit of integrated arts.

Many of these skills were directly detailed as "projected demand" skills by 2018 at the Governor's Economic Summit. The arts prepare our students to gain these top-ranked skills employers need and ensure a talented workforce for our future. We must engage all of our assets to prepare our students.

And yet, there's much work ahead to guarantee Michigan's students have access to the arts in their schools and educational experience. The Michigan Arts Education Census, released in September 2012 by ArtServe Michigan and Michigan Youth Arts, confirmed the grim reality that at least 108,000 K thru 12 students in Michigan schools have no access to the arts. None.

This is in sobering contrast to the notion of equipping our future talent to meet the needs of Michigan's employers for continued economic growth statewide. We must bring this number to "zero" by embracing strategic and collective efforts across public, private and nonprofit sectors to secure a future of equitable access to the arts and creativity for all Michigan students.

We also can't lose sight of the importance placemaking plays in attracting and retaining talent

in Michigan communities. The Summit referenced a study from the Michigan Colleges Foundation indicating placemaking as an important factor in keeping college graduates in Michigan, with 42 percent of graduates citing vibrant communities as a necessity for post-graduate life. The arts contribute significantly to generating that community vibe where the spirit of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship is valued and nurtured and where creative minds seek to locate and be inspired by their peers.

While the arts are so often perceived as "great to have" but not essential, especially in tight economic times, we must embrace its critical role in equipping tomorrow's talented workforce, creating job and economic opportunities and cultivating a vibrant sense of place in our communities. We urge support of the Governor's recommended \$1 million increase in the state's investment in its arts and cultural assets for FY 2014 — an important step in rebuilding funding to levels more closely aligned with the creative sector's significant return on investment for Michigan. The creative industries must be engaged in the "heavy-lifting" of Michigan's economic development strategies, or we miss the strategic advantage that could lie ahead.

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Super Show features arts, crafts from disabled people

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Teddy Fitzmaurice, president of Teddy's Ts, designs, paints and sells his T-shirts promoting human rights and disability advocacy, which he'll be doing at the Super Show at Laurel Park Place on Saturday, April 6.

He also has Down syndrome, and transitioned out of 26 years of public school education, graduating from high school in 2003.

The Livonia event features handcrafted items including ceramics, paintings, jewelry, T-shirts and hats, and it's open to anyone in Michigan who makes handcrafted items to sell or has a micro-enterprise, one-person business.

All vendors keep funds they collect from sales of their products or services. Organizers say this is the only regularly scheduled event that supports Michigan people with disabilities. The event was previously held monthly at various locations in Novi during 2012.

The Fitzmaurice family lives in West Bloomfield, but used to live in Novi, said mom Susan Fitzmaurice. Her son is 29 and lives independently next to her in a duplex condo.

He was involved in the Atrium Mall of Novi shows in the past.

"Hopefully, we're going to make a go of it. They're being very welcoming," she said of the new Laurel Park Place location. "They're extending a lot of service to us to get it off the ground."

People with significant disabilities have limited employment options. "They want to work just like everybody else wants to work. By having a micro-enterprise, that's one way you can gain that respect."



Teddy Fitzmaurice of West Bloomfield met President Bill Clinton during a Michigan visit, and gave him a T-shirt of Fitzmaurice's design.

"This isn't about charity," she said of the good quality products. "You're buying it because it's a nice quality item, and you want it."

She noted when meeting new people, "What do you do for a living?" is a common early question.

"But the folks who do this have an answer to that question. It's really as much about selling and helping people be able to get out there." It's important for the community to see disabled people as having an "important place in our communities," she said.

Teddy Fitzmaurice, who began his business in April 2006, likes to take cooking classes at Schoolcraft College. He has taken his T-shirts to a number of out-of-state sites,

and spent the summer of 2010 learning to silk-screen.

"President Clinton has one, Jennifer Granholm has one," his mom said. The former president has one that says "I vote. Do you?" with the Statue of Liberty in a wheelchair.

"That's his own design," she said.

He met Clinton during a Michigan visit, and also presented one to Granholm, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and members of Congress.

"We are part of the community, we shouldn't be sidelined," Susan Fitzmaurice said of the larger message.

There are 68 tables for the show, she said. Fitzmaurice anticipates there will still be room for vendors, due to cancella-

tions. A wait list may need to be started: "Hopefully they'll be able to come."

Clients from many local agencies that assist disabled people have been contacted to participate in the Super Show, including Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, Easter Seals, Community Network Services, United Cerebral Palsy, Community Choices, Judson Center of Royal Oak, New Center Community Mental Health, Northbrook Psychological Clinic of Novi, Novi Psychiatry and Psychology, Oakland County Community Mental Health, Wayne County Mental Health, Wolverine Human Services of Detroit, and others.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

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Hauser will be bringing artifacts of historic theatres in downtown Detroit and talk about the elegance, beauty and significance of these theatres at the height of their time. He was also instrumental in the modernization of the State Wayne Theatre.

To register for Adult programs, visit the

Adult Reference Desk or call (734) 721-7832.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will hold its chili cook-off at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held on May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at Westland-DemClub@robinwood.com.



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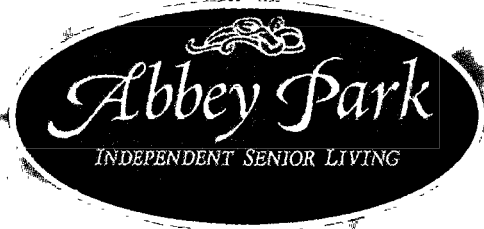
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Concert throws thread of hope to kids at risk

Some of Michigan's most respected musical performers will be on the stage at Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College on Saturday April 13, to raise the money they need to fund their work helping incarcerated and at-risk youth in Michigan.

Folk music legend Josh White Jr., Irish-inspired singer/songwriter Kitty Donohoe, blues master Reverend Robert Jones, and other stars yet to be announced will join award-winning humorist and singer/songwriter Mike Ball on stage in the Spring Concert for Lost Voices.

Lost Voices is a Michigan nonprofit that conducts music writing and performing workshops with incarcerated and at-risk youth.

"Growing up is about choices, and sometimes young people make bad ones," said Ball, who founded Lost Voices. "We work with kids who are in trouble, most of them locked up, because of bad choices they have made. We help them learn how to express their feelings in ways other than the destructive patterns that have been their way of life."

Lost Voices was born in 2006 when Ball, an author, syndicated humor columnist and folk musician, started a creative writing class for the young men at the W. J. Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake. With initial funding from the Michigan Humanities Council, Ball's work quickly evolved into a music writing program in which the kids write the lyrics, and Ball, working in tandem



Spring Concert for Lost Voices will help the nonprofit conducts music writing and performing workshops with incarcerated and at-risk youth.

with folk and blues musicians like White, Donohoe and Jones, transforms their thoughts into music.

At the end of the workshop, the kids go on stage, backed by the professional musicians, to perform their work for their peers, teachers, counselors, and parents.

Ball and his Lost Voices teams mostly work with incarcerated boys and girls between the ages of 12-18. "These are really talented children," said Ball, "Granted, many of them have done bad things, or they wouldn't be locked up. But they are still kids, and beneath it all they are not all that different from your kids or mine. I always find it pretty amazing how much they are willing to dig down into their deepest feelings, how much they are willing to reveal in their songs."

The April 13 Concert will feature songs written in the Lost Voices program.

"We can't bring the kids out on stage for you to meet them, but we can do the next best thing - we can sing you their songs. Josh, Kitty and Robert and I have all worked

on the 'front lines' with the kids, and we all have songs from them that we are moved to perform," Ball said.

The concert is a major fundraiser for the group, the latest in a series going back to 2007. In past years, Lost Voices Concerts have featured acts like Peter Madcat Ruth, Matt Watroba, Charlie Allen Martin, Cats and The Fiddler, Jen Cass, Salem Witchcraft, Annie and Rod Capps, Shari Kane and Dave Steele.

The Concert kicks off at 6:30 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building on the WCC Campus with an opening act of students from the Washtenaw Community College Performing Arts programs.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, with student tickets available for \$15 and Gold Circle Reserved Seating for \$50. Tickets are available online at <http://LVSpring2013.brownpapertickets.com> and at the door.

To learn more about Lost Voices and the concert, visit <http://lostvoices.org>.

'Travelers' enjoy trip around world at Multicultural Fair

More than two dozen nations and cultures were represented March 28 at Schoolcraft College's 2013 Multicultural Fair, an annual international celebration that highlights the cultural diversity of the college's community.

The Multicultural Fair, organized by students for the benefit of the college and community, celebrated its 12th year with more than 3,000 people in attendance. The event, held every year in late March in the VisTaTech Center, features cultural displays, performances, language

demonstrations and ethnic snacks.

Upon entering the fair visitors received "passports" that were stamped at each display table they visited.

Performers included the Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo, Manoo-gian School Armenian Dancers, Marcus Garvey Academy African Drum & Dance Ensemble and Scottish, Middle Eastern and Irish dancers, among others.

Countries represented with displays and demonstrations included Armenia, Greece, India, Russia, Israel, Lebanon, Macedo-

nia, Mexico, Morocco, the Philippines, Spain, Turkey, Venezuela and Vietnam.

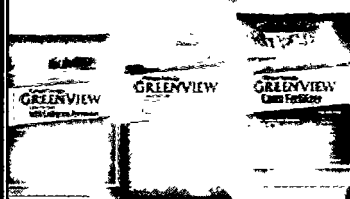
Other demonstrations and displays included Quilts of the Underground Railroad, Schoolcraft Culinary Arts and English as a Second Language programs, mixed media art and poetry, traditional Chinese medicine, eyebrow threading and henna painting, an Olympics display, WDV-FM and 89X-FM.

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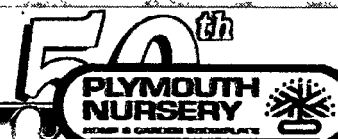
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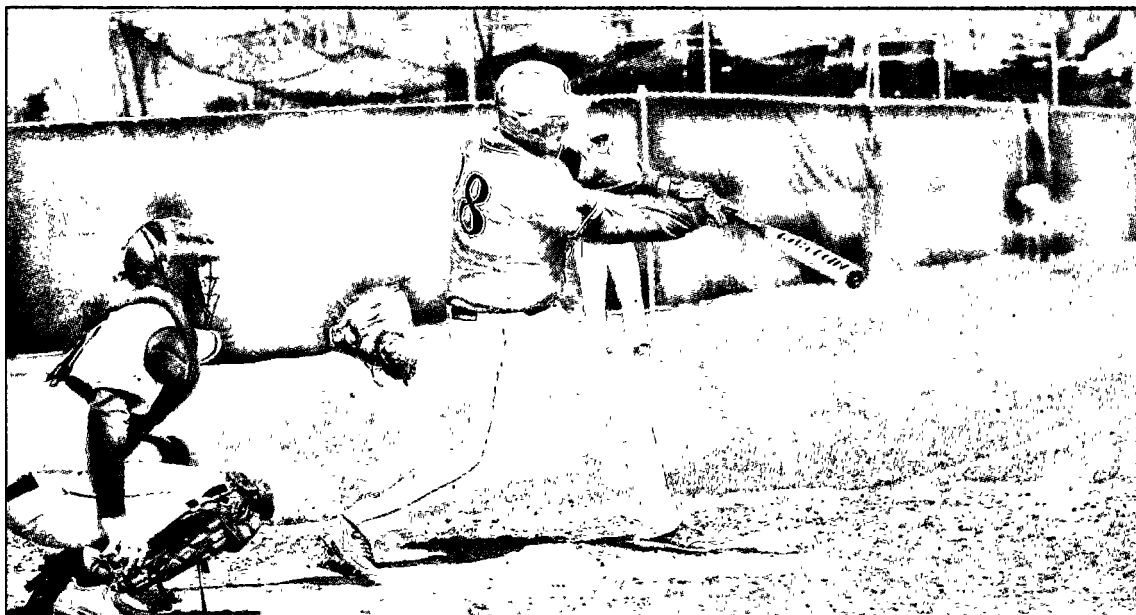
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John Glenn's Jeff Kennedy singles sharply to left field in Tuesday's season opener at home against Allen Park.

Bone-chilling day

John Glenn divides twinbill with Allen Park

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer



John Glenn's Brandon Smeltzer (8) started the season opener Tuesday in a double-header against visiting Allen Park.

Despite frigid conditions, Westland John Glenn was able to launch its 2013 baseball season Tuesday settling for a split with visiting Allen Park.

The Rockets staved off a 4-run rally by the Jaguars in the top of the seventh to hang on for a 13-12 victory in the opener, but was blanked the nightcap, 9-0.

"For being out the first time it was pretty cold," said Glenn first-year coach Lawrence Scheffer, who was able to notch his first win in Game One. "It showed we've got a lot of work to do. We held on in the first game. In the second game we just made too many errors. Errors will kill you."

Jeff Kennedy was the offensive catalyst in Game One for Glenn going 3-for-5 with three RBI.

Chase Bovia also went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Christopher Scheffer contributed a pair of hits, including a double.

"The kids hit the ball, hit-and-run, they hit behind runners," Scheffer said. "They did a good job first game."

The Rockets, who jumped out to a 6-2 lead after three innings, used three pitchers with Brandon Smeltzer making the start and going the first three before giving way to Jeff Tomans in the fourth.

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GIRLS PREVIEW

Seniors key to Churchill track cause

See capsule outlook of area teams.

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Most area girls track and field coaches would love to be in Pat Daugherty's shoes this spring.

His Livonia Churchill squad, coming off its eighth straight Division 1 regional title, has no intention of slowing down as the 2013 season approaches.

Daugherty has reason to be optimistic again with the return of two first-team All-Observer performers in senior Emily Norscia, who finished third in the Division 1 state finals in the discus (118 feet, 4 inches), and senior Sydney Anderson, a state qualifier in the 400-meter dash (59.9).

Other key senior returnees from last year's top-10 area list-ings include: Kerigan Riley, 1,600 (5:15.7) and 3,200 (11:45.3); Molly Jarvis, 100 hurdles (15.7) and 300 hurdles (46.96); Ashley Cochran, high jump (5-2) and long jump (16-4.5); Michelle Azar, 800 (2:26.7) and 1,600 (5:29.2); Vivien Okechukwu, 3,200 (12:13.2); Julia Szuba, 400 (1:01.0).

Senior Demi Crossman, headed to Minnesota-Duluth on a hockey scholarship, also adds depth in the sprints.

"Anderson, Jarvis, Riley, Szuba, Norscia, Crossman, Cochran, Azar and Okechukwu have been outstanding individuals and team members — on the track and in the classroom," Daugherty said. "All of these girls are going on to college and most will continue on as athletes as well. Fortunately we have one more season with them."

"All of these girls have won multiple regional championships, been



Daugherty

MU baseball takes a split

The Madonna University baseball team stands 13-6 overall following a split of a double-header Saturday at Ilitch Ballpark with visiting Rochester College.

In the opener, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) went 4-for-4 with a homer and two RBI in a 9-4 MU triumph over the Warriors.

Justin Cook also went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Shane Dockey and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) also added two hits apiece.

Adam Prashad (2-0), who pitched three innings of relief of starter Josh Vandemark, allowing one earned run on three hits, picked up the win.

Ray Yesh went 3-for-3 with an RBI in a losing cause, while starter Fernando Delacruz (0-1) took the loss.

In the nightcap, David Woodson went 2-for-4, including a homer and four RBI, as Rochester (5-13) defeated the Crusaders, 10-2.

Winning pitcher Austin Suiter (1-0) threw a complete-game three-hitter. He struck out two and walked five.

Losing pitcher Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn), the starter, slipped to 1-1 after allowing five earned runs on six hits in three innings.

Lineberry and Ryan Lech each knocked in a run for Madonna.

The Crusaders' scheduled Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference twinbill Monday against Aquinas was postponed a second time due to weather.

Please see **TRACK**, B4

He inspired others

Triathlete Plank, 58, remembered

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

When it came to sharing his knowledge about running, biking or swimming, Gary Plank would always "Pay it Forward."

A fixture at the Livonia YMCA, Plank died Easter Sunday at age 58 — the same day his beloved Michigan Wolverines earned a trip to the Final Four — following a lengthy illness.

The 1972 Stevenson High grad, who worked 30 years in maintenance for the Livonia Public Schools, was an accomplished triathlete who was always willing to offer support and lend his expertise.

"He was a great inspiration,"

longtime friend and training partner Gary Smith said. "He took regular people and gave them the idea that you could be better."

"If there was one thing about Gary is that he mentored people. There would be many people who would have never thought of running a marathon, a half-marathon, or even a triathlon."

Smith recalls his first introduction to the sport of triathlon, but not without a subtle nudge from Plank.

"The first day I did my first triathlon was on the St. Patrick's Day Run at YMCA that he used to orchestrate," Smith said. "Gary said, 'Look, you swim in the pool, then ride the bike for awhile, then do the 5-mile St. Patrick's Day Run. It's just like a triathlon.' He inspired that activity to try and do those type of things, and better yourself. And he passed that

along."

In 2000, Plank completed his first Ironman — a 1.9-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run — at the Mohican Pineman in Ohio. He was also a regular each year for the Make-a-Wish Foundation's 300-mile ride.

In 2001, Plank organized a bike ride with a small group of friends that was called the Summer Solstice Double Century, a single day 200-mile event.

Plank would welcome anyone interested in the challenge to join the group.

"We'd mark the course a couple weeks in advance," Smith recalled. "We always did it as close to the summer solstice as we could that weekend. We would ride from Davisburg to Lansing. We'd eat lunch in Lansing and ride back."

"There were sometimes

Please see **PLANK**, B4

WHAC honors two MU players after 4-0 week

Madonna University's Bree Crampton and Caitlyn Keuvelaar were named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Pitcher and Player of the Week, respectively, for the period of March 25-31.

Crampton, a sophomore from New Baltimore Anchor Bay, went 2-0 with a save as the Crusaders posted a 4-0 record to improve their overall mark to 14-11.

Keuvelaar, a junior from Essexville Garber, batted .636 for the week and scored five runs. She also homered in a sweep March 27 against Albion College at the renovated University Field.

On Friday, MU swept host Bluffton University (Ohio) in a nonconference double-header, 6-4 and 5-3.

Erin Mayes went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Keuvelaar went 2-for-4, including her fourth homer of the season, and four RBI in the opener.

Emma Cook also contributed two hits and scored two runs.

Crampton (7-6) went all seven innings allowing four earned runs while scattering nine hits. She struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Brittany Baker had two hits and two RBI for Bluffton, while starter Kayla Owens (3-5), who allowed six earned runs on seven hits and four walks, took the loss.

In the second game, Mayes belted her second homer of the year and Cook added her first as the Crusaders collected 12 hits.

Keuvelaar went 3-for-4, while Arielle Cox, Kasey Trierweiler and Mayes each added two hits.

Winning pitcher Carlee Meek (4-1) gave up one earned run on seven hits. Crampton set Bluffton (9-11) down in order in the seventh inning to earn the save.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU women's golfers 4th

The Madonna University women's golf team earned a fourth-place finish Tuesday in the SEKI/University of Cumberlands (Ky.) Invitational at the par-71 Crooked Creek Golf Community.

Host Cumberlands led the nine-school field with a two-day team total of 648 total followed by Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 663; Cumberland University (Ky.), 680; and MU, 352-354-706.

Michelle Hall was MU's top finishers in 11th with an 83-84-167.

Other Madonna finishers included Chelsea Collura, 83-88-171; Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), 91-86-177; Holly Laginess; and Kaitlyn Brasher, 95-96-191 each.

The Crusaders return to action Friday and Saturday at the Cougar Invitational in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rizzo an ace

Livonian Thomas Rizzo recorded the first hole-in-one of the season Saturday at Whispering Willows Golf Course when he used a 9-iron to ace the 127-yard, No. 7 hole.

For Rizzo, it was his first ace in 27 years. He shot 77 for 18 holes.

The late Gary Plank (second from left) was an avid rider in the WAM 300-miler.



JIM CAHILL

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Foul shot contest

The third annual Sons of American Legion Post 32-Livonia Youth Free Throw championship will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 6, at Memorial Church of Christ gymnasium, 35475 Five Mile Road (between Levan and Farmington roads).

First place and runner-up trophies will be awarded, along with door prizes, for the following age groups: 6-and-under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The cost is \$5 per participant (payable at registration) will all proceeds going to Blum's Landing, a Michigan bed and breakfast for returning wounded veterans.

Former Grand Valley State and University of Michigan basketball player Jerret Smith will also be making an appearance.

For more information, call Charles Wagner at (248) 420-8472.

Collins outing

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

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

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

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

The registration deadline is April 27.

To obtain a flier, visit www.golflivonia.com

or www.livoniapublicschools.org.

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

Pom pon clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pompon squad will stage a clinic for grades three through high school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the high school field-house.

Included in the \$25 cost is a light snack, CD and T-shirt. (You must be registered by Friday, April 5.)

For more information, e-mail Kelly Sikorski at kelsikorski@sbcglobal.net.

Grid assistants

Livonia Franklin is seeking two assistant football coaches for the 2013 season.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge and proven ability to train and teach the fundamentals with prior high school coaching experience.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

Senior softball

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

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

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

For more information, call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry at (248) 767-0828.

Titans champs

Reynolds spurs U-D to WBI hoop crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It wasn't the NCAA, or the NIT for that matter.

But it rained confetti Saturday afternoon at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall after the Lady Titans hoisted the Women's Basketball Invitational championship trophy following a 73-62 victory over McNeese State (La.).

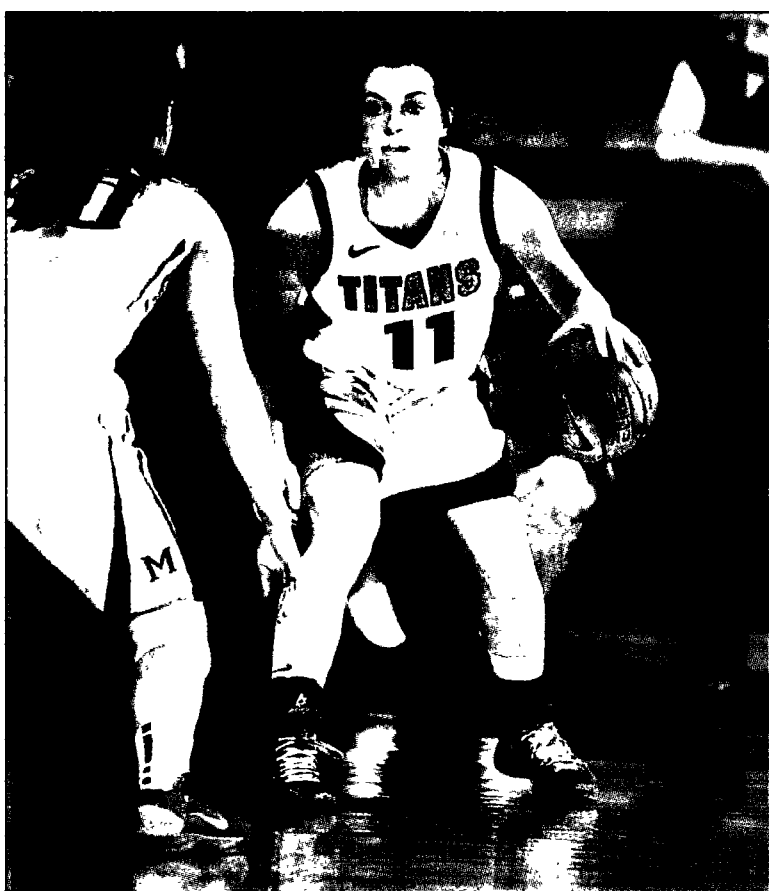
In the middle of it all and cutting down the nets was 5-foot-10 freshman point-guard Rosanna Reynolds, a Canton native, who scored 11 points and dished out four assists in 38 minutes action for the newly crowned WBI champions.

For the Dearborn Divine Child High grad, it was a season that went beyond even her own expectations as she averaged a team-best 38.2 minutes per game while averaging eight points, 3.3 rebounds and a 4.0 assists per outing.

Afterwards, U-D coach Autumn Rademacher took the mike and addressed the crowd proclaiming, "Frosties for everybody," to the happy Titan fans.

But after U-D was ousted 71-54 in the Horizon League semifinals by 20th-ranked and eventual tournament champion Wisconsin-Green Bay, Rademacher thought she had lost her team and the season appeared to be over.

"We didn't think the season was over at all," Reynolds said. "After she walked out, we were just like, 'No, the season is not over, we've got to stay together as a team.'"



University of Detroit Mercy freshman point-guard Rosanna Reynolds (11) scored 11 points and dished out four assists as the Lady Titans beat McNeese State (La.) on Saturday for the Women's Basketball Invitational title.

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And after the Lady Titans got a bid to the WBI, they took full advantage by winning four straight home games at Calihan capped by the second-half comeback victory over McNeese State, the alma mater of former Piston great and general manager Joe Dumars.

The Titans trailed 30-28 at halftime, but Reynolds helped get the Lady Titans untracked by hitting a pair of clutch three-pointers. That helped offset the one-two McNeese senior guard tandem of twins Ashlyn and Caitlyn Baggett, who came into the game averaging 19 and 15 points per game, respectively. (The two combined for 38

points.) "We were looking to do a lot of pick-and-rolls because we knew they had a tough time defending the pick-and-roll," Reynolds said. "We were looking to get it into 'Reta' (Shareta Brown) and if that wasn't open — drive — because they (McNeese) had all their help in the middle, so just kick it out for the 'threes' and we knocked them down."

The 6-foot Brown, named tournament MVP, scored a game-high 28 points hitting 11-of-12 shots from the floor to go along with 14 rebounds.

U-D finished the year 21-13 overall and 9-7 in the Horizon League. The Lady Titans return three

starters for the 2013-14 season including Reynolds, guard Senee Shearer, who averaged 11 points per game, and Brown, one of the nation's leading scorers at 21 points per game.

"This is definitely more than I thought," said Reynolds, who was named to the Horizon League's All-Newcomer team. "I thought we could do more in the Horizon League, which was a let-down, but we brought ourselves back up and won this."

"This will get us excited (for next year). We know what it feels like and to go after a bigger title."

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BOYS WRESTLING (TEAM HONORS):

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Livonia Stevenson: KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference Champions; 3rd, MHSAA Division 1 finals.

BOYS SWIMMING (INDIVIDUAL):

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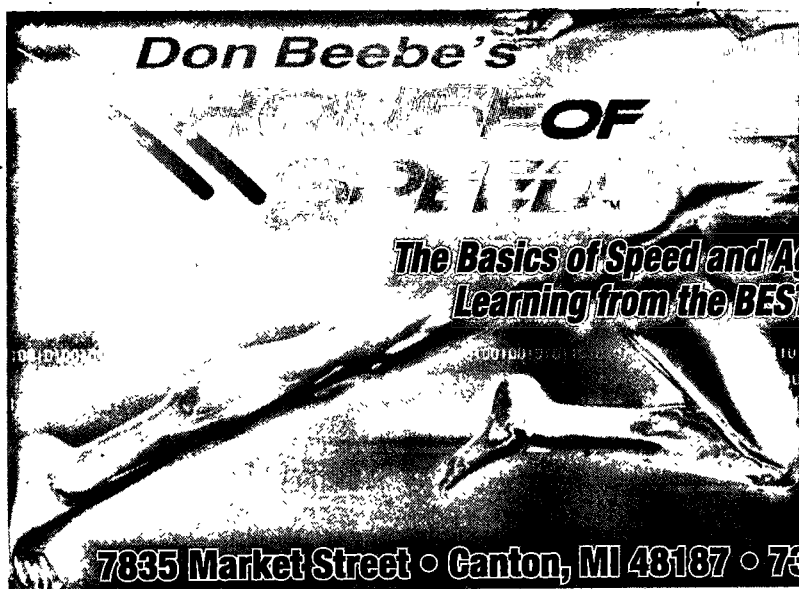
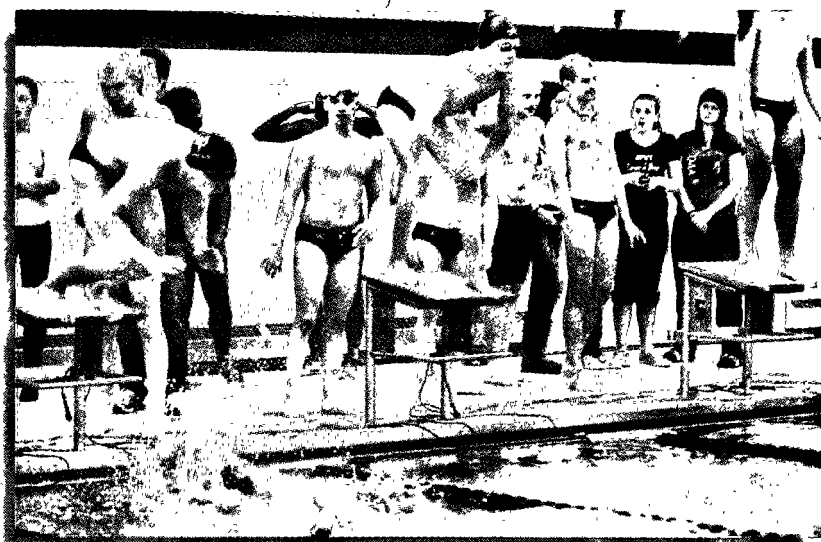
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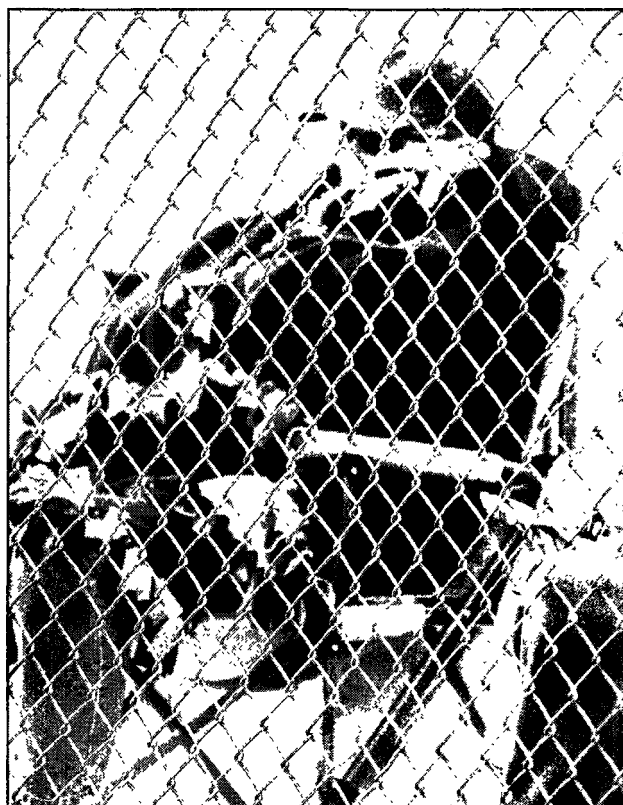
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Not the ideal day to play baseball as spectator Jim Fraser bundles up with a blanket during the Westland John Glenn-Allen Park double-header.

BASEBALL

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Ryan Wheeler worked the final three innings to pick up the win and got a strikeout with two Allen Park runners aboard in the top of the seventh.

Losing pitcher Kyle Roberts and J.T. Nester each collected two hits for Allen Park.

Four Allen Park pitchers combined for the shutout in Game Two as the Rockets were limited to four hits.

Winning pitcher Jake Makowski went the first three, while Quinn Garcia pitched the fourth and Nester the fifth. Dylan Pippin closed out the victory.

Nate Berrellez led the Jaguars' 14-hit attack going 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Clark Boston had two of Glenn's four hits.

Losing pitcher Brendon Wetmore went the first

three innings followed Jacob Fox for three more and Kyle Hunter in the seventh.

Glenn make five errors on the day.

"Our defense is what we're going to work on at practice," Scheffer said. "The defense has got to get better. The routine plays ... you've got to make them."

Glenn, the only area team to schedule games during spring break, returns to action Thursday at home in a twinbill against Dearborn Edsel Ford. (Game time is 11 a.m.)

"We've been outside maybe five or six times," Scheffer said. "It's really early. Like I've said before, we'll be competitive, but we've got to get some bumps out of the way. "Allen Park is always a good team. It was good to get that first win right away."

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where people couldn't do it the first week, and week later, he'd do it with somebody else because they couldn't do it the week before because of a prior commitment. There were two weeks in a row where he did 200 miles on a Saturday. He was an inspiring person and he always had time for people, coached them, mentored them. Just a great guy."

Jim Cahill, another friend and training partner, also remembers those Solstice rides.

"He knew every turn of the route by memory," Cahill said. "He was brilliant, which was summed up well when someone once said, 'Who needs the Internet when Gary is around?'"

"He was able to apply his wealth of knowledge into interesting conversation, conversation with anyone about anything. Equal to his brain power was his athleticism. He was an avid runner, cyclist, and swimmer and all-around advocate of fitness. He loved to coach those who needed help and he was a ton of fun to work out with."

Plank, who was a sub-3-hour marathoner, also helped foster and guide the Heart-and-Met Running Club, which met regularly on Monday evenings dating back in the early 1990s at the Livonia Family Y.

"If it wasn't for Gary, I may have done a mar-

athon, but not as well as I did in my first marathon," longtime friend John Krok said. "I trained a whole summer for my first marathon and he was a terrific mentor. I finished my first marathon in 3 hours and 34 minutes, which is pretty good first a first one. I've never touched that since and you think I would have done better? I followed his advice and did very well. I owe him a lot."

Krok said Plank was a student of running, biking and swimming. "Whatever he did, he learned everything about it," Krok said. "He knew what to do and what to eat, this, that and the other to train properly. If you needed advice, Gary was the person to talk to for sure. And he was an all-around good friend."

Plank is survived by his wife Emilie, along with three sisters, three nieces and one nephew.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Thursday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will also be a remembrance service at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Plank will remain in state at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church, 9415 Merriman Road (at West Chicago), Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Peace Lutheran Church, Make-A-Wish Foundation or Michigan Animal Rescue League.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Pat Daugherty, sixth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington (South Division).
Last year's finish: first, Division 1 regional, KLAAs South and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational; second, Kensington Conference.

Titles won last year: Division 1 regional, KLAAs South and PSL champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Sencclair McDonnell (first-team All-Area); Bethany Pilot (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Emily Norscia, Sr., throws (first-team All-Area, discus); Sydney Anderson, Sr., middle distance (first-team All-Area, 400; 3,200 relay; third-team, 1,600 relay); Ashley Cochran, Sr., jumps (second-team All-Area, high jump); Molly Jarvis, Sr., hurdles-relays (second-team All-Area, 300 hurdles); Julia Szuba, Sr., middle distance (third-team All-Area, 400; 1,600 relay); Kerigan Riley, Sr., distance (first-team, 3,200 relay; third-team All-Area, 1,600); Demi Crossman, Sr., sprints (second-team All-Area, 400 relay); Leah Heinzelman, Sr., sprints (second-team All-Area, 400 relay; third-team, 1,600 relay); Elyssa Hoffmann, Jr., sprints (second-team All-Area, 400 relay); Michelle Azar, Sr., middle distance (first-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); Vivien Okechukwu, Sr., distance; Kourtney Strong, Soph., sprints; Amanda Fox, Jr., pole vault; Hannah Pummil, Soph., throws; Juliet Hope, Soph., high jump.

Promising newcomers: Erin Emmanuel, Soph., middle distance; Janell Green, Fr., sprints; Chanel Gardner, Fr., sprints; Krissy Newby, Soph., sprints; Jenna Hickson, Jr., distance; Emma Rimatzki, Fr., sprints-long jump; Gabriel Carter, Fr., throws; Alexis Lombardo, Fr., middle distance.

Daugherty's 2013 outlook: "Every year we rely on our seniors as our leaders and for scoring most of our points. That holds true this year more than most. We have nine seniors who will earn their four-year varsity letter plaques. This has been the most outstanding group from top-to-bottom that I have coached. It's a very dedicated and competitive group. Our success this year will be dictated by them."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dave Bjorklund, 13th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington (South Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAs South; seventh, Division 1 regional; 10th, Kensington Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Jessica Thomas, Ashley Gruden.

Leading returnees: Kelly O'Brien, Sr., hurdles-high jump (third-team All-Area, 110 hurdles); Madison Agnew, Sr., sprints; Bryah White, Soph., sprints; Natalie Modes, Sr., long jump sprints; Sheila McKinley, Jr., pole vault-high jump-400; Anna Snider, Sr., distance; Mallory Dorton, Sr., pole vault; Madeline Osborn, Sr., hurdles; Katelyn Kovach, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers: El-lary Marano, Soph., distance; Natalie Douglas, Fr., distance; Julie Wonch, Fr., sprints.

Bjorklund's 2013 outlook: "From a team scoring and dual-meet record standpoint last year, it was a bit of a down year. However, we had some real bright spots as we improved in several key events and qualified

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all-conference and qualified for the state meet on more than one occasion. I can't say enough good things about each of them."

Meanwhile, Churchill also returns two juniors who prove track records in Elyssa Hoffmann (12.7, 100; 26.7, 200) and Kourtney Strong (1:03.27, 400).

"We have a solid group of juniors, sophomores and freshmen that should add support and depth," said Daugherty, whose team also captured the KLAAs South Division and was also runner-up to Novi in the Kensington Conference meet last season. "We also have the best group of assistant coaches around with Bruce Rivera moving in to coach the sprinters; Becky Barnes coaching hurdlers and long jumper; Jordan McClell-

O'Brien in the 100 hurdles and our 400 relay team to the state meet. Three out of four members of that relay team return, and we should have good depth among our sprinters led by Agnew, Modes, and White. The distance team is much improved with the addition of Douglas and Marano. Our vaulters have worked hard in the off-season as McKinley and Dorton have their eyes set on the state meet. As a team we will look to make improvements in the middle distance areas as well as the throws."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Kelly Graham, 10th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAAs Central and Division 1 regional; seventh, Kensington Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Alex Kitz (first-team All-Area), Kayla Branton, Sarah Muzzin, Julia Capeneka, Marisa Pettipas, Christine Aljuni.

Leading returnees: Brianna Jed, Jr., long jump-sprints (second-team All-Area, long jump); Karlie Gallagher, Sr., middle distance (second-team All-Area, 800); Oly Nwankwo, Soph., throws; Brenna Gabrielson, Sr., middle distance; Chelsea Billingsley, Sr., throws; Jackie Deacon, Sr., distance; Amy Freed, Jr., sprints; Allison Timberlake, Jr., sprints; Erica Burgess, Jr., hurdles; Kendall Ash, Jr., sprints; Emily Chapski, Soph., distance; Barbara Scupholm, Jr., distance; Anna Lectka, Soph., long jump-sprints; Brooke Kuchka, Sr., distance; Macy Pettipas, Jr., throws; Morgan Plue, Sr., throws.

Promising newcomers: Tina Austin, Fr., sprints; AnnMarie Brady, Soph., sprints; Melissa Flannigan, Soph., distance; Bayne Froney, Fr., distance; Haley Jurczynski, Fr., distance; Maggie Law, Soph., distance; Amanda Schultz, Fr., sprints; Emily Wade, Fr., sprints; Jessica Wagner, Fr., distance; Morgan Waters, Fr., throws; Audrey Stahrr, Fr., throws.

Graham's 2013 outlook: "We have a big group of talented distance girls who will be very competitive this year. This is probably the first year that I have been as stacked in the distance events that I can remember. I have a solid group of returning sprinters that will have to pull the weight until our freshman group gain experience. We have a lot more freshman this season, which is nice to see along with added new upper-classman in their first season. As long as we stay healthy we'll be very competitive this season."

WESTLAND GLENN
Head coach: James Fitzgerald, fourth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington (South Division).
Last year's finish: third, Division 1 regional and KLAAs South; fourth, Kensington Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Joslyn Massey (third-team All-Area); Chantelle Wright (third-team All-Area); Stephany Brown.

Leading returnees: Kirsten Smith, Sr., hurdles (first-team All-Area, 300 hurdles; third-team, 800 relay); Kayla Jones, Sr., sprints (second-team All-Area, 100; third-team, 800 relay); Taelour Phillips, Sr., hurdles-400; Rheana Allen, Sr., sprints; Britney Sergeichik, Sr., throws; Courtney MacQuarrie, Sr., pole vault-1,600; Caroline Michalak, Soph., pole vault-800; Breylin Meeks, Soph., hurdles-400; Kayla Hall, Soph., pole vault-800; Barb Messics, Soph., distance.

Promising newcomers:

lan returning to coach our pole vault group; and John Filiatraut, Al Smith and Dave Simpson coaching our throwers."

Westland John Glenn, fourth at last year's regional, will be paced by senior hurdler Kirsten Smith, a state qualifier who went 14.9 in the 100 highs and 46.3 in the 300 lows.

The Rockets also welcome back senior Taelour Phillips, who cleared 4-10 in the high jump and ran 16.7 in the 100 hurdles; along with senior sprinter Kayla Jones, who clocked times of 12.3 and 26.3 in the 100 and 200 dashes, respectively.

Livonia Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund will rely on senior 100 and 300 hurdler Kelly O'Brien, who posted times of 15.5 and 49.1, respectively. O'Brien also cleared 5-0 in the high jump.

Also returning for the Patriots is junior Sheila McKinley, who cleared 4-10 in the high jump, along with sophomore Bryah White (12.5 in the

Asia Gardner, Fr., sprints; Angelic Burks, Fr., sprints; Anaja Robinson, Fr., sprints; Tiara Cooks, Fr., sprints; Hannah Mitchell, Fr., distance; Tara Roney, Fr., throws;

Fitzgerald's 2013 outlook: "We lost five of our top point scorers from last year that were a huge part of our success over the past three seasons. Although it has been a challenge, we hope to fill those voids with our young talent and be very competitive this spring. We have a nice freshman class that should be able to contribute right away in many events."

Our returning girls from last year have shown great leadership and have set the tone with their strong workouts. This is going to be a fun group to coach because they love track and want to get better. I think we should be very competitive this season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Tiffany James, third year.

League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington (South Division).
Last year's finish: sixth, KLAAs South; ninth, Division 1 regional; 11th, Kensington Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Ta'Nia Lewis.

Leading returnees: Bailey Hart, Sr. throws; Danielle Robins, Sr., sprints; Gema Lopez, Sr., distance-pole vault; Carlita Jones, Sr., sprints-long jump; Ashé Lewis, Sr., sprints; Saleha Davis, Sr., throws; Emma O'Connell, Sr., sprints-high jump; Honia Williams, Jr., sprints; Krishelle King-Lewis, Jr., sprints-long jump; Allaisia Williams, Jr., sprints; Quay Nichols, Soph., throws; Tierra King, Soph., sprints-long jump; China Wellons, Soph., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Amber Dallas, Sr., throws; Tiffany Williams, Jr., throws; Mackiya Tennille, Jr., throws; Kaise Macairan, Jr., distance; Kayla Hood, Jr., distance; Megan Macek, Jr., distance; Ashley Hall, Soph., sprints; Fanyonah Jackson, Soph., sprints-long jump; Cierra Shephard, Soph., sprints-high jump; Farrah Hjeltness, Soph., distance; Falisia Farmer, Soph., throws; Dalja Bendolph, Fr., sprints.

James' 2013 outlook: "Last year we finished the season with 20 girls and this year we have 41 dedicated and hard-working young ladies. This is going to be a very interesting and exciting season for both the athletes and coaching staff. We have more of a balanced team this year which will help us out a lot as we prepare for each meet. Bailey Hart is our team leader this year as she looks to end her career on a very high note. You will see a lot of new faces on our distance and sprint teams this year. Our veterans in those areas are doing a very good job in leading by example. The sky is the limit for this team and I would not be surprised if several school records are broken this year."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Blake Hintz, first year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's finish: fifth, Central Division; sixth, Catholic League A-B Division; 11th, Division 2 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Alexandra Darr.

Leading returnees: Amy Lewandowski, Sr., throws; Sarah Wojnarowski, Sr., sprints-discus; Kit Taylor, Sr., distance; Sinead Cox, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Sarah Wilson, Fr., distance; Abbie Berrera, Soph., sprints.

Hintz's 2013 outlook: "Ladywood is looking to put a name on the map this year. We develop the spiritual, mental, and physical attributes of our athletes. Ladywood is looking to break school records in both shot put and discus. We have a lot of seniors this year who are looking to make their mark across all events. Our focus

100) and senior Madison Agnew (12.8 in the 100).

"Due to the weather at the start of the season, it has been difficult to evaluate all of our new talent, but hopefully by mid-April we will see where we stack up against the teams in the area," Bjorklund said.

Wayne Memorial expects to be improved as the Zebras return senior captain Bailey Hart, who threw 34-5.5 in the shot put, along with junior captain Danielle Robbins, who clocked a 1:03.1 in the 400. Sophomore Quay Nichols also hit 33-7.5 in the discus.

Livonia Stevenson, a member of the KLAAs Central Division, should be strong in the distance races and field events.

The Spartans return senior Karlie Gallagher in the 800 (2:21.1) and 1,600 (5:28.6) and with senior Brooke Kuchka in the 3,200 (12:00.0).

Junior Allison Timberlake is also back after going 1:02.54 in the 400.

for this year will be to improve our times and distances and turn some heads in the process."

LIVONIA

CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Brady Gustafson, ninth year.

League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference.
Last year's finish: ninth, Division 2 regional; 8-3 dual record.

Notable losses to graduation: Emily Jasmer.

Leading returnees: Ayanna Buckley, Jr., sprints-high jump (third-team All-Area, 200); Micah Willingham, Jr., hurdles-long jump-sprints; Kamaaria Sanders, Jr., sprints; Mya Banks, Jr., sprints; Stanesha Chambers, Soph., throws; Lelandra O'Neal, Sr., throws; Melanie Kielling, Sr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Christina Gould, Sr., sprints-jumps; Sarah Curvin, Soph., hurdles-sprints; Nikita Mungurwadi, Jr., distance; Delanie MacRae, Fr., hurdles.

Gustafson's 2013 outlook: "The Lady Trojans will have a small, but talented track team. We'll be led by our sprinters, a group that broke three school records as sophomores. Buckley is the lone returning state qualifier our school record holder in the 200. Willingham, our leading scorer from a year ago and 300 hurdles record holder, is returning from a late season injury which kept her out of regionals. Sanders, Banks and newcomer Gould will round out our sprint group that looks to improve on a good season from a year ago. Our throwers (O'Neal and Chambers) will be the strongest group our school has had since I have been coach."

Heading into her senior year, Kielling leads an improved distance squad. The girls look to have a solid year led by a strong junior class."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Mike Unger, third year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Last year's finish: first, Division 4 regional; second, MIAC.

Titles won last year: Division 4 regional champs.

Notable losses to graduation: Jess Rice, Amanda Terranella.

Leading returnees: Alissa Flury, Sr., hurdles-pole vault-relays; Janine Erickson, Sr., throws; Emily Brown, Jr., throws; Leah Refenes, Jr., throws; Elizabeth Matthews, Jr., pole vault-400-relays; Chelsea Kovacs, Soph., 400-long-jump-relays; Allison Johnson, Soph., sprints-hurdles-relay; Claire Gordon, Soph., hurdles; Rachel Wiggins, Soph., hurdles; Emma Buffon, Soph., distance; Kayla Boye, Jr., distance; Gwen Ulrey, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Angela Morrison, Sr., high jump-sprints; Alana Hill, Jr., distance; Michelle Greening, Soph., distance; Sabrina Morrison, Soph., hurdles; Lisi Ledger, Soph., sprints; Mackenzie York, Soph., pole vault; Jenna Wisner, Fr., distance; Emily Fairbairn, Fr., hurdles-high jump; Abby Schaffer, Fr., sprints-shot put.

Unger's 2013 outlook: "With 30 girls on the team, it is the largest team we've had in the past few years. But the team is very young with only seven juniors and seniors on the team, including two that are new. We are certainly looking for the leadership from the upperclassmen, but if we want to be successful as a team, the sophomores and the freshmen are going to have to contribute in a big way. Last year the freshmen did an excellent job improving throughout the season and we're hoping that trend continues during their sophomore year and also with the freshmen we have this year."

Leading the way in the field events is junior Brianna Jed, who ranked second in the long jump (16-10.75), along with sophomore Oly Nwankwo, who threw 35-1.5 in the shot put.

Livonia Ladywood, under first-year coach Blake Hintz, will try and climb out of the basement of the Catholic League's A-B Division.

The Blazers will be led by senior thrower Amy Lewandowski, who made marks of 34-11 in the shot put and 107-3 in the discus.

Livonia Clarenceville, which is joining the Western Wayne Athletic Conference for the first time this spring, will be paced by junior Ayanna Buckley, who ran a 26.3 in the 200.

Lutheran High Westland, the Division 4 regional champions and runner-up in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, should get a boost from freshman distance runner Jenna Wisner.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 4
Edsel Ford at Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Saturday, April 6
Shrine Inv. at Lady, 10 a.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Saturday, April 6
MU at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
MU at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 5
MU at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 6
MU at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 7
MU at St. Francis (Ind.), 1 p.m.

All-Area cagers can rock the rim

FIRST TEAM

Chris Dierker, Sr., F, Salem: The Salem powerhouse capped off an outstanding prep career, earning team MVP and all-conference honors as the Rocks finished with a 14-9 record.

Dierker, who is planning on playing in college at Madonna University, used his 6-7 frame to block out opponents and get to the rim for offensive putbacks. He also displayed on-the-money shooting from just about anywhere he put the ball up from.

The team captain averaged 14.7 points and 10.7 rebounds and made important contributions in other key categories. He averaged 2.6 assists, 2.2 blocks and 1.6 steals per contest.

"He is our most versatile player with the ability to play on the perimeter or inside and is a tremendous threat on both ends of the floor," said Salem coach Bob Brodie.

Rayvlon Croon, Jr., F, Thurston: A two-year starter, Croon was instrumental in leading the Eagles to their second straight Class A district championship. The 6-foot-5 forward could score around the rim and from beyond the three-point arc as his 20.2 scoring average attests. Croon, who was voted to the WWAC Red all-division team, yanked down over six rebounds a contest and registered 2.47 steals per game.

"Rayvlon is a pure scorer who has the ability to take over a game," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "He can score from inside or outside equally well. He is a tremendous rebounder who has the ability to take over the boards. He was vital to our success this year."

Josh Priebe, Sr., G, Plymouth: The hard-nosed, never-say-die Priebe was the main catalyst behind the Wildcats finishing strong during the regular season as well as posting the program's first-ever postseason victory (in the districts against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central).

Priebe was by far the top scorer for Plymouth, averaging 16.8 points. He chipped in with 3.4 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game, and was named to the All-KLAA squad.

"Josh has been great for us for two years," coach Mike Soukup said. "He is one of the most intense competitors I have ever been around. I was proud to have him in my program for four years."

He will continue his basketball career at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he recently signed his national letter of intent.

Josh Mayberry, Sr., G, Canton: The three-year varsity player and team captain spearheaded Canton's "trifecta," as the Chiefs won the KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference and Class A district titles. The last time the Chiefs accomplished that feat was 1996.

Mayberry averaged 13 points per game, along with five assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per contest as Canton amassed an impressive 17-7 record.

"His ability to get the ball to the open player on time and score around the rim was huge for us," coach Jimmy Reddy said. "It was an absolute pleasure to coach Josh for the last three years."

For his consistently solid and sometimes spectacular efforts, Mayberry was named to the All-KLAA squad.

Xzavier Bowen, Sr., G, Thurston: Bowen, a lightning-quick 5-foot-8 guard, defied his modest size and gave his bigger opponents fits this winter, averaging 16 points and five assists per game. A WWAC Red all-division honoree, Bowen shot 70 percent from the free throw line, 36 percent from beyond the three-point arc and close to two rebounds per contest. He also frustrated opposing teams by nabbing 2.2 steals per game.

"Xzavier was our leader on and off the court this season," said Bates. "He made this year's team go. He had the ball in his hands almost all of the time and made great decisions. He is one of the best ball-handlers I have seen. He was a very good three-point shooter and was even better going to the basket. He scored when he had to and distributed the ball when he had to."

Nick Daniels, Sr., G, John Glenn: The 6-foot senior guard, a four-year starter, became Glenn's all-time career scoring leader this season with 1,170 points breaking the mark held for 34 years by Daran Armstrong.

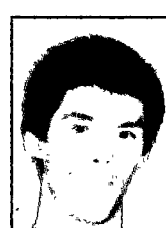
Daniels, who has signed with Oakland University, averaged 17 points per game this season for the 19-4 Rockets, who earned a share of the KLAA South Division title.

"It's been a pleasure to coach Nick for four years," Glenn's Dan Young said. "He's an outstanding player, all-time leading scorer and a just a great kid."

Caleb Hogans, Sr., G, N. Farmington: The senior point guard was an outstanding floor leader, handling the ball with aggressiveness and skill against pressure from opposing teams. Hogans, who will play next season at Spring Arbor University, averaged 16 points, six assists, four steals and three rebounds. He can shoot the three or drive to the basket equally well. Hogans was a three-year starter; he and Sterling Sharp played in two district finals and won three city championships.

"Caleb was the leader of our team," coach Todd Negoshian said. "He was able to be more of a true point guard his senior season, and his all-around numbers showed it. He's one of the toughest kids I have ever coached. He is one of the best pure point guards to ever play at North."

"The biggest thing he brought was his competitive nature in every practice and game. He's one of the most stubborn kids I have coached, and that's a huge benefit in making him as successful as he is. He's going to compete and not give in. He



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North Farmington's Caleb Hogans was a three-year starter at point guard.

wants to make sure it's done his way and to the best of his ability."

SECOND TEAM

Jordan Nobles, Jr., F, Canton: At 6-8, Nobles towered over many an opponent in 2012-13, and not just physically.

Nobles was a crucial cog in the Canton wheel, both on offense and defense, particularly in the second half of the season when the Chiefs made a charge to the top of the KLAA South.

The All-KLAA selection made his presence felt with 10.5 points per game. He also chipped in with an average of five rebounds and three blocks per game, totals that will undoubtedly go up in tandem with more minutes in his senior season.

"Jordan had an outstanding year at both ends of the floor," Reddy said. "His ability to score inside and out along with his ability to block and or change shots at the defensive end was paramount to our success this year."

Isaac Everette, Jr., F, John Glenn: The 6-4 junior forward, who averaged 14 points and six rebounds per game, led a talented Glenn front line that won 19 of 23 games.

Even better things are expected next out of the All-KLAA selection, who can score both inside and outside.

"Isaac improved the most of anybody in our program," Young said. "He does everything well. He guards the best player in most games and is very humble. He can score and also rebounds well."

Jeron Rogers, Soph., F, N. Farmington: In his second season as a starting post player, the 6-foot-6 Rogers averaged a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. He also had two blocks per game. In addition to Hogans and Sharp, he was a big reason the Raiders were 17-6, district champions and OAA Red Division runners-up to Clarkston.

"Jeron had an outstanding sophomore

year," Negoshian said. "He showed tremendous improvement in his skill because of his work over the summer. He's one of the fiercest competitors I have ever been around; he truly hates to lose."

"He was an outstanding leader for a sophomore with his work ethic and attitude. He deferred to the veteran leaders when necessary, and he stepped up and became the leader when the situation called for him to be. Doing what he did in the post as a sophomore speaks volumes about his ability."

Josh Campbell, Sr., G, Stevenson: The 5-11 senior guard averaged 17.8 points per game, along with 5.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game en route to earn All-Observer honors for the second year in a row.

"Josh is an explosive offensive player that can score multiple ways," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "His ability to get to the basket opens up his outside shot and he helped carry our team's offense the majority of the season."

The two-time All-KLAA pick scored 36 points on two different occasions this season.

"Aside from his scoring ability, Josh's basketball instinct is second to none and he can do whatever is needed to help our team win," Sinawi said. "He's one of the best pure basketball players to come through Stevenson in the last decade."

Sterling Sharp, Sr., G, N. Farmington: Sharp, an all-area pitcher who has a baseball scholarship to Eastern Michigan, was another three-year starter for the Raiders, who were 44-24 during that time. The 6-foot-4 senior guard produced 14 points per game, and his leaping ability also made him a good rebounder. Sharp averaged seven rebounds, three steals and one block. He and Hogans share the school record with eight triple baskets in one game.

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F-Chris Dierker, Salem, Sr.
F-Rayvlon Croon, Thurston, Jr.
G-Josh Priebe, Plymouth, Sr.
G-Josh Mayberry, Canton, Sr.
G-Xzavier Bowen, Thurston, Sr.
G-Nick Daniels, John Glenn, Sr.
G-Caleb Hogans, N. Farm., Sr.

SECOND TEAM

F-Jordan Nobles, Canton, Jr.
F-Isaac Everette, John Glenn, Jr.
F-Jeron Rogers, N. Farm., Soph.
G-Josh Campbell, Stevenson, Sr.
G-Sterling Sharp, N. Farm., Sr.
G-Richard Roberts, John Glenn, Sr.
G-Dorian Fields, Harrison, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

F-Otis Kemutambah, Thurston, Jr.
F-Greg Williams, Canton, Jr.
F-Diante McGowan, Thurston, Sr.
F-Scott Gring, Canton, Sr.
G-Kevin Mack, Salem, Sr.
G-Todd Moore, Harrison, Jr.
G-Jailen Webber, Stevenson, Soph.

FOURTH TEAM

F-Ryan Schaffer, Huron Valley, Jr.
F-Valentino Kalaj, Farmington, Sr.
F-James Pruitt, John Glenn, Jr.
F-Olushakin Cole, Franklin, Sr.
G-Mick Noel, Ply. Christian, Sr.
G-Dwayne Scott, Churchill, Sr.
G-Juwan Nelson, Clarenceville, Jr.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jimmy Reddy, Canton

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"Sterling really came into his own his senior year," Negoshian said. "He's one of the most consistent players I have coached. He brought the same effort every day in the gym. He will have an outstanding career (at EMU) because of his work ethic."

"He's one of the best leaders I've been around with the way he leads by example. You know what you're going to get from him every day, and it was a 100-percent effort no matter if he was sick or hurt."

Richard Roberts, Sr., G, John Glenn:

The 6-2 transfer from Inkster provided toughness on both ends of the floor for the KLAA South Division co-champions, who fell in the district final to eventual state Class A champion Romulus.

Roberts averaged 10 points per game for the 19-4 Rockets.

"Richard had a solid season," Young said of the All-KLAA choice. "He fought two injuries but still got better and better as the season went on."

Dorian Fields, Sr., G, Harrison:

The senior guard was one of the most well-rounded players in the area. He was consistent across the statistical spectrum with solid numbers in every game. Fields, who averaged 11.5 points, six rebounds and five assists, was effective on defense, too, having a high number of steals. He will play football and basketball at Siena Heights University.

"Dorian was really an all-around player for us," coach Jason Pickett said. "He stepped up his game in all facets this year. He was our leader in assists and rebounds, as well as our third-leading scorer. He could have led us in any number of categories, but he bought in early this season to what we could do as a team if he functioned as more of a facilitator."

"That being said, he never shied from taking a clutch shot when the team needed it. Dorian has very high motor with the ability to make others better as a passer. His competitive fire led him to be an above-average defender and rebounder. He's had 250 rebounds combined in the last two years despite playing on the wing."

Coach of the Year

Jimmy Reddy, Canton: Diminutive in stature, Reddy continues to make a big impact on the Canton varsity boys basketball program in just four years at the helm.

The Chiefs bought in to Reddy's blueprint for success: Defend, control the basketball and box out around the rim.

As a result, not to mention having some extremely talented players on the roster, Canton earned a 17-7 record to capture the division, conference and district for the first time since 1996.

According to Reddy, the special season was made even more so by the way the team got off the mat after a 2-5 start.

"I couldn't be more proud of our players," Reddy said. "They showed a ton of resilience and toughness in turning this thing around the last two months."

"That doesn't happen unless you have good players and a quality coaching staff like I have."

Reddy tipped his cap to varsity assistant coaches Tony Wichmann and Matt Dent, along with junior varsity coaches Dan Coligan and Ryan Waidmann and freshman coach Jason Slaughter.

All of the coaches are on the same page as far as the Canton boys basketball program is concerned.

Reddy, a former star player at Westland John Glenn (the team the Chiefs defeated in triple overtime to clinch the KLAA South), also thanked his wife and Canton varsity girls soccer coach Jeannine Reddy for being so supportive during the four-month basketball grind.

Local trumpet player celebrates Stan Kenton's jazz

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bob Lymperis will relive a little jazz history Sunday, April 7, when he performs *Intermission Riff* on trumpet at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

"I'm on the original recording. It was a big hit," said Lymperis, 86, of Farmington Hills. "I'll probably need a sheet of music in front of me. It's been a long time."

Lymperis will join the Detroit Masters of Music Big Band, led by trombonist, Ron Kischuk, in playing the song during a concert celebrating the music of Stan Kenton.

The concert starts at 5 p.m. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, and are available through ticketmaster.com or the Music Hall box office at (313) 887-8501.

In addition to Lymperis, the performance will feature jazz drummer Peter Erskine; John Harnner, former first trumpet player with the Stan Kenton Orchestra; trumpet player Johnny Trudell; and drummer Jerry McKenzie of West Bloomfield, who played with the Kenton Big Band from 1958-1962 and in 1972.

After recording two records in Capitol Records in 1943, Stan Kenton's band became one of the most popular wartime jazz groups. After World War II, it continued to record for Capitol and was among the first big jazz bands to incorporate Afro-Cuban rhythms into its music.

Lymperis played with the band from 1945-46 and in 1948. His roommate at the time, another trumpet player named Ray Wetzel, arranged the piece that Lymperis will play on Sunday.

"At the end of the night the crowd would thin out. It was slow one night and we started fooling around, playing a blues type thing," Lymperis recalled. "When they were looking for a 'B side' for a record, Stan said, 'Let's do that thing we were doing the other night.'" Wetzel offered to arrange the impro-



Bob Lymperis is the second trumpet player from the right, in the back row.



A contemporary photo of Bob Lymperis of Farmington Hills

vised piece and the tune became a hit.

Jobbing around

Lymperis, a Detroit native, began playing trumpet when he was 10 and with encouragement from various teachers, continued to play through high school. While still at MacKenzie High, he sat in with a band, playing the "swing shift dance" at the Grande Ballroom in Detroit. After graduation he performed with Bill Gale and "jobbed around," getting gigs at clubs, ballrooms, sitting in with other bands. The Walled Lake Casino, Edgewater Park, and the Graystone Ballroom were among a few of his concert venues. He had just returned to Detroit after touring in Pennsylvania and New York, when he discovered that Gale had recommended him to Stan Kenton.

"I came home and my mother said, 'Stan Kenton called you.' I said, 'Mom, that's Stan Kenton!' So I called him and he told me he was looking for a trumpet player. I sat in and they hired me."

With Stan Kenton's band, Lymperis toured extensively, recorded, performed on live radio broadcasts, shared the stage with numerous celebrities and even ended up in a scene from a movie called *Talk About a Lady*.

"I was on the road with Stan and my dad used to write to me and say, come back and go to school."

Lymperis took a break from the band in 1947, returned for one more year and then quit to attend Wayne State University.

"I made the right decision. I could see that being on the road was a tough way to go. I'm glad

I kept playing, but going to school was the way to go. I joined the Wayne Concert Band."

Settling down

Lymperis earned a teaching degree and taught music in Taylor schools, then worked for a while in real estate, before going back into the classroom as a math teacher in Hazel Park schools.

During his teaching career, Lymperis, who is married and has three children, continued to perform. He played polka music in a band for a show broadcast locally on WXYZ, worked in back-up bands and

worked numerous venues throughout southeastern Michigan.

"When I quit teaching the second time and went back into real estate I couldn't spend time playing. I took a leave of absence for 15 years."

He started playing again in 1975 with the Farmington Community Band. That quickly led to gigs with Austin Moro band and playing back up for celebrities appearing at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

"I started working a lot. I played for so many people over the years,

I've got a list."

The lengthy list includes Jerry Lewis, President Bill Clinton, Tony Bennett, Carol Channing, Charlie Parker, Johnny Mathis, the Temptations, Dinah Shore, Connie Stevens and many more.

Today, Lymperis is on the board of the Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local 5, and he continues to perform.

"I just played at a church. I was part of a brass quintet with a choir for Easter services. I've done a lot of small band playing," he said. "I liked the big band stuff, but I like the little stuff, too."

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Inspire Theatre's set for its production of "Rumors." The staircase and backdrop will be junked unless the group can find adequate storage space by May 1.

Westland theater seeks new building

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Inspire Theatre needs your help finding a new home.

The community theater must move costumes, props, electronic equipment and sets from its current location in Westland by May 1. Its theater school's upcoming performance, *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*, needs a stage and the cast of Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, Inspire's next production, needs rehearsal space.

"We can't raise money or make money because we can't put shows on," said Wendy Hardy, a member of Inspire Theatre's leadership team. "What we really need is somebody that believes in our dreams and our future and can help us financially or can support us in getting a building. If we can find someone who can go into a partnership with us or something to get us on our feet — because once we got things rolling, we'd be able to start making money again."

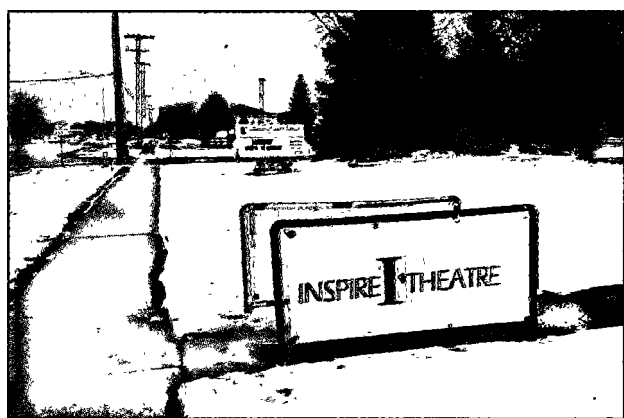
Members are looking for 3,000 square feet of space in Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Garden City or Redford. Len Fisher, theater director, said the group is talking to "everyone we can think of" and has reached out to patrons via Facebook.

"There's a lot of retail space, but it comes with a price. We don't necessarily want to go into industrial, but that seems to be the only thing we can afford. I've even considered finding a house to rent," he said.

The theatre worked out of a church basement in Dearborn for its first four years and then moved to Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church in Westland for the past 4 1/2 years, Fisher said.

"The church offered us great rent and it's been a fun space."

Fisher said he received an e-mail from the church last week, saying that it was time for the group to leave. He called the notice abrupt and said it stemmed from church leaders' concerns over



Inspire Theatre's sign stands outside the Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, in Westland. The theatre must move out of the church by May 1.

the theater's choice of plays, including *The Foreigner*, a comedy.

"We had a meeting and they asked me to explain why we chose it (*The Foreigner*) and how we'd change it. I said I didn't feel at liberty to change someone's work and I didn't see a problem with the subject matter because it was a play where the good guys won and the bad guys lost."

Fisher said the theater had edited some scripts in the past as a result of the church's concerns over strong language or scenes set in bars.

"If the play has swearing, drinking or smoking we've tried to limit it. We told them we would try our best to not cross that line, but we weren't sure where that line was. It's a nebulous line."

Time to leave

The Rev. David Powless, pastor of the church, said that although the impending move may appear abrupt, it was not a surprise.

"First of all their lease was up," Powless said. "He (Fisher) told one of our board members that they planned on being out of there by a certain point this summer. They've been looking for quite a while for another space. It's just hard to walk away from a good deal."

Powless said the theater needed to move if it wanted to "have more freedom of expression in the plays they choose."

"We thought this was the best time."

Powless called the theater "good people" and said some of his church members are involved in the group.

Fisher said he didn't intend to disparage the church when he called for help in finding a new space.

"We want to let our patrons know we're looking for a place and we need help," he said.

Anyone with ideas for a new location may call the theater at (734) 751-7057.

'The Vagina Monologues' selling out in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Barefoot Productions' next show — Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* — is so popular, the Plymouth theater has sold out of tickets and added a performance, all before the production opens.

"I think it's because, number one, we have a lot of new faces at Barefoot, and they are selling tickets like hotcakes," said Susan Storey, vice president in charge of membership and director of the upcoming performance.

"They're new to the stage and are excited to do this piece. A lot of times you don't have the opportunity to do it. It's done on the college stage."

The monologues often are performed in February, as part of V-Day, an international celebration that includes readings of Ensler's work and consciousness-raising events to end violence against women and girls called "V-Day."

Storey, who is directing the production, decided to stage the show this month because it would have been too close to a main stage show at the theater in February.

"Everyone else does it in February. This timing was better. April works nicely," Storey said.

The show will run Friday-Sunday, April 5-7 and Saturday, April 13, at the theater, 240 N Main, Plymouth. Tickets are sold out for the April 6-7 performances.

Earlier this week, a handful of tickets were available for the 8 p.m., April 5 show and



The cast of "The Vagina Monologues," staged by Barefoot Productions, includes Susan Storey, (top); Jeanne Poulet, (second row, left) Jesse Gohl, Mary Tablac, and Samantha Lowry; Chris Steves (bottom, left), Chelsey Mellon, Alex Bauer, Amanda Durham and Adriana Acosta. Members not pictured are Collette Cullen, Jeanne Pruett, Caroline Rankin, Ederique Goudia, Jennifer Jelsema, and Faithanne Melow

15 tickets had already sold for the 8 p.m. April 13 show, which was added to the run.

Money raised through a drawing at the show will benefit First Step, western Wayne County's project on domestic and sexual violence. Representatives from First Step also will be on hand at each performance with information about its services.

A cast of 15 women from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Westland, Detroit, Ann Arbor and Holland — approximately a three-hour drive, one-way from the theater — will bring the monologues to life.

"The presentation is something like you've never seen before. We're not really using (reading) scripts. There is interpretation of the pieces. It's not acting, but it's interpretive theater," Storey said. "We have

a cool ending that is a group effort, including the audience."

The show will include all of the original script, along with a few additional Ensler works, such as "Crooked Brains" and "Comfort Women."

"This is like gold. It's really fun and it's good for the community to know we've got a hot commodity. I wanted to sell out, naturally, but I never thought this would sell out like this. It's too exciting."

Membership in Barefoot Productions is \$10 annually and comes with tickets to one mainstage show and voting rights. Members also may volunteer as little or as much as they want.

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Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-April 27; opening reception 6-9 p.m. April 5
Location: 215 W. Cady,

Northville

Details: "Line & Brush: Two FigurativeVisions" shows the work of friends and art instructors, Amy Foster and Vianna Szabo. Foster is a master draftsman who loves line and gesture while Szabo's passion is paint and color. In conjunction with this exhibit, the artists will offer two-day workshops at the Northville Art House. Amy Foster will offer portrait drawing fundamentals, April 20-21 and Vianna Szabo will teach painting gesture portraits, April 27-28. Limited space is available. See the Art House website at www.northvillearts.org for more information
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Time for Tapenades

The ripe olive is one of the most versatile foods in the pantry. While delicious on its own, olives also add flavor to a number of dishes from soups and salads to appetizers and entrees. One dish, that features olives predominantly and is as versatile as its main ingredient, is tapenade.

Tapenade originated in Provence, France, as a simple mixture of chopped olives, with various herbs and spices and is often used as a spread on crackers or a condiment. There are many different recipes for tapenade, and the first step is selecting the type of olive to use. Green and black California Ripe Olives are perfect because of their mild taste and ability to blend well with other flavors. To ensure you are purchasing California Ripe Olives, check the label to see if they're a product of the U.S.

Tapenades are as varied as they are delicious, with consistencies that range from a spreadable paste to a chunky, salsa-like mixture. And their flavors can span the globe, from Greek and Mexican to Asian and French.

A simple ripe olive base is all you need to create a world of flavor.

Here are three very different approaches to tapenade. The first is inspired from where the olives come from — California — and includes garlic, shallots and fresh basil. The second has a Mexican flair with chipotle peppers and fresh cilantro. Finally, it's East-meets-West with an Asian-inspired version that balances the mild olive flavors with spicy Sriracha and fresh ginger.

Although delicious with crackers and a tradi-

tional cheese plate, there are a number of creative ways to enjoy tapenade, including:

- Mixing with sour cream for a zesty dip
- As a spread on sandwiches
- Spooned on tacos with lettuce, tomatoes and cheese
- Stuffed into chicken breasts for a flavorful kick
- Spread on pizza dough and topped with cheese and veggies

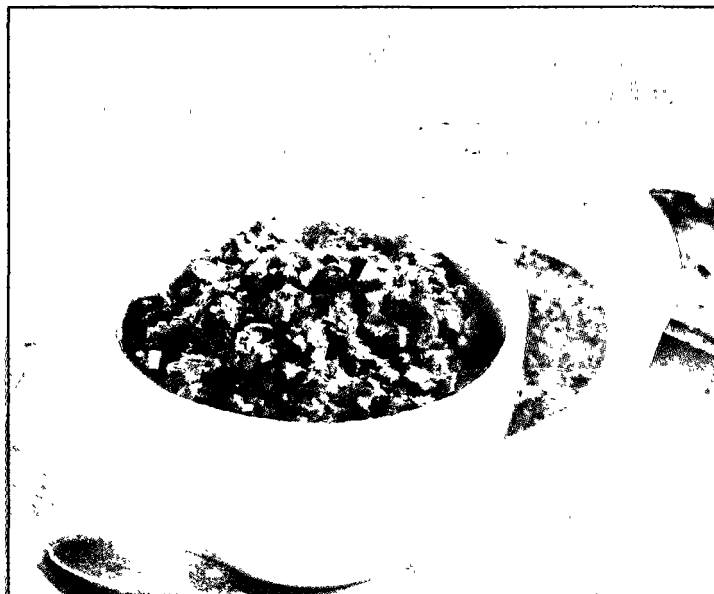
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California Wine Country Tapenade

Prep time: 10 minutes
Chill time: 1 hour
Makes 8 to 10 servings

½ cup chopped shallots
¼ cup chopped smoked sun-dried tomatoes
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 6-ounce can California Green Ripe Olives, well drained
1 6-ounce can California Black Ripe Olives, well drained
¼ cup lightly packed fresh basil
Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Crackers or toasted baguette slices

Place shallots, sun-dried tomatoes, olive oil, vinegar and garlic in a food processor and pulse on and off until finely chopped. Add olives, basil, salt and pepper and pulse again until chopped. Cover and chill for 1 hour. (May be prepared 1 day ahead.) Serve with crackers or toasted baguette slices.



Mexican Tapenade

Mexican Tapenade

Prep time: 10 minutes
Chill time: 1 hour
Makes 8 to 10 servings

2 6-ounce cans California Ripe Olives, well drained
¼ cup lightly packed fresh cilantro leaves
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 green onions, sliced
1 canned chipotle pepper plus 2 teaspoons adobo sauce from can

Good quality tortilla chips

Drain olives well and place in a food processor with all remaining ingredients except chips. Pulse on and off until finely chopped. Cover and chill for 1 hour. (May be prepared 1 day ahead.) Serve with tortilla chips or use as a sandwich spread or in quesadillas or tacos.



Spicy Asian Tapenade

Spicy Asian Tapenade

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Chill time: 1 hour
Makes 8 to 10 servings

Tapenade:
2 6-ounce cans California Ripe Olives, well drained
½ cup minced onion
2 tablespoons olive or peanut oil
2 tablespoons rice vinegar (unseasoned)
1 ½ tablespoons grated fresh ginger
1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce
¼ teaspoon sesame oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
Crispy Won Ton Dippers:
24 square won ton wrappers, each cut into 2 triangles
Olive oil cooking spray
Sea salt to taste
Crispy Won Ton Cups:
24 square won ton wrappers
Olive oil cooking spray
Place all tapenade ingredients in a food processor

and pulse on and off until finely chopped. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

Meanwhile for dippers, preheat oven to 400°F and line 2 baking sheets with foil. Cut won ton wrappers in half and place on baking sheets; coat with olive oil spray and season lightly with salt. Bake for 5 minutes or until golden brown.

For cups, preheat oven to 350°F. Spray won ton wrappers on both sides with olive oil cooking spray. Press into 24 mini muffin cups, pressing all the way into the bottom. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown; let cool.

Serve with tapenade.

— Courtesy Family Features

Solve mystery with bid at purse auction

There's more to an upcoming purse auction at Faith Community Wesleyan Church than meets the eye.

Some 30 purses — at last count — will go to the highest bidder Saturday, April 13, at the Livonia church's "Women of Faith" Mystery Purse Auction.

Participants will get a chance to see the items before the bidding starts at 5 p.m., but won't be allowed to look inside them. Each purse will be filled with a collection of "mystery" goods that will be revealed after the bidding ends.

"At our meeting we were brainstorming for fundraisers that would be a little different and be fun for everyone," wrote Mary Cisney, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "We figured, what do ladies enjoy owning a lot of (besides shoes), well, purses. And what fun to fill

them with different things — usually with a theme (but not always), like 'garden purse,' with all kinds of gardening things or 'relaxing purse' with bubble bath, a book, candle and lotions — and auction them off."

The church held its first purse auction last year in conjunction with a speaker. This year's speaker is Angela Morgan, director of the church's Wednesday Night Kids Program. She will use items, such as keys, a cell phone, wallet, normally found in a purse to illustrate her talk.

"Each item will have a point. As an example, cell phone: something to communicate with ... if you need to communicate with the Lord, all you need to do is pray," Cisney said. "Having a cell phone is good to have to give you a sense of security. Having

open communication with Christ gives you an even greater sense of security."

The event also will include light refreshments.

The bidding will start at \$5. Participants must be over 15 years old to bid.

"We encourage the ladies to bring their men. It just adds to the fun. They seem to encourage the ladies to keep bidding."

Proceeds will benefit "Women of Faith" and Faith Community's 2nd Service.

The church also accepts donations of purses filled with mystery items.

Call Cisney at (248) 471-1322 to register.

Faith Community Wesleyan Church is located at 14560 Meriman, Livonia.

By Sharon Dargay

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Time/Date: Now through May 31

Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: The Center is enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for its six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place at camp. All tuition must be paid in full by May 31. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, April 7

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, located on Gill Road between Grand River Ave., and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills



Rich Ridenour, (left) and Brandon Ridenour will perform Sunday, April 7, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

ton Hills

Details: The Macomb Chorale, Macomb Chamber Singers and the Macomb Handbell Choir, Belles Voix will perform. Gospel Mass by American composer, Robert Ray will be featured. Also included on the program are a variety of choral styles from the Renaissance to popular musical selections. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be provided

Contact: (248) 474-0584

CONCERT

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, April 7

Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Brandon Ridenour, principal trumpet player of the Canadian Brass, performs a free concert. Rich Ridenour accompanies on piano. The

program will include music by Debussy, Bartok, Joplin, Prokofiev, and Gershwin, among others. Complimentary refreshments will be served at intermission

Contact: (248) 476-8860; www.nardinpark.org

FILM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

Details: "Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action," profiles struggles of Native American leaders who are taking on powerful energy companies and government agencies to protect the environment. The film is a tribute to grassroots organizing. A discussion and refreshments follow the film

Contact: (248) 354-4488; www.northwestuu.org

FILM

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: The church and AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, show the film, "October Baby," which tells the story of a woman adopted by loving parents after a failed abortion. Free child care will be provided. Snacks will be available. The film is not recommended for children under 13

Contact: (734) 459.3333

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, April 14; 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 19

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

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Contact: Ann Tonissen, principal, at atonissen@stgenevieve.org or Phyllis Chudzinski, preschool and Young 5's director, at pchudzinski@stgenevieve.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 14

Location: Prentiss Apartments Community Room, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park.

Details: Linda Lublin will lead an evil eye bracelet project. There is a \$2 materials fee. Bring a clipboard if you have one. The group also will prepare its display for the Farmington Festival of the Arts, "Color the World," April 18-20

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

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BLEEKER, MARILYN J.

88, a resident of Davenport, Iowa, died Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Trinity, Bettendorf. Services in the Detroit, Michigan area will be held at a later date. Halligan McCabé DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport is assisting the family with arrangements. Marilyn Joy was born on July 27, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Harold E. and Gladys W. (Lee) Joy. Marilyn was married to David L. Helm, Jr. and later was united in marriage to Henry G. Bleeker. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. She is survived by her daughters: Sharon (James) Puffer, Asheville, NC, and Heidi (Robert) Herman, Davenport; step-daughter, Pamela (Brent) Johnson, Aurora, CO; and her loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, her parents, and a sister, Joann Hafke. Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Marilyn's obituary at www.hmdfuneralhome.com

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OLIVERSON, JAMES J.

Age 89, March 31, 2013. Beloved husband of Sara. Dear father of James E., Lynda (Michael) Gattyan, Gary E. (Susan) and Sheryl Buddenborg. Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 26. Great great grandfather of 4. Brother of Joyce Thompson and Beverly Chamberlain. Visitation Thursday 2pm until the 7:30pm Funeral Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. Memorials suggested to Mott Children's Hospital. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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DeDONA, LENNA LORRAINE WITT

Age 92, of Novi, Michigan, formerly of Plymouth, MI and Longboat Key, FL, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, March 24, 2013. A gathering of friends and family will be held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home at 37000 W. Six Mile Road (at Newburgh) Livonia, Michigan 48152 on April 6, 2013 beginning at 1:00 PM, concluding with a memorial service at 3:00 PM. The interment service will be private at a later date. Lenna Lorraine was born in Detroit in 1920. She attended Plymouth High School and graduated in 1939. She was a member of the Professional Business Women's Club and the National Association of Realtors. L. Lorraine worked as a real estate agent for over 30 years in Plymouth and Northville Michigan, as well as Sarasota Florida. L. Lorraine is preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Elmer M. Witt, and of 13 years, M. John DeDonna, son, Leon Pasiuk, and brother, Harold Welch. Survivors include Sons' Glen Witt (Mary) of Maumee, OH., Ron Witt (MaryAnn) of Durham, N.C., daughters' Gale Witt Amyx (Charles) of Plymouth, MI., Gladys Witt Strain (James), 10 grandchildren, Kimberly Witt Cook, Kristina Witt, Justin Sokol (LeAnn), Adam Sokol (Stephanie Bonk), Jay Strain (Ann), Jeff Strain (Jenna), Jamie Strain (Amy), Eric Witt, Martha Witt Santlucia (Remo), Daria Witt, and 13 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fox Run Scholarship Fund, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48377 or Oakland Talking Book Service for the Blind and Handicapped, Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Town Road, Rochester, MI 48307.

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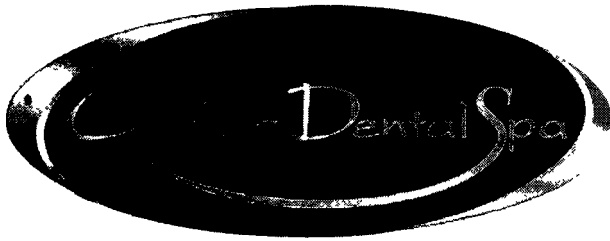
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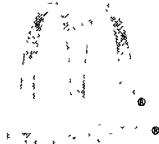
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Police advocate smarts when it comes to home security

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lt. Debra Newsome of the Canton Police Department knows exterior illumination goes a long way toward making your home less of a break-in target.

"Illuminate your house," said Newsome, special services lieutenant for the Canton department. "I like the motion ones." The motion-activated lights let you know if someone's approaching your home.

"Thieves are looking for concealment," she said. "Anything you can do to harden the target is what we tell people."

Many people install home alarm systems, the lieutenant said, and advertise that outside their home with a window sign. She also advocates for good locks on windows and doors.

A solid front door is best, Newsome said, rather than one with a window a thief can break and reach through

to open a door. "They look really pretty and they have the beveled glass. You want really a solid, solid door."

Homeowners often put a dowel in a sliding door's track to prevent entry from outside. Newsome said places like Home Depot and Lowe's sell many braces for various doors and windows, but you always have to think about fire safety when getting out quickly from inside, she emphasized.

Newsome said many people put screws in tracks to keep windows from going all the way up, and there are also manufactured items for that. Thieves can easily get through just a plain screen open in warm weather, she said.

Newsome and her department have a booklet, "How Secure Is Your Home?," available there. It lists a number of home security tips.

Canton like other communities has a false alarm ordinance which begins with a couple warnings. "It's not

etched in stone," she said. "We do try to work with people." Weather can sometimes cause false alarms, she said, adding you can be cited for repeated human error.

Pets can cause trouble with motion-activated alarms, and Newsome doesn't believe those are necessary.

"That's huge," she said of keeping an eye out for your neighbors. "Knowing who your neighbors are, knowing their patterns." Community Watch in Canton and similar programs in other communities help. "Now, most people don't know their neighbors," she said, adding you should only confide vacation plans in a neighbor you trust.

Newsome also said snow removal and mowing are key when you're away, along with having newspapers stopped and mail held. She shovels the driveway for her neighbor who's away.

"All it does is advertise to somebody you're not home," Newsome said.

"Crime happens every-

where," she said, noting Canton's crime is mostly property focusing on larceny from autos and home invasions.

Home invasions usually happen when the home is empty, she said, often during the day when people are at work. Whether vacationing or working, you can use a TV or radio to create noise inside.

For vacationers, a TV or radio can be put on a timer. Newsome said to vary light timers, rather than the same rigid pattern every day: "Make it appear as though you're home."

She also said to lock car doors, remove valuables and take your garage door opener. You should lock your interior garage door as well.

"And definitely lock your doors. Roll up your windows. If you see something suspicious, don't wait. You're not bothering us, that's our job," she said of calling the non-emergency number. "Just call."

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Co-op foreclosure differs

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: Can you give me some information about a foreclosure in a co-op, as opposed to a condo?

A: First, you get rid of the person not paying the maintenance fees and you get a new shareholder liable for future obligations. In most instances in a co-op, a corporation has a first lien on the share so it is ahead of the bank and gets paid in full before the bank gets



Robert Meisner

dime one. If the bank forecloses and takes back the apartment, in most instances, a subsequent sale is still subject to board approval, just like any other prospective purchaser of a co-op unit. Moreover, if the bank wants the shares transferred to it, it has to pay all of the back charges and has to stay current going forward. Unfortunately, the opposite is the case in the condo situation. There is usually a bank ahead of the condo association so in a condo foreclosure, unless there has been an assignment of the mortgage after the association lien is recorded, the bank will take priority, but this issue is the subject of a case where the condo association is seeking leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Q: My neighbor just dedicated some land to the city, but, frankly, I believe I had adverse possession to a substantial portion of that land before it was dedicated. I think there is a statute barring adverse possession against the government, so do I have any chance?

A: You are best advised to see a condemnation and/or real estate attorney in your jurisdiction, but in a recent case from the appellate court in Washington State, the court indicated on a case with similar facts that the statute providing immunity from adverse possession on a governmental entity did not apply when the adverse possession had occurred while the property was still privately owned. In effect, because the adverse possession was against a private owner and was complete before the dedication, title had vested in the adverse possessor and the former owner had no interest to pass to the city.

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

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48298 Chesterfield Dr S	\$360,000
1228 E Franciscan Ct	\$175,000
45482 Fountain View Dr	\$305,000
50149 Jackson Ln	\$248,000
8453 May Apple Ct	\$214,000
44068 N Umlerland Cir	\$165,000
44227 Postmill Ct	\$146,000
2455 Premier Ln	\$77,000
41854 Ravenwood St	\$140,000
43509 W Arbor Way Dr	\$64,000
1221 W Crystal Cir	\$160,000
49650 Warren Rd	\$200,000

2480 Woodmont Dr E	\$180,000
GARDEN CITY	
33721 Alta St	\$40,000
32212 Alvin St	\$34,000
215 Helen St	\$60,000
33451 Kathryn St	\$69,000
LIVONIA	
16020 Alpine Dr	\$237,000
34950 Andrea Ct	\$275,000
11446 Brookfield St	\$143,000
11473 Cavell St	\$85,000
14147 Deering St	\$88,000
15118 Fairfield St	\$27,000
18620 Filmore St	\$75,000
15097 Inkster Rd	\$33,000
11446 Mayfield St	\$127,000
15726 Parklane St	\$190,000
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16196 Crystal Downs E	\$543,000

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18086 Maple Hill Ct	\$390,000
19555 Mariner Ct	\$70,000
613 Novi St	\$233,000
49298 Parkshore Ct	\$570,000
50431 Rose Ter	\$578,000
48902 Running Trout Ln	\$370,000
39668 Southwind Ln	\$234,000
18417 Stoneridge Ct	\$775,000
41885 Waterfall Rd	\$273,000
PLYMOUTH	
48040 Ashwood Dr	\$415,000
165 Hamilton Ave	\$150,000
40955 Ivywood Ln	\$201,000
790 York St	\$100,000
REDFORD	
18717 Denby	\$36,000
11386 Garfield	\$47,000
15220 Garfield	\$8,000

19310 Garfield	\$35,000
20600 Glenmore	\$14,000
25397 Ivanhoe	\$31,000
15837 Kinloch	\$13,000
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7424 August Ave	\$85,000
33921 Avondale St	\$120,000
7662 Cherrywood Dr	\$167,000
37771 Colonial Dr	\$45,000
32617 Fairchild St	\$34,000
34615 Ford Rd	\$31,000
8433 Hugh St	\$63,000
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8270 Perrin Ave	\$86,000
1455 S John Hix St	\$43,000
30471 Steinhauer St	\$65,000
1954 Wilshire St	\$85,000

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24094 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$405,000
29750 Bristol Ln	\$341,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1171 E Lincoln St	\$400,000
385 Ferndale Ave	\$299,000
1898 Henrietta St	\$198,000
608 Humphrey Ave	\$610,000
1516 W Lincoln	\$281,000

2351 Yorkshire Rd	\$122,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5060 Forest Way	\$320,000
3875 Lakeland	\$850,000
1149 Ivyglen Cir	\$194,000
750 Kennebec Ct	\$450,000
3698 South Blvd	\$150,000
1910 Tiverton Rd	\$2,200,000
6984 Woodbank Dr	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1238 Copperwood Dr	\$660,000
488 Fox Hills Dr S # A-7	\$55,000
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3785 Thomas Ct	\$196,000
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33976 Glenview Dr	\$138,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
32239 Alameda St	\$57,000

22057 Atlantic Pointe	\$58,000
29921 Greenboro St	\$155,000
34070 Harlowshire St	\$78,000
31452 Hunters Circle Dr	\$127,000
35663 Johnstown Rd	\$213,000
21779 Manchester Ln	\$272,000
34024 Northwick St	\$223,000
21156 Parklane St	\$209,000
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27653 W Echo Vly Unit 212	\$51,000
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24445 Borderhill	\$152,000
21943 Clover Ln	\$250,000
24373 Fairway Hills Dr	\$135,000
44625 Huntington Dr	\$130,000
30879 Jasper Rdg	\$130,000

40788 Lenox Park Dr	\$225,000
47346 Scarlet Dr N	\$230,000
30240 Viewcrest Dr	\$233,000
39805 Village Wood Ln	\$60,000
47250 W 11 Mile Rd	\$90,000
SOUTH LYON	
54905 Brentwood Dr	\$40,000
24627 Brompton Way	\$40,000
24356 Glenwood Dr	\$40,000
1156 Horseshoe Dr	\$240,000
24419 Martindale Rd	\$184,000
185 Wellington	\$160,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27590 Bradford Ln	\$149,000
30130 Brentwood	\$69,000
19447 Nadol Dr	\$79,000
30271 Spring River Dr	\$85,000
WHITE LAKE	
737 Hilltop Dr	\$203,000
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e-mail reianews@aol.com. Many investors think renting out their investment property is easy, but that's not the case.

• There will be a class 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 6, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, on Marais, also sponsored by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. It's part of a series of 10 classes, and will cover "Financial Analysis of Investing." Cost is \$49 plus \$10 for materials.

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ACROSS

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- 5 Forum farewell
- 9 Sure-footed pet
- 12 Omnia vincit —
- 13 Black gemstone
- 14 E.T. vehicle?
- 15 Isinglass
- 16 Trevi Fountain coins
- 17 Forbid
- 18 Piton pro (2 wds.)
- 21 Green parrot
- 22 Ernst & Young staffer
- 23 Make mistakes
- 26 Economic ind.
- 28 Warble
- 32 Caroler's tune
- 34 Feedbag morsel
- 36 Erosion, loss

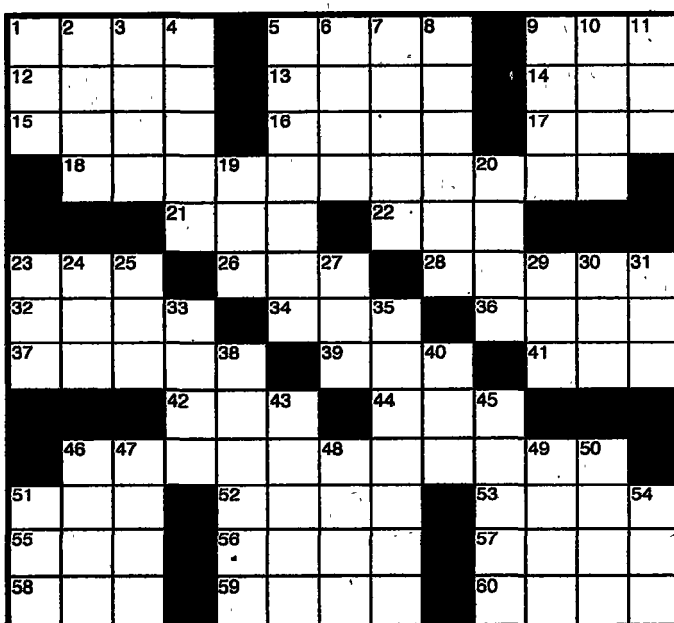
DOWN

- 37 Remove wiretaps
- 39 Natalie's father
- 41 Pen part
- 42 Vegas lead-in
- 44 Tent holder
- 46 Door decor (2 wds.)
- 51 Send via phone
- 52 Chocolate cookie
- 53 Felt grateful
- 55 Luau strings
- 56 Round building
- 57 Fibber
- 58 Toon Chihuahua
- 59 Guard's cry
- 60 Noncoms

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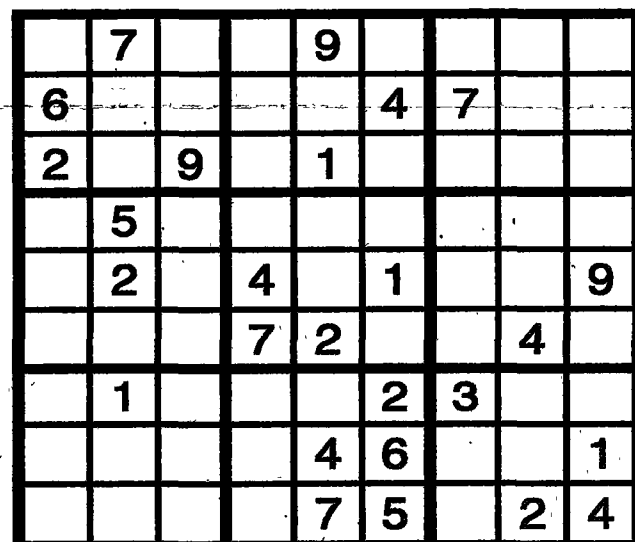
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Q	M	U	N	S	M	L	F	L	Y	J	R	A	O	E
P	H	I	R	E	K	T	A	B	U	A	F	V	E	T
T	O	H	S	T	R	E	L	N	U	O	W	E	L	H
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