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Salute the special woman in your life during the month of May.

Send us a photo of you and your mom, grandmother, stepmom, aunt, godmother or that special "mom-like" woman who has made a difference in your life.

Send the photo (jpeg format only, as large as possible) to smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to identify (first and last names, please) you and your mom and where you live (i.e. Westland, Wayne, Garden City). And tell us in two sentences or less why your mom, grandmother, aunt or other person is special to you.

Look for a photo gallery of all submissions during the month of May at hometownlife.com.

This Salute to Woman photo gallery is sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa in Canton. Five lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift card to Kohl's or Meijer in a random drawing of all names and photos submitted.

Deadline to submit photos and names for the random drawing is midnight Sunday, April 28.

Yes, D.E.A.R.

You may not know it, but Friday, April 12, is D.E.A.R. Day — that's Drop Everything And Read. And the staff of the Westland William P. Faust Library will be doing that one at a time during library hours.

The staff will be sitting in the lobby, reading, and there will be signs letting people know why they are there. D.E.A.R. Day is a celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives.

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New ordinance regulates garage sales in Westland

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland residents who want to hold a garage sale will now need to get a permit from City Hall.

Council recently adopted an ordinance regulating yard, garage and other types of sales operated by an individual, group, church, subdivision or

condominium or a social, civic or charitable group.

The ordinance was developed by a committee chaired by Councilman Adam Hammons.

"The garage sale ordinance is the culmination of three or four years of letters and calls," said Councilman Michael Kehrer, responding to questions why the city devel-

oped the ordinance. "People were holding permanent garage sales. A few people go to extremes and makes us have to act."

For example, Kehrer said the complaint was that some people would erect large tents covering their entire driveways to hold sales every weekend throughout the summer.

"How would you feel about that? I wouldn't appreciate it if it was next to my house," he said.

The permit fee is \$12 for an individual, group or church is \$12 for the first sale in a year and \$15 for a second permit with a limit of four annually. For a subdivision association, the per-

mit fee is \$25 for the first permit in a calendar year and \$35 for a second permit — no more than two per year.

Under the ordinance, the sale can be held from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and cannot be operated for more than four consecutive days. If a sale can't be

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Strom looks to grow Wayne Chamber

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Paul Strom understands the connection between Wayne and its business community. A healthy business community reflects on the health of the community.

He also understands that the challenges the city faces are the same challenges the chamber faces: Recruiting businesses.

"The city's problems are the chamber's problems, as the city goes, so goes the chamber," said Strom. "We're out to recruit businesses, that's what the chamber does. We meet everybody and point them in the right direction."

Strom has been the guiding force for the chamber since December when the Board of Direc-



Paul Strom has taken on the job of directing the Wayne Chamber of Commerce while working on his master's degree in urban planning at Wayne State University.

tors decided to change his status from interim director to executive director. He started off his new assignment with the chamber's annual holiday luncheon and followed it up with last month's state of the city luncheon. In between, there was an open house to let people

know what is being done to "strengthen the chamber and the community."

According to Strom, the biggest challenge for the chamber is the city's large manufacturing base. Ford's Michigan Assembly Plant and Unistrut take up a lot of space. "We're a small city to

begin with," said Strom. "We're six square miles, there's not a lot of businesses, the density is lower. That makes it difficult when our main source of revenue is dues."

A native of Ypsilanti, Strom spent eight years in the Chicago area working in housing with a

nonprofit human rights group after graduating from Loyola University in 2006. He had worked his way up to managing Section 8 housing and had worked with real estate people in putting together plans about the operating

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Norwayne Fling ushers in spring season

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Whatever the weather, the spring season is kicking off in Norwayne Saturday.

The Norwayne Garden Spring Fling is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Garden, located at Dorsey and Newago, with some activities, such as bicycle registration being offered at the nearby Dorsey Center.

"We are hoping to generate volunteers to help with some cleaning and planting in the Community Garden," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell.

This will be the third season for the Norwayne Community Garden. Members of the Norwayne Community plant the garden, grow the garden and harvest the garden for the community and the families of Norwayne.

The planting of cool weather crops and clean-

ing the bed area for the butterfly garden is scheduled for Saturday, April 13.

Over at the Dorsey Center, members of the Westland Police Officers Association will be registering bicycles for residents age 16 and under. For others, the cost for bicycle registration is \$1.

"One of our biggest problems in Norwayne is bike theft. If we see a boy on a hot pink bike and ask where he got it, we can't trace it," said Westland Police Officer Burke Lange. "We have an ordinance requiring bike registration but people don't follow it. This gives us a place to start when we find someone riding a kids bike at 2 a.m."

To encourage more bicycle registrations, City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof donated the \$1 registrations for use by the police officers, who are volunteers donating their time.

"With summer coming

up, we will see a spike in bike thefts so we are doing the bike registrations now," said Lange. "People need to remember to put their bikes away, to secure them. Mostly the bikes aren't secured in Norwayne — it's a crime of opportunity."

For those who do register their bikes, the officers are providing free cotton candy and snow cones.

The regular watering and weeding schedule for the Community Garden is also getting under way and includes planting of the Bobbi Gelman Memorial Butterfly Garden on Saturday, April 27. Warm weather crops are scheduled to be planted on Saturday, May 11.

Contact Pam Carter for more information at Pacarter.68@hotmail.com or at (734) 620-1089.

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Wayne man killed crossing Michigan Ave.

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police have identified Michael Edward Johnson as the 41-year-old Wayne man who was killed Saturday night when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing Michigan Avenue on foot in Canton.

Johnson was walking home from a local bar when the accident happened about 11:15 p.m. on westbound Michigan Avenue west of Hannan Road, police said.

"We believe the pedestrian was drinking," police Lt. Pat Sullivan said in response to questions.

Johnson was struck by a 1998 Jeep Cherokee driven by a 28-year-old Westland woman who was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as a precaution, police said.

"The driver had not been drinking," Sulli-

van said. "The driver was transported to the hospital because she was understandably upset. She was treated and released a short time later."

Johnson died despite efforts to resuscitate him with CPR by police officers and a registered nurse who had stopped to assist.

An investigation is being conducted by the Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team.

"The crash is still under investigation," Sullivan said. "We won't be closing it until we receive autopsy results on the pedestrian, which will probably be six to eight weeks."

Although the incident remains under investigation, the driver had not been charged as of early Wednesday.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Ladies Night Out

The Westland Veterans Association will present its second annual Ladies Night Out Boxer Review Saturday, April 13, at the Harris-Kehrer 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 50/50 tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

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

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.redcross-blood.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.

Theatre Palaces

Michael Hauser will present "Theatre Palaces of Old Detroit," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

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 mod-

ernization of the State Wayne Theatre.

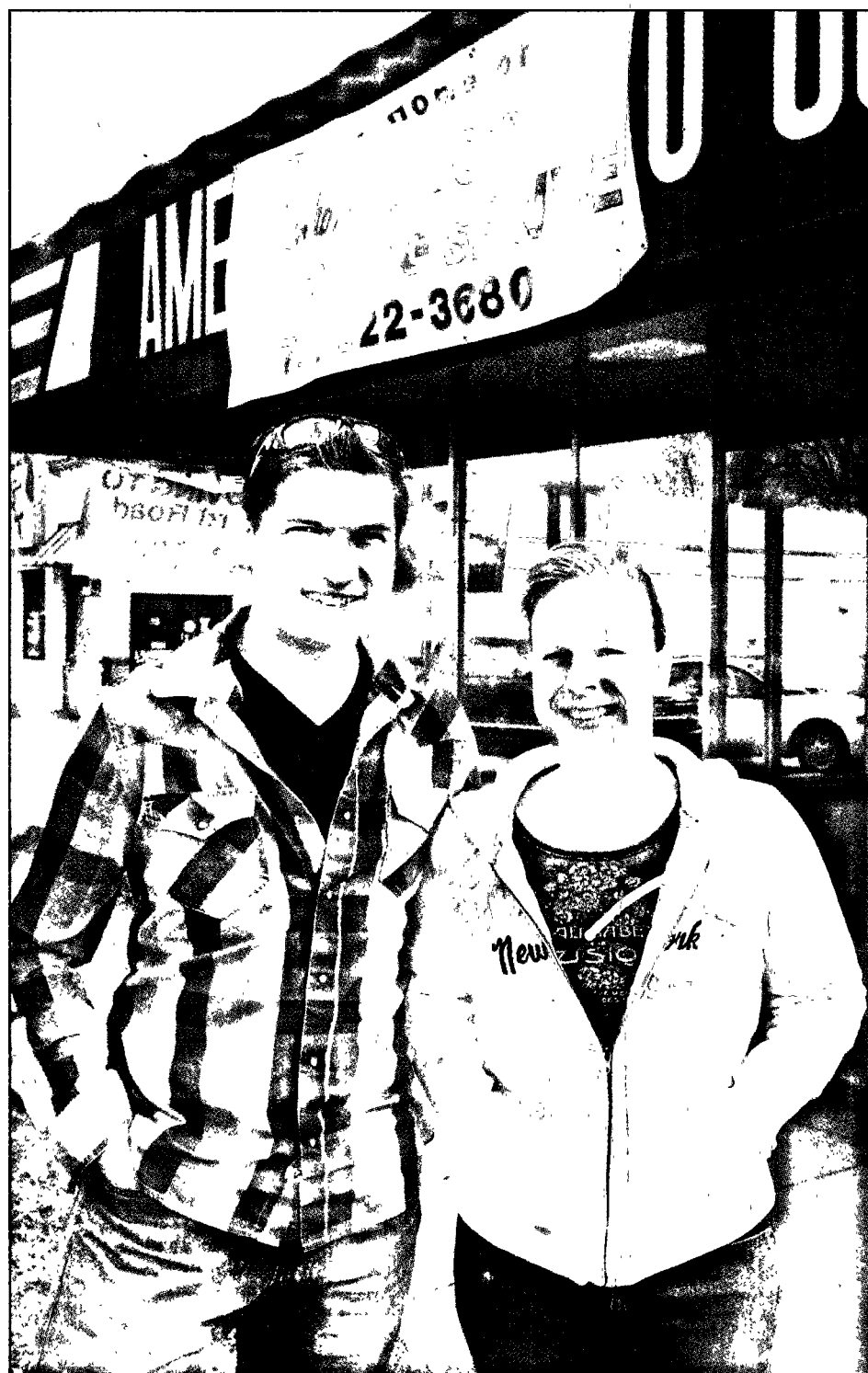
To register for Adult programs, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call (734) 721-7832.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 26. 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. Next month game night will be May 9, with the spaghetti dinner planned for May 24.

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

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



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cody Bailey, operations manager for Sparks Auto & Towing, poses with his stepmother Katherine Bailey in front of the new store at 34043 Ford, just west of Radcliff in Westland. They plan an open house 3-7 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

Sparks crosses the (city) limit with new location

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A fixture in Garden City for more than two decades, Spark's Auto and Collision has a new location in Westland. The business has moved from its spot at Cherry Hill and Merriman to 34043 Ford, west of Radcliff, just outside the Garden City limits. "We were located in Garden City for more than 23 years," said Cody Bailey, the operations manager for the business owned by brothers Gary and Cory Bailey. Cody Bailey has spent the last few weeks help-

ing to renovate the new location, a former Auto Ameristar. The hoists are now installed and the family is ready to continue providing full auto service and repair.

The waiting room features a 1925 Model T, once owned by stepmother Katherine Bailey's father, Paul Pollatz. "This building was a former MG dealership," Cody Bailey said. Cody Bailey added that 13 new jobs were created at Sparks Auto with the new location in Westland, and he hopes to add even more.

The business is inviting the public is invited to an open house from 3-

7 p.m. Sunday, April 14. There will be giveaways and refreshments.

"We have sent out online invitations," he said. "State Sen.) Glenn Anderson will be here."

Anderson was a strong supporter of Cody Bailey in his unsuccessful bid for the state House of Representatives last fall.

A graduate of Albion College, he also does bookkeeping for the Bailey family who has owned a small business in Inkster, Romulus and Garden City.

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CORRECTION

A recent story about the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 pool team should have stated that their spaghetti dinner will be 1-6 p.m. Sunday, April 14. It's open to the

public and the proceeds will benefit veterans' programs.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$8 for hungry plate and \$3 for kids. There will be music, raf-

fles and a cash bar.

The post is located at 28945 Joy, just east of Middlebelt. Call (734) 525-9454 or (734) 261-0260 for more information.

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held due to inclement weather, a replacement permit can be obtained within a week of the original date.

The ordinance also prohibits the residents from using their garage sale to sell new items purchased to be resold. Everything has to be cleared away

within 24 hours of the sale ending.

There are also rules for garage sale signs — none of which can be placed in the road right-of-way or within three feet of any property line.

The garage sale permits are available at the City Clerk's Office. Garden City has a similar ordinance regulating garage services.

In Wayne, information about garage sales are

under a link under the City Clerk's page on the city website. No permits are required but individual garage sales can't be held for more than three days and no more than two sales in a 120-day period. Like Westland, Wayne prohibits garage sign sales in the road right-of-way.

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STROM

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side of the business. The relationship piqued his interest in the field.

After eight years in Chicago and wanting to return to Michigan, he decided to do that and enrolled at Wayne State University where he's working on his master's degree in urban and regional planning. According to Strom, that decision "was a logical step in my career."

"It was an extension of what I was doing in Chicago," he said.

He was an intern with

the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, when he was approached by then-Wayne Chamber President Scott Cabauatan of Republic Services to take on the job after the former director had left.

"They faced a difficult decision and the board trusted Scott," said Strom. "He made this happen. He contacted the Plymouth DDA and asked if the knew of anybody. They referred me."

Strom said the chamber is doing "pretty well" with more than 170 members. In fact, 65 percent of businesses in city are chamber members and the organization has

branched out, drawing in some membership from neighboring communities.

He's pleased to see the steps being taken by the city to help bring businesses to the community, including its Site Plan Light, a modified site plan approval process, and the creation of a Commercial Redevelopment District along Wayne Road.

"The business community has done a good job of holding on to what we have," said Strom. "We try to have added value for businesses who can get together and make things happen."

"For renters and business owners, we want to be a resource for them. Sometimes, I want to say to them, 'if you have a good business plan, just do it.' I want to tell them to take a chance," he added.

Admittedly, Strom is still learning about the Wayne community. It's an ongoing process as is steering the chamber in direction he and the board want it to go.

"Anything to help the business community, we're right there to support that," he said. "The more sales, the more people in Wayne, the better."

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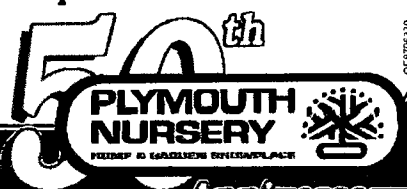
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McNamara tapped for Taubman Fellowship at Harvard

A Wayne County commissioner and a Berkley City Council member will attend the prestigious program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University this summer.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Berkley Councilman Steven Bake are recipients of the Taubman Company's Fellowship for Executive Excellence. Administered through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the fellowships provide local public officials with demonstrated leadership an opportunity to improve their management skills and broaden their awareness of effective approaches to public-sector problems.

Since 1991, The Taubman Company has sponsored the fellowship and underscored its support for developing effective leaders in local government in the Southeast Michigan region.

"We've been delighted to sponsor this program since its inception

23 years ago. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for local government leaders to interact with colleagues from around the world and broaden their perspectives," said Robert S. Taubman, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer. "That experience enhances their abilities to better serve the residents of southeast Michigan. We support the hard work of local governments and look forward to hearing from the graduates first-hand after they return from Harvard."

This year's Taubman Fellows have strong records of local government leadership.

McNamara has served on the Wayne County Commission since 2007. He represents Wayne, a portion of Westland, Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren. As Wayne County Commissioner, his specific duties include setting and overseeing the county's \$2.1 billion budget. He chairs the Committee



Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, whose 11th District includes Wayne and a portion of Westland, is headed to Harvard University this summer on a Taubman Fellowship.

on Public Services and is vice chair of a special committee looking into

efficiencies in government departments. He also has been elect-

ed to a six-year term on the Wayne County Airport Authority which oversees the authority's \$300 million annual budget. McNamara also chairs SEMCOG's Finance and Budget Committee. In addition, his McNamara Scholarship Fund has helped provide more than \$500,000 in college scholarships to Wayne County students.

"I believe the Harvard program will help me understand how others around the country have solved their problems, giving me a good model going forward in Wayne County," McNamara said.

Baker has been a Berkley council member since 2009, serving a city of approximately 15,000 people and overseeing a budget of \$20 million. He describes providing core city services in light of continued declines in city revenue, the demands of aging public infrastructure, and the delicate balance of advocating for both Berkley and southeast Michigan to be his most significant strategic

challenges as an elected official.

Baker is also active on regional transit initiatives, including the Woodward Avenue alternatives analysis. He hopes to broaden the degree and quality of regional cooperation and shared results, further enhance the quality of life throughout the entire region, and foster economic development opportunities by implementing proven best practices and initiatives.

At Harvard, he looks forward to "the broad awareness, practical tools, trusted relationships, and hands-on experience to embrace the many and varied challenges that we face in southeast Michigan with even greater confidence and clarity."

SEMCOG is the only organization in Southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the seven-county region's 4.7 million people.

Friends remember Douglas Beasley as 'kind soul'

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wherever Douglas Beasley worked for the City of Wayne over the years, he worked hard and made friends.

"He wanted to help. He didn't care if it was recreation, public services or police," said Wayne City Manager Robert English.

"What a kind soul. He didn't have mean bone in his body. He always wanted the best for the city," added Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller.

The feeling was mutual as city staff recalled fond memories of Mr. Beasley, 34, who died Sunday after battling leukemia.

Called Dougie by many of his friends, Mr. Bea-



Mr. Beasley

Back in December, the council and city staff organized a get well message and mementoes for Mr. Beasley, which he wasn't able to receive in person.

English recalls daily calls from Mr. Beasley, who had a very high functioning developmental disability, checking to make sure he could come back to work.

When his cancer treatment wasn't continued and it was clear Mr. Bea-

sley was a life-long Wayne resident and a part-time maintenance worker for the city since 1997.

sley wouldn't return to work, he did have a request.

"Usually we only do it for full-time employees but Doug wanted to know if he could have a retirement party," said English. "(Police) Chief (Jason) Wright made sure it happened. He had a cake and all of it except a retirement badge and gun. Doug didn't last — we had to get an ambulance to take him home."

Throughout his illness, English said Mr. Beasley never complained.

"Once there was no more treatment, he knew he was not coming back. He understood," English said. "There were no complaints. He held his head up. He was a strong

kid."

Miller credited Mr. Beasley's parents, Norman and Linda, with knowing what their son needed.

"I was in charge of public services and the foreman wanted Doug to pull weeds. Doug didn't want to pull weeds," said English. "I talked to both of them. I said I'd have to call his mom, if Doug didn't pull the weeds. The next day he said he would pull the weeds. He said, 'You called my mom didn't you?'"

Mr. Beasley wasn't only a familiar face around the city offices staff, he was also a lifetime member at the First Congregational Church of Wayne and served as sergeant of arms for the Wayne Civilians.

A sports fan, Mr. Beasley worked on the film crew for Westland John Glenn High School football and, as a member of the Plymouth Whalers Fan Club, has been a home game scorekeeper. He was a Special Olympian and had been a licensed groomer at Northville Downs.

Along with his parents, Mr. Beasley is survived by his brother Paul (Eric Blaine); grandmother Marion Beasley; uncles Kenneth (Kathy) Beasley and Dave Orahoske; and aunts Judy (Charles) Westland and Carolyn (Dave) Criner.

The family suggests memorials to the First Congregational Church of Wayne or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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Westland library hosts book giveaway

From Berkeley to Boston and Sitka to Sarasota, volunteers will give away half a million free books in more than 6,000 towns and cities across the country Tuesday, April 23.

World Book Night U.S. is an ambitious campaign to give thousands of free, specially printed paperbacks to light or non-readers across America on one day.

The mission of World Book Night is to seek out those without the means or access to printed books.

Some of the volunteers in Westland will be picking up their books at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland and sharing them in locations as diverse as VA hospitals, roller skating rinks, mass transit, nursing homes, schools, food pantries and more. This is the second year the library has participated in World Book Night U.S.

A pre-World Book Night reception will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, to welcome local givers in to pick up their boxes of books, meet with other givers and enjoy some light refreshments.

Best-selling authors Ann Patchett and James Patterson are this year's honorary chair people.

"In my experience, when people like what they are doing, they do more of it," Patterson said. "This is the genius of World Book Night — it gets people reading by connecting them with amazing, enjoyable books. I'm honored to be a part of it."

"I'm very proud to be a part of World Book Night," Patchett said. "As both a writer and a book seller, I'm all in favor of getting books into the hands of people who might not otherwise have access to them."

The books to be given out were chosen by an independent panel of book sellers and librarians through several rounds of voting. The printing of the free books was possible due to generosity of the authors, publishers and book manufacturing companies.

Although it is too late to be a giver this year, those interested in participating in the future can sign up for the WBN mailing list for news and updates on World Book Night 2014. The free WBN editions are not available in the Westland library at anytime, except for the WBN volunteers to take into the community. Regular editions of the books will be displayed all spring.

WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST

The Westland Housing Commission - Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) accepts waiting list applications for the following groups:

Westgate Tower - Seniors, Age 55+, apartments located at 34567 Elmwood.
Assisted Living - Seniors, Age 50+, for Presbyterian Village, American House, Marquette House.

Veterans - housing located in Norwayne Subdivision. (Assistance available July 1, 2013.)

To apply: call (734) 595-0288, x2655 or email a request to akoss@cityofwestland.com. Provide full name, phone number, mailing address, email address, and the type of application you are requesting. Applications received will be entered on the appropriate waiting list in the order received. Applicants will receive a confirmation if their application is accepted.

The waiting lists will remain open until further notice. Applications are available for the above mentioned groups only.

The Westland Housing Commission general waiting list is closed.

Joanne Campbell, Director
Westland Housing Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On April 16, 2013 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1998	FORD	EXPLORER	GREEN	1FMYU22X1WUD03198
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1994	SATURN	4DR	WHITE	1G8ZK5578RZ256393

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Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 11, 2013 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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Man to stand trial in accident that injured student

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Detroit man has been ordered to stand trial on multiple felony charges, including being drunk when he struck a Westland student getting off a school bus.

Daniel Joseph Florance Jr., 33, waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court last Thursday. Charges stemming



Florance

from the March 25 accident include driving drunk and causing serious injury, third offense drunken driving, a felony; driving with a suspended license causing serious injury; reckless driving causing serious injury; second offense driving with a suspended

license; and a moving violation causing injury in a school bus zone.

Police reported that Florance had a .32 blood alcohol level, four times the level considered legally intoxicated in Michigan.

The accident happened at about 2:15 p.m. on Schuman south of Cherry. A commercial van driven by Florance turned south from Cherry Hill on to Schuman at an excessive

speed, police said, ending up on the grass and sidewalk.

Overcorrecting to get back onto the roadway, police said the van crossed the street and hit a student who had just gotten off a school bus which had flashing red lights and its stop sign activated.

The student suffered a broken pelvis, wrist and forearm in the accident.

The van continued traveling onto the grass and sidewalk on the opposite side of the street before hitting a tree. Florance, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, struck his head on the windshield and

was arraigned from his hospital bed.

Held in lieu of \$1 million cash bond, Florance was scheduled for circuit court arraignment on Thursday, April 11.

Florance has been convicted for operating while impaired or intoxicated on five prior occasions, according to police. His driver's license is currently suspended 30 times with four additional prior suspensions/revocations.

Florance also had two current warrants issued by Westland 18th District Court for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, and one by the 22nd Dis-

trict Court in Inkster for a probation violation.

In addition, police said that Florance has been convicted twice for felony controlled substance deliver/manufacture of narcotics less than 50 grams; twice for failing to stop at the scene of an accident, as well as convictions for breaking and entering, receiving and concealing stolen property, possession of marijuana, and retail fraud. He was convicted 10 times for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

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ORDINANCE NO. 259

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO ADOPT ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 26-441 THROUGH 26-445, TO DEFINE YARD SALES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR YARD SALES, AND TO REQUIRE PERMITS AND PERMIT FEES.

Section 1. That Chapter 26, Article VIII, Sections 26-441 through 26-445 of the Westland City Code are hereby adopted to provide as follows:

"Sec. 26-441. Yard Sale definition.

As used in this Article, the term "yard sale" means a basement sale, garage sale, rummage sale, yard sale, attic sale, flea market sale, lawn sale and other sale of tangible personal property, including, but not limited to, clothing, household items, tools, garden implements, toys, recreation equipment, used or second hand items usually found in the home, or other similar personal property, which is advertised to the public.

Sec. 26-442. Yard Sale permit required.

(a) Prior to conducting a yard sale at a particular location, a permit must be obtained from the city clerk by the individual, group, church, subdivision or condominium complex, or the social, civic, or charitable organization who is conducting the yard sale. Upon the issuance of a permit, the applicant will be provided with a permit number. Applications for yard sale permits shall be made on forms provided by the city clerk, which shall be signed by the applicant or the applicant's representative. Applications shall include:

- (1) the location of the yard sale site;
- (2) the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of the applicant or the applicant's representative; and
- (3) the date and time of the proposed yard sale.

(b) The permit fees applicable to subdivision or condominium complexes or associations shall be as specified in Westland Code Section 46-1. The permit fees applicable to other individuals or entities for the location's first yard sale in the calendar year, and the fees for subsequent yard sale permits in the same calendar year, shall also be as specified in Westland Code Section 46-1.

Sec. 26-443. Yard Sale requirements and restrictions.

- (a) Permits for yard sales conducted by a subdivision or condominium complex or association shall not be issued to conduct more than two yard sales per year.
- (b) Permits for yard sales conducted by any other individual, group, church, or social, civic or charitable organization shall not be issued to conduct more than four yard sales at a particular property location in a calendar year. The property location shall be identified as the zoning lot or the post office address assigned to the premises. Notwithstanding the above, if a property location has had the maximum yard sales in a year but an applicant can provide proof that a change in ownership of the property has since occurred, one additional yard sale may be conducted in that calendar year.
- (c) All items to be sold must originate as the legal property of the applicant, other persons participating in the yard sale, or members of the organization.
- (d) Property offered for sale at the yard sale shall not include any items purchased new for resale at the yard sale.
- (e) A yard sale may be conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on permitted dates, and shall not be conducted for more than four consecutive days.
- (f) Yard sales permits shall not be allowed to run concurrently, and there must be at least seventy two hours between yard sales at a particular location. If there is inclement weather on three of the four days permitted for a yard sale, then a replacement permit may be requested by the applicant within one week of the initial event.
- (g) Yard sales may only be conducted at a location with permission of the owner or person in responsible charge of the property. No merchandise involved in a yard sale may be placed on public rights-of-way, including streets and sidewalks.
- (h) All unsold yard sale merchandise must be removed immediately upon the conclusion of the yard sale. Items and merchandise which are sold to purchasers must be removed from the permitted location within twenty four hours of the conclusion of the yard sale.

Sec. 26-444. Yard sale signs.

- (a) In accordance with Section 15-3.7 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248, yard sale signs are permitted in any zoning district, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (1) Signs shall not exceed six square feet in area, and shall not project more than five feet above the curb level of the property.
 - (2) There shall not be more than a total of three signs per yard sale, and no more than one sign per zoning lot.
 - (3) Signs may only be placed on a lot after the permission of the property owner has been obtained.
 - (4) No signs may be placed in any public right-of-way, or within three feet of any property line.
 - (5) No wall mounted signs shall be permitted.
 - (6) Signs may not be located on any zoning lot for more than four consecutive days nor more than a total of six days during any ninety day period.
- (b) In addition to the restrictions on yard sale signs above:
 - (1) The yard sale permit number received from the city clerk must be on all yard sale signs.
 - (2) No yard sale sign may be illuminated.
 - (3) All yard sale signs must be removed immediately following the conclusion of the yard sale.

Sec. 26-445. Penalties for violation of this article.

Any violation of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction. Properly designated city employees may issue appearance tickets for violating this article. The penalty for a first violation shall be a \$100 fine. The penalty for any subsequent violation shall be a \$300 fine."

Section 3. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add paragraph (62), to provide as follows:

"(62) Yard sale permit fees (section 26-442):

(a) Subdivision or condominium complex or association:
First permit in a calendar year\$25.00
Subsequent permits (no more than two) in a calendar year\$35.00"

(b) Other individual, group, church, or social, civic or charitable organization:
First permit in a calendar year\$12.00
Subsequent permits (no more than four) in a calendar year\$15.00"

Section 4. That all other provisions of Chapter 26 and 46 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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Anderson calls for action on bills to reform MCCA

State Senator Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has called for action on his legislation to reform the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association following a decision to impose another increase of 6 percent in the catastrophic claim fee paid by Michigan drivers to \$186 on each vehicle.

"Michigan drivers have seen this rate increased time and time again, and they are fed up," said Anderson. "Several years ago, reacting to a 20 percent increase to this fee, I stood on the Senate floor and asked my colleagues to shine a light on these closed door meetings and to allow for the public to have a voice when these decisions are being made. Unfortunately, another year has passed and drivers across the state will see greater costs when they pay their auto insurance bill."

In early 2013, Sen. Anderson introduced Senate Bills 102 and 103. The legislation would

reform the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association in the following ways:

- End the practice of meeting behind closed doors without requirement to make proceedings open to the public by making the proceedings of the group subject to the Freedom of Information Act and creating a transparent process.
- End the insurance companies' monopoly on the decision making body by expanding the group from five to six voting members. The new member would act as a representative and advocate for the general public.
- Make the Michigan Insurance Commissioner a full voting member.
- Establish additional oversight by requiring an annual independent audit of the association and the results of that audit to be reported to the Michigan State House and Michigan State Senate.

Accountability also would be restored by

making decisions to raise rates subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation and allowing for the rejection of increases deemed to be excessive.

Anderson has been a leader on this issue for years and has called for reforms similar to Senate Bills 102 and 103 since his first term in the State House in 2002. Each year the MCCA increases the rate without explanation or representation for the people it affects.

"The current laws governing the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association are long due for reform. The time has come for us to bring this legislation up for a vote and bring real transparency to the process. Michigan drivers cannot afford another year where the priorities of well-funded, special interests are put before their own," said Sen. Anderson.

NEWS BRIEFS

VFW conducts Poppy sales

Members of the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will be holding its annual Buddy Poppy sales at local intersections 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 9-11.

The sales will be held at Wayne Road and Ford, Wayne Road and Cherry Hill and Merriman and Cherry Hill. Proceeds from the sales aid disabled or needy veterans and their families.

Street to close for 5K run/walk

The Westland Council has approved closing Marquette and Carlson to accommodate the North Brothers Ford/City of Westland 5K Run/Walk 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11.

This the 15th annual North Brothers Ford and City of Westland 5K Fun Run/Walk which raises money for breast cancer research programs at Karmanos Cancer Institute. Registration opens

at 8 a.m. The starting point will be the Bailey Recreation Center in the civic center complex at 36651 Ford.

For registration details or more information, call Jackie at North Brothers Ford at (734) 524-1243.

Boosters hold flower sale

The Wayne Memorial High School Instrumental Music Boosters are holding their annual flower sale at Wayne Lawn and Garden, 2103 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The sale will be 1-8 p.m. Friday, May 10; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 12. There will also be a Schwann's truck sale at the same time.

S'craft student receives honor

Lauren Winkles of Westland is among 12 Schoolcraft College students who will receive awards from Michigan Campus Compact for their dedication and com-

mitment to community service during the 17th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards Celebration at the Kellogg Center in Lansing on Saturday, April 13.

Winkles will receive the Heart and Soul Award, given to students to recognize their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service.

Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. MiCC promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement. Each year, MiCC recognizes students from member colleges and universities for their outstanding commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER – PROJECT BASED VETERANS PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Westland Housing Commission - Housing Choice Voucher Program is accepting proposals for the Veterans Project Based Supportive Housing Program. The WHC will designate 20 housing vouchers to entities that provide affordable rental housing and supportive services for veterans. The Veterans Project Based Program housing units must be located in Westland, Norwayne Subdivision, census tract 5685. Project based contracts may be awarded to more than one entity.

Sealed proposals for the Veterans Project Based Supportive Housing Program are due on Monday, May 13, 2013, by 3:00 p.m. to : Westland Housing Commission, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan, 48186. Mark outside of envelope: "Veterans HCV RFP".

A copy of the RFP is available at the City of Westland website: www.cityofwestland.com, (under Choose Service, Westland Housing Commission). Direct questions to Joanne Campbell at jcampbell@cityofwestland.com or (734)713-3711.

Joanne Campbell, Director
Westland Housing Commission

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Homeowner thwarts attempted break-in

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 28000 block of Eton told police April 2 that he was in the basement about 8 p.m. when he heard the side door to the house being forced open. The resident said he began shouting at the suspect who fled.

Officers noted the door frame had been damaged.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 2, a Commerce Township woman told police she was parked in the 37000 block of Barkridge Circle while she was cleaning two residences. A pink camouflage duffel bag containing clothing and a green canvas bag of makeup and toiletries valued at \$300 were stolen.

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Also reported stolen were a steam mop valued at \$200 and an in-home Breathalyzer belonging to 52nd District Court, which was valued at \$1,750.

There was no damage reported to the vehicle as the owner said the doors are left unlocked due to a key problem.

Larceny

A 32-inch flat screen television, an Xbox gaming system, a Macbook computer, car speakers, a GPS unit and an Apple iPad, valued at \$3,650 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 7500 block of Floral overnight April 3-4.

The owner told police he was in the process of moving and loaded the items

into the vehicle. He said he thought the doors had been locked but came out in the morning to find the rear hatch on the car was open.

The officers noted no forced entry into the vehicle but that the dashboard had been pulled about to remove the GPS unit.

Vandalism

A resident at the River Bend Apartments, 30628 Warren Road, told police April 4 that during the night someone had smashed two windows on his 2014 Dodge Durango, then attempted to pry the stereo from the dashboard.

Larceny from a vehicle

• On April 4, a resident in the 31000 block of Gladys told police that some-

one stolen her purse and a digital camera from her 2002 Dodge Caravan while it was parked on the street overnight. She said she thought the vehicle had been locked.

• A resident of the River Bend Apartments, 31097 Warren Road, told police that someone broke a window on her 2012 Chrysler 200 April. The stereo and in dash computer/DVD system were reported stolen.

Larceny

On April 4, a resident of the Westland Colonial Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, told police that someone had stolen a 32-inch television from her storage locker. She said she had placed the television in the locker a week earlier and returned to find the lock had been removed, the

television stolen.

Stolen vehicle

On April 7, a resident in the 2800 block of Cadmus reported his 2002 Saturn SL2 had been stolen from the driveway. He said there were a set of keys in the glove box.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 31000 block of Joy told police someone had stolen three Craftsman tool boxes containing miscellaneous tools from his 1996 GMC Jimmy overnight April 7. He said a bag containing work keys was also taken. He reported finding a CD holder inside the vehicle that didn't belong to him.

Larceny

On April 7, a resident in the 28000 block of Man-

chester told police that she returned home from a vacation to find someone had stolen a seven-piece patio set, still in the boxes, and three bicycles from her rear deck. The items were valued at \$2,425.

Vandalism

A resident in the 2400 block of E. Rhead told police April 7 that someone had removed a five-foot by five-foot piece of blue siding from his home.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 2, a resident at Village of Our Saviors Manor, 29495 Annapolis, told police that someone had stolen the battery from her 1998 Saturn SL. She said she had last checked the vehicle a month earlier.

By LeAnne Rogers

Garden City resident reports SUV stolen from driveway

Stolen vehicle

A resident in the 30000 block of Dover reported at 7:30 a.m. April 5 that his 1997 Ford Expedition had been stolen from his driveway.

He said that he noticed some headlights just prior to that time but thought it was a passing car because he lives on a corner. When he went outside, he found that his vehicle was gone.

He told police that the vehicle has more than 300,000 miles and little gas in the tank.

The owner believes that the thief retrieved keys from his unlocked GMC Yukon which that was also parked in the driveway. There was no dam-

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age to the Yukon, and nothing was stolen from it.

Break-in

A burglary was reported at Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, 30900 Ford. Two glass entry doors were found broken at 7:30 a.m. April 8. The police believe that unknown suspects pried the door open. Nothing was reported stolen.

The police met with a chiropractor at that location and viewed a video. The video showed three unknown suspects with their faces covered and

wearing gloves as they walked around the building.

Fraud

A resident in the 30000 block of Leona reported April 4 that somebody fraudulently used his checking account. TCF Bank notified the man about the checks that he said he didn't write.

The man said that his car was broken into some months ago, but he didn't notice these checks missing from his checkbook at that time.

Theft

A representative of a bank-owned house in the 31900 block of Sheridan reported April 5 the theft

of many items from the vacant home.

A walkthrough revealed that someone removed the dishwasher, washing machine and dryer, stove, light fixtures, outside air conditioning unit, 200 square feet of drywall and outlet covers.

There were no serial numbers available for the missing items.

Stolen bike

A bike owner reported at 2:30 p.m. April 6, that his unlocked bike was stolen when he went inside the McDonald's Restaurant at 2205 Middlebelt to use the rest room.

He said that the 26-inch men's bike had a lock on it.

When he went inside the building, he noticed two teens in the area. When he came back outside 10-15 minutes later, the teens and his bike were gone.

Theft

A resident in the 800 block of Venoy reported April 6 that someone stole his antique water pump from his backyard. The pump stood five feet tall and had a rusted appearance. It was valued at \$500.

• A resident in the 29000 block of Maplewood reported that after a Fed Ex employee left a delivery outside at his house, and before he arrived home, the pack-

age was stolen.

It contained 10 capillaries and a parts maintenance kit with tubing, valued at \$2,600.

Retail fraud

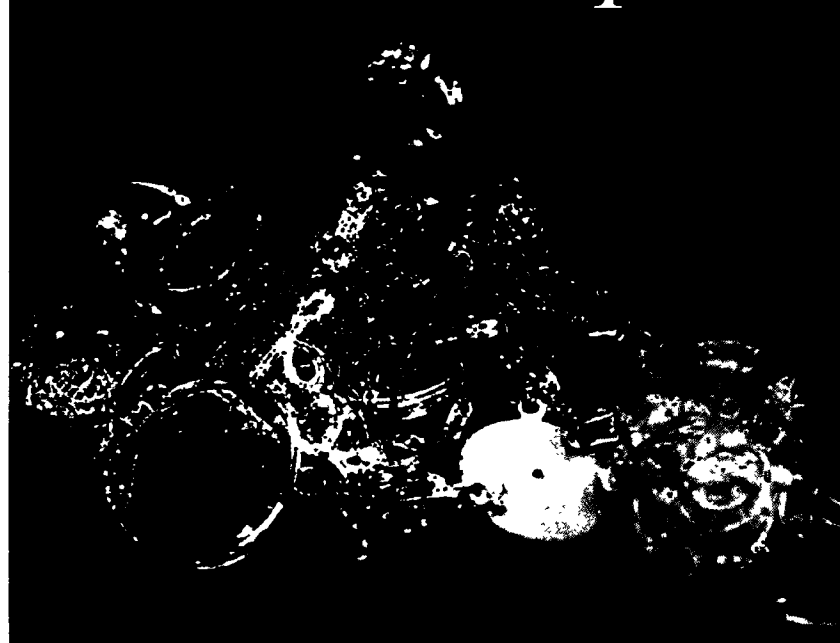
Two thieves stole two drills valued at \$100 from the Kmart store at 29600 Ford about 5 p.m. April 3.

The loss prevention officer notified police that the men first tried to remove a TV from a secured site but were unsuccessful. They then placed two drills in a cart and walked through the front door without paying for them.

It's believed that the men fled in a car parked on Beechwood.

By Sue Buck

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Trench warfare

Rescue team hones emergency response skills

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

As a local fire chief himself, Shadd Whitehead knows there are things local departments are really good at, and other things they're not really equipped to handle.

While local firefighters are great at the daily duties they face, most departments, Whitehead knows, aren't equipped to handle some missions.

That's why the Western Wayne Urban Search and Rescue team was formed. The team, comprised of firefighters from departments all around the county, responds to disasters such as tornados, explosions and trench collapses.

"Local fire departments are good at the day-to-day fire operations, but they aren't prepared to handle those kinds of things," said Whitehead, the team's special operations chief who also serves as the chief of the Livonia Fire Department. "Our job is to support local fire departments and provide that expertise."

That's why the team, a multi-disciplined squad specializing in rescue operations, was in Canton Tuesday, practicing its trench collapse strategies in the Canton Township DPW yard. A couple of dozen firefighters, along with several DPW employees, took part in the search-and-rescue exercise designed to hone the team's rescue skills.

Departments represented included Northville Township, Garden City, Taylor, Van Buren, Plymouth, Livonia, Canton and Farmington Hills.

Affect the rescue

Whitehead said trench collapse rescue are "a big percentage" of the events to which they respond. The team focused on its ability to stabilize a trench and "affect the rescue." The steps are necessary, Whitehead pointed out, because a variety of factors, including weather conditions, rain, soil conditions, the size of the trench and the length of time it's been exposed to the elements, affect how firefighters approach a rescue scenario.

"There are a lot of trench collapses due to those conditions," Whitehead said. "We end up in scenarios where workers in the trench aren't using appropriate protection. Those are situations we're trained to handle."

The team was formed in 2005, modeled on the Western Wayne Hazardous Materials team formed eight years earlier for the same reason — to respond to large emergency situations — that smaller communities aren't equipped to handle for reasons including money and manpower.

Based on population, each of the 21 communities represented on the team dedicates members — there are 46 total — to the team.

"It was recognized we had a shortcoming in the sense of urban search and rescue," Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch said. "It took about a year to train everybody. It was a way of being able to share our resources, share the costs and provide a very good asset to the 21 communities involved."

The team trains monthly, including four times on trench-style rescues. Firefighters find the training essential — "It's critical ... If you don't have this training, you can't do the job," Plym-



Unloading materials and equipment for Urban Search and Rescue.

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Livonia's John Orzech talks to the group about the plans for the training. In background, Canton Township's Curt Foster.



Canton DPW workers Curt Foster and Dave Arnold set up the Vactor truck for trench rescue training.

outh Community Fire Department firefighter Chris Mack said — and different from their normal schedules.

"It's very physical, and much more technical than the day-to-day

stuff," said Mack, who said he's been on the team since its inception. "The day-to-day firefighting stuff is quicker, more 'let's do it and get it done.' This is much more methodical."

Added element

Tuesday's training incorporated a new element — local Department of Public Works staffers. DPW workers from Livonia, Canton and Farmington Hills were on hand to



Stabilizing the trench walls and building the tower that supports the Vactor hose.

operate Vactor trucks — large vacuum equipment generally used to drain water.

But team members thought the Vactors could come in handy removing soil from the site of trench collapses, rather than having firefighters having to remove it by hand. Whitehead said team officials met with DPW leadership and pitched the idea of partnering in emergency response.

"The DPWs bought into the idea," Whitehead said. "They see the value of responding to help us in these situations."

Farmington Hills DPW staffer Bob Saksewski said the idea of joining in the rescue effort seems like a no-brainer.

"In the past, (firefighters) were hand-digging all that dirt," Saksewski said. "We have all the equipment, so if we can

use it we should ... Anything we can do to help."

Firefighters agreed the DPW staffers added insight to the training. Bartsch said that, while police and firefighters are generally far more recognized as first responders, the people — and equipment — in DPW departments can be just as big an asset.

"The DPW guys offered some insight to us, some tips on how to do things better," Bartsch said.

"We're really happy they came on board to help make us a better team."

Bartsch and Whitehead agree an operation of this magnitude could never be handled by any individual department today, particularly from smaller communities represented by the team.

It couldn't be done now ... Maybe in a huge city, like Detroit-size or bigger, but they've got the same kind of economic limitations we have, too," Bartsch said. "We have more than \$2 million worth of equipment, and 46 individuals on the team who train regularly. There's no way, in my department, we'd be able to do something like that. While we have a lot of different equipment, we rely on a lot of different partners to provide assistance to us."



Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead explains the procedures for the search-and-rescue operation.



Canton DPW staffers Curt Foster and Dave Arnold clamp the hose on the Vactor truck.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Upcoming Events

MOM 2 MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13, early bird at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren Road and Ford in Garden City

Details: More than 85 tables are available. The also will be a big item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is \$1, \$2 for the early bird. A contract is available on M2M sale list at www.Mom2Momlist.com.

Contact: gcmom2mom-sale@hotmail.com or (734) 277-0791.

BOWLING BENEFIT

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 20

Location: Novi Bowl, 700 Novi Road, Novi

Details: The staff, families and friends of Cooke School PTA is holding a bowling fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each or a maximum of five people to a lane for \$80. Tickets include two games of no-tap 9 pin, pizza and pop. There also will be raffle prizes, including necklaces from the Showroom of Elegance and Orin Jewelers, Detroit Red Wings Dan Cleary autographed puck, Detroit Grand Prix autographed packages and Detroit Tigers memorabilia, and 50/50 tickets. Cooke Elementary School works with special needs students many of whom come from Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts.

Contact: For more information, call Jeanne Voet at

(734) 762-4912 or jeannevoet@live.com.

SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Location: Lower level Classroom 2 of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City

Details: Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, group will meet for the final time at the hospital in April. It is for family members, friends and caregivers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders are invited to join the free monthly support group. The group will provide mutual aid, support and the opportunity to share problems and concerns.

Contact: Call (734) 58-4330 for more information.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays

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

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men

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

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

HEALING HEART

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13

Location: St. Kenneth Parish, 14591 N. Haggerty Road in Plymouth

Details: Widowed men and women all ages and faiths, no matter how long widowed, are invited to attend Widowed Friends, a peer group, for a day filled with inspiration, insight and healing while meeting other widowed persons. Arrival at St. Kenneth Parish Center is 9:30-9:45. The cost per person is \$18 and includes speakers, a healing service, light lunch and beverages.

Contact: Call Cheryl at (586) 207-1622 or Rose at (586) 726-0844 to register or for more information.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

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

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

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

For Seniors

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department

(Friendship Center) offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: (734) 722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: (734) 419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

Contact: (734) 793-1870

Volunteers

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: (248) 967-8361, www.vna.org

County Parks holds men's slow pitch tourney

It's time to play ball. Wayne County Parks is offering its first annual Spring Men's Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Saturday, May 4, at the Nankin Mills ball fields in Westland.

The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) slow pitch softball rules will apply. Only Men's D or Recreational teams will be accepted. A maximum of eight teams can enter the double-elimination tournament with no more than 20 men per roster.

The team entry fee is \$200 which includes a

two-game guarantee, one umpire per game and softballs. The entry fee must be paid in full by the registration deadline, Friday, April 26. Waivers and team rosters are due Wednesday, May 1.

The tournament championship team will receive a sponsor trophy and T-shirts. The runner-up will receive a sponsor trophy.

Nankin Mills is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185. For more information on the tournament, email parks@waynecounty.com or call (734) 261-1990.

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital receives national honors

Two national organizations have honored St. Mary Mercy Hospital for delivering high-quality clinical and stroke care.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital ranks among the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide, according to Healthgrades, receiving the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ 2013 among only 262 U.S. hospitals. The recognition is given to hospitals that deliver high-quality care with better than expected clinical outcomes across clinical specialties. This is St. Mary Mercy's ninth consecutive year winning the award.

In addition to the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ recognition, St. Mary Mercy is among the top 1 percent of the recipients to also receive Healthgrades America's Best Hospitals 2013 among America's 50 Best Hospitals for demonstrating consistency of care. Hospitals become eligible for this award after receiving the Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence™ a minimum of seven consecutive years.

This year is the hospital's third year winning the Healthgrades America's Best Hospitals award. St. Mary Mercy received the recognition as America's 50 Best Hospitals in 2011 and 2012.

The hospital also received recertification from The Joint

Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. It recognizes St. Mary Mercy as a facility that provides the next generation of stroke care and seeks continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards.

"Our consistency of providing quality patient care is a key characteristic of our excellent teams of physicians, nurses and clinical staff," said Dave Spivey, President and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"The recognition from Healthgrades and the recertification of our Advanced Primary Stroke Center are examples of our pursuit to excellence across St. Mary Mercy Hospital," said Debbie Karabatakis, director of Clinical Quality, Patient Safety and Risk. "These achievements can only occur through daily dedication to provide the highest quality of care to every patient. This level of dedication is seen in each team member — our associates, our leaders and our physician partners."

More information about Healthgrades methodology is available at healthgrades.com/quality. For more information about The Joint Commission's advanced certification for Primary Stroke Centers, go online to jointcommission.org/certification/primary_stroke_centers.aspx.



Garden City Hospital's new Center for Breast Care in Westland is a more than 2,500-square foot facility that offers patients the latest technologies and services in a relaxing, spa-like environment.

GCH Center for Breast Care offers latest technology in spa-like setting

"You have breast cancer," is one of the most devastating statements a woman might hear from her physician. Fortunately, with early screening, risk assessment and advanced diagnosis and treatment, it needn't come with the same fears and anxieties that it did just a few years ago.

It's that belief coupled with a desire to set a new standard in local breast health and breast care that drove Garden City Hospital to create its Center for Breast Care in Westland. The more than 2,500-square foot facility, offers patients the latest technologies and services in a relaxing, spa-like environment.

Located at the Specialty Centers of Westland on Cowan west of Wayne Road, the Center for Breast Care offers a full line of all-inclusive diagnostic and imaging services, including full field digital mammography, breast ultrasound, stereotactic breast biopsy and customized risk assessment for every patient.

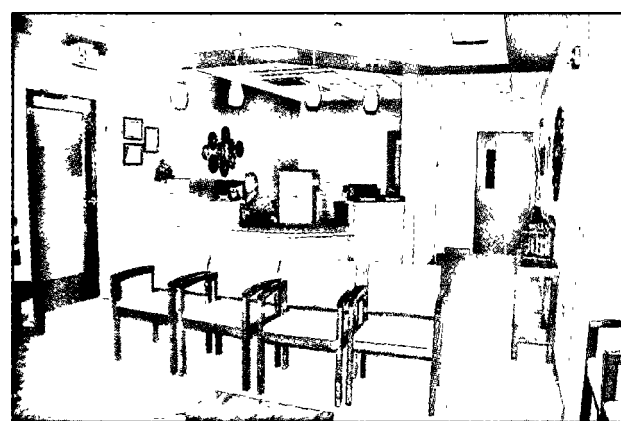
"At the GCH Center for Breast Care, every member of our team is dedicated to making things easier for you," said Clinical Navigator Claire English. "That means being able to schedule an appointment fast, at a time that works for you. Being treated like a person, not just a patient. And getting results fast, so you can be at ease as quickly as possible."

Women diagnosed with breast cancer at Stage One have more than a 90 percent five-year survival rate, according to the American Cancer Society. However, women with Stage Four cancers have only a 15 percent chance of living another five years. Finding breast cancer sooner translates to significantly higher odds of survival.

How do you know whether a regular mammogram is enough?

"We measure your lifetime risk for developing breast cancer, and tailor a screening to your unique needs," said Claire.

"Our free risk assessment is designed to identify a woman's individual level of risk for cancer. If a person's risk level exceeds a certain threshold we may recommend a more aggressive plan for monitoring her situation or take extra steps to insure she has no abnormalities. A mammo-



In addition to the latest technology, the center's atmosphere drew a comment of "Who would have thought getting a mammogram could be more relaxing than a manicure," from client Heather Rowe of Westland.

gram may be sufficient, but she may also need an advanced screening procedure, like breast MRI. If you have breast cancer, you need to know now — when the cancer is in its early stages and treatment is most effective."

Annual clinical screenings for women over 40 (every three years for women over 20) can help detect any abnormalities early. Methods for early detection include clinical examinations by your physician and mammography. In most cases, mammography can identify an abnormal breast mass as much as two years before it can be detected by touch.

In addition to providing advanced methods for improved breast health, the Center for Breast Care offers the latest in dual energy X-ray absorptiometry or DEXA scanning to measure the loss of bone density. A bone density test shows the amount of bone a person has in the hip, spine or other bones. It is routinely recommended for postmenopausal women and men age 50 and older and is how osteoporosis is

diagnosed in older people. Bones naturally break down and rebuild themselves on a daily basis, and until women reach the age of 30, the building of bone outweighs breakdown. Shortly after peak bone mass is reached — somewhere around a woman's 29th birthday — bone density begins to decline. This loss seems to accelerate in many women during the menopause transition.

So whether you're in need of mammography services, bone density testing or anything in between, the Garden City Hospital Center for Breast Care offers the latest in a modern comfortable setting provided by a team of caring experts.

Uninsured? Patients can take advantage of Garden City Hospital's Community Assistance Program (CAP) pricing. Pay for services prior to testing and your annual mammogram screening will cost only \$59. To learn more about The GCH Center for Breast Care or CAP pricing, visit GCH.org.

To schedule an appointment, call (734) 458-3471.

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Good presentation deserves a good cover

By **Clarity Patton Newhouse**
Guest Columnist

At one time or another we've probably all heard "don't judge a book by its cover."

That's good advice as an analogy for people, but when it actually comes to books — and magazines, newsletters, presentations, brochures, reports and lots of other things — the cover matters. Good work deserves a good presentation. A resume is an obvious example. I see lots of



Clarity Patton Newhouse

resumes that list great skills but are so sloppy they raise questions about the candidate's good judgement in deciding the document was ready to distribute.

Whether we like it or not, poor presentation — or even just an unappealing cover — can turn off our audience. Sometimes long hours of good work get misjudged or dismissed because of a disorganized or unprofessional presentation that gave the wrong impression.

That's why dealerships wash the cars after service — they can do thousands of dollars of quality repair, but if the car comes back dirty, the customer is less confident in the work.

Whatever you're presenting, a few extra min-

utes to polish up the cover can help make the content shine!

Clarity

P.S. "Clothes and manners do not make the man; but when he is made, they greatly improve his appearance."

Henry Ward Beecher

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Unemployment figures provide incomplete economic picture

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

If you just looked at the headlines last week, it seemed as if there was good news since the unemployment rate declined in March. I have said many times, America works better when America is working. Therefore, it should be good news when the unemployment rate falls. However, you just can't look at unemployment, you have to look deeper. One item to consider in looking at the participation rate is the participation rate.

The participation rate is the percentage of working-age people who are either currently employed or unemployed, but looking for a job. Typically, a working-age person is defined as an individual between the ages of 16 and 64. Individuals who are in that age group but who are not counted as participating in the job market are typically people under 64 who are retired, students and homemakers.

Participation rate

Historically, the labor participation rate in the U.S. is 67-68 percent. The recent drop of unemployment in the country was not because more people were working, but because the number of Americans who stopped looking for work hit a 30-year high.

The labor participation

rate in March dropped to 63 percent, which means about 300,000 fewer people were counted as unemployed last month, not because they got jobs but because they stopped actively looking for work. The unemployment rate went down because people were frustrated in their job search and just gave up.

There are a lot of theories as to why the participation rate has continued to decline. In the last four years, the participation rate is down more than 2 percent. When you consider that the U.S. population is north of 300 million, a 2-percent drop is significant.

Why does it matter?

Normally during a recovery, a growing economy motivates people to get back into the labor market. Unfortunately, during this recovery that hasn't happened. There are many theories as to why, including the thought that many Americans lack the necessary skills to fill the jobs created in this new economy and that many baby boomers have given up looking for work and have decided to retire.

The bottom line is that the labor participation rate continues to decline, which is not the way to bring down the unemployment rate.

It seems on a daily basis new economic numbers are released that show the state of the economy. Unfortunately, in this partisan world, everyone has their own spin on these numbers. It is important to look at these economic numbers and take a deeper look. It is only then one gets a better understanding of

what is happening. This doesn't just apply to the unemployment numbers, but all the numbers that are released on the economy. Of course, not all numbers released are as important as the unemployment numbers, however, they all have to be put into perspective.

The question many ask is why the unemployment numbers are so important. After all, if you were retired and not looking for a job, you may question why does it matter. My response is that it does matter and it directly affects everyone.

Interest rates

One of the reasons why interest rates are so low is that the Federal Reserve is keeping them low in order to help stimulate the economy. The Federal Reserve has said that interest rates will not begin to rise until unemployment is reduced significantly. Therefore, if you are retired, the only way you are going to get higher returns on your CDs and your U.S. treasuries is if interest rates rise. That won't happen until the unemployment numbers improve.

I wish I had better news on the employment front. As investors and as Americans, we are entitled to a complete picture. The participation rate is a key part of the complete picture.

Good luck!

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

Bookstock used book sale returns

Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale, will return to Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia April 21-28.

All proceeds from the 11-year event benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 21, with a performance by the Larry Callahan and Selected of God Choir, made famous by the Chrysler Superbowl XLV commercial. There is a \$20 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices.

The sale will continue through Sunday, April 28, running 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature four days of special sales. Tuesday, April 23, will be Teacher Appreciation Day, where all teachers with valid I.D. will receive 50 percent off their purchases from 3-9 p.m. Shoppers can buy three books and get the fourth for free during two days of Bookbuster special deals from 3-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25. And those who spend \$25 or more during Bookbuster days will be entered into a drawing to win a Red Wings jersey signed by the 2011-12 Red Wings. On Bookstock's final day,



FILE PHOTO

More than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices draws crowds at the annual Bookstock to Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Sunday, April 28, all books will be sold for half price.

Bookstock has generated more than \$800,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past 10 years. More than 700 volunteers work throughout the year to organize and staff the weeklong sale. Bookstock has established the Bookstock Scholar Awards, in partnership with Wallside Windows and Gardner White, given to outstanding students at Wayne State University's School of Library Science and Information Technology. The Bookstock Fund, launched in 2012,

provided a \$5,000 grant to Amelia Earhart Elementary School in Detroit.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Schostak Brothers and Company, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal non-profit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info.

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Library Week

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The credit for having public libraries must be given to Benjamin Franklin. Books were rare and expensive in the colonies and few people had access to them. Franklin had a passion for reading and in 1731 convinced the members of his study group to pool their resources to buy books.

A group of 50 subscribers committed to investing 40 shillings each and created the Library Company of Philadelphia, our country's first lending library and our oldest cultural institution. Within a decade, several other cities also began forming their own libraries. Franklin saw these new libraries as having "improved the general conversation of Americans, made the common tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries and perhaps contributed in some degree to the stand so generally made throughout the colonies in defence of their privileges."

The American Library Association has been sponsoring the weeklong event since 1958 as a way of recognizing the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

prime sources for free access to books, magazines, ebooks, DVDs, the Internet and professional assistance ... And public libraries are also serving as a lifeline for people trying to adapt to challenging economic circumstances, providing technology training and online resources for employment, access to government resources, continuing education, retooling for new careers, and starting a small business."

Next week, April 14-20, the nation will observe National Library Week. The American Library Association has been sponsoring the weeklong event since 1958 as a way of recognizing the contributions of libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. This year's theme is "Communities matter @ your library" and rightly so. Libraries are an important part of a community.

Today's library also has gone beyond being a repository of information, it is a center of lifelong learning. It also is a community gathering place where people go for recreation and leisure activities. Pick a local library and you'll find something to do from preschool story times and reading groups to crafts and a game of chess. The list is endless and includes the recent Just Like Me workshop series offered at the Garden City Public Library, the upcoming program on the Theatre Palaces of Detroit at the Wayne Public Library and this week's Friday Night Movie, *Searching for Sugar Man*, at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

For residents who haven't been to the library lately, next week is an excellent time to stop by. Blow the dust off that library card and check out a book, CD, DVD or ebook. And while there, offer a thank you to the library staff for the services they provide.

Our libraries are an investment in our future and that of our children. They are our window to the past and our doorway to the future. They are a place for education and entertainment. But they must be cared for in order to remain viable and to grow.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite part of going to school?

We asked this question at the Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus in Garden City.



"I like my teacher (Denise Babler), she's the best teacher."

Isabelle Bellocco
Garden City



"I like my teacher and I like reading."

Brendon Whitlow
Garden City



"I like math because it's fun figuring out the problems."

Alexa Germann
Garden City



"My favorite thing about school is planting the flowers."

Zoey Mercer
Garden City

LETTERS

Hail to the Chief

Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery will be honored next month in Grand Rapids at the Police Officers Association of Michigan Convention as Administrator of the Year Award for the entire state of Michigan. Chief Muery was nominated by his subordinates and won based on his professionalism and leadership skills.

I have personally known Chief Muery for several years. I can vouch that he is well-respected by his peers, citizens and the business owners of Garden City and neighboring communities.

You can find Chief Muery at his desk or on patrol at any given hour, day or night, including holidays. Chief Muery is a "cop's cop" who is highly respected by many. He is a friendly face to our citizens and business owners and a true professional. He is a mentor to many.

This award is well deserved! Congrats, Chief!

Randy E. Walker
mayor
Garden City

'NO' to more LPS taxes

Livonia Public Schools wants \$195 million of our money that we will pay on for 30 years. They still have us paying on \$81 million until 2026. That is more money on top of an already huge amount. What are they doing, or what have they done with all of the money we still owe until 2025? Why do they need so much more on top of what they already have? What checks and balances are in place to ensure money is well spent? As seniors on a fixed income we certainly do not have that kind of money.

We seniors have seen the cost of living increase well above and beyond our fixed incomes already. The price of gas, electric-

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ity, fuel, water and sewer, taxes, health care, medicines, dental, insurances and above all food, have eaten away at our meager incomes. Add to that the increases in recent taxes for the zoo, museum, parks, roads, police and fire have taken what little we already don't have. Now LPS wants to tax us to bankruptcy, without having any fiscal or moral responsibility. Shame on the LPS administration and shame on the Board of Education.

We have read of the lawsuits pending on the Webster school disabled preschoolers child abuses. These lawsuit payouts will also come out of the taxpayers' pockets, if LPS is found guilty. When does it end LPS? When do you take responsibility for your actions and learn to live within your means? How can any senior citizen in the LPS communities of Westland and Livonia support your tax increase?

We cannot. As seniors we must say "NO" to any further tax increase by LPS until a fiscally and

morally responsible administration and Board of Education is running our children's, and children's children's schools. You cannot have a dime we already do not have, and you most certainly do not deserve it under the current circumstances. We urge all seniors to vote "NO" on the LPS Bond in the May 7 election.

CJ and George Spencer
Westland

Water park overcrowded

My husband and I have lived in the city of Westland for over 40 years now, seeing so many changes, good and bad.

In responding to the nice lady from Garden City, her letter talking about all the free places where you can take your grandchildren, we, too, are grandparents of five most precious ones. Now it seems all of our neighboring cities have found our beautiful play water park on Carlson that our tax dollars have paid for.

We are willing to be nice and share, but it has come to the point that we and our grandkids cannot enjoy it due to the overcrowding. Our grandkids cry with disappointment when we try to take them to the park for some fun.

The point here is that if you are not a Westland resident, there should be a small charge of some kind to help out with the maintenance. I cannot go down to the Summit in Canton for free as I do not live there, even for a few hours to use anything for enjoyment. It is very costly for nonresident people.

We are not alone as so many Westland residents feel the same way about our beautiful park that we can hardly enjoy anymore. Fair is fair!

K. and D. Carson
Westland

GUEST COLUMN

Let's focus on a water system that's fair for all

By William Wild
Guest Columnist

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and the Board of Water Commissioners



William Wild

should be commended for the hard work that has led to the decision, by Federal District Court Judge Sean F. Cox, to end federal oversight after 36 years.

Having implemented the necessary substantial changes for long-term environmental compliance while also developing an improved system of accountability, this fundamentally changes the culture of DWSD once and for all. It also represents a critical step

forward for Detroit and our region.

Along with the aforementioned improvements, it's refreshing to learn that there are also critical structural changes being made. The reorganization of the workforce, streamlining of management positions and the restructuring management duties will improve employee morale and give labor and management relationships an opportunity to grow.

Receiving support from customer communities, including my own, the concept of DWSD operating as an independent authority, a recommendation made by the Root Cause Committee (RCC), is a wise decision. In my opinion, an authority could further enhance the major improvements that the DWSD has already put into place and it assures that the department will remain a public

viable utility.

Significant work has already taken place with regards to forming this regional authority; the need is greater now than ever before. The businesses and residents of our communities deserve visionary leadership based on sound economic assessment.

Decisions must be focused upon the DWSD customer base as a whole and we can no longer afford to operate in silos. This authority could be a crucial first step in bringing us closer to true regional collaboration.

This is a new day for the DWSD, the City of Detroit and for the region. Let's work together as partners and focus on creating a system that is equitable and fair to all.

William Wild is mayor of the city of Westland.

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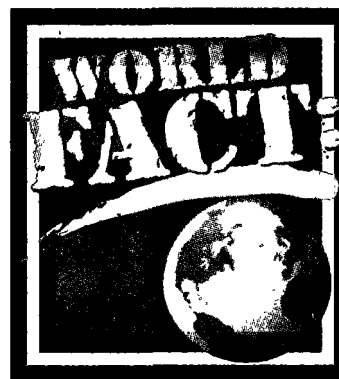
Earth Day is April 22nd. In recognition of Earth Day here are a few fun facts.

Earth Day Word Find

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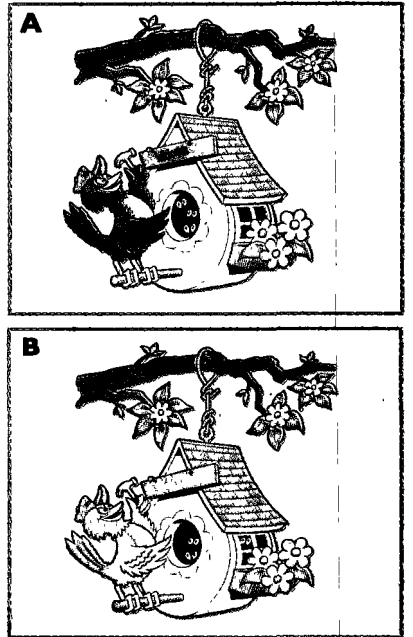


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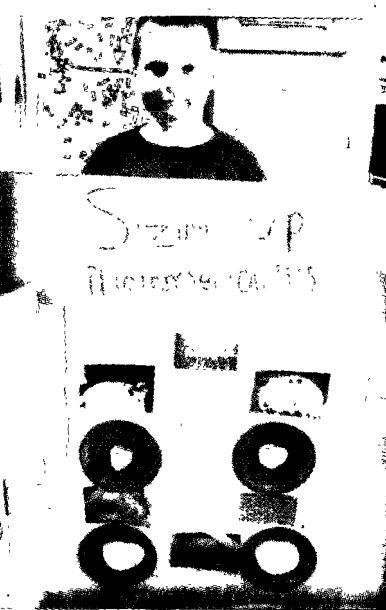
Scoop received some really great entries for last month's contest.



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W-W programs focus anti-bullying, families

A nationally recognized motivational speaker who spoke to more than 8,000 students in the Wayne-Westland's upper elementary, middle and high schools and with teachers and the community last May is coming back for a Community Night next week.

Reggie Dabbs will present his anti-bullying message, wrapped in stories, humor, and music, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena.

Dabbs knows how to connect with students and share his message. He knows that students need healthy learning environments in their schools, and he knows that the community has a role to play in fighting bullying behavior.

In his 2012 presentations, the nationally recognized motivational speaker sent students off with a message that they can never change their past but they can change their future by the choices they make.

At the time, he compared life to a roller coaster, telling students that "some days you're at the top of the hill and everything's great, and some days you're going downhill so fast, but you don't want to get off. You want to stay on because it'll get fixed. You never give up."

His visit was almost two years in the making and happened as the result of a recommendation by the Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association, according to Aaron Baughman, executive director curriculum development for the district. According to Baughman, Dabb's message of hope was inspi-



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Reggie Dabbs uses facial expressions to help get his message across to students during a presentation last May at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

rational and "resonated with the students."

Dabbs will share his knowledge of bullying and how to combat it at the community presentation which is open to the public. Guests are invited to visit information booths that will be open for browsing.

Wayne Memorial High School is at Fourth Street and Glenwood, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. For more information, call the district's Instruction Department at (734) 419-2083.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools also is sponsoring the Franklin Covey presentation of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* and *The Leader in Me* Monday, April 29, at Franklin Middle School in Wayne.

The program will be presented by Jonathan Catherman and feature Steven R. Covey's a practical and philosophical guide to solving problems, large and small, mundane and extraordinary, that confront all families and strong communities.

By offering revealing

anecdotes about ordinary people as well as helpful suggestions about changing everyday behavior, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* shows how and why to have family meetings, the importance of keeping promises, how to balance individual and family needs, and how to move from dependence to interdependence.

The free program will include dinner prepared by Chef Tony Paquette of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and door prizes. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:20 p.m., the presentation will be 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Every family will receive a copy of *7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*.

Families can reserve a seat for the program by calling (734) 419-2708. Free child care will be provided. Youngsters must be potty trained. When reserving a spot, parents should indicate they need child care and the ages of the children.

Franklin Middle School is at 33555 Annapolis, east of Howe, in Wayne.

Seedlings' encyclopedia project receives grant

Seedlings Braille Books for Children received a \$5,070 grant for its "Rose Project" from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. The grant will allow the Livonia-based non-profit to continue to provide Free *World Book Encyclopedia* articles in braille to blind children in grades 1-12.

Students from across the United States contact Seedlings via the web, by telephone or email and provide the subject(s) or topic(s) of interest for which they would like information. A staff member produces the articles in braille and sends them to the student's home or school, via

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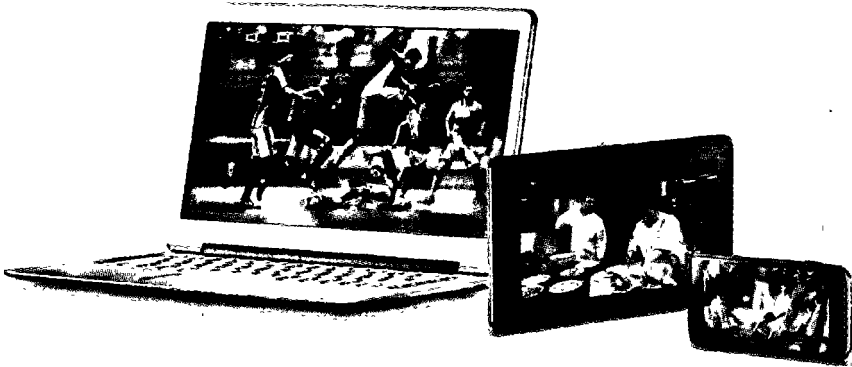
Seedlings Braille Books for Children is dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high-quality children's literature in braille.

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is a non-profit organization located in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Headquarters in Austin, Texas. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, established in 1929, is an honor organization for women educators in 18 countries. Their Michigan chapters, including the Gamma Alpha Chapter, are involved in many projects that aid the community, including awarding grants to women pursuing degrees in education.

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SPORTS

Churchill finds the range

Parrinello lifts
Chargers past
Spartans, 4-1

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Kelsey Parrinello made quite an imprint in Monday's 4-1 Livonia Churchill girls soccer win over rival Livonia Stevenson.

Eight months removed from knee surgery, the junior midfielder and forward figured in three of her team's four goals as the host Chargers ended a three-game losing streak and gave first-year coach Reid Friedrichs his first victory.

Parrinello, who has committed to play at the University of Cincinnati, scored on a first-half penalty kick and assisted on Churchill's final goal.

But it was her laser-like 25-yard direct free kick into the upper corner that turned more than a few heads. The blast gave the Chargers a two-goal cushion.



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Kelsey Parrinello (right) slips the ball past Stevenson Emily Mulcahy in Monday's girls soccer match.

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MU's Shepler golf medalist

It was a good weekend for Jordyn Shepler and the Madonna University women's golf team.

The freshman from Livonia Churchill High shot a career-best round with a 1-over par 74 in Friday's opening round and closed on Saturday with an 80 as the Crusaders captured the team title in the University of St. Francis (Ind.) Cougar Invitational at Brookwood Golf Club in Fort Wayne.

MU posted a two-day total of 324-332-656, five strokes better than runner-up Aquinas to lead the nine-school field.

Shepler led the Crusaders to the team title at the St. Francis Cougar Spring Invite as MU won by five shots over WHAC rival Aquinas.

Other MU scorers included Michelle Hall, fourth, 80-82-162; Chelsea Collura, tied for sixth, 86-78-164; Kaitlyn Brasher, 18th, 84-94-178; and Holly Laginess, tied for 19th, 87-92-179.



Shepler

Crusaders' White gets win No. 500

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University men's softball coach Al White notched his 500th career victory over the weekend as the Crusaders won all four games on their Indiana road trip to improve to 21-12 overall.

On Sunday, MU overcame deficits in both games to sweep University of St. Francis, 8-6 and 8-3, in Fort Wayne.

Freshman second baseman Emma Cook went 3-for-4, including her second homer of the season to go along with two RBI in the opener.

Kristen Drabek also added two hits and RBI, while Kasey Trierweiler and Arielle Cox each contributed two RBI. Trierweiler also hit her first homer as the Crusaders scored five times in the second inning after trailing 3-1.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton (10-7) went all seven innings scattering six earned runs on 13 hits and two walks. She struck out 10.

Taylor Sherritt and Alyssa Kumpfmiller each collect-

ed three hits for St. Francis, while starter Amy Morrison (3-6) took the loss.

In the second game, MU trailed 3-2 after three innings before rallying for five in the top of the fourth to complete the sweep.

Cox, Cook, Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) and Trierweiler each collected two hits, while Katie Fenech and Erin Mayes each added two RBI as the Crusaders notched their 11th win in their last 12 games.

Reliever Jackie Beilfuss (4-2) suffered the loss for St. Francis, which slipped to 9-12.

On Saturday, MU improved to 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with 9-0 (six innings) and 4-3 at Indiana Tech.

Crampton threw a three-hit shutout, while walking three and fanning five.

Amber Rafko went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Caitlyn Keuvelaar and Drabek each knocked in two runs.

Sam Berrios (3-8) took the loss for the Warriors.

In the nightcap, Carlee Meek (6-1) went six strong innings allowing three runs, but only one earned on five hits. Crampton came on to get the final two outs to record



White

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Atienza an All-American

Livonia Franklin High junior Jordan Atienza secured eighth-place out of 90 entrants to earn All-American status at FLO National Wrestling Tournament held last weekend at Indiana University (Pa.).

Atienza, the MHSAA runner-up last month at 152 pounds in the Division 1 state individual finals, started the FLO tourney with a 3-0 record on the first day before losing his first 158-pound match on Saturday to the three-time Nebraska state high school champion.

Atienza, however, rebounded with an overtime win the following day to place in the top eight.

MU men's golfers 4th

The Madonna University men's golf team wrapped up the University of St. Francis (Ind.) Cougar Spring Invitational where it began, in fourth place, as the Crusaders shot a 300-304-604 team total.

Bethel (Ind.) paced the 11-school field with a 292-296-588 total followed by Hope College (293-303-596) and Huntington College of Indiana (293-305-598).

Senior Dave Goad and junior Joe Parker finished in a tie for 10th with 150 totals.

Goad took four shots off his first-round score with a 73 on Saturday, while Parker carded a 78.

Junior Benjamin Gawronski was one shot behind Goad in a tie for 13th, while Parker shot a 152 after a 76 in the second round.

Fellow junior Billy Teer ended in a tie for 22nd after a 77 in round two, for a 153 total. Senior Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn) rounded out the MU contingent with a 79, two shots better than opening round 81 for a 160 total and a tie for 37th.



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Soaring Patriot

Franklin's Natalie Modes soars through the air en route to a first-place finish in the long jump with a mark of 16 feet, 2 inches during Tuesday's KLA South Division 84-53 dual meet victory over Canton. See a complete roundup of area girls track meets on page B3.

Gooding as it gets: MU ace blanks Tech

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University senior pitcher Jeremy Gooding knows it may take a crowbar to pry him off the mound when he's in the midst of throwing a shutout.

It took 126 pitches Saturday afternoon for the right-hander from Livonia and Dearborn Divine Child High, but it was mission accomplished as the Crusaders took a 2-0 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over Indiana Tech in the first game of a double-header.

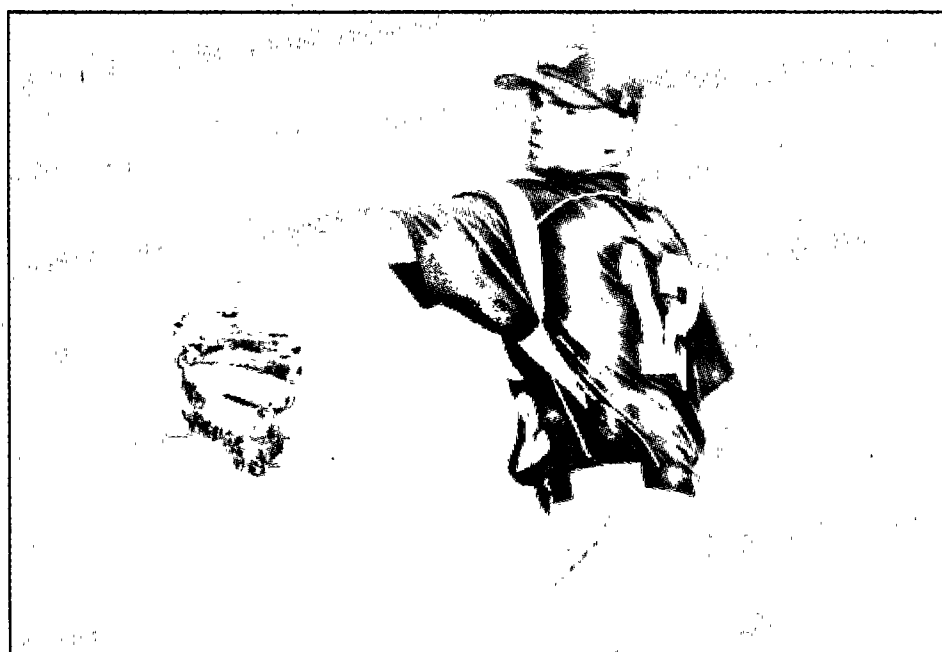
The Warriors, however, bounced back to win the nightcap, 12-2, against a somewhat depleted MU mound staff to salvage one victory in the four-

game set at Ilitch Ballpark.

The Crusaders, who improved to 17-7 overall and 4-1 in the WHAC with the split, got another gem from Gooding who struck out 10 and allowed just six hits and one walk in going all nine innings.

"Actually before the game I told the guys that 131 was my highest and I was giving my coach (Greg Haeger) some grief because yesterday (teammate) Matt Cook threw 143 pitches ... he conditions well for it, but that's a lot of pitches," said Gooding, who was named WHAC Pitcher of the Week. "I told him I don't want to see him (Haeger) on the mound until pitch

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MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University senior right-hander Jeremy Gooding of Livonia ran his record to 4-0 with a complete-game shutout Saturday over Indiana Tech.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MYAA clinics

The Michigan Youth Athletic Association will stage its 2013 Baseball & Softball Coaches Clinic from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market St., Canton.

Featured baseball speakers include Livonia Churchill's Ron Targosz and Dearborn Divine Child's Tony Demare.

Softball speakers scheduled to appear include pitching expert Doug Gillis, Churchill coach Steve Gentilia and Churchill assistant Kevin McHugh.

This clinic will focus on teaching pitching, defense, hitting and practice preparation tailored to fit the youth and high school levels from beginner to advanced.

The cost is \$25 per person.

The WYAA will also hold a Youth Football Coaches clinic, Friday-Saturday, April 26-27, at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.

To register for any of the clinics, visit www.miyaa.org.

For more information, email info@miyaa.org or call (734) 459-5921.

Archery range

Registration is underway for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's archery range, located on Glendale Avenue, between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Range hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays (April-Oct.); 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays (May-Oct.); and 4 p.m.

until dusk, Tuesdays and Thursdays (Sept.-Oct.).

Season passes are available at the Livonia Parks and Recreation desk inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

Resident season pass rates, which include unlimited hours, will be \$25 (individual), \$35 (two members), \$45 (three members); or \$55 (four or more members).

Non-resident fees are \$40 (individual), \$50 (two members), \$60 (three members); or \$70 (four or more members).

Daily resident fees are adult (\$4) and 17-and-under (\$2), while non-residents are \$6 and \$4, respectively.

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



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill's Alvina Kondrath (21) gets tangled up with Stevenson players Alexi Kliza (left) and Abby Urso (right) in Monday's match.

Ladywood boots rival Mercy, 2-0

Defending Catholic League A-B girls soccer champion Livonia Ladywood posted a 2-0 Central Division victory Tuesday at Farmington Hills Mercy.

Emily Huddleston's penalty kick in the 44th minute proved to be the game-winner after teammate Dominique Sarnecy was taken down in the box.

In the 73rd minute, Abby Pelon finished a 25-yard shot off an assist from Huddleston.

Senior goalkeeper Sara Even made two saves as the Blazers improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Alex Gorceyca made six stops for the Marlins (1-1, 0-1), who were outshot 12-8.

"We received an outstanding performance from our entire back line and our holding midfielder Shelby Walsh," Ladywood coach Ken Shin-

gledecker said. "Mercy is physical and their kids play very hard. We did a nice job matching their intensity and got a nice league road win."

The victory sets up an early season showdown with perennial Catholic League and Division 2 state power Birmingham Marian beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at Ladywood.

WAYNE 9, RU 1: Freshman Aimee Hutton and junior Crystal Fletcher each tallied three goals Tuesday as Wayne Memorial (1-1) scored six unanswered goals in the second half to mercy host Redford Union at Kraft Field.

Other Wayne goal scorers included Amber Parrish and Christina Parendo, the latter with 9:55 remaining to end it. Victoria McKague also chipped in with three assists, while Parrish and Hutton contributed two apiece. Savannah Monette also drew an assist.

"Great performances by Aimee, Torre and Crystal," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "They controlled the game and we created many scoring chances from possessing the

ball." Meanwhile, the defense was sparked by solid play of Katie Kuder, Shaelyn Wojewski.

"We focused on composure - playing slowly and making good, quality passes - along with keeping the ball on the ground to maintain possession, and play with good intensity," Dean said. "The girls are improving and it was a good result after a long layoff with spring break."

"This was a good non-conference game to build some confidence before going into the tough portion of our schedule the next two weeks."

CLARENCEVILLE 7, MELVINDALE 0: Lindsey Fost led the scoring parade Monday night with a hat trick and two assists as Livonia Clarenceville downed visiting Melvindale in the season opener, 7-0.

Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz also added two goals and two assists, while Jordan see and Ashley Murphy also added goals.

Summer Reddick contributed one assist, while goalkeeper Jillian Bunker recorded her first shutout of the season.

The Trojans, who jumped out to a 6-0 halftime lead, also received sterling defensive play from Grace King, Amal Musleh and Sam Franco.



Westland bowler 1st

Westland's Angela Wilt (left) captured the Metro Detroit USBC Association Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event Sunday, sponsored by Blumark, with a 256-248 triumph over Reese's Julie Oczepok (right) at Shelby Lanes in Utica. Wilt took home the top prize of \$500, while Oczepok settled for \$250. Wilt was the top qualifier in the field of 41, with a four-game total of 918. Her qualifying total included a high game of 273. In match play she defeated Tanisha Burris of Lansing 202-176 and Lauren Roberts of Hazel Park 226-225 en route to the match play finals. Presenting the check is Blumark's Shannon Klug.

VICTORY

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the save.

The Crusaders scored twice in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tied.

Cook, Keuvelaar, Drabek and Raffo each had an RBI.

Jenevie Rivas, who went all seven innings for Indiana Tech (7-17, 0-2), took the loss.

White, the dean of WHAC coaches, has posted a 500-260-4 record in 14-plus seasons.

His 500 career wins are the most in conference history while he has been named the WHAC's

Coach of the Year four times.

White has guided the Crusaders to five WHAC regular season titles and six WHAC tournament crowns, along with three NAIA National Championship appearances.

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Stevenson's Travis Harvey makes contact for a single in Tuesday's 4-2 season-opening loss to Garden City.

Let's play ball!

Garden City knocks off Spartans

Garden City rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday to spoil Livonia Stevenson's 2013 baseball opener, 4-2.

The visiting Cougars (1-0) had just five total hits, but Travis Kidd led the way going 3-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Jacob Noel also knocked in a run, while Brad King scored twice.

Travis Harvey went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Mike Vomastek also knocked in a run to pace Stevenson (0-1).

Damon Ellis, the winning pitcher in relief, gave up one runs on three hits and a walk over the final three innings. Starter Zak Kmet went the first four innings allowing one runs on three hits and three walks while striking out four.

Stevenson starter Mike Kanitra went 6.1 innings allowing four runs, but only one earned, on four hits and a walk.

He struck out nine before Cody Coleman came on to get the final two outs.

FRANKLIN 5, CRESTWOOD 4: Travis Barnes went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI Tuesday as host Livonia Franklin (1-0) rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to beat Dearborn Heights Crestwood (0-3).

Kevin Nisun also added two hits and an RBI for the Patriots.

Adam Carver pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Josh Gorman to pick up the win.

Gorman allowed four runs, but only one earned on four hits and three walks in five innings. He struck out six.



Stevenson's Josh DeYonker crosses the plate for Stevenson's second run in Tuesday's 4-2 season-opening loss at home to Garden City.

Dee Jawad, who gave up eight hits and two walks over six innings, was the losing pitcher for the Chargers.

GLENN 8, DEARBORN 1: Brendan Wetmore threw a complete-game two-hitter Tuesday lifting Westland John Glenn (4-1) to a non-conference win Tuesday over the Pioneers (2-1).

Wetmore struck out five and walked only three in going all seven innings.

Chase Bovia paced Glenn's hitting attack going 3-for-3 with a walk and two runs. Meanwhile, both Wetmore and Jeff Kennedy each had a hit and scored three times apiece.

HVL 4, ROEPER 0: Junior Ryan Schaffer pitched a one-hitter Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0, 1-0) downed host Birmingham Roeper in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division encounter.

Schaffer, who worked the first five innings, struck out seven and walked three, while losing pitcher Jake Flynn struck out 11 and walked five during his five-inning stint.

Adam Hodgson was HVL's top hitter going 2-for-3 with a

walk and RBI.

LUTH. WESTLAND 15, MACOMB 0: Nick Andrzejewski went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI Tuesday to lead Lutheran High Westland (1-0, 1-0) to a MIAC Red Division win over Warren Macomb Christian (0-2, 0-1).

Mark Mike also went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a pair of stolen bases.

Winning pitcher Jordan Williams allowed just one hit and a walk while fanning seven in the three-inning mercy.

"It was great to be able to get out and play a game after all the crazy weather we have had," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We had three sophomores and two freshmen start, including our starting pitcher, so it was good for them to get game action."

"Our veteran players, Andrzejewski, Flanery and Mika provided the offensive spark those young guys needed to see. We have a long way to go, but today was a good start."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 11
Lincoln Park at Franklin, 4 p.m.
N. Farm. at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Glenn at A.A. Skyline, 4 p.m.
HVL at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
GC at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12
W.L. West. at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Inkster at Cville, 4 p.m.
L. W'sid at Liggett (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
(all double-headers)
Thurston at Franklin, 11 a.m.
Lathrup at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
Crestwood at Glenn, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 11
Glenn at A.A. Skyline, 4 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
L. W'sid at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12
W.L. West. at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Inkster at Cville, 4 p.m.

HVL at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
(all double-headers)
Glenn at Crestwood, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 11
L. W'sid at L. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 12
RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Cville at L. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Chelsea, 2:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 11
Belleville at Cville, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 12
Luth. South, Mercy, Cranbrook
N.D. Prep at L. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Patriot Inv. at Franklin, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 11

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 12
RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
G.P. South Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Saturday, April 13
DCD at Ladywood, 2:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 12
Cornerstone at MU, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Cornerstone at MU, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 12
MU at Grace (Ind.), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
MU at Huntington (Ind.), 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 14
Lourdes (Ohio) at MU, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 9
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
April 9 at John Glenn
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Keyarra Jackson, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def. Anna Koulou, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3:

Madison Eisenhauer (LF) def. Fran Spiraralli, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Kayla Madaj (LF) def. Maykala Hines, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Samantha Voss-Chelsea McWilliams (LF) def. Leanna Carreon-Jessel Vitto, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Stefani Hudy-Kaity Swenson (LF)

def. Amanda Johnson-N'Dea Berry, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Carla Yanez-Kelsey Hanson (LF) def. Andi Edwards-Alex Diaz, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 72

NOVI 65

April 9 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Benjamin Tabor (LS), 42 feet; 2. Danny Pocalujka (LS), 41-8.

Discus: 1. Pocalujka (LS), 11-8; 2. Nick Hitchcock (LS), 109-9.

High jump: Terry Burford-Pendergast (LS), 5-11; 2. Mike Muffler (LS), 5-5; 3. Devin Kelly (LS), 5-5.

Long jump: 1. Ale Taha (N), 23-4.5.

Pole vault: 1. Matt Boris (LS), 11-6; 2. Jack Cole (LS), 10-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. DaRon Turner (N), 16.18; 2. Joe Mims (LS), 16.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Mims (LS), 42.4.

100 dash: 1. Love (N), 11.5; 2. Joey DeMarco (LS), 11.81.

200: 1. Taha (N), 22.79; 2. Zald Shareef (LS), 23.88; 3. Muffler (LS), 24.49.

400: 1. Shareef (LS), 52.85; 3. Billy Werthman (LS), 54.56.

800: 1. Mike Sopko (LS), 2:04.54; 2. Ryan Paulus (LF), 2:07.0.

1,600: 1. Barnes (N), 4:45.71; 3. Peter Walkuski (LS), 4:49.08.

3,200: 1. Novi, 10:22.91; 2. Erik Grisa (LS), 10:31.18; 3. Walkuski (LS), 10:36.07.

400 relay: 1. Novi, 46.52; 2. Stevenson, 46.96; 800 relay: 1. Novi, 1:54.27; 2. Stevenson, 1:54.94;

1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mims, Werthman, Sopko, Shareef), 3:33.75; 2. Novi, 3:34.94; 3,200 relay: 1. Novi, 8:19.43; 2. Stevenson, 8:26.57.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 71

CANTON 66

April 9 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 43 feet, 4 inches; 2. Asa Hattar (LF), 41-0; 3. Juan Gamboa (LF), 40-8.

Discus: 1. Tony Vella (LF), 110-3; 2. Gamboa (LF), 100-6; 3. (tie) Hattar (LF) and Mike Ghanayem (LF), 99-2 each.

High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-4; 2. Akil Wade (C), 5-6; 3. (tie) Josh Richards (C) and Brett Lee (C), no marks available.

Long jump: 1. Brett Gutowski (LF), 19-4.25; 2. Jordan Bickham (LF), 19-0.75; 3. Dixon (C), 18-11.75.

Pole vault: 1. Kyle Zander (C), 10-6; 2. Ryan Jimenez (C), 10-6; 3. Damon Currier (LF), 10-0.

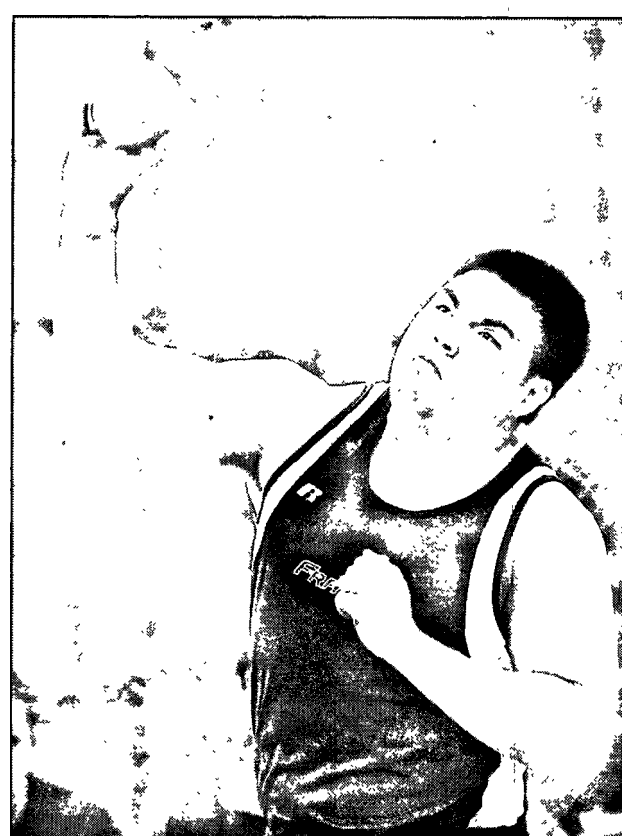
110-meter hurdles: 1. Gutowski (LF), 19-4.25; 2. Bryan Eastman (C), 18.8; 3. Richie Wiecezorek (LF), 19.5.

300 hurdles: 1. Andrew Stephens (C), 43.9; 2. Hildreth (C), 44.6; 3. Wiecezorek (LF), 45.2.

100 dash: 1. Alex Perelli (LF), 11.4; 2. Dan Duncan (LF), 11.5; 3. Colby Morris (C), 11.8.

200: 1. Duncan (LF), 24.1; 2. Malad (C), 24.5; 3. Alan Jones (C), 24.7.

400: 1. Gutowski (LF), 54.0; 2.



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Franklin's Juan Gamboa makes the attempt in the shot put during Tuesday's 71-66 KLAA South Division win over Canton.

Charlie Steslick (C), 54.8; 3. Bickham (LF), 55.6.

800: 1. Danny Kopenen (LF), 2:10.1; 2. Bryant Chen (C), 2:11.7; 3. Josh Joy (C), 2:17.0.

1,600: 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 5:00.0; 2. Tom Walkinshaw (C), 5:02.6; 3. Christi (C), 5:08.0.

3,200: 1. Evan Dunklee (C), 10:18.7; 2. Jones (LF), 10:53.0; 3. Billy Toth (C), 11:15.8.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Perelli, Spencer Opie, Bickham), 45.1; 2. Canton, 47.2; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Gutowski, Opie, Perelli), 1:34.2; 2. Canton, 1:35.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:53.9; 2. Franklin, 4:15.1; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Tony Floyd, Kopenen, Mike Elrod, Jones), 8:54.0; 2. Canton, 8:56.5.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 103
WAYNE MEMORIAL 35

April 9 at Wayne
Shot put: 1. Barrick (LC), 41 feet, 6 inches; 2. McKinney (LC), 37-9.5; 3. Najarian (LC), 37-1.

Discus: 1. Barrick (LC), 108-11; 2. McKinney (LC), 105-9; 3. Najarian (LC), 102-0.

High jump: 1. Hill (WM), 5-4; 2. Brown (LC), 5-4; 3. Dobbins (WM), 5-0.

Long jump: 1. Hill (WM), 19-10; 2. Kerr (LC), 18-4; 3. Zoltowski (LC), 17-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Hill (WM), 11.1; 2. Rimatzki (LC), 11.2; 3. Lambert (LC), 11.3.

200: 1. Hill (WM), 22.81; 2. Hood (LC), 23.56; 3. Rimatzki (LC), 23.59.

400: 1. Hood (WM), 53.09; 2. Abram (LC), 54.8; 3. Dada (LC), 55.1.

800: 1. Bowles (LC), 2:10.8; 2. Cohan (LC), 2:11.8; 3. McKeon (LC), 2:12.0.

1,600: 1. Yates (LC), 4:51.4; 2. Allesandrini (LC), 4:55.5; 3. McKeon (LC), 5:00.5.

3,200: 1. Malik (LC), 10:36.0; 2. Allesandrini (LC), 10:40.0; 3. Murphy (LC), 10:44.1.

400 relay: 1. Wayne, 47.15; 2. Churchill, disqualified; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Dada, Abram, Jefferson, Lewis), 1:36.0; Wayne, no time available; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Zoltowski, Yates, Bowles, Cohan), 3:47.9; 2. Wayne, no time; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Yates, Bowles, Allesandrini, Cohan), 8:56.9; 2. Wayne, no time.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 84

CANTON 53

April 9 at Franklin
Shot put: 1. Warren (C), 35 feet, 3.25 inches; 2. Meier (C), 31-0.5; 3. Jamie Mondella (LF), 28-5.5.

Discus: 1. Meier (C), 92-4; 2. Kuznicki (C), 81-8; 3. Ranke (C), 80-5.

High jump: 1. Madison Osborn (LF), 4-3; 2. Emily Lang (C), 4-3; 3. Andrea Vickers (LF), 4-3.

Long jump: 1. Natalie Modes (LF), 16-2; 2. Brianna Gutowski (LF), 14-4.25; 3. Maddie Albers (C), 14-3.25.

Pole vault: 1. Bridget Alaniva (C), 8-0; 2. Emily Lang (C), 8-0; 3. Tasha McKinley (LF), 7-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly O'Brien (LF), 16.7; 2. Williams (C), 18.6; 3. Osborn (LF), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. O'Brien (LF), 53.4; 2. Williams (C), 53.7; 3. Osborn (LF), 54.6.

100 dash: 1. Madison Agnew (LF), 13.0; 2. Bryah White (LF), 13.4; 3. Julie Wonch (LF), 13.9.

200: 1. Wonch (LF), 28.5; 2. White (LF), 29.4; 3. Alaniva (C), 29.5.

400: 1. Wonch (LF), 1:03.0; 2. Alaniva (C), 1:04.7; 3. Roberts (C), 1:06.8.

800: 1. Natalie Douglas (LS), 2:40.3; 2. Bradley (C), 2:47.8; 3. Katelyn Kovach (LF), 2:48.6.

1,600: 1. Douglas (LF), 5:40.8; 2. Mack (C), 5:55.8; 3. Jessica Slegler (C), 6:11.5.

3,200: 1. Elary Marano (LF), 13:17.9; 2. Anna Snider (LF), 13:21.6; 3. Ellen Grimes (C), 14:31.3.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Agnew, Michelle Wilson, Modes, White), 53.5; 2. Canton, 55.6; 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Agnew, O'Brien, Modes, White), 1:54.1; 2. Canton, 1:55.6; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:32.7; 2. Franklin, 4:36.5; 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Kovach, Snider, Marano, Douglas), 10:54.2; 2. Canton, 11:10.9.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 125

WAYNE MEMORIAL 19

April 9 at Wayne
Shot put: 1. Quay Nichols (WM), 33 feet, 5 inches; 2. Bailey Hart (WM), 31-8; 3. Engles (LC), 29-4.

Discus: 1. Emily Norscia (LC), 116-6; 2. Hannah Pummill (LC), 92-0; 3. Nichols (WM), 82-4.

High jump: 1. Ashley Cochran (LC), 5-2; 2. Juliet Hope (LC), 4-4; 3. Lucia Azcunaga (LC), 4-2.

Long jump: 1. Cochran (LC), 14-0; 2. Krishelle Lewis (WM), 13-6; 3. Oksana Glover (LC), 13-5.

Pole vault: 1. Amanda Fox (LC), 8-6; 2. Zahara Alexander (LC), 8-6; 3. Olivia Rytarsky (LC), 7-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 17.0; 2. Natalie Spala (LC), 18.7; 3. D. Burgess (LC), 21.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Jarvis (LC), 48.5; 2. Spala (LC), 51.7; 3. Burgess (LC), 1:03.9.

100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12.8; 2. Janell Green (LC),

13-1; 3. Honia Williams (WM), 13.15.

200: 1. Hofmann (LC), 26.7; 2. Green (LC), 27.5; 3. Williams (WM), 27.9.

400: 1. Sydney Anderson, 1:01.1; 2. Julia Szuba (LC), 1:04.7; 3. Strong (LC), 1:05.1.

800: 1. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:39.3; 2. Lombardo (LC), no time; 3. Megan Damico (LC), no time.

1,600: 1. Kerigan Riley (LC), 5:44.0; 2. Vivien Okechukwu (LC), 5:53.0; 3. Jenna Hickson (LC), 6:10.0.

3,200: 1. Okechukwu (LC), 12:50.0; 2. Kristen Gilley (LC), 15:18.0; 3. Kayla Hood (WM), 15:22.0.

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Emma Ritmatzki, Chanel Gardner, Green, Hofmann), 52.7; 2. Wayne, 58.1; 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Green, Anderson, Jarvis, Hofmann), 1:47.5; 2. Wayne, 1:53.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Szuba, Strong, Riley), 4:32.6; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Szuba, Azar, Riley), 10:30.7.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

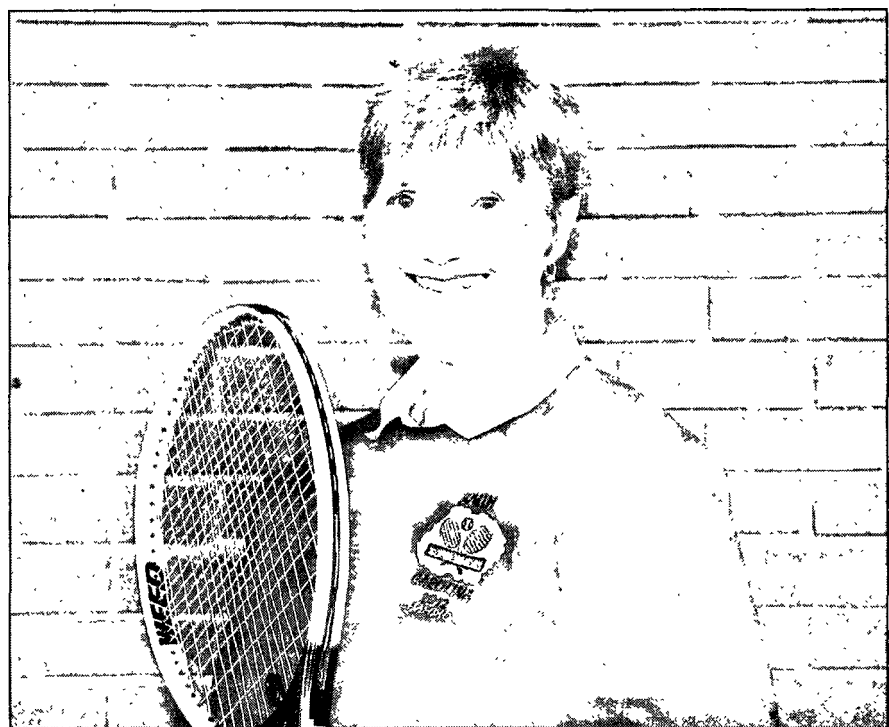
PLYMOUTH 94
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43

April 9 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. Johnson (P), 31 feet, 7 inches; 2. Bickers (P), 29-7; 3. Wieloch (P), 27-10.

Discus: 1. Johnson (P), 96-7; 2. Blinn (P), 87-2; 3. Bickers (P), 76-10.

High jump: 1. Harris (P), 4-9; 2. Rieckhoff (P), 4-7; 3. Taelour Phillips (WVG), 4-7.

Long jump: 1. Kayla Jones (WVG), 16-



Super senior netter

Joan Stockton, formerly of Livonia, is part of a nine-member squad preparing for the U.S. Tennis Association 3.5 Super Seniors (60-up) national tournament this spring in Surprise, Ariz. Stockton, now residing in Savannah Lakes Village, S.C., helped Lady Lakers capture both the USTA South Carolina championship and the eight-state southern sectional title. "I began playing at Livonia Rotary Park behind our house," Stockton said. "I started with the neighbors and a Kmart racquet, then moved on to the Livonia Y, the Livonia Activity Center and Farmington Racquet Club. I never dreamed of playing for a national championship."

SOCCER

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ion just 2 minutes and 34 seconds into the second half.

"The Grodzickis (Chris and Matt) and I have been coaching here 10 to 15 years and that's truly one of the best goals this field has ever seen," Friedrichs said. "It was great. They (the girls) wanted to run a play and I said no."

"Kelsey just hit it ... that wind was just right and she hit the best you could hit a soccer ball. And it was so momentum-turning. It was a game-changer."

Parrinello got set up for the free kick after freshman teammate Lauren Wynns attacked an open space in the Stevenson defense, won the ball and drew a foul.

"I just went up not trying to overthink it, took my shot and it went in," Parrinello said of the direct free kick goal.

Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki could feel the air let out of his team after Parrinello's sizzling drive, a shot that even U.S. National Team goalkeeper Hope Solo wouldn't have a chance of stopping, let alone Stevenson's Emily Kubeshesky.

"We had momentum, opportunities and then when we came into the second half she scored that goal three minutes in, a free kick into upper corner ... I don't have that type of inspiration to bring a team back from that," Grodzicki said. "No. 7 (Parrinello) was unbelievable for them. She was the best player on the soccer field."

Churchill (1-3) got the game's first goal from junior Kacie Murray just 5:07 into the match off an assist from sophomore Alexys Lubonja.

And just 4:19 later, Murray was taken down in the box and Parrinello

scored on a penalty kick to increase the Chargers' advantage to 2-0.

But despite being down two scores, Stevenson (1-1) began to mount some pressure over the final 20 minutes of the first half and it resulted in a goal by Amy Freed. The junior she controlled a high bouncer into the box to score with Brandi Jed drawing the assist with 7:43 remaining until intermission.

The Spartans' then almost tied it with 2:29 to go on a point-blank, one-touch attempt, but Churchill goalkeeper Alexis Tzafaroglou made a pivotal save to keep it a one-goal advantage.

After Parrinello's direct free kick made it 3-1, the Chargers' got some insurance when Lubonja scored from Parrinello with only 2:44 remaining in the match.

"We took our lumps," Grodzicki said. "They scored four great goals. We had some outstanding opportunities that we created for ourselves, but ours weren't going in and we were always fighting from behind. We put ourselves in a hole. I don't care who you're playing. Being down 2-0 is a big hole to pull out of."

"There should have been more chances the second half. They were building and then we were losing our way. We were panicky and down two goals most of the game, and three for a little bit there. When we were creating opportunities for ourselves in the build-up, it looked like it was going to be wide open and we weren't just very sharp in the final bit of attack."

And it did not help that Stevenson lost starting goalkeeper Rylee Jason to a knee injury the day before in practice.

"That's always a blow, not just because it's Rylee, but I don't think anyone is saving those

balls they (Churchill) shot tonight," the Stevenson coach said. "I hate to say that affected us, but maybe it was a bit of an emotional letdown to lose a team member so close to the biggest game of the year."

Meanwhile, Churchill broke loose after scoring just one goal in its first three games.

"We played three really good teams, so the girls weren't feeling good about not winning yet," Friedrichs said. "Any win is a good win, but the first is always good."

And a healthy Parrinello certainly adds a key dimension to Churchill's attack.

She appears to be 100 percent now after nearly eight months of rehab. Parrinello hurt the knee while playing for her club team in a region tournament.

Famed sports surgeon Dr. James Andrews performed the procedure last July in Florida.

"It was very stressful, very long, but it was good," Parrinello said of her recovery period. "My uncle used to be the head U.S. (skeet) shooting coach for men's, so he had a connection. His best friend was friends with Dr. (James) Andrews."

And in 2014-15, Parrinello will play Division I soccer and become a Cincinnati Bearcat.

"When I took the visit, the campus sold me over and the coaches were really nice and it just felt right," she said.

But getting that first win Monday night certainly lifted a burden for Parrinello, her Churchill teammates and coaching staff.

"It's great," said the junior. "We worked so hard for us. It pays off. All the running, all the hard work, it's definitely worth it."

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Trocheck puts Whalers back in business, 6-3

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ever since Vince Trocheck made his Plymouth Whalers' debut in January, the OHL team has been treated to the forward's penchant for goals and gumption.

Trocheck was at it again Tuesday night, sparking his team to a huge 6-3 win in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinal against Owen Sound.

He did so with three goals and an assist, giving visiting Plymouth a two games to one edge in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 was set for Wednesday night at Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre with the fifth game 7 p.m. Friday, back at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers fell behind 2-0 in the first period, as Kurtis Gabriel and Holden Cook victimized Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (29 saves) for two goals within 33 seconds.

Plymouth climbed back to within 2-1 at 18:49 of the first when forward Stefan Noesen parlayed Trocheck's feed into the

Owen Sound net behind goaltender Jordan Binnington (25 saves).

Owen Sound regained its two-goal cushion when Cody Ceci scored on the power play with 7:56 remaining in the second period.

That's when the Whalers got after it, scoring the first of five unanswered goals — four of which came on the power play — at 14:15 when forward Garrett Meurs lit the lamp from Mitchell Heard and Noesen.

Trocheck evened the game at 3-3 with his goal just 48 seconds later, and Heard put the Whalers ahead to stay at 17:58 (from Noesen and defenseman Connor Carrick).

In the third period, Owen Sound made a major push to regain control of the game. The Attack outshot Plymouth 10-4 in the stanza, but Nedeljkovic stood tall under the pressure.

And Trocheck took care of things at the other end, scoring on the power play at 3:10 (from Noesen and Rickard Rakell) and sealing the deal with an empty netter at 18:13.

Those goals were Trocheck's seventh and

eighth in seven Plymouth playoff contests spanning back to the first-round sweep of Sarnia.

OWEN SOUND 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Owen Sound netminder Jordan Binnington is considered one of the best pro prospects now playing his position in the Ontario Hockey League.

The Plymouth Whalers found that out first hand Sunday afternoon.

Binnington stonewalled the Whalers in Game 2 of the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference semifinal, stopping 36 of 37 Plymouth shots as the Attack earned a 3-1 victory before 2,410 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth got off to a good start Sunday, when Ryan Hartman scored at 3:56 of the first period, from Rickard Rakell and Stefan Noesen.

That one-goal lead held up until midway through the second period. Zach Nastasiuk tied the game 1-1 at 10:49 of the frame, on assists by Daniel Catenacci and Nathan Chiarlitti.

Binnington was the difference in the third period, stopping all 15 Plymouth shots while Owen Sound found the mark against Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (24 saves) on two of seven chances.

Scoring the tie-breaking and game-winning goal was Holden Cook, from Kurtis Gabriel and Cody Ceci at 11:41 of the third.

Owen Sound tacked on an insurance marker with 4:32 remaining. Gabriel tallied a shorthanded, unassisted goal.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

Rebels basketball

The Rebels' 2013-14 eighth-grade team will be playing next season out of the Big Cat AAU circuit in South Lyon.

The team is seeking hard-working, high-character players that want to be coached in a highly-skilled manner to get ready for high school basketball.

For more information, call Joe Jakacki at (734) 223-1070; or email Jakackifamily5@aol.com.

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 fieldhouse.

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 men's golf

The Livonia Senior Men's Golf Association will stage its 2013 registration and business meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Livonia Senior Center, located on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads.

The meeting is open to golfers 59 years and up,

regardless of residency.

The \$30 registration fee also covers the season-ending awards banquet luncheon and gift.

For more information, call Tony Amadori at (734) 261-4718.

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.

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

Gymnastics camp

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

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

The registration deadline is Friday, June 7.

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

MADONNA

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120 because I was trying to get a complete game, too."

Madonna gave Gooding (4-0) more than enough cushion with a pair of runs in the third innings as Shane Dokey and Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) both singled before coming home on Victor Barron's two-run single.

And on a cold and blustery day with temperatures barely hitting 45, Gooding needed a space heater in between pitches to stay warm.

"The cold makes it worse," he said. "Actually you throw more balls

because you can't feel your hand randomly throughout the game. But the more you throw the better it is."

Gooding kept the Warriors kept the Warriors off balance by effectively mixing his pitches. He was able to outduel Indiana Tech starter Aaron Lewellyn (1-3), who allowed just six hits over eight innings.

"They (Indiana Tech) are good hitters over there," he said. "Everyone has their weakness, so to say, and I think a couple of guys had trouble with the curve, so I was dropping curve balls in there. My slider was on, but it all starts with the fastball coming in."

The Crusader, howev-

er, couldn't complete the sweep in Game Two as Indiana Tech (20-10, 9-5) collected a total of 16 hits off six MU pitchers.

Starter Peter Renaud gave up four earned runs in 1.2 innings to slip to 2-1.

Ben Christian and Justin Kalusa paced Indiana Tech's offensive attack each going 3-for-4 and combining for six RBI.

MU got only six hits in the nightcap with Brett Ramirez (Salem) going 2-for-2, while Christian Holder and John Lauro each knocked in a run.

"It was a good weekend and I think we did separate ourselves, but not as far as we like to have had," MU coach Greg Haeger said. "Things got away from us in the last

game and our pitching kind of let us down, but it was a good weekend. Our top three kids on the mound did a great job and we found a way to score a few runs when we had to take three out of four. Anytime you win a series it's a good thing."

The Crusaders were coming off back-to-back 2-1 victories on Friday against Tech as both Cook and Josh Vandemark threw complete-game nine- and seven-inning games, respectively.

"You're concerned about pitching," Haeger said. "You need to keep your pitchers healthy. I'm concerned about our offense. We're coming, we're developing and we're trying to may-

be a little bit different approach than we've had here in previous years. We're always going to be concerned about scoring runs. Trying to keep these pitchers healthy with all these games is a big priority. We really did extend and tax a couple of arms this weekend, but they're seniors and pretty darn good pitchers. So we let them go a little longer than we normally do."

An 18-inning victory in the Crusaders' WHAC season opener Wednesday against host Concordia didn't help the cause. (The second game of that twinbill, meanwhile, was suspended because of darkness after four innings.)

And in that first game,

Gooding threw three innings of scoreless relief.

"That certainly threw a monkey wrench into all the plans," Haeger said. "With the Wednesday game you kind of see what that Tigers did in spring training — assigned innings and script — but once we got into the extra innings everything kind of went into a handbag. That's probably what you saw had a lot to do with what you saw in the second game today. We were a little cashed out. I think that's 50 innings in four days that we had to throw. That's a lot of innings."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

April

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Contact: For appointments call (734) 722-1735 or (800) RED-CROSS

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children, 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CAMP ENROLLMENT

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/Home-work 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

FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free screening of the movie, "Up," a 2009 3D computer-animated comedy-adventure. A meal of sloppy joes, baked beans, chips, and brownies will be offered for a free will donation

Contact: RSVP at (248) 553-3380

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. 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

Details: Accepting registration for the 2013-14 school year for grades 1-8, full and half-day kindergarten, Young 5's, preschool for ages 3 and 4. Flexible payment plans and tuition assistance is available. The student population is diverse and class size is small. The April 19 open house is specifically for parents interested in sending their children to the kindergarten or Young 5 program. Parents and children will spend an afternoon in either the Young 5 or kindergarten class. Their children will listen to a story, do a craft and meet teachers, friends and enjoy a snack

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

PURSE AUCTION

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bid on purses filled with mystery items. Bidding will start at \$5 and bidders must be over 15 years old. Light refreshments will be served and Angela Morgan will speak on the topic "What's in your purse?" Proceeds will go to the "Women of Faith" and to Faith Community's 2ND Service. Individuals also may donate a purse containing items for auction

Contact: Register by calling Mary Cisney at (248) 471-1322

RUMMAGE COLLECTION

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 14 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17

Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Donations of gently-used items are needed for a rummage sale. Tax deductible donations may be left in the hallway. Receipts will be on the table near the door. Use the back door on the north side of the church. The church also is collecting used eye glasses, cell phones and ink cartridges

Contact: (248) 626-7908; 1982conrad@gmail.com

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 19 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 20

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Bag sale on Saturday; event benefits Thrivent Build for Habitat for Humanity

Contact: (248) 553-3380

Livonia parish offers 4-week class about the Virgin Mary

"The Mary You Never Knew," a new four-week series based on Catholic author and apologist Gary Michuta's latest book, *Making Sense of Mary*, begins after the noon Mass, Sunday, April 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

The classes, led by the author, will include information about the Virgin Mary's life and mission and will deal with some of the doctrinal issues that individuals may not understand about Christ's mother. Topics are: "Mary: God's Game Changer," Mary as New Eve and God's Perfect Plan of Redemption, April 14; "Mary: Hail, Holy Queen Mother," What the Kingdom of David Shows Us About Mary, April 21; "Mary: Joyful Birth and Sorrowful Mother," The Mystery of Mary's Birth of

Christ, Both Head and Body, April 28; and "Mary: Help of Christians," Understanding the "Biblical" Madonna and Overcoming Obstacles, May 5.

Each session will follow a "lunch and learn" format, with attendees encouraged to bring their own lunch or pre-order a box lunch from Jimmy John's for \$10 each. Lunch order forms are available in the church vestibule, parish office or website and must be submitted by 5 p.m. of the Thursday prior to each class. Checks should be made payable to St. Michael Church and returned to the parish office, along with the order form. Beverages will be provided.

For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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ERBEN, ROBERT F.

Of Birmingham, MI.

His Legacy.....Age 88 passed away in Ann Arbor on April 7, 2013.

Robert was born on February 2, 1925 in Wadsworth, Ohio to Frank and Millie Erben. Robert served our country in the United States Navy during WWII. On July 1, 1950 He married Edna Hath and together they raised a daughter and two sons. Robert received a Bachelor's Degree in Business and worked for Graybar Electric until his retirement in 1990. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and belonged to Stoneycroft Golf Club and the Senior Men's Club, both in Birmingham. His Family..... Surviving Robert are his sons, Robert Erben Jr. of Saginaw, and William Erben of Ann Arbor and daughter, Dr. Anne Erben of Troy. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Lindsay, Leah, Hannah and Daniel. Preceding Robert in death is his wife, Edna Erben, sister, Shirley Erben and daughter-in-law Cheri Erben. His Farewell..... The family gathered with friends on Friday, April 12, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Memorial contributions are suggested to Ann Arbor Christian School.

Please leave a message of comfort to Robert's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com



RUSNOCK, DONALD S.

Age 63. April 6, 2013 of Flat Rock and formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of 22 years to Linda. Loving dad of Dawn (John) Jucha, Heather (Rob) Smith, Tonya Byrd, Kristy (Michael) Stolkey and Stephen (Jennifer) Rusnock. Proud papa of 10. Dearest brother of Carol (Bert) Rakotz, Nancy (Ron) McKague and the late Ileen DenOtter. Also survived by many loving family and friends. Donald devoted his life to the mental health population. He loved cooking and sports. He was so loved and will forever be in our hearts. Memorial contributions to honor his memory may be made to American Cancer Society. Visit www.martenson.com



ZAHN, WILMA GAIL

Born July 29, 1920 passed away April 7, 2013. A 50 year resident of Farmington Hills. Mother of nine: Barb, Donna, Jack, Tim, Mike, Marty, Linda, Tom and Etta. Grandmother of 24, great-grandmother of 29. Married to William M. Zahn for over 60 years. Funeral arrangements are set for Saturday, April 13th, 2013 at St. Clair of Assisi in Farmington Hills, at 11am. reception to following.

STEWART, EVELYN M.

Age 86 April 6, 2013 was the wife of the late Edward Stewart. She is survived by children: Diana (Craig), Larry (Debra) and David (Debbie), grandchildren: Steven, Russell, Brian and Jason, four great-grandchildren and siblings: Robert DeGeorge, Don DeGeorge and Joanne Page. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Violet DeGeorge. Evelyn and Edward were married 57 years. They both were very active in volunteer work for Veterans, Evelyn volunteered for over 60 years. She was also an usher at the beautiful Fox theater and was a member of the Gamble post 4626. She enjoyed boating, dancing, bowling, playing pinocle, music and spending time with her family. Visitation will take place at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 25450 Plymouth Rd. Redford, MI 48239 on Wed. April 10 from 3-8pm with the funeral service on Thur. April 11 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the veterans wounded warriors.

For more info go to: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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ENTERTAINMENT



Stephen Mack Jones of Farmington Hills will stage a comedy at Art X Detroit.



Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills will talk about the history of Armenian music and then play the kanun, a 76-stringed Middle Eastern harp, Friday, April 12, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.



Xiao Dong Wei of Livonia, is a master of the Erhu, a two-stringed, bowed instrument from China. She'll perform concerts Thursday-Friday, April 11-12, during Art X Detroit.



Heidi Kaloustian is both a writer and visual artist. Her illustrated short story is on display at Art X Detroit.

Fellowship recipients show works during cultural festival

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Heidi Kaloustian wants you to read her art and not just look at its visuals.

The Canton woman has combined a short story with collage illustration for a month-long exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD).

"I want to see if people would read in the gallery space and look at the text. I worked with a letter press studio in the Eastern Market, doing things the old way on a press by hand. I was interested in learning that process, learning the aesthetics of type, organization of the page."

The exhibit consists of 13 pieces, some bearing the text of her story, *A Living*, and some illustrating scenes from the tale.

"It's like a coffee table book deconstructed," Kaloustian said. "You read and look as you go. The way I have it set up, you see the image first and then read the text. I know it's a lot to ask people to read in a gallery space. Hopefully they will do the reading."

Kaloustian is among the 38 Kresge Artist Fellows and Eminent Artists from 2011-2012 who will debut art installations, dance, musical and theatrical performances or literary readings in one of 15 cultural venues in Detroit during "Art X Detroit: Kresge Arts Experience." The free festival of cultural works runs through Sunday, April 14 in Midtown Detroit, although Kaloustian's art work will be on exhibit through April at MOCAD, 4454 Woodward Ave., south of



a collection of poems and illustrated them all. That's always been a recurrent theme in my work, to see where text and visual intersect. I always think of myself as a writer first," Kaloustian said. "The visual art came from the writing."

Another Kresge Artist Fellow, Natasha "T" Miller of Redford, is entirely self-taught as a poet and emerging film producer.

Miller, 28, will present her play, *The Biggest, Gayest Play Ever*, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. A 10-minute trailer of a documentary that she is producing will precede the performance.

TransParent focuses tells the story of a Michelle "Shelly" Hillard, a slain teenager from the transgender community in Detroit, while also looking at the "prevalence of prostitution in the transgender community," Miller said.

She hopes to finish the project by late summer, in time to meet the Sundance Film Festival deadline. She also plans to pitch the film to at least one cable network and screen it in colleges.

Self-taught

Miller is best known for her poetry and prominence in poetry slams. She's one of the top female poets competing in poetry events across the country.

The Detroit native said she had little exposure to poetry as a child and as an adult, worked in a variety of jobs before finding her niche as a poet just six years ago.

"I wrote a poem one night and a friend told me to keep writing. God placed people in my life (to open doors), I started doing open mic nights and got into slams."

The Biggest, Gayest Play Ever is a spin-off of a show that Miller, a lesbian and activist in the LGBTQ community, created and performed in New York. In its new form, it will consist of poetry paired with music, factors, mimes and other forms of entertainment. A praise dancer, for example, will perform alongside a poet reading a work called "God Hates Fags." In one of Miller's poems, children will play roles, turning the piece into a skit.

Other local artists who received Kresge Artist Fellowships are:

• Xiao Dong Wei of Livonia, who is considered

Please see ART X, B7

Canton resident Heidi Kaloustian includes this collage among the 13 art pieces that illustrate her short story "A Living," on display at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, during Art X Detroit: Kresge Art Experience.

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The \$50,000 Kresge Eminent Artist Award annually goes to one exceptional artist who has made a long-standing contribution to metropolitan Detroit in the literary, performing and visual arts. Poet Naomi Long Madgett is the 2012 recipient and writer Bill Harris received the award in 2011.

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lege for Creative Studies. Fellowships aren't restricted to classically and academically-trained artists. Some recipients are self-taught or work with an art form that was passed down through cultural heritage. Artists are from varied cultural backgrounds and stages in their professional careers.

Written, visual arts

Kaloustian, 25, is trained in literary arts — she has degrees in creative writing and literature and will head for graduate school this fall — and is self-taught as a visual artist.

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Local band shows its versatility with EP release

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Some high school rock bands never make it out of the family garage or the basement.

Blind Season has gone from basement to battle of the bands, clubs and bars to the recording studio, all in less than a year.

"Some kids can't figure out what they want to do in life. These kids have played venues all over and they are driven," said Curt Sigro, band manager and father of lead guitarist Shane Sigro. "As of now, Shane is 100 percent — and so is the rest of the band — dedicated to make this project work."

Although Shane Sigro, and bassist Mike Paraski, both seniors at Stevenson High School in Livonia, plan to graduate this spring, they've put college plans on hold in order to devote all of their time to music. Drummer Adam Ross is finishing up classes online and lead singer Nick Sword attends Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"We want to tour. We want to perform. We want to record. We want it all and we're willing to work hard to get it," said Shane Sigro. "I hope to see us go as far along as we can. I'm definitely not going to stop."

EP release party

The group will release its first recording, an EP (extended play), created at Metro 37 recording studio in Rochester, from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Special guests are Ana and Bullet Proof Snow. Tickets are \$10 at the door and will include a copy of the EP.

The recording, titled *Versatility*, contains all original material.

"We try really hard to make sure every song is different. We notice with a lot of bands every song sounds the same.



Blind Season will perform at an EP release party Saturday, April 13 at the Token Lounge in Westland. Band members are drummer Adam Ross, (left) bassist Mike Paraski, lead singer Nick Sword, and lead guitarist Shane Sigro.

Or it's in the same key," Shane Sigro said. "We put in a lot of time to make sure every song is different. I think we're doing a good job at that."

Band members collaborate on new material, a process that Shane said "clicked immediately" when the group started to pen original music. They also play some cover tunes, although Curt Sigro noted that "they do not want to be a cover band, to go to bars and just do cover tunes."

"Their sound seems to be working. I can try to (market) them but they are selling themselves. Once they're heard, people ask them to play," Curt Sigro said.

The band's membership has gone through several changes. Initially, it included Shane Sigro and other students from a music school he previously attended.

Its current members, with the exception of Ross, have been together nearly a year. Ross joined the group a few months ago, after the recording was complete. Sword answered the band's advertisement on Craig's list for a lead singer.

Shane Sigro met Paraski at school and after noticing he had a bass guitar at his home, asked if he'd consider playing it in the band.

Self-taught

Paraski taught himself to play both bass and rhythm guitar when he was 13.

"I had started listening to punk rock music, in particular Nirvana, and that really inspired me to start playing guitar. I've been playing ever since," Paraski said.

Shane Sigro was in seventh grade when he began taking guitar lessons.

"He still takes lessons and is learning all the theory," said his dad.

Curt Sigro took on the manager role to give the band time to focus only on its music. The group has played at Hard Rock



PHOTO COURTESY OF DETROIT HARD ROCK CAFE

Shane Sigro of Livonia plays guitar for the rock band, Blind Season. The group will release an EP with five original songs, Saturday, April 13, at the Token Lounge in Westland.

Cafe in Detroit, Diesel Lounge and New York New York, both in Chesterfield Township, the Ritz in Warren, the Founder's Festival Porch Party in Farmington, a few "battle of the bands" events, and the Race for the Cure. Upcoming gigs include the Metrotimes Blow-out in Hamtramck and opening for Gary Hoey next month at New York New York.

"They all practice at home and we get them to come to our basement two to three times a week to rehearse," Curt Sigro said. "We've always had the parents of all the band members at every gig."

"We've not had one argument or complaint. They are all devoted."



Musicians perform at a previous Doctors without Borders fundraiser.

Irish musicians perform benefit concert April 14

The 4th annual Irish musicians benefit for Doctors without Borders, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Gaelic League in Detroit, will be a family affair. Irish and Cape Breton musical families will dominate the show with the Perkins, Gavin, Dolowy, McKinney, and Chambers families representing the Irish musical tradition and the McCloud, Rankin, Tom MacNeil and Jim MacNeil families exemplifying the Cape Breton style.

Also performing will be singers Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, Frank Kennedy and Colum Paige and fiddlers Marty Somberg and Lefty Houston.

Set dancers and ceili dancers will round out the show and will be joined by siblings Brian and Megan McParland and the Ardan dancers and Bridget and Ella Dolowy of Plymouth from the O'Hare dancers.

A cash bar and food also will be available. The live radio show *Meet the Irish* will be broadcast from this event. Admission is by donation and checks should be made out to Doctors without Borders. The Gaelic League is located at 2068 Michigan Ave., in Detroit.

ART X

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a master on the Erhu, a two-stringed instrument from China, will perform concerts Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

• Mark Stryker of Plymouth will present An Evening with jazz artist Charles McPherson.

• Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills will display traditional Armenian musical instruments and will perform Armenian folk music.

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Best Black Bean Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, diced
- ½ cup diced red onion
- 1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon cilantro
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 4 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Tortilla chips

In a small bowl, combine peppers, onion, corn, garlic and cilantro. Add olive oil, vinegar, lime juice and salt and pepper to taste. Add black beans and toss well. Serve with tortilla chips.

Cool Chicken Wraps

Prep time: 10 minutes
Servings: 8

- 4 (12 inch) flour tortillas
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon dill weed
- 4 cups shredded lettuce, or shredded cabbage
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes, drained and rinsed
- 2 (5 ounce) cans Hormel Premium Chicken Breast in Water, drained and flaked
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

Spread the tortillas with mayonnaise and sprinkle with dill. Top center of each tortilla with lettuce, petite diced tomatoes, chicken, onions and cheese. Fold bottoms of tortilla up 2 inches and then roll up.

Variation: For hot sandwiches, substitute 2 cups red and green pepper strips for lettuce. Spread salsa in place of mayonnaise on tortilla. Prepare as directed. Microwave on high until cheese is melted, about 30 seconds.



Best Black Bean Salad

Quick and Hearty Gumbo

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Stand Time: 5 minutes
Total Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 can (14.5 ounce) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Green Peppers and Onion
- 1 can (15.25 ounce) Del Monte Whole Kernel Gold and White Corn, drained
- 1 can (14.5 ounce) chicken broth
- 1-½ cups sliced hot links or smoked sausage
- 1 cup instant rice, uncooked
- (Optional) hot pepper sauce
- (Optional) cornbread or biscuits

Cook sausage in large saucepan for 4 minutes; drain.

Stir in undrained tomatoes, broth and ½ cup water; bring to a boil. Stir in corn and rice; cover and remove from heat.

Let stand 5 minutes. Serve with hot pepper sauce and warm cornbread or biscuits, if desired



Pineapple Chicken Stir-Fry

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 can (15.25 ounce) Del Monte Pineapple Chunks in 100 percent Juice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut in strips
- ½ green or red pepper, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup low-salt teriyaki sauce
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- Hot cooked rice

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and green pepper; cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until done.

Drain pineapple reserving ½ cup juice. Combine reserved juice, teriyaki sauce and cornstarch.

Add pineapple and sauce mixture to skillet. Cover and cook 2 minutes or until sauce is thickened, stirring occasionally. Serve over rice.



Salsa Tortellini Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

- 1 (9-ounce) package refrigerated cheese-filled tortellini
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 (11-ounce) can Green Giant SteamCrisp Mexicorn Whole Kernel Corn, Red and Green Peppers, drained
- ½ cup Old El Paso Salsa
- ¼ cup Russian salad dressing
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, if desired

Cook tortellini as directed on package. Drain; rinse with cold water to cool.

In large bowl, combine cooked tortellini, beans and corn. Add salsa and salad dressing; toss to coat. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Tip: Cook the tortellini in advance and chill it for up to 24 hours. Just before serving, toss the tortellini with the rest of the ingredients.

For Chicken and Salsa-Tortellini Salad, toss in 1 cup of diced cooked chicken. Mound the salad on mixed greens and serve it with warm cheese-filled flour tortillas.

Hunt's Bruschetta Chicken Skillet

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Servings: 5

- 1 can (14.5 ounce) Hunt's Diced Tomatoes, drained
- ¾ cup shredded Italian blend cheese
- 1 package (0.75 ounce) fresh basil, chopped (about ¼ cup)
- 5 boneless skinless chicken breasts (5 ounce each)
- 1 can (8 ounce) Hunt's Tomato Sauce
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 2 cups small garlic- or Italian-flavored croutons, crushed slightly

Stir together drained tomatoes, cheese and basil in medium bowl; set aside.

Pound chicken to ½-inch thickness. Top evenly with tomato mixture, pressing onto chicken.

Combine tomato sauce and garlic in large skillet; add chicken. Bring sauce to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook 15 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in centers (165°F). Top with croutons just before serving.

CITY BITES

Pizza fundraiser

METRO AREA — Buddy's Pizza will hold its annual Slice for Life benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's programs from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday, April 15 at its nine Detroit area locations, including 31646 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills and 33605 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children and are available in advance by calling (313) 579-2100 ext. 170 or at the door of any Buddy's Pizza location on April 15. Slice for Life ticket holders may choose to dine in for all-you-can-eat two-topping pizzas and salad or carry out a 4-square two-top-

ping pizza or a medium sized Antipasto, Greek or house salad. With every adult ticket purchased, patrons also will receive a \$3 off coupon for an 8-square pizza. All participants may register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds will benefit programs that feed the hungry, tutor children and adults, counsel adults who are abusing drugs or alcohol, and train individuals to work the Earthworks Urban Farm.

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FARMINGTON HILLS — The Greek Islands Bar & Grill is open inside the Farmington Hills Golf

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Greek Islands Bar and Grille owners Nick Moutafis (left), Kathy Zervos and George Stefanakis.

Study: Mass transit boosts home values

Westland mayor touts benefits of SMART

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Location near public transportation may be the new real-estate mantra according to a new study released recently by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the National Association of Realtors. Data in the study reveals that during the last recession, residential property values performed 42 percent better on average if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service.



Wild

"When homes are located near public transportation, it is the equivalent of creating housing as desirable as beach front property," said APTA President and CEO Michael Melaniphy. "This study shows that consumers are choosing neighborhoods with high-frequency public transportation because it provides access to up to five times as many jobs per square mile as compared to other areas in a given region. Other attractive amenities in these neighborhoods include lower transportation costs, walkable areas and robust transportation choices."

The study about mass transit and home values doesn't surprise Westland Mayor William Wild, whose city has worked closely with the suburban SMART bus system.

"I believe it has," Wild said of SMART service benefit-

ing Westland and its residents and businesses. "We went to bat when SMART was reorganizing a couple years ago."

One weekday rush-hour route runs from Westland City Hall on Ford to downtown Detroit mornings and back again evenings. When Wild looks out his office window, he sees cars of those commuters: "I can see the people who park here every day."

SMART also has several Westland routes that run through the Westland Shopping Center area at Warren and Wayne roads. Those run at different times and days, Wild said. He and other leaders fought for the Warren Road route.

"That's where the jobs are," Wild said. "I know that it's getting utilized."

The city of Westland also has the Nankin Transit for seniors and the disabled, done in conjunction with the cities of Wayne, Inkster and Garden City and credits for the SMART millage. Wild's goal is to reorganize Nankin Transit service to use it to its full capacity.

At Henry Ruff and Michigan Avenue in Westland, there are plans for an Amtrak site, based temporarily at the Wayne County Library for the Blind. There would be a shuttle to take riders to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Wild said, explaining a rider could take the train from Kalamazoo to Westland and then the shuttle to the airport.

"I believe in the concept of regionalism and I believe in mass transit," Wild said. He cited mass transit's bonus-



A new national study finds access to mass transit boosts home values.

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es in Atlanta, Boston and Chicago: "They're built around mass transit."

Wild believes as municipal leaders ask people to be environmentally friendly, mass transit is needed.

Some suburban communities in metro Detroit have opted out of the SMART system, but not Westland. "I believe in regionalism," Wild emphasized. "I'm a firm believer" in improved suburban mass transit, "especially if it can deliver better service in a cost-efficient manner."

"Higher home values reflect greater market demand for areas near public transportation," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun of the national scene. "Transportation plays an important role in real estate and housing decisions, and the data suggests that residential real estate near public transit will remain attractive to buyers going forward. A sound transportation system not only benefits individual property owners, but also creates the foundation for a community's long-term economic well being."

The study, The New Real-Estate Mantra: Location near Public Transportation, investigates how well residential properties located in a half-mile proximity to high-frequency public transportation

or in the "public transit shed" have performed in holding their value during the recession compared to other properties in a given region.

While residential property values declined substantially between 2006 to 2011, properties close to public transit showed significantly stronger resiliency. The following are a few examples from the study: In Boston, residential property in the rapid transit area outperformed other properties in the region by an incredible 129 percent. In the Chicago public transit area, home values performed 30 percent higher than the region; in San Francisco, 37 percent higher; Minneapolis-St. Paul, 48 percent; and in Phoenix, 37 percent higher.

The study looked at five regions, which illustrate the types of high-frequency public transit systems throughout the U.S. High-frequency public transportation includes subway (heavy rail), light rail and bus rapid transit. This sample accurately projects the nationwide average (42 percent) variance among properties located near high-frequency public transportation and those that are located further away from public transit.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Court rules on nuisance action

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I own some real estate near a railroad which for many years released hydrocarbons and toxic solvents which migrated into the ground water, soil and air above my property. The railroad is long gone, but I am wondering whether I have a claim for any damages to my property.

A: In effect, what you are claiming is a nuisance of a continuing and temporary nature, and are asking whether or not the statute of limitations is tolled when the nuisance is for pollution that continues to migrate after the potential defendant ceases its operations. In a similar case out of Montana, the court held that a nuisance action protects against all



Robert Meisner

wrongs that interfere with a person's rights in the enjoyment of property. The court indicated that a typical nuisance

is complete when committed and the statute of limitations begins to run at that time. But, under the continuing tort doctrine that applies to a temporary injury, i.e., an injury that is ongoing and not completed, a new cause of action arises each time it repeats. In that case, even though the pollutant had ceased producing contamination, the continuation and migration of the pollutant made the nuisance temporary, thereby tolling the statute of limitations until the harm could no longer reasonably be abated through either eradication or reduction.

Q: Do you have any statistical analysis of the type of verbal and/or physical threats that go on to board members in community associations? I hope that we are the exception in that we have people who are threatening the board all of the time.

A: In a recent study conducted through the Community Association Institute, 49 percent of the responders said they were never threatened, 23 percent said once, and 28 percent said that they had been verbally threatened. With respect to physical assault, i.e., being grabbed, slapped, punched, kicked or spat upon by an angry resident, 87 percent said they had never been involved in such a situation, 10 percent said once, and 3 percent said several times.

There should be no tolerance for such conduct and you should consult with your association attorney in terms of what legal action you need to take to protect the individuals involved.

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 meisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 10-14, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43601 Antieta Dr	\$214,000
1451 Centennial Ct	\$400,000
7930 Fleet St	\$199,000
48855 Greenway Cir	\$340,000
8660 Holly Dr	\$111,000
6564 Lambeth Way	\$235,000
45996 Larchmont Dr	\$277,000
41805 Larimore Ln	\$88,000
2227 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2265 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2456 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2531 Premier Ln	\$77,000
631 Sorel Dr	\$255,000
827 Torrey Hills Dr	\$258,000
6067 Wedgewood Rd	\$154,000

GARDEN CITY

1441 Schuman St	\$109,000
LIVONIA	
19412 Angling St	\$51,000
37745 Bloomfield Dr	\$188,000
12010 Cavell St	\$34,000
11388 Deering St	\$88,000
29660 Five Mile Rd	\$110,000
33735 Hathaway St	\$123,000
15225 Hillcrest Ct	\$217,000
37716 Lancaster St	\$173,000
17853 Middlebelt Rd	\$76,000
18586 Milburn St	\$82,000
31374 Minton St	\$115,000
15125 Norman St	\$130,000
33919 Oakdale St	\$159,000
33727 Pondview Cir	\$43,000
34522 Summers St	\$241,000
14155 Westmore St	\$120,000
NORTHVILLE	
15412 Bay Hill Dr	\$450,000
18353 Blue Heron Dr E	\$275,000
17009 Carriage Way	\$299,000
16388 Forest Lake Dr	\$209,000
16713 Lyonhurst Cir	\$285,000
49255 Rainbow Ln S	\$351,000
18062 Ridgeview Dr	\$565,000

19197 Surrey Ln	\$55,000
656 Thayer Blvd	\$480,000
PLYMOUTH	
42464 Clemons Dr	\$297,000
48510 E Normandy Ct	\$412,000
44888 Erin Dr	\$100,000
14958 Farmbrook Dr	\$192,000
526 Hartsough St	\$428,000
14171 Meadow Hill Ln	\$138,000
413 N Harvey St	\$375,000
40430 Newport Dr	\$70,000
11801 Sycamore Dr	\$75,000
12898 Wendover Dr	\$281,000
REDFORD	
11421 Arnold	\$52,000
25260 Cathedral	\$46,000
18835 Centralia	\$23,000
20090 Centralia	\$22,000
15593 Gaylord	\$35,000
9610 Grayfield	\$51,000
18732 Inkster Rd	\$28,000
14192 Mason Dr	\$170,000
19191 Seminole	\$27,000
25550 Student	\$12,000
24218 W Chicago	\$28,000
15455 Wakenden	\$28,000

19353 Wakenden	\$34,000
WESTLAND	
1235 Alvin St	\$68,000
33004 Audreys Way	\$179,000
34533 Bock St	\$35,000
35862 Castlewood Ct	\$45,000
388 Ethan Dr	\$155,000
818 Ethan Dr	\$160,000
30816 Grandview Ave	\$98,000
30816 Grandview Ave	\$115,000
6289 Hunter Pointe St	\$70,000
33636 Krauter St	\$28,000
33538 Palmer Rd	\$125,000
36166 Palmer Rd	\$104,000
931 S Byfield St	\$92,000
143 S Christine	\$51,000
1410 S Marie St	\$78,000
586 S Norma St	\$60,000
38400 Saint Joe Dr	\$45,000
1689 Shoemaker Dr	\$38,000
774 Summerfield Dr	\$65,000
34326 Tonquish Trl	\$89,000
670 Van Lawn St	\$65,000
7590 Woodview St	\$24,000
5855 Yale St	\$70,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 26-30, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31625 Auburn Dr	\$330,000
30141 Lincolnshire E	\$349,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23170 Hickory Hollow Cir	\$410,000
23930 Trailwood Ct	\$261,000
BIRMINGHAM	
771 Bird Ave	\$150,000
1585 Buckingham Ave	\$485,000
1673 Holland St	\$440,000
1743 Holland St	\$400,000
1231 Northlawn Blvd	\$225,000
1030 Wakefield St	\$260,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
225 Barden Rd	\$210,000
2605 Bridle Rd	\$160,000
1263 Edison Ave	\$114,000
761 Falmouth Dr	\$575,000

484 Fox Hills Dr N # A-4	\$35,000
1849 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$205,000
3931 Oakhills Dr	\$270,000
412 Steeple Chase Ct	\$300,000
4297 Wabek Lake Dr S	\$250,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
300 Billingsgate Ct	\$160,000
1710 Blair House Ct	\$300,000
2760 Courville Dr	\$130,000
208 N Glengarry Rd	\$435,000
5221 Woodview Dr	\$318,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
271 Annison Dr	\$123,000
3488 Car Dr	\$235,000
2163 Palmetto	\$40,000
8336 Timber Cove St	\$279,000
FARMINGTON	
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 8	\$23,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37725 Blossom Ln	\$213,000
34595 Bridgeman St	\$138,000
28001 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
29391 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$83,000
26641 Greythorne Trl	\$180,000
35322 Hillside Dr	\$110,000
29521 Kings Pointe Ct	\$145,000
25516 Lyncastle St	\$200,000

32545 Nottingham Knls	\$145,000
37805 River Bnd	\$326,000
21965 River Pines Dr	\$165,000
21519 Riverwalk Ct	\$242,000
21311 Rockwell St	\$53,000
32928 Thorndyke Ct	\$268,000
FRANKLIN	
31625 Franklin Rd	\$2,000,000
Lathrup Village	
19150 Rainbow Dr	\$135,000
MILFORD	
854 Abbey Ln	\$162,000
814 E Liberty St	\$55,000
824 E Liberty St	\$50,000
3726 N Shoreline Dr	\$785,000
1061 Old Milford Farms	\$450,000
991 Riverstone Cir	\$262,000
NORTHVILLE	
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- Kind of portrait
- Don't count
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- Type of presentation
- Acute mental discernment
- Pocket jingler
- Go-ahead
- Propped up
- Market
- "En garde" weapons
- Flooded
- Dawn
- Chong
- Talk, talk, talk
- Gas-pump abbr.
- Inaugurates
- Famous numero

DOWN

- Time divs.
- Make an effort
- Ms. Lauder
- Fluff, as hair
- Strikes with cutting blows
- The Three Bears, for example
- What, in Seville
- Party-tray cheese
- Copycat
- Wine and —
- French monarch
- Don Juan, for instance
- Charon's river
- Conciliatory gift
- Do laps

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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April Boots Clouds
Damp Jacket Lightning
Mist Puddle Rain
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Sudoku

9	1	8	4	6	9	2	7	8
6	2	8	5	7	9	4	1	9
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1	6	9	2	5	4	8	9	7
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