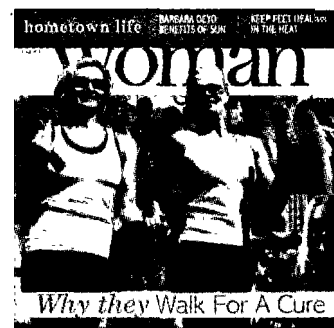


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Good catch

Have you ever caught a foul ball or a home run ball at a Major League baseball game? If so, Observer sports editor Ed Wright would like to talk to you about your memorable experience for a future feature story that will run this summer.

If you'd like to contribute your experience for the article, contact Wright at (734) 578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

DPW hours

Due to budgetary constraints, the Wayne Department of Public Works front office will be open to customers 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

After 1 p.m., customers will be directed through a sign to ring a bell for service. Telephone calls also will be answered after 1 p.m.

"This is due to the light traffic in the afternoons. We can save a part-time employee sitting at the desk and can use that person somewhere else in the city," said Wayne DPW Director Ramzi El-Gharib.

No pay raise

Elected officials in Wayne won't be getting a pay raise again this year. The Local Officers Compensation Commission met recently and decided to keep the rate of compensation unchanged.

That means the council members will receive \$2,850 annually while the mayor receives \$3,192.

"My experience as an elected official is that many people think we are well paid, it's really volunteer work. I'm glad to see that made public," said Councilman Skip Monit, who previously served on the Wayne-Westland school board.

"I've been here nearly 19 years and never had a raise, one time we lost money," said Councilwoman Pamela Dobrowski.

Wild explores run for county executive

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Unopposed in seeking re-election as Westland mayor, William Wild hasn't officially announced that he would be running for Wayne County executive next year.

"I've been encouraged by a lot of people to run — over a year ago at the



Wild

Michigan Democratic Convention and the Jeff Jack dinner," said Wild. "I'm forming an exploratory committee. I'm taking a look at it. I'm judging the financial and political support."

Wild has been asked

about incumbent County Executive Robert Ficano, who hasn't announced his plans.

"I am looking to see if I have a chance to win. I won't decide based on who is running," said Wild. "I have had a very good working relationship with Bob Ficano."

Along with members of the Democratic Party, Wild said he has also

been encouraged to run by what he described as very significant business owners from across Wayne County.

The exploration of a run for Wayne County's top post became public during the recent Mackinac Policy Convention.

"I'm talking with Democrats and business owners gauging the support. The election is only a

year away. A lot of people are focusing on the Detroit mayoral election," said Wild.

At 45, Wild has been Westland mayor for seven years and served on the council six years prior to becoming mayor. Wild's business, Scrap Busters Auto and Truck Parts in Wayne, is a self-

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Granddaughters Lynda Gruden (left) of Westland and Laurie Jeffries of Ann Arbor join Emily Shannon at a 100th birthday celebration held for her at Ashford Court in Westland Saturday.

'Just another day'

Westland resident credits 'great genes' for longevity

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Emily Shannon can't put her finger on precisely why she's lived so long. She thinks it could have something to do with her father.

"My father was in his 96th year when he died, so maybe I got his great genes," said Shannon, but she quickly adds, "You have to have a positive attitude to live as long as I have."

Although there is that concoction of cider vinegar and honey that "has kept me alive for the last 20 years."

"It gives me energy," said Shannon who celebrated her 100th birth-

day Saturday. "It's an old-fashioned concoction and it helped me."

While she claims it was "just another day" as far as she was concerned, her family was excited. Sharon Shannon Paximadis flew in from Georgia to be with her mother for a birthday celebration held Friday at Ashford Court where she lives. And the entire family is gathering for a party on June 15.

Born in 1913, Shannon has outlived two husbands, Canadian Harold Cain, whom she met on a blind date, and All Shannon, Paximadis's father. Shannon lost her mother at age

4 and went to live on a farm because he father couldn't take care of her. She boarded with a family in town near Port Huron and called them aunt and uncle.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended the College of the City of Detroit for two years. When the stock market crash, she was unable to return to school and instead got a job as a typist with Chrysler in Highland Park.

Living in Detroit

When she married her first husband, they moved to Detroit and lived in North Rosedale for some 40 years.

"A girlfriend who was married to a veterinarian, she introduced us," said Shannon. "One night a week we'd all go out for dinner."

The couple had four children. A captain in the U.S. Army, he was in England when their first child, daughter Andreana, whose name she picked he daughter's name from her husband's yearbook, was born. She was followed by three sons, Bert Brian and Harold.

Harold Cain died at age 68, so Shannon worked in a cooperative preschool. Five years after Harold died, she

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Relayers: Everyone deserves more birthdays

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland and Wayne are joining forces for Relay for Life Saturday — the first time for a combined event but the 12th year Westland has walked 24 hours to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society.

"We have 23 teams — we hit our goal this past week. I'm totally thrilled about that," said Meriem Kadi, event chairperson.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society, the theme this year is 100 Years in the Making. Following that theme, teams are decorating their campsites to reflect a selected decade from the past 100 years.

"They can do the '50s or '60s or the '80s. It's a lot of fun," said Kadi, who expected her team, Family and Friends for Life, would go with the 1930s when her parents were born. "The song *Sentimental Journey* was from the '30s. That's what this is for me."

Kadi's father, Aqif, died of cancer in 1999 at age 67 while her mother, Nina, is a 14-year survivor of breast cancer.

The 24-hour event features entertainment and various fundraisers throughout. There are themed laps around the track during the full 24 hours, recognizing that cancer never sleeps.

There are themed laps each hour, ranging from the serious honoring

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Volunteers sought for rescheduled Rouge Rescue

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Officially, the Rouge Rescue set for June 1 in Wayne was postponed a week due to recent heavy rains, but about 75 volunteers showed up anyway and worked on cleaning up the river and adjoining area.

The rescheduled Rouge Rescue will be Saturday,

and the work will include opening some logjams near Goudy Park, as well as pulling debris out of the river. The volunteers also will be doing some trash pickup in the park.

Anyone with some free time Saturday morning is invited to join volunteers cleaning up during the 27th annual Rouge Rescue, but don't wear new tennis shoes.

In Wayne, Rouge Rescue headquarters will be in Goudy Park, located behind city hall on Wayne Road just north of Michigan Avenue. Registration is at 9 a.m., with work commencing by 9:30 a.m.

"We welcome all volunteers. We will have T-shirts and gloves. The mosquitoes are really bad this year, so come prepared," said Wayne

Rouge Rescue coordinator Kurt Kuban, who recommended wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants. "It's a great event. We get a lot of community support."

Kuban's plans include having volunteers pick up trash and spruce things up along the Washington and Mills trails. Two groups of volunteers will also work in the river to

open up logjams for paddlers and remove trash. One group will work just west of Elizabeth near Clark and Sophia, the other upstream off Wayne Road behind Wayne Towers, Kuban said.

Depending on the number of volunteers, the cleanup may include removing invasive plants

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Daughter Sharon Shannon-Paximadis from Georgia to be with her mother on her 100th birthday.

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met her second husband at church.

"My dad came home from church one night and was so excited, saying he saw someone who was so cute," said Paximadis. "She had known my mother for years."

"I liked him too very much, when I finally met him," said Shannon. She recalls their first date was at the Dearborn Inn. The next day he called to see if she had enjoyed herself and asked if she'd like to get together the next week. They went together for almost two years before marrying in 1982 and moved to a condominium in Northville.

"I didn't sell my house right away in case it didn't work out," she said.

Al Shannon died four years later of a fatal heart attack, but their time together was filled with travel, especially to Jamaica, and gardening.

'His passion'

"That was his passion, he liked to garden," said Paximadis. "He had a huge garden behind Andy's (Andrena's) house on Eight Mile. With his chemistry background, he would treat them and grow huge peppers and tomatoes. They'd work together in the kitchen, canning the food."

Shannon enjoyed playing bridge with the ladies in the afternoon and recalls coming home one afternoon to find her husband making bread. "He liked to cook in the kitchen more than I did," she said.

Shannon remained independent, driving until she was age 95. In

2004, she moved from her condo in Northville to Independence Village in Plymouth Township and then relocated to Ashford Court. Granddaughter Lynda Gruden of Westland now ferries her around town.

"She's always been active ... and impatient," said Paximadis. "When she was living in Northville, we were always telling her to slow down. When she got to Plymouth, she was always buzzing around the hallways. She's very independent, she always has been."

When asked how's she's doing, Shannon has a pat answer. Her response is that she takes it one day at a time.

"What else can I do?" she said. "I'm glad I have two legs I can walk on."

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Relay fills 24 hours with things to do

Here is the schedule of events for the 24-hour Westland-Wayne Relay for Life fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society which will be held 10 a.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday at Attwood Park in Wayne.

- 10 a.m. - Opening ceremony and National Anthem with American Legion Post 32 Honor Guard and AMVETS Post 171 Color Guard. Scouting for a Cure - Raising of the Flag. Theme Lap: Birthday/Crazy Hat Lap.
- 11 a.m. - Registration; Youth/Chaperone Check in (all nighters). Theme Lap: '80s (Hair Bands). Activity: What's the Word (Round 1). Entertainment: Ready Set Rendezvous Band.

- noon - Silent auction begins. Theme Lap: Favorite Superhero of the Decades. Fight Back Ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Activity: Zumba (12:45 p.m. after Fight Back). Entertainment: DJ Announcements (noon-12:15 p.m.).
- 1 p.m. - Theme Lap: Armed Forces Tribute. Activity: Youth Kickball (soccer field - Youth Assistance). Entertainment: Spotlight (1:15 p.m.).

- 2 p.m. - Theme Lap: Honoring Our First Responders. Activity: Relay Trivia (Round 1). Entertainment: Liquor Well Band.
- 3 p.m. - Theme Lap: 70's Disco. Entertainment: DJ announcements (3-3:15 p.m.). Survivor Ceremony (3:30 p.m.).

- 4 p.m. - Theme Lap: Favorite Person-Decade of Heroes. Activity/Entertainment: Line Dancing.
- 5 p.m. - Theme Lap: '60's All Shook Up-Elvis Sighting/Bunny hop. Activity: Youth Soccer (soccer field with Youth Assistance). Entertainment: Kelsey Rose - Singing and Tap Dancing. Silent auction ends at 5:30 p.m.

- 6 p.m. - Theme Lap/Activity: Relay Scavenger Hunt. Entertainment: Franklin Dance Team (tentative time).
- 7 p.m. - Theme Lap: Youth/Adult Role Reversal. Activity: Musical Chairs (in pavilion hosted by the Jaycees). Entertainment: Stephen Thomas on saxophone.

- 8 p.m. - Theme Lap: Buddy Up (partner with another team). Activity: Relay Minute to Win It (Round 1). Entertainment: The WhatAbout Band.
- 9 p.m. - Theme Lap: '90s Theme (Casper Slide). Activity: Buddy Up - Recap. Entertainment: DJ/Karaoke.

- 10 p.m. - Luminary Ceremony (Silent Lap to Honor/Remember).
- 11 p.m. - Youth/Chaperone Check in (all nighters). Theme Lap: '50s - Hand Jive. Activity: What's the Word (Round 2). Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.
- midnight - Theme Lap: RFL - Team Pride. Activity: Volleyball (field). Entertainment: DJ Playlist.

- 1 a.m. - Theme Lap: Scrabble or Poker. Activity: Relay Trivia (Round 2). Entertainment: DJ Playlist.
- 2 a.m. - Theme Lap: Patriotic Bling Bling. Activity: Softball (Ballfield). Entertainment: DJ Playlist.

- 3 a.m. - Theme Lap: It's a Jungle Out There (Rainforest/Jungle). Activity: Minute to Win It (Round 2). Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.
- 4 a.m. - Theme Lap: Slumber Party/PJ. Activity: Relay Trivia - (Round 3). Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.

- 5 a.m. - Theme Lap: '40s Lindy Hop Heaven (swing dance). Activity: Minute to Win It (Round 3). Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.
- 6 a.m. - Theme Lap/Activity: Puzzle Palooza. Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.
- 7 a.m. - Theme Lap: Model your Bed Head. Activity: What's the Word (Round 3). Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.

- 8 a.m. - Theme Lap: Bring Trash bag (empty). Activity: Relay trash/recycle bins on site. Entertainment: DJ/Playlist.
- 9 a.m. - All Relayers walk last lap together. Entertainment: DJ/Karaoke. All teams and committees - Cleanup Event. Pitch in and help neighboring Relayers.
- 10 a.m. - Closing ceremony.

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cancer survivors, first responders and those who have served in the military to the bunny hop and show off your bed head.

"There will be a lot of activities. I'm really excited about it. I'm really confident that it will be a success, but we need participation from

both cities," said Kadi. "I will be really happy if we meet our goal of just under \$65,000, but I really want to raise \$75,000."

Along with joining forces with Westland and Wayne, this year also has a new location in Attwood Park, adjoining the Wayne Community Center.

Most of the relay teams fund raise throughout much of the year and continue during the event. Kadi said teams can still

sign up and conduct their fund raising at their campsite.

For those not on a team, Kadi encouraged people to come out and walk laps or just enjoy activities and food sponsored by the various teams.

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serve auto recycling business.

Faced with projected deficits several years ago, Westland has undergone a downsizing of employees, reorganization and changes in how services are provided, including mergers of fire and parks and recreation services with Wayne.

"I believe the experience is applicable for Wayne County," said Wild. "We need to look at expenditures and revenue at Wayne County. I feel it's been energized

with the Wayne County Commission. They are all on the same page and about fixing Wayne County."

Like other communities in the county, a strong Westland depends on a strong Wayne County, said Wild.

"Bob Ficano was assistant city attorney in Westland. Now, Bill Wild (may run). He has done a good job as mayor," said Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "There are a lot of moving pieces. Bill is running for mayor this year. He has demonstrated his ability to lead in Westland."

With Ficano not hav-

ing announced his plans, LeBlanc said the county executive race will likely have a crowded field next year.

"He has a proven track record and is an excellent choice," said Garden City Mayor Randy Walker. "There is a lot of mistrust about what has been going on in Wayne County right now. Mayor Wild is the right guy who can turn it around."

With a decision on running for county executive to be made soon, Wild said he will continue to focus on his job as mayor.

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from the stormwater basins at city hall and adding mulch to some of the new planting beds in Dynamite Park and a nature hike along the Rouge River.

The Wayne Department of Public Works will provide assistance during the Rouge Rescue, along with supplying refreshments and portable toilets.

The Rouge River has made a tremendous

comeback in recent years, Kuban said, and the Rouge Rescue is a big part of those efforts.

"I did a walk recently in Dynamite Park and some older residents were amazed — they couldn't believe it was the Rouge," Kuban said.

The Rouge Rescue not only improves the aesthetics of the river, but also changes attitudes about the river and gives local residents a sense of ownership, Kuban said.

"I can't thank you enough. The Rouge River is the new hope for the city," Wayne Mayor Al

Haidous said. "People will come to Wayne for fun on the Rouge River."

City officials are hoping the river will become an attraction, including canoeing and kayaking.

The cleanup comes a day after the official unveiling of the completed Wayne Road dam removal project, set for 9 a.m. Friday, June 7. The dam had been identified as a major impediment to restoring fish and wildlife habitat in the Rouge River.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Cutest Pet

The Westland Jaycees will be hosting a Cutest Pet Contest this year during the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life June 8-9.

Each entry should be accompanied by a 5-by-7-inch picture of the pet, the pet's name, owners name and phone number and the \$5 entry fee.

Checks should be made out to the Westland Jaycees. Entries can be sent to 570 Lathers, Garden City, MI 48135. Questions can be directed to Rebeka Sroczynski at wjccutestpet@yahoo.com.

Voting will take place at the Westland Jaycee Relay for Life booth 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday,

June 8. Voting will be done by dropping money into a container that is matched to the corresponding pet's picture. The pet earning the most money will be declared the winner. The three top grossing pets will earn prizes. All monies raised will go directly to Relay for Life.



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Wendy Owens-Burbary of Garden City, who is battling breast cancer, is buoyed in spirit by her longtime friend Kelly Miller's fundraising event for her on Friday, June 21, at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

Local singer stages benefit to help friend battling cancer

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

"Sing away those cancer blues."

Local performing artist Kelly Miller of the WhatAbouts is pulling out all the stops for a Friday, June 21, fundraiser from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, to benefit her friend, Wendy Owens-Burbary, who is battling breast cancer.

Both are Garden City residents who have known each other since they were in Garden City Middle School.

Burbary is touched and appreciative of her friend's willingness to help and support her with a musical extravaganza open to the public.

"It's wonderful," said Burbary, who started radiation therapy. She gains emotional strength daily.

"She is going through a hard time with her medical expenses during her journey with breast cancer," Miller said. "She is not working at the moment. She just finished chemo and was not allowed to work around children because of her immune system. This is what she did for

money from her home before all this came about. Her insurance will end this month."

Burbary also is going through a divorce and medical expenses will soon be out of pocket for her, according to Miller.

"We are throwing this event with all kinds of local talent to raise money for her," Miller said. "The event is 'Singing Away Those Cancer Blues.' All acts are donating their time and talents to help her out. We would love a good turnout."

Miller said that she has individually set up a way that money can be donated to Burbary.

"I just released a Christian CD, *With All My Heart* by Kelica," Miller said. "It is a tribute to my mom, Kathleen Walker. Wendy says it was the best gift she's gotten in a while. It relaxes her through this difficult time."

Miller added that it is mostly hymns, with a few of her favorites.

"If people would like to help this way, by buying this CD on my website using pay-pal, go to kelicamusic.com and mention Wendy's name next to theirs in the address line," she said.

"Some money will be donated to her fund as well."

Tickets cost \$20 each. The musical showcase includes the Motown Group, The Fantastics. Tribute acts include the Supremes, music from the Rat Pack, Elvis, Dino, Doo Wop Groups, The WhatAbouts, The Optomystics, The Sugar Factory Blues Band and more. Food and cash bar will be available.

There is a huge dance floor at the hall, Miller said.

"There's also raffles," Miller said, "We could use more donations (gift cards) for our raffles."

A bird house theme contest is another feature.

"We need crafty people to make or create, decorate a birdhouse for our raffle," Miller said. "We will have a prize for most creative, etc. We need birdhouses by June 20."

E-mail Miller at kelicamusic@yahoo.com with any questions or donations. Burbary has a separate link for funds to be donated at goget-funding.com/project/wendy-s-medical-help

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Westland workers honored for help at major events

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland firefighters and Westland police received well-deserved kudos for their handling of a couple of major incidents recently — the May 8 fire that killed Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke and a bomb threat/hostage situation at City Hall.

Westland Mayor William Wild recently met with Department of Public Services workers to thank them for pitching in to assist firefighters and police.

"It was all hands on deck. When they were looking for (Woehlke's) body in Marvaso's, DPS brought a back hoe. They were trying to lift the ceiling pieces," said Wild. "The DPS jumped

right in at the point it became search and rescue. They set up the barricades."

At the Electric Stick/Marvaso's fire scene, DPS workers also brought over a torch and a front-end loader.

"They really assisted in moving everything where we needed it to go," said Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams. "They were very instrumental in helping me dissect the scene. I'd agree 100 percent. They pitched in as needed and did a great job."

During the May 13 bomb threat/hostage situation, DPS workers helped police snipers get in place on a roof top across Ford Road from City Hall. The DPS workers also manned

barricades when Ford Road was closed to traffic for several hours during the incident.

"DPS helped, it was a team effort with all the departments. They were key in providing support to the first responders," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

Wild went to the DPS building to thank the staff for their help.

"Obviously, their work in both incidents wasn't what they signed up for but they did it," said Wild. "A lot of time people look negatively at city staff — three guys standing watching one guy work. This is a part that a lot of residents don't see."

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Two veterans recognized during parade

Two World War II veterans were honored as grand marshals of the recent Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade.

Sgt. Don Carpenter entered the Marine Corps in 1942. He was sent to the Solomon Islands as a Johnson light machine gunner. On a mission to Choiseul, his unit was trapped at the end of the island and was rescued by future president John F. Kennedy's PT boat.

Carpenter received the

Presidential Unit Citation. Leading a squad on Iwo Jima, he received a Presidential Unit Citation with "V" Bronze Star for Valor. A Westland resident, Carpenter also received four battle stars for his service in World War II.

He was discharged in 1945 and re-enlisted in 1947.

Pvt. Mickie Kwasek was inducted to the U.S. Army Dec. 23 1943. He started active service Jan. 13, 1944. His cam-

paign was in northern France.

His decorations and citations include the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, a Bronze Campaign Star, a Purple Heart for wounds in action in Belgium, a second Purple Heart and Good Conduct Ribbon. Kwasek is a Canton resident.

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Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli (second from left) poses with spelling bee winners Pat Drobiewski (from left) Linda Waara and Vivian Nyland.

Seniors prove they're expert spellers in bee

Three Westland residents proved they were the best spellers, taking the top spots in the recent Wayne County Spelling Bee, held at the Westland Friendship Center.

Seniors from all across Wayne County participate in this friendly competition, which is held at different locations each year. Westland's 18th District Court Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli provided the words and judged this year's competition.

The first place winner, Linda Waara, is an active member of the Friend-

ship Center and is very dedicated to various cause. Her favorite hobby is golf. She competed last year and returned this year because she "doesn't like to lose."

Second place was awarded to Vivian Nyland and who entered this year's contest as a sixth-grade spelling champ and wanted to know "if she still had it in her." Nyland enjoys gardening, logic puzzles, following national politics and takes classes in event planning.

Placing third was Pat Drobiewski, an active

member of the Friendship Center who is a dedicated volunteer and enjoys escorting trips from the center. She also loves reading, traveling and enjoying her time with family.

"I congratulate these women on their success and am I am very proud of how they represented our All American City," said Mayor William Wild. "Spelling is something that is important in every day life and with technology and the use of spell check, many of us have become very lax in mastering this skill."

David White: Hard-working police officer loved Garden City

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

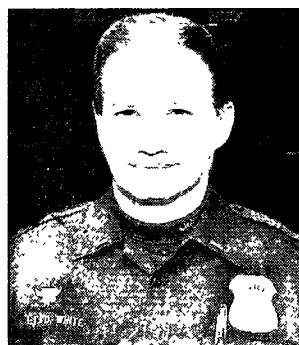
When David White retired in 2011 after serving nearly 31 years as a Garden City police officer, plans for a retirement party were delayed for various reasons.

Then last year, Mr. White began battling lung cancer. After it became clear in recent weeks that he wouldn't recover and treatment was ended, Chief Robert Muery made sure Mr. White had that retirement party on Sunday.

Current and retired members of the department filled the yard of Mr. White's home, taking turns to visit him inside the house. Mr. White, 62, died Tuesday morning at his Garden City home.

A former Garden City Police Officer of the Year, Mr. White was remembered as a hard-working police officer, one who worked in every bureau and assignment in the department over the years, and a devoted family man.

"He was an awesome cop — he's still one of the best police officers who ever worked in Garden City," said David Harvey, former Garden City police



David White

chief. "He was totally dedicated — no one worked harder. We were always competitive about arrests and tickets. I was always trying to catch him."

Sometimes that meant being in the right place at the right time.

"One night about 3 a.m., a guy robbed the Pizza Hut and ran right in front of Dave's (patrol) car carrying the cash register. Dave almost ran over him," said Harvey. "We argued for years over that. I said it didn't count as a felony arrest. He wasn't doing police work — he was just driving and it was near the station."

Mr. White had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked at Chrysler before joining the police department in 1980. He attended the police academy with Harvey and a third offi-



Current and retired members of the Garden City Police Department visited with Dave White at his home Sunday as part of a belated retirement party.

cer, Larry Jackson.

"We all hired in together and were the rookies for a long time. We were partners for a long time," said Harvey. "We worked a 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift none of the older guys wanted. We got all the fights, family troubles — all the hot runs. We loved it. We spent a lot of time in a patrol car and were very tight."

'Hard-nosed cop'

As aggressive as Mr. White was as an officer, Harvey said he was also part of the department's community policing efforts and initial efforts establishing a crime prevention program.

"He wasn't just a hard-nosed cop. He really loved Garden City," said Harvey.

According to Muery, Mr. White chose Garden City as his place to make a home and to raise his family.

"He believed in Garden City and would get genuinely irritated at those who bashed the city, said Muery. "To say Dave will be missed simply doesn't do justice to the legacy he has left behind," said Muery. "Dave's positive spirit was an asset to the work place. He was always willing to do anything for anybody."

Muery said that Mr. White's top priorities in

life were clear: family first, then serving the citizens of the community. And his third priority, faith, was always interspersed with the other priorities.

In his last few years with the department, Mr. White compiled a list of "words to live by," which was comprised of a variety of quotes and phrases, including Bible verses, and distributed that list to officers in the department, Muery said.

"Several officers still carry that list and reflect upon it when the burdens of the job seem to be piling up," Muery said.

Retiring as a lieutenant, Mr. White spent time working plainclothes for the Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team operated by the Michigan State Police.

"He was dedicated to his family. He was the hardest-working guy. Dave would always work other jobs," said Harvey. "I'd be on duty having a vehicle towed. Dave would be off-duty driving the wrecker. He worked at a factory for awhile. He'd set his mind on a goal to pay something off and that's what he did."

Big loss for city

Garden City Mayor Randy Walker called Mr. White's death a big loss for the city.

Mr. White had served as commander of the police reserves when Garden City had a reserve unit.

"He was an excellent police officer and an excellent leader," Walker said. "He was a great person overall."

Mr. White is survived by his wife, Kim; children Annette (Don) Haas, David (Brenda) and Kimberly; grandchildren Chelsea, Anthony, Dylan, Devin and Angelina; siblings Virginia (Mike) Lilley and Ken (Kathleen).

Visitation is noon to 9 p.m. today (Thursday) at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill, Garden City.

Mr. White will be in state 10 a.m. Friday followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just south of Ford, Garden City. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

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Air conditioner stolen from foreclosed home

Larceny

A Westland couple told police June 2 that they saw a man arrive at a vacant home in the 1500 block of Flynn with a van and trailer. Since the home had been foreclosed and vacant for about 10 days, the couple said they thought the man had backed in to mow the lawn.

They said the man was in the back yard for about 20 minutes, then loaded something into the trailer and left.

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The couple became concerned when the grass wasn't cut. The man told police he checked and found the air conditioning unit had been stolen.

Vehicle stolen

A resident of an apartment in the 37000 block of Dale told police June 2 that he and friends walked to Johnson Elementary School to play

cricket. He said that he and others placed their keys on the ground near where they were playing.

When the game ended, the man said his key was missing. Back at his apartment building, the man said his 2002 Hyundai Accent was missing.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Dearborn man told police June 2 that someone had stolen a Think

Pad lap top computer valued at \$2,500 from his 2012 Chevrolet Malibu while it was parked overnight in the 8500 block of Shari. The man said he thought he had left the vehicle locked but there was no sign of forced entry.

Vandalism

A Westland man told police May 30 that he was inside Planet Fitness, 34634 Warren Road, for about 90 minutes. When he went to leave, he said three tires on his 2010 Chrysler 300 had been slashed. The damage was set at \$1,000. The man told police he wasn't having problems with anyone.

Larceny

The air conditioning unit at the Hope Clinic, 33608 Palmer, was reported stolen May 31. The unit, valued at \$1,500, was last seen May 28.

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Break in

A resident in the 5300 block of Williams reported items stolen from her home during the night May 26. The side door frame was cracked and heavily damaged. Items reported stolen were a 55-inch flat screen television, a lap top computer, a PlayStation 3, a sterling silver necklace and a Kodak Easy Share camera with a printer.

The estimated value of stolen items was \$4,450.

Break in

On May 11, a resident in the 34000 block of Annapolis told police that he returned home to find the front door open. Reported stolen were a lap top computer and an Xbox 360 valued at \$550.

Break in

A resident in the 32000 block of Ellen reported a bicycle stolen May 20. The bike was located in the living room, the owner said, when she went to sleep but gone when she got up. The stolen bicycle was described as a white Thruster BMX valued at \$80.

By LeAnne Rogers



Lisa is a 39-year-old mom. She's in the market for a new SUV. (The soccer team did a job on the last one.)

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Police look for man who took donation jar

Theft

Garden City police last week were investigating the theft of a donation jar that was on the counter of the Golden Feather Restaurant at 29633 Ford.

The police were alerted to the situation where several people were chasing a suspect on a yellow bicycle about 11:30 a.m. May 28. He allegedly stole a jar, containing about \$50 in coins and currency meant for St. Petka Church.

An employee said that the man cradled the jar in his arms and said that the suspect was not a member of the church. The employee also said that they recognized him as a previous customer who had left without paying his bill.

An observer called police to tell them that he was trying to follow the

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suspect described a white male in his late 30s who was tall and thin. He lost sight of him on Leona, west of Merriman.

The observer later called police and said that the suspect was riding his bike in Garden City Park on Cherry Hill, east of Merriman.

The suspect eventually dropped his cell phone which the police retrieved. They were reviewing his text messages in an attempt to identify the man. They also contacted the phone carrier.

One message on the man's cell phone said that he was going to "hit a lick," which is street slang for performing a robbery, according to the police report.

Fraud

A resident in the 32000 block of Bock reported May 28 that someone fraudulently opened a DTE account in his name at a Lake Orion address.

The man said that he received a bill for \$815 and added that he didn't know the Lake Orion residents.

Suspended license

When the police stopped a 36-year-old Detroit man who was eastbound on Cherry Hill at Merriman about noon May 29, they learned that the man's driver's license was suspended. He also provided an expired driver's license.

The man was arrested, processed and released. He also cited for having no proof of insurance.

By Sue Buck

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Family's grief prompts benefit walk to combat brain tumor deaths

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Cioma James and husband Phil grieve the death of daughter Leah, who was diagnosed at age 4 1/2 with an inoperable brain tumor. Leah lived just over a year after that before passing in 2005.

"As a way to channel our grief, we formed our 501(c)3," mom Karen said.

The family also includes daughter Kylie, 16, who attended Northville Christian Academy.

"We learned to love Northville," Karen James said of the family, which is now living in Florida for her husband's work. They'd moved to Livonia after marrying.

Their organization, Leah's Happy Hearts, is based on the little girl's expression of "My heart is happy." The annual "Happy Feet for Happy Hearts Walk" will be held Saturday, June 8, at Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township.

The organization's board is made up of many friends. "Most of them knew Leah," she said.

This is the sixth year for the walk, which last year drew about 200.

Registration will start 9 a.m., the walk at 10 a.m. For every \$20 in pledges raised, participants will receive 25 raffle tickets, with additional raffle tickets offered for purchase at the walk. There will be a dove release and a butterfly release, along with clowns and face painting.

The robot R2D2 will pose for photos, and a light lunch and refreshments will be served. Go to www.leahshappyhearts.org to register and/or create a pledge page.

People are encouraged to sign up in advance but walk-ins are also welcome.

Proceeds will support pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, where Leah was treated. The organization also puts on each year a holiday shopping event for hospitalized children.

"We set up a store on three different floors," James said, with children choosing gifts for family members and themselves. Area Girl Scouts make no-sew fleece blankets for children for the event.

"It's just a really fun event," James said of the holiday shopping. "It's very rewarding for me."

The family finds the benefit work helps them grieve. "That's the main reason we decided to form it," she said. "I knew I had to do something. It was well worth it. The pain is always going to be there."

Offering more treatment options for others



Leah James was just 4 1/2 when diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She died in 2005, and her family holds an annual benefit walk to support pediatric brain tumor research and other projects.



More walkers are always welcome at the event, set for this Saturday, June 8, at Maybury State Park.

HAPPY FEET FOR HAPPY HEARTS WALK

- **What:** Walk benefiting Leah's Happy Hearts, which raises money for pediatric brain tumor research at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital
- **When:** Registration begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 8
- **Where:** Maybury State Park, Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township
- **More info:** Visit www.leahshappyhearts.org to register and/or create a pledge page

helps the family cope.

Leah's tumor was in the brain stem and couldn't be biopsied. It was described to her parents by doctors as like taking sand from Jell-O.

Funds from last year's walk and other fundraising are supporting a book to be written by Ridge Wood Elementary teacher Sue Beth Balash in the Northville school district. The book will be for children diagnosed with tumors and their siblings.

"It's supposed to inspire hope for children," said James, adding C.S. Mott Hospital is also working on that. The main character will be named Leah and the book will share the girl's joyful spirit but not be her story. The book will be shared with other hospitals down the road.

At the June 8 event, the Northville Fire Department helps with a fire

truck and fire hats for the kids. "They've been great, always there for us," James said.

James and other organizers would be happy to raise \$20,000 from the June 8 walk. She appreciates "great sponsors," such as Domino's Pizzeria, Table 5 restaurant of Northville, Sunny J's of Plymouth, and Independent Bank of Livonia.

The James family moved to Florida in 2009, and plans to return to Michigan when Kylie graduates from high school, with Northville their first choice. "It's been difficult for her but she's getting along as best she can," mom said of Leah's death impacting Kylie. It was helpful when Kylie turned 16 and could visit the hospital, seeing work there. The teen also benefits from supporters at the annual walk. Karen James said it draws from Northville, Novi, Livonia and Plymouth, as well as their family members from Trenton, Whitmore Lake and Monroe.

James is pleased with this year's raffle prizes, including Detroit Tigers Den seats, an iPad and an American Girls doll. Leah's favorite color was purple, so the walk features purple T-shirts and balloons. Each walker will get a purple backpack.

Leah is buried in Livonia and the family appreciates a couple, friends and neighbors, who care for the grave. "I'm very lucky to have them," James said.

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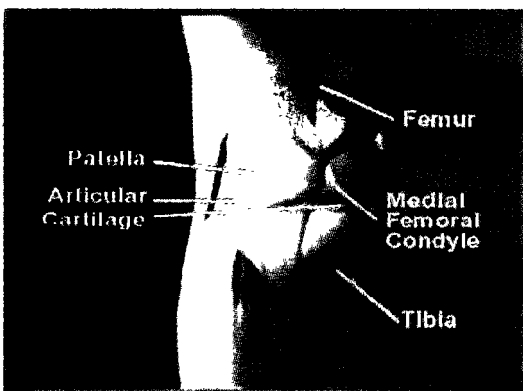


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New arrangements of familiar songs weave throughout the story including *I'm Late*, *The Un-birthday Song* and *Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah*.

Forever After Productions will present *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts in West Bloomfield at 1 and 7 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 29, and at 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 30.

The show has been double cast in order to feature the talents of nearly 90 youth ages 6-14 in a junior version of the Broadway musical which is based on the 1951 Disney film. The book was adapted for stage and additional lyrics were provided by David Simpatico. Music was adapted arranged, and added by Bryan Louiselle.

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vide quality performing arts education and family-friendly entertainment. Expanding from three to seven productions each season, Forever After Productions has become the premiere youth theater company serving southeast Michigan.

The Berman Center for the Performing Arts is at 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$15 each, and \$12 for groups of 15 or more. They can be purchased online at foreverafterproductions.com, by calling 734-547-5156, or at the box office one hour before show time.

For more information, visit the website at foreverafterproductions.com or call (734) 547-5156.

16 valedictorians led John Glenn Class of 2013

More than 400 seniors from John Glenn High School received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies Saturday at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

The graduates heard from Distinguished Alumnus William P. Blair. A 1971 John Glenn graduate, Blair is an astrophysicist and research professor in the department of physics and astronomy at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The class valedictorians were Megan Lynn Bache, Troy Nicholas Beverley, Izabela Birsanescu, Davis Clenney, Ashley Lynn Compton, Laura Catherine Darnell, Amber Marie Heery, Jewell Immanuel Jones, Steven Matthew LeBlanc Jr., Mariola Leka, Ashley Victoria Parsons, Christopher John Sabal, Victoria May Sheridan, Victoria Lynne Spencer, Rachel Nicole Trombley and Yuzi Nayeli Vazquez Rivera.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude were Bradley Esko Alholinna, Nathan D. Alvord, Jesse Ryan Atkins, Casey Austin Bone, Jacob Todd Burcicki, Tasha Noel Christensen, Samantha Rae DeRosia, Anthony Michael Dunn, Jeffrey William Huber, Carl Alexander Hudgins, Bailey Nicole Jarzempa, Bradley Tyler Mahoney, Aaron Christopher McClendon, Bridgette Ty Nesha Murphy, Ledian Qosja, Teresa Marie Richardson, Justin Daniel Rujan, Travis Douglas Sharp, Katelin Patricia Smith, Kirsten Elizabeth Smith, Riana Maree Smith, Ian Paul Villoroman, Kenneth Michael Webb, Ashley Marie White and Steven Elliott White.

The Magna Cum Laude graduates were Aaron Michael Alholinna, Rheana Ashanti Allen, Yvette Michelle Ayers, Veronica Carolina Blanc, Zachary William Bowser, Jordyn Danyelle Davis, Tessa Mackenzie Diaz, Brenton John Fifer, Jacob Ryan Fox, Desirae Joya Gladden, Tiana Michayla Grafton, Austin Lewis Hartford, Jasmine M. Hitt, Katelyn Elaine Jacobi, Karolina Kocovska, Keith William Kranning, Caitlin Elizabeth Lenard, Alicia C. Marnon, Amber Marie Newsome, Madalin Ioan Pop, Dajaniere Monay Rice, Dakota Robert Riopelle, Valerie Romanek, Nicholas Jacob James Schurig, Briona Danielle Steward, Kayla Rose Tadajewski, Torianna Jean Tauriainen, Kailey Danyel Vowles, Marie Danielle Walker, Erica Nicole Wilson and Haley Lauren Woodhouse.

The Cum Laude graduates were Samia Farouk Alkatie, Sara Aulidge, Janet Openifolu Awosika, Jessica Paige Barton, Sidney Nicole Bennett, Chase Alexander Bovia, Trudi Brothers, Mara Michelle Buie, Chase Tyler Burford, Servina Ceno, Marisa Rene Colosimo, Danielle Nicole Deck, David Sisko DeView, Nicholas J. Duncan, Devin Nicole Dyer, Andrew Thomas Floied, Stephanie E. Foley, Alec Joseph Gagern, Dylan Kevin Gartz, Kyle Blake Gillies, Violeta Gjocaj, Matthew Allen Goward, Jeremy Richard Gysel, Natalie Christine Hogue, David Michael Isaacs, Jasmine Marie Ivey, Kayla Le Shay Jackson, Katelyn Rose Johnson, Kathryn Jones, Justina Marie Kedzierski, Dustin Kelly, Rory Q. Kemp, Kaila Cristine Kendrick, Kylee Ketchum, Hailey Rose King, Lauren Nychole King, Hunter Aaron Kirchner, Miriam Asha Lewis, Courtne Irene MacQuarrie, Thomas S. Maycock Jr, Ryan Patrick McCarthy, Riley Alexander McCrea, Aaron



Senior Solomon Pickens couldn't be happier with the announcement that he was officially a graduate of John Glenn High School.



Graduate Alisha Caldwell waves to friends and family after receiving her diploma.



Relatives Margaret Lauer of Garden City, Megan Monett of Westland and Lou Jewell of Wayne take pictures of graduate Thomas Tobara.



Glenn Singers Jordan Collins, Tessa Diaz and Jordyn Davis sing "Shenandoah."

on Michael McLain, Marija Milevska, Magdalena Milevska, Marissa Melane Miller, Steven James Mirabittur, Donovan C. Moomaw, Jenna Rose Nabozny, Stephen Joseph Nodge, Jessica Elizabeth Peterson, Jenna Yvette Redden, Bryann Nicole Riblett, Samantha Kaye Richter, Razvan Valeriu Sav, Frederick Lee Schimansky, Kala Nicole Sherman, Laura C. Simons, Briana Lee Soto, Samantha Kaye Stefani, Megan Constance Stonebraker, Antonio Montarius Storks, Emily De Swope, Jamison Douglas Vincent, Kyle Allan Watts and Alyssa Christine Weeks.



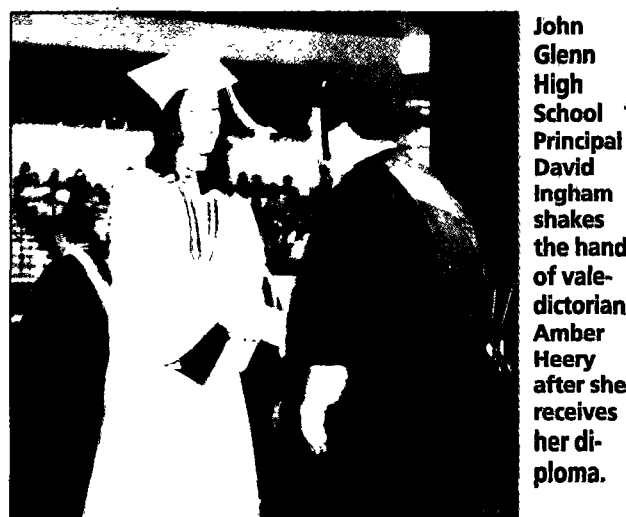
Aaron Carter gets a helping hand from Char Boardman of Westland, a secretary in the human resources department.



Veronica Blanc has her official graduation picture taken.



Toby Duncan gives a shout out to relative and graduate Nickolas Duncan as he enters the floor of the convocation center.



John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham shakes the hand of valedictorian Amber Heery after she receives her diploma.



Members of John Glenn High School's Class of 2013 file into the EMU Convocation Center at the start of the graduation ceremony.

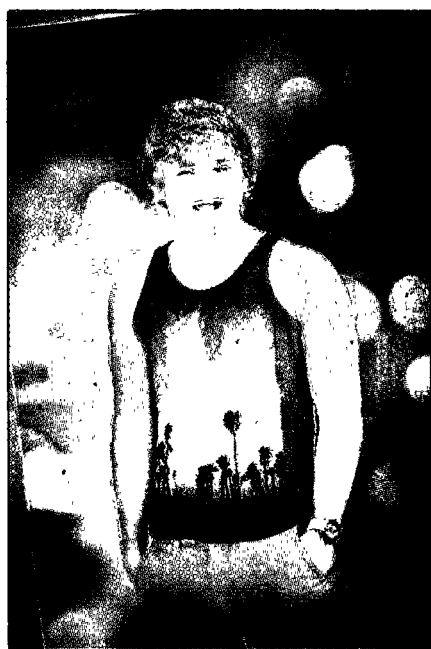


Prom Court

Eleven seniors vied for the honor of Prom King and Queen at Garden City High School. Named to the 2013 Prom Court were Sadie Crunk (front row, from left), Chad Collins, Tara Conoff, Robert Lucas, Leea Sandor, Alexa Slater (standing, from left), Nathan Reddmann, Bailey Terrell, Andrew Burek, Heaven Kayal and Matt Wisniewski. The honor went to Andrew Burek and Bailey Terrell.



Prom Queen Bailey Terrell



Prom King Andrew Burek

Don't fall for bogus charities

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

As I looked at the calendar, I realized that it is the 69th anniversary of the D-Day landings in World War II. Unfortunately, too many people in our society have forgotten about that day and the incredible acts of bravery that occurred. If you want to talk about heroes, all you need to do is read the stories about what happened on Omaha Beach and Utah Beach.

I bring this up because, unfortunately, too many people forget about the past and never learn from it. They repeat the same mistakes time after time. When it comes to, personal finance and investing, investors can't forget about the past — rather, they must learn



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the pictures of the carnage and destruction and the heartbreak the storm caused. However, we're also seeing people fall for the scams that are being perpetuated by so-called charities.

The scam artists are once again taking to the Internet, attempting to basically steal your hard-earned money. These low-lives set up websites and send out emails soliciting contributions for

from it. A perfect example of where the past is repeating itself deals with the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma. We've all seen

the victims in Oklahoma. You have to recognize in today's world, anyone can send emails and put up a website that looks legitimate. It is important to do your homework before sending any money to any charity.

You don't have to be an expert to research a charity; it's relatively easy. Use websites like www.charitynavigator.org or www.give.org. Both contain a wealth of information on charities so you can make a decision whether to contribute.

Good luck.

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

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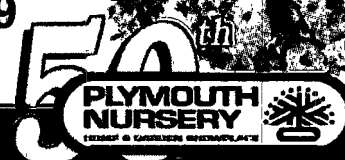
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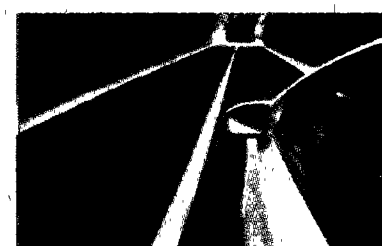
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Test drive: BlackBerry 10

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

So close, yet so far away. Those six words so perfectly describe the conundrum that is BlackBerry. Six to seven years ago, the now-embattled phone manufacturer had a stranglehold on the smartphone market. As unlimited texting plans became common place for students and recent graduates, the BlackBerry was no longer a tool exclusively for business people.



Tech Savvy

Then Apple struck. With the iPhone's easy-to-use interface, a robust app store and unique technologies, the BlackBerry quickly became obsolete. The BlackBerry Bold, Lightning, Storm and Storm 2 were all failures — at least when compared to each and every iPhone model and many of the top Android devices. Even the Windows Phones and Google Phones provided better reliability, service and features.

The BlackBerry 10, which was released this spring, was supposed to be BlackBerry's answer to all the previous mistakes and an answer to the critics who ditched it years ago.

But like the original BlackBerry Curve that gave BlackBerry one of the best-selling phones, the new BlackBerry 10 is so close, yet so far away.

I used the BlackBerry 10 extensively for about a week, courtesy of Veri-

zon Wireless, which carries BlackBerry 10 on its 4G network.

I found the new interface to be easy to use and somewhat refreshing — especially compared to the BlackBerry I used to own. The display is cleaner and more crisp than Android devices and the navigation is absolutely on par with the iPhone.

Unlike its predecessors, the BlackBerry 10 doesn't require any battery pulls. For those of you who never owned a BlackBerry, the dreaded battery pull was a daily occurrence when the device would crash. A few too many messages or emails and the unit would seize up like an original Nintendo.

This is no longer a problem and literally can't be, since the battery is internal, much like the iPhone.

But while the phone was a huge upgrade to anything BlackBerry has done before, it has still missed the mark in one major area: applications. BlackBerry App World still has such a limited app store that the device is not even worth considering.

Why would anyone give up an Android, Apple, Windows or Google device — with a virtually limitless supply of apps — for BlackBerry, which doesn't even have a free version of Netflix? Pandora doesn't exist in BlackBerry App World and neither do some of the newest social sites like Vine or SnapChat. Not even Instagram — the site purchased by Facebook for \$1 billion last year — is available for BlackBerry devices.

Moreover, some of my favorite niche applications for business travel, daily reading, gaming or productivity were

not available. My AT&T Uverse app? Forget about it — there's no DVRing shows remotely if you are in BlackBerry's world.

Even if BlackBerry were to make a huge push with developers to increase its application library, it is now trailing in two key areas where it used to lead: typing and free messaging.

One of the best features of the original BlackBerry models was the keyboard — it was and still is easier to use than a touchscreen. And although the new touchscreens aren't bad, quicker is always better.

Secondly, BlackBerry always had a huge leg up on the competition with its BBM (BlackBerry Messenger Service). With it, users could contact other BlackBerry users for free. It still exists on the BlackBerry 10, but what use is it if only one of your contacts has a BlackBerry?

BlackBerry messenger was a great tool that was neglected for too long, and I feel strongly that it is one of the reasons the company has faltered over the years. Assigning a lengthy and confusing pin number to message users with was hard enough. Scanning a QR code from their phone to add them to your address book was even harder.

Here we are six to seven years later and BlackBerry is still using that old technology that others abandoned long ago.

So close, yet so far away.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w.



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Among the changes taking place at Westland Shopping Center is the installation of new carpeting throughout the mall.

Westland Shopping Center gets makeover

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Visitors to Westland Shopping Center will definitely see things changing. From new benches outside to new carpeting inside, the mall is in the midst of a multimillion-dollar makeover.

The improvements come less than a year after Cushman & Wakefield Inc. took over management of the mall, located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

"This is the biggest improvements done since 2000 when the owner upgraded the interior lighting, painted, did the flooring and other amenities," said Carol Rutz, the mall's general manager. "The owner is committed to keeping the mall fresh."

The most noticeable change outside so far is the full color HD video marquee, that have 12 eight-second spots, featuring tenants and mall partners.

"The city of Westland will have the opportunity to make announcements through us and even issue amber alerts," said Patrick Derrig, the mall's marketing director. "We have an ad agency to help tenants

do a spot or they can do it themselves. Fifty-five tenants are interested in it."

Benches that were originally used inside the mall have been replaced with wrought iron park benches. There also are new bike racks and trash receptacles. The biggest exterior change, however, is a major makeover of the mall's five entrances that "will be bright and new," said Rutz. Work on the entrances was scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Inside, maroon, teal blue and gold carpeting has been installed throughout the mall. The change hasn't gone unnoticed by shoppers.

"They notice everything," said Derrig. "We had 400 responses on our Facebook page about the carpeting," said Derrig. "The community has been involved, this is really their mall."

There also are new decorative packages rolled out for last year's Christmas and this year's Easter season. The upgrades include a 26,000-LED lighted Christmas tree.

The updates come in advance of the mall's 50th birthday. It officially opened in 1965 and was one of the first enclosed malls in the

nation. The original anchor was J.L. Hudson's, now Macy's, which occupies 354,568 square feet. The mall added JC Penney in 1975, Kohl's in 1987 and Sears in 1997.

In addition to the four anchors, the mall has 70 specialty stores which attract shoppers from Westland, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne, Garden City and surrounding areas.

Improvements over the years have included development of the outlots in 2004 which brought in the Long Horn Steakhouse, Ashley's Beer and Grill and Panera Bread. In 2005, the mall turned the west court into a play area for youngsters, and more than a year ago, the mall brought in Ticketmaster and has become one of the top outlets in the state in terms of volume, Derrig said.

Even with the improvements, the success of the mall can be seen in its occupancy rate.

"Ninety-seven of our stores are leased and we work very hard to attract new tenants," said Rutz. "We're really looking forward to the 50th celebration in 2015."

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Ashley's adds beer garden

Ashley's Beer and Grill is about to break ground on a 126-seat authentic, outdoor Beer Garden next to its restaurant at 7525 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Owner Jeff Moore garnered the support of the Westland City Council on a special land use request to fence in a 10,000-square foot out-lot of the Westland Shopping Center, adjacent to the

restaurant.

The open-air beer garden will include communal style picnic tables, café tables, additional standing room and a stage where, tentatively, live music will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights weekly, with the possibility of including Sunday as well.

"We are hoping to have the new space open by the end of June or early July," said Moore. "We are excited to bring some

fun, music and entertainment to the City of Westland during the summer."

The site, which is currently part of the overall Westland Shopping Center and is accessed by a network of driveways, will be enclosed by fencing and will be constructed on the east side of the building. The site plan presented to City Council also allowed for the construction of a walk-in cooler on the east side of the building.

Finding the possible in impossible

By Clarity Patton
Newhouse
Guest Columnist

Even though or especially because sometimes the chaos

around us — at home or work or on the news — gets so intense that we need to step back for a moment to regain

some positive perspective. When we find ourselves thinking things like, "This is impossible!" Then it's time to take a deep breath



Clarity Patton Newhouse

A SUNNY NOTE

(pause for breath) and remember:

The impossible just takes a little longer.

I love that saying. It's a one line pep-talk I give myself periodically. So when situations seem impossible, hang in there. Have faith and confidence that your efforts will pay off and that with perseverance — especially perseverance — you will succeed.

Stay strong and have a sunny weekend!

Clarity

P.S. "Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done."

Louis Dembitz

Brandeis,

United States Supreme Court Justice 1916-39
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Upcoming Events

AUTISM FRIENDLY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, June 14

Location: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave Detroit

Details: An autism-friendly version of the musical, *The Addams Family, A New Musical Comedy*, will be performed for families with individuals on the autism spectrum. Gluten-free concessions, quiet areas, and other fun amenities will be provided. Tickets are priced at \$40, \$30 and \$15 and are available by calling (313) 471-3099. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Autism Speaks by Olympia Entertainment.

Contact: For more information, go online to www.olympiaentertainment.com/autismspeaks.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, June 15

Location: St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Come join parishioners as they celebrate the church's 50th anniversary as a faith community. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be at 4 p.m. It will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit. A reception will follow in the Parish Social Hall.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 425-4421 (vm#10).

VETERANS EVENT

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18

Location: VFW Post 7546 Pvt. John Lyskawa-Pvt. William P. Tutro, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Wayne County Commissioner Diane L. Webb is inviting the public to attend her second annual Veterans, Families and Caretakers Event. Doors will open 5:30 p.m. Keynote speakers include State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, chair of Veterans Appropriations Committee; Robert Price, director of Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and Kevin Kelley, director of Wayne County Senior and Veteran Affairs. Service providers that will be there include U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Disability Claims, Justice Outreach, Social Security and Women Veterans Outreach, Michigan Department Military and Veterans Affairs, Wayne County Senior and Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Buddy To Buddy, American Red Cross, along with various other educational, vocational and employment specialists. Veterans picture IDs will be made on location and available free of charge to veterans who provide a valid driver's license, along with a copy of their DD214.

EAA CHAPTER 113
Time/Date: 7-11 a.m. Sunday, June 16
Location: Mettetal Airport, 8550 Lilley, Canton
Details: EAA Chapter 113 will hold its annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at the airport. In addition to breakfast, there will be helicopter rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program.

Contact: For more information visit the EAA website at www.113.eaachapter.org.

Trip to NYC

Time/Date: Oct. 3-9

Location: New York City
Details: The Garden City Public Schools Leisure program is offering a trip to New York City in October. The price of \$699 per person includes seven days six nights, double occupancy, motor coach transportation.

Contact: For more information, call Cambridge Leisure Department at (734) 762-8430, ext. 306.



Electric Vehicle Show

Check out a Mitsubishi i-MiEV. Learn about the latest technology and products for electric vehicles. Ride in cars, hybrids, scooters and more. It's all waiting for visitors at the fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The free show and rally takes place on the main campus (Parking Lot North) on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. Event co-sponsors are Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Electric Auto Association in partnership with Clean Energy Coalition, DTE Energy, Greening Detroit and Observer & Eccentric Media.

FAMILY FUN WALK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8

Location: Maybury State Park

Details: Leah's Happy Hearts is a local charity named in memory of 5-year-old Livonia resident Leah James, who lost her battle with a brain tumor. It works to raise awareness of pediatric brain tumor and supports research for a cure. The charity also provides hope to local families and children battling life-threatening illnesses. The walk is a family event that includes a light lunch, refreshments, entertainment and lots of raffles. For more information, visit <http://www.leahshappyhearts.org/> or contact Kristen Collins at (734) 522-1269.

TAIL WAGGERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8

Location: Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

Details: Tail Waggers 1990, a Livonia-based non-profit organization that helps people help animals, is inviting the public to participate in the "Case of the Dead Paparazzi," a Murder Mystery fundraiser for the new Livonia Wellness & Spay/Neuter Center the organization hopes to open by mid-summer. Cost is \$25 per participant. Teams of four will race through downtown Plymouth to solve a crime. Taking place entirely on foot, the event will feature real actors, riddles, scavenger hunting and problem solving. The event is limited to 25 teams/100 people and features prizes for the winning team and an after party with pizza, munchies and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is available. Registrations must be received by June 1.

Contact: www.tailwaggers1990.org; (734) 855-4077

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.

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.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, 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

Fall Craft Shows

ST. THEODORE

Time/Date: 9 am to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2013

Location: St. Theodore's Parish, 8200 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. We have 70 tables available at a cost of \$25 each. No vendors please.

Contact: Mary at (734) 425-4421 (VM #10)

ST. MEL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5

Location: St. Mel's Parish Gym, 7506 N. Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Crafters are needed for St. Mel's Fall Craft Show. There are more than 50 tables available. Table cost is \$30., table with electricity is \$35.

Contact: For applications, call St. Mel's at (313) 274-0684 or email us at stmels-craftfair@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

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own

community.

Contact: (800) 370-8592

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: (734) 416-4906

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light house-keeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: (888) 973-1145

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at (734) 629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland

Details: - Westland

Details: A support & education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people who are caring for family members 60 and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at (734) 629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

For Your Health

W-W NAMI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month

Location: St. Johns Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: The Wayne-Westland affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provides support and information for individuals and families dealing with mental illness.

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays

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

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

Contact: Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth MI

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

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

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

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

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

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

Contact: Lucy at (734) 462-1768, www.MetroFibro-Group.com

MENOPAUSE & MORE

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

Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: (734) 655-1100

COUNTERPOINT

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

Contact: (734) 563-5005

TOUGHLOVE

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

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

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

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

LIFECARE

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

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

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

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

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Marshall Upper Elementary 35100 Bayview Westland, MI 48186	Wayne Memorial High School 3001 Fourth Street Wayne, MI 48184

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OUR VIEWS

The festival organizers aim to offer good, clean fun for families. They also provide security - and pay for it. But they have no control over who attends. It's a public event and so it is open to the public.

Carnival ban
Call to end them
deserves consideration

Organizers of the Westland Summer Festival must be wondering what hit them. A council study session last week to discuss concerns over the bill for police overtime at last year's festival and security turned into a call by Councilman Bill Johnson for a city ordinance banning carnivals.

Some might think Johnson's request is a knee jerk reaction to the melee that broke out between gangs at the Westland Firefighters Charity Fund carnival last month. But that incident may be more of the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

The festival for all that it does for the city has had some headline grabbing problems in the past, especially during the fireworks, which attracts the biggest crowds. In 2006, a woman was stabbed during a fight that started over a bumping incident. In 2010, a Canton man was shot after a fight broke out over someone stepping on another man's shoes. Last year, a five-year-old girl was assaulted by a drunken Detroit man.

The festival organizers aim to offer good, clean fun for families. They also provide security - and pay for it. But they have no control over who attends. It's a public event and so it is open to the public.

Organizers are cognizant of problems. In response to an unruly crowd refusing to leave the carnival during the 2011, there were changes in security for 2012, including the use of Livonia Police Reserves for traffic control. That seemed to work. Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said that, as a police officer, last year was the first year he felt police had control at the festival.

It is unfortunate that hot heads and gangs have ruined such events. Carnivals are what they are, money makers for the folks who bring them to town. In the case of the Westland festival, the money the carnival generates helps pay for the next event.

Carnivals should be filled with screams of delight and smiling faces. People who attend them have a right to expect to be safe and secure, but it's getting difficult to provide the kind of the security to keep bad behavior in check.

The Garden City Rotary just weeks away from holding its second annual carnival is being proactive in asking the Garden City Police about beefing up security in light of last month's brawl. It paid \$1,200 last year and would pay more for security to ensure a safe and successful event. There were no problems last year, and no decision has been made about this year's event.

In 2004, Garden City resident John Thackaberry described as "a parent's worst nightmare" the phone call he got, saying his son Chris and his friends had been involved in a shooting at the Detroit Freedom Festival Fireworks. Almost a million people had gathered on the Detroit waterfront for an enjoyable evening. Instead Chris and his friends were diving for safety when shooting erupted. Chriss's friend was one of several people injured in the fracas. It was a close call.

And last month's fight also was a close call. It could have been a lot worse than it was.

That's why Johnson's call for a ban on carnivals should be given serious consideration. Bad behavior cannot be outlawed, but those things can that bring together people who'd rather settle a minor dispute by pulling out a gun or a knife or youth looking to fight their foes over new turf.

Those types of people are like moths attracted by the light of a carnival. Maybe it's time to turn out that light. Unfortunately, it will be events like the Westland Summer Festival that will suffer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite Sesame Street character?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



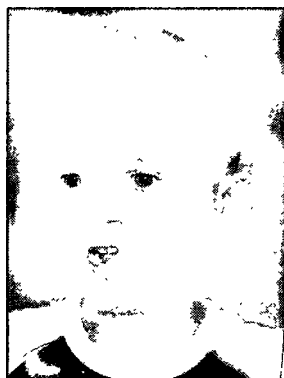
"I don't really like them, not usually."

Lily Becker
Westland



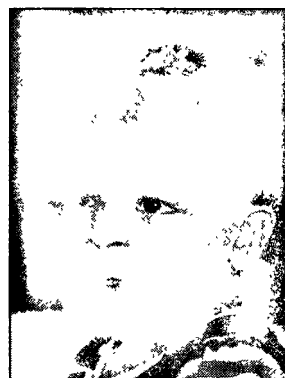
"Elmo — he always watches him on the Internet and on the cell phone."

Nadine Smith answering for her son.
Juan Javier Felix
Inkster



"Elmo and, yes, I do like it when he sings."

Evan Klimiewicz
Redford



"She likes Elmo. I think it's the voice that attracts kids."

Gabrielle Berby, speaking for her daughter, Alayah Berby
Detroit

LETTERS

Downtown needs upgrading

Wayne Ripple Effect 173 volunteers strong has given back in volunteer hours in the past 2 1/2 years, approximately \$ 83,000 in value. Today, in Nolan Finley editorial column, regarding Westland Mayor William Wild running for Wayne County executive the following was stated: He (Mayor Wild) put in place a strategy to grow the tax base and drive up home values by improving the business district and adding parks. Westland gets it ... you need to improve your business districts.

City of Wayne has parks and parking lots, but our downtown business district needs major upgrading. WRE is being held back in our efforts to become a Michigan Main Street Community to grow downtown Wayne into a vibrant, walk able downtown. The State of Michigan has a Michigan Main Street Program just waiting for us, but we need the cooperation of the city — city officials and elected officials.

At the meeting of City of Wayne Downtown Development Authority (DDA) this past week, the Wayne Ripple Effect made a presentation and requests some financial help for the cost of hiring a Wayne Michigan Main Street Manager. State of Michigan through Main Street provides resources to us to make downtown Wayne all that it can be, but a requirement is having a Main Street Manager.

DDA would rather buy a vacant radiator shop as an investment and put major portion of DDA funds into the general fund. The DDA levies a tax on each business owner in DDA zone, tax is designed for the enhancement of downtown Wayne. Business owners and citizens should make the city accountable for how those tax revenues are spent in the downtown.

At the DDA meeting, the Wayne Rotary Club committed to match funds with the city towards the hiring of a Wayne Main Street Manager. The Wayne Rotary Club needs a vibrant downtown to draw business people to be members. Wayne Rotary constantly is giving back to the community.

City of Wayne citizens and businesses deserve better!

Pat Rice

president, Wayne Ripple Effect

Thank you, teachers

The next time you hear our governor, state legislator or school board criticize the 'greed' of teachers who want to be treated fairly, think of Newtown, Conn., and Moore, Okla. The next time you hear an interview of the school superintendent who refuses to negotiate with the teachers union, think of Newtown and Moore.

Think of all these brave, life saving teachers who truly with their actions, care for our children. Those weren't governors, senators or school board members shielding children from tornado winds in Oklahoma, Those were teachers.

Thank you all.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Boost to Wayne

As a longtime resident of Wayne, I often hear people lament of how Wayne used to be, while Wayne may never have the same stores of the 1960s, it can become a vibrant, alive community of downtown businesses and events with the right vision and planning.

In an effort to promote downtown revitalization, the Wayne Ripple Effect presented to the City of Wayne DDA on May 30 the benefits of the Michigan Main Street project. Wayne Ripple Effect is participating in the project on the Associate Level but would like to move to the Select Level. The following facts were presented to the DDA:

- 1. Main Street is a National Program with 2000 communities participating coast to coast.
2. The program has spurred \$49 billion in reinvestments in traditional commercial districts, galvanized thousands of volunteers and changed the way government planners and developers view preservation of downtowns.
3. In 2012 in Michigan for every dollar a participating community spent in support of the operation of their Main Street program \$60 in new investments occurred.
4. In 10 years Michigan Main Street has helped communities generate over \$100 million in private and public investments; has seen 661 net new or expanded businesses; has had 995 net new jobs, and has helped with 663 façade rehabilitations. All in downtowns of small towns like Wayne.
5. Upon reaching the Select Level \$200,000 of resources from the State of Michigan would be available including design services, economic restructuring, promotion and organization.

To reach the Select Level Wayne Ripple Effect must be able to show the Michigan Main Street program that the funding is in place to run the program for five years. To this end we requested that the DDA revise their proposed expenditures for 2013-2014 by reducing the \$98,000 Acquisition/Demolition line item by \$10,000. This would allow

Ripple Effect to receive a matching grant from the Wayne Rotary Foundation. While most of the DDA members were supportive of the program they were unwilling to reallocate their existing funds despite the overwhelming success of Main Street in other communities.

I would encourage the citizens and business owners in Wayne to go to www.michiganmainstreet-center.com to see what the Main Street program would do for the City of Wayne. Review the 2012 Michigan Main Street Annual Report and see for yourself what the Main Street program has done for the 16 communities that are at the Select or Master level. Then talk to the council people you know about supporting this game-changing program for the City of Wayne.

Cindy Schofield

City appointments

On the Wayne website appears a link for information regarding Boards and Committees. Some members are elected officials who apparently appoint each other to boards and committees. Some of the members have little or no background in the work they are supposed to be doing. At least one of them has done business with the very board he is serving on (at the time he serves on it).

If you thought local government was simple in Wayne City, please review the following list:

- Beautification Committee, Board of Canvassers, Board of Review, Building Authority, Cable Communications Regulatory Commission, Cemetery Board, Commission on Aging, Development Area Citizens Council, Downtown Development Authority, Electrical Examining Board, Economic Development Corporation, Employees Suggestion and Awards Board, Festival Commission, Historical Commission, Housing Commission, Library Board, Mechanical Building Construction Board of Appeals, Personnel Board, Planning Commission, Plumbing Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Development Area Citizens Council is interesting. Minutes online are from March 2011, but there have been what amounts to secret meetings since then.

The DACC features a clergyman who published electronic documents on his religious website that seem to apologize for or even praise Tomás de Torquemada, Grand Inquisitor of Spain, 1483-98. Torquemada attracted people in Spain to downtown markets by burning some at the stake.

We also have a City Council, Election Commission, Fireworks Fundraising Committee, Local Officers Compensation Commission, Procedure Committee, Recreation Advisory Board and when they all get tired, a Wayne Employees Retirement Board.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Vacation Bible School

The First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland is holding its annual Vacation Bible School 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 17-20. The program is for children in kindergarten-fifth-grade and includes a light meal. The theme is It's a Beach Party.

The church is at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post office. For more details, call (734) 721-4801.

Casino trip

Join the Wayne Rotary Club for a trip to the Motor City Casino Saturday, June 15. A deluxe motor coach will leave the Wayne Activity Center (formerly the senior center) on Sims at 3 p.m.

The bus will drop off in front of the casino and depart at 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and includes \$30 of slot play. You must be 21 years old and have photo identification.

For more information, call Trish at (734) 890-6934.

Electronics recycling

If you're spring cleaning and need somewhere to dispose of unwanted electronics, circle Saturday, June 8, on your calendar.

The James M. Hannan Division of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets is holding an electronics recycling event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday June 8, in the parking lot of Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood at Henry Ruff in Garden City. The event is hosted by SR Processor and they safely dispose of all items.

Acceptable items included computers, monitors, printers, laptops, stereo equipment,

cell phones, microwaves, large household appliances (non-freon units), wooden console and projection TVs and VCRs. Items not accepted include biohazards, hazardous waste, liquids, smoke detectors, bare CRTs, broken glass on monitors, TVs or fluorescent bulbs.

There will be a \$25 charge for items containing freon. There also will be a \$10 charge from hard drive DOD Wipe. Hard drives will not be returned.

The cadets also will have a bake sale and will be selling hot dogs, chips and water. For more information, go online to www.sprocessor.com or call (734) 732-0959.

50th anniversary

St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, located at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 15.

The Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, will preside at a 4 p.m. Liturgy. All former parishioners are invited to join in the special Liturgy and a reception that will follow.

On Sunday, June 16, the church will hold a 50th anniversary dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road. Tickets are \$35 each and include hors d'oeuvres served at 2 p.m., followed by dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a cash bar and music by "Strings of Choice."

Contact the Parish Office at (734) 425 4421 (vm #10) for more information or to obtain tickets by June 1.

Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy,

between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

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

Community bake sale

Area non-profit groups are invited to set up a booth and participate in a Community Bake Sale beginning at noon Sunday, July 7, as part of the Westland Summer Festival.

For applications or more information, contact Pam Martin at (734) 595-0697 or auntp@wow-way.com.

Suite raffle

Are you a Detroit Tiger's fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the White Sox at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time! The suite also includes a \$300 Food Credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Juene-mann Insurance Agency or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. July 18, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club.

For more information, call Jeff at (734) 261-5010.

Ripple Effect

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

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

Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

Toastmasters is a world leader dedicated to helping people develop their public speaking and leadership skills, in a mutually helpful and friendly atmosphere.

Westland Easytalkers meets 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information, call Ludie at (734) 414-0034 or Curt at (734) 525-8445 or go online to westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org/.

Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

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

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Westland events celebrate arts

The Detroit Institute of Art's Inside/Out program, now in its fourth year, has brought six reproductions of masterpieces from the DIA's collection to Westland. To celebrate the DIA Inside/Out program, the city has been holding assorted events called DIA Days in Westland at the various art installation sites throughout the months of April, May and June.

With the program coming to a close at the end of June, Westland Mayor William Wild is inviting residents of all ages to celebrate the DIA art in the city, by participating in a Wild About Art Bike Tour and Youth Art Contest.

To encourage the appreciation of art in our youth, anyone under the age of 18 is invited to submit an original piece of art that is on an 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch page to the Mayor's Office by June 13. Students are encouraged to use any medium but are asked to use the theme of "Your Best Summer Day Ever." It can be a day that has already happened or one that is yet to be had.

The contest will be

judged in three age groups: first-fourth grades; fifth-eighth grades and ninth-12th grades. One entry per student will be accepted.

On Saturday, June 15, bike riders of all ages are invited to bring their bikes to City Hall for the Wild About Art Bike Tour.

The tour will start at the City Hall, 36601 Ford, at 10 a.m. Wild will lead the tour from City Hall to Tattam Park, on to the Westland Historic Village Park and end the tour at the William P. Faust Library, where special prizes will be given to the winner in each age group for the Youth Art Contest.

Wild will announce the winners at 11:30 a.m. at the library. Children are encouraged to wear helmets and must be accompanied by an adult.

Westland is one of 13 communities participating in the spring 2013 Inside/Out program and has six of 81 reproductions on display.

For more information on DIA Days in Westland and a map of the art installation locations, visit cityof-westland.com/dia.

Busy Women's Retreat
Relax and Revitalize
Friday, June 14
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Greenmead Historical Park
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(CPS 2071,02)

9:30 a.m. **Check In** (Alexander Blue House)
10:00 a.m. **Beginning Yoga** Instructor provided by Livonia Yoga Center. No mat required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.
10:45 a.m. **Meditation** Meditation to soothing music, guided by Dave Krajovic, Global Breathing Institute.
11:15 a.m. **"Gaining a New Perspective"** Karen Danto, LMSW, ACSW will discuss how to identify negative mental frameworks and to develop ways to shift your perspective.
11:45 a.m. **Box Lunch and a Short Walk** Sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Division of Sports Medicine (henryford.com/sportsmedicine)

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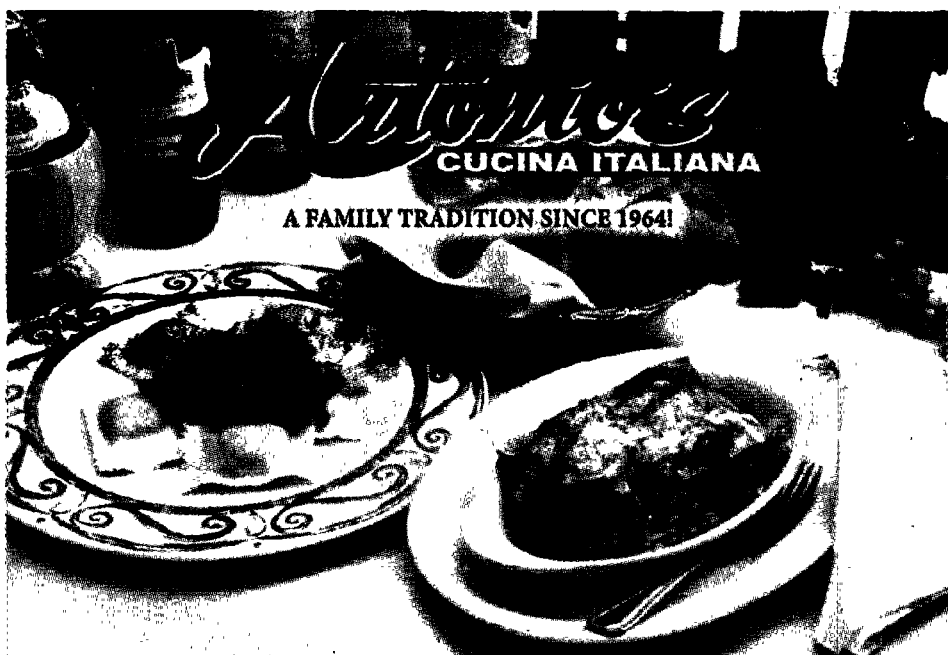
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Hospice of Michigan, Angela Hospice partner to expand pediatric care

Hospice of Michigan, the oldest and largest non-profit hospice program in the state, has received a grant that will allow it to bring its Pediatric Early Care program to Southeast Michigan by collaborating with Livonia-based Angela Hospice.

PEC is appropriate when a child is diagnosed or is living with a potentially life-limiting illness, continues to receive curative treatment and is not yet eligible for hospice services. HOM provides a wide range of PEC services, including compassionate support and education for the whole family, to help maintain the child's comfort of body, mind and spirit.

HOM will collaborate with Angela Hospice to offer prenatal counseling and hospice referrals when appropriate for the patient. Angela Hospice was one of the first hospices in Michigan to offer pediatric care to families of children with life-limiting illness. In 2001, Angela Hospice became the first organization in Michigan and only the second in the United States to offer prenatal counseling, serving parents who are facing the knowledge that their unborn baby may not survive or may be born with a life-limiting illness.

Collaboratively, these programs offered by HOM and Angela Hospice comprise a full continuum of pediatric services to Southeast Michigan. Referrals to the PEC program will come from many institutions in Southeast Michigan, including area hospitals, pediatricians and other health care providers. The general public is also encouraged to refer patients and families to the program.

"When we reflect on hospice care, we typically think of the support needed for elderly patients and their families. Yet, families who are facing the realities of a very sick child or baby also need a tremendous amount of support," said Angela Hospice Executive Director Mary Beth Moning. "We are pleased to be partnering with Hospice of Michigan as they expand the breadth of their PEC program. Our goal is to provide the best support possible for children and their families, and together we'll be able to help even more children and families in our community."

HOM President and CEO Dottie Deremo noted: "Our partnership with Angela Hospice to provide perinatal and hospice services allows us to offer a full continuum of pediatric care and prevents the duplication of programs, which is so critical in today's healthcare environment. Angela Hospice is a like-minded partner that shares our philosophy of patient care."

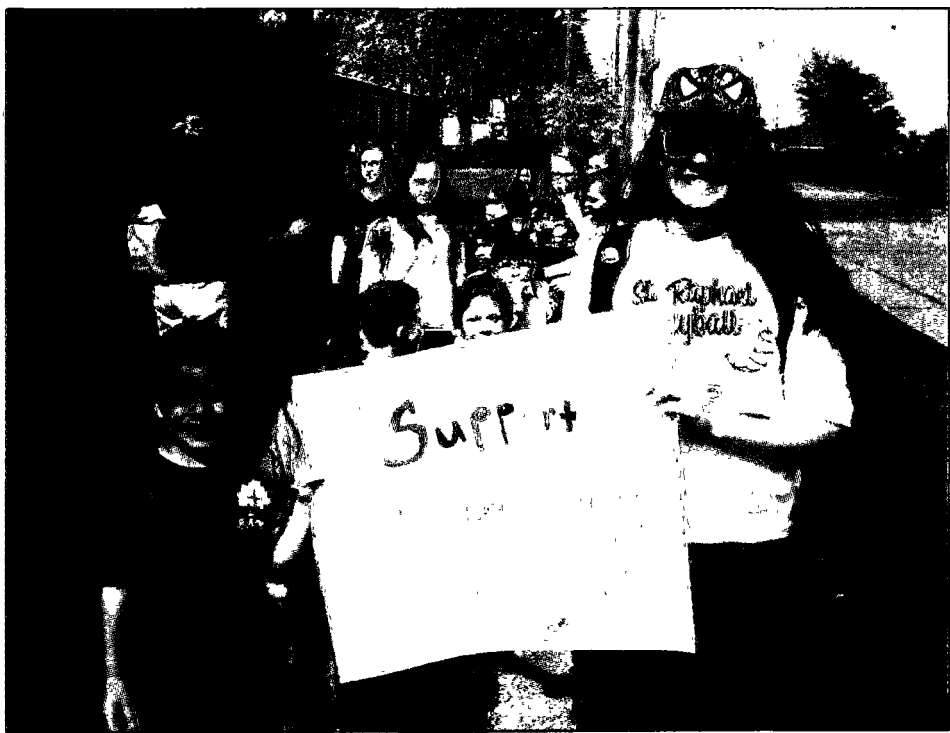
HOM has hired Alexa Frye, an experienced pediatric-licensed mas-

ter social worker, to provide the individualized support to patients and families for its pediatric early care program in Southeast Michigan. The program will be directed by Mary Spicketts, pediatric program director for HOM who has led the perinatal, early care and pediatric hospice programs in West Michigan since 2006.

HOM began accepting patients and families into the PEC program in Southeast Michigan in mid-April. PEC services include:

- Pre-planning to ensure that day-to-day decisions can be made based on patient and family goals and values, rather than in a state of crisis.
- Emotional support for the patient and siblings using interactive methods such as play therapy, art therapy, sand tray therapy, pet therapy, music therapy and other innovative options.
- Memory-making activities, such as jewelry, hand and foot molds, photography, videography and 'legacy' work.

HOM provides its PEC program free of charge to all patients. Unlike traditional hospice services, which are typically reimbursed through private insurance or Medicare, much pediatric care is not covered. The generosity of individual, corporate and foundation donors allows HOM to provide specialized pediatric services without regard to pay.



Madellinne Strasser and Drake Rohraff carry a sign explaining what the walk was about.

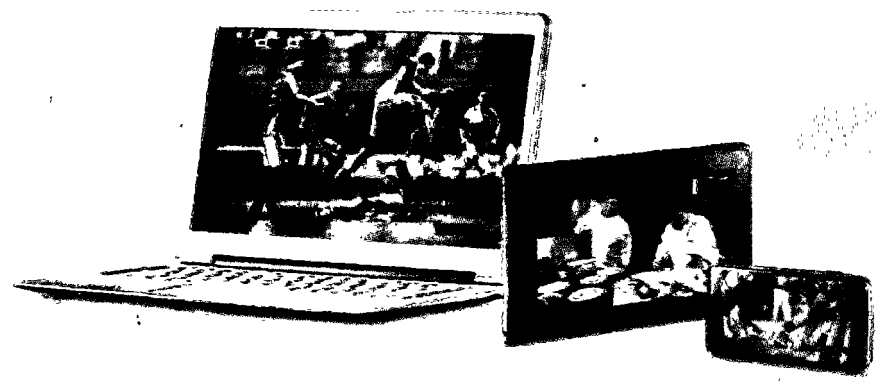
St. Raphael students walk for juvenile diabetes

Students at St. Raphael School in Garden City put their feet to work recently to help raise money for Juvenile Diabetes. The local walk-a-thon raised \$1,500 for juvenile diabetes research during the second annual event. Students enjoyed a police-escorted walk from St. Raphael School on Beechwood and Merri-

man to the American Pie Restaurant on Middlebelt for lunch. After lunch, they walked back to school, all to raise both awareness and dollars for this important cause.



Kendall Meadows, Hayley Shupert, Jenna Linden, Sydney Babcock and Jacey Law enjoy lunch at American Pie after walking there from St. Raphael School.



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SPORTS

Regina boots No. 1 Blazers on PKs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Warren Regina turned the MHSAA Division 2 girls soccer tournament upside down Tuesday night by upsetting No. 1-ranked and Catholic League champion Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in a shootout at St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

The Saddlelites, who improved to 11-9-2 overall, won despite being outshot 22-1 while holding the Blazers scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation time and a pair of 10-minute overtime

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periods.

Regina then won the match on penalty kicks, 4-3, to advance into Thursday's regional final against defending state champion Birmingham Marian, which also advanced with a 3-0 victory over Trenton.

"It was all about us scoring a goal," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team finished 20-3-2 overall. "We just didn't get it done. It's obviously a very disappointing end to the season and to a high-

ly successful era our nine seniors provided."

Regina goalkeeper Sarah Hirschman made nine saves in the first 100 minutes and two more on PKs in the shootout.

Ladywood's Domenique Sarnecky, Jenna Urso and Shelby Walsh each scored on their PKs, but the Blazers came up one short in the shootout.

"Their goalkeeper made no mistakes, had no dropped balls and played a clean game," Shingledecker said. "It's the first time we've shut out all year."

Meanwhile, Ladywood

senior goalkeeper Sara Even had to make just one save for the team's 17th shutout of the year.

"They Regina packed it in," Shingledecker said. "We were inside their 18-yard box all night and they maybe crossed mid-field 10 times, but you've got to score."

District champs

The Blazers capped off a week of domination in the district tournament Saturday with a 10-0 victory at home over Hazel Park.

Ladywood outscored its three district opponents

by an aggregate of 30-0 with all three matches never going into the second half.

The Blazers, who outshot the Vikings 25-0, got a pair of goals from Kennedy Bullard and one goal and two assists from Emily Huddleston.

Brenna Wright, Urso and Sarnecky each added one goal and one assist.

Even and Whitney Bauriedl didn't have to make a save for the Blazers, while Bailey Curry had six for Hazel Park.

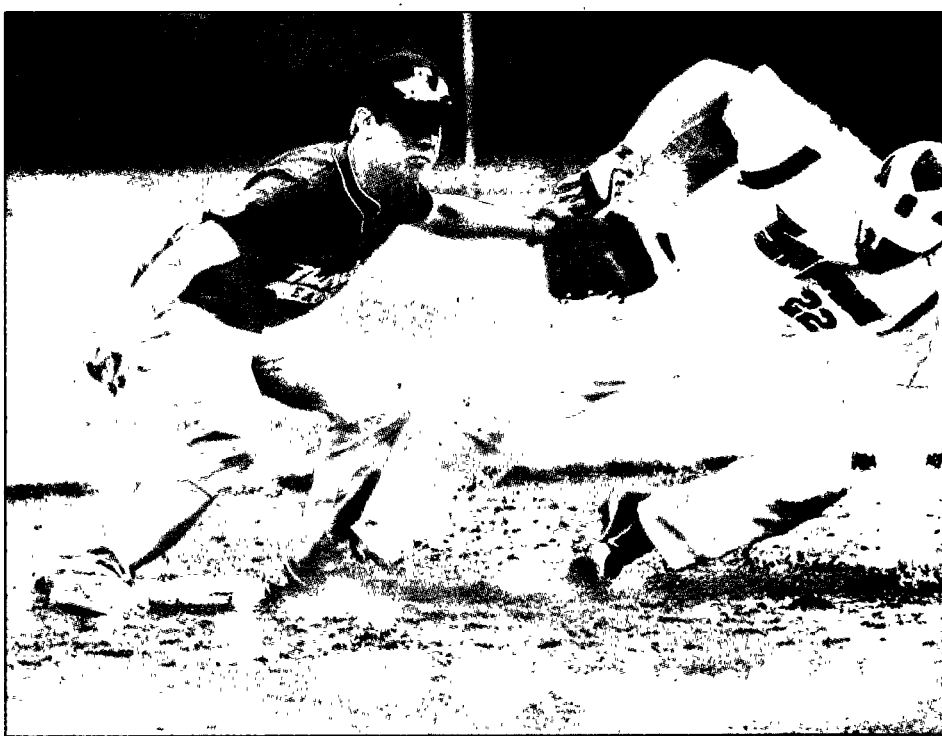
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Gooding gets All-American

Madonna University senior pitcher Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) capped off his career by earning honorable mention honors for the 2013 NAIA Baseball Coaches Association All-America team.

Gooding, who also named first-team All-America in 2011, is the Crusaders' career wins leader (31) with 19 complete games and four shutouts in 308.1 innings.

This season, Gooding went 5-2 in 11 starts allowing just 16 earned runs in 63.2 innings to go along with 78 strikeouts as the Crusaders captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title and finished 37-12 overall.



Livonia Stevenson's Mike Kanitra slides in under the tag of Redford Thurston's Jake Paulisin.

Kanitra's clutch hit lifts Spartans

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson left-handed slugger Mike Kanitra may not have gotten all of what turned out to be the money ball in the top of the fifth inning of Saturday's Division 1 district championship game against Livonia Franklin.

But he got more than enough of it to help propel the host Spartans to their second straight district crown.

With Spartans on first and second and the back-and-forth game deadlocked at 3-3, the 6-foot-

3, 210-pound Kanitra launched an Alex DeYonker pitch into the right-field corner, just in front of the 302 sign, plating the winning runs in Stevenson's 6-3 triumph.

"The pitch I hit was pretty low, so I just tried to get my bat on it," said Kanitra. "Thank God the ball hit the barrel of the bat. It went a lot further than I expected it to go."

Kanitra was thrown out at third while trying to stretch the moon shot into his second career triple, but the damage was

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

LCSC Premier rules tourney

The Livonia City Soccer Club's under-13 girls premier team, coached by Livonia's Jeff Bobo, finished 4-0 and scored 14 goals en route to a division title in the 35th annual Memorial Day Invitational Soccer Tournament in South Bend, Ind.

Team members include: Megan Verant, Allison Kaupp, Natalie Hawkins, Kiana Buchanczenko, Jillian Amad, Madison Sonnefeld, Caitlin King, Teresa Semak and Jennifer D'Antonio, all of Livonia; Lindsey McGowan, Rose Hodge, Reagan Woodward and Lizzy Roy, all of Canton; Tatiana Ivanac, Farmington; Erin Abramczyk, Farmington Hills; Kathryn Horn, Northville; and Hayley Mayes, Commerce.

Division 2 champs roll 16-6 in district

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Defending Division 2 girls softball champion Livonia Ladywood aced its district tournament test Saturday with an impressive offensive display at South Lyon East.

The Blazers improved to 29-9 overall with a 16-6 six-inning victory over the host Cougars in the championship final

after disposing of Redford Union, 12-0, in the district semifinals.

"We came out and hit the ball well, it's the best we've hit the ball all season," Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "We've been really working on keeping our front side in and we hit the ball very well. We didn't pitch as well as we can, but we played

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Chiefs survive Aresco's 3-run HR sinks Churchill

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After Canton's emotional 5-0 district semifinal victory over rival Plymouth which featured a no-hitter by Hanna Warren, another team was lying in the weeds ready to spoil the Chiefs' afternoon.

And Canton had to rally from a pair of three-run deficits before getting a clutch two-out,

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three-run homer from junior shortstop Paige Aresco in the bottom of the sixth inning to stave off upset-minded Livonia Churchill, 8-5, for the Division 1 girls softball district championship at Northville.

The Chiefs, now 27-5 overall, will square off against Catholic League A-B Division champion Farmington Hills Mer-

cy in the regional semifinals beginning at noon Saturday at Novi.

"They jumped on us right away and got us down a little bit," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We weren't fired up at the beginning. I told the kids, 'This is your game to win. It's time to wake up and start playing. You should be playing bet-

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Patriot camp

The Franklin Football Future Patriots camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1, grades one-six) and 12:30-3 p.m. (Session 2, grades seven-nine) Saturday, June 15, at the high school fieldhouse and stadium, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$25 per session. For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livonapublicschools.org.

Franklin catcher Caitlin Milican throws a Garden City runner out at first base. The Patriots lost the district semifinal, 12-10.



ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Garden City knocks off 2 Livonia teams

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Kodak moments have become early-June rituals for Garden City's girls softball team.

On Saturday afternoon at Livonia Stevenson, the Cougars posed proudly with their fourth consecutive Division 1 district championship trophy as their parents clicked away with their digital cameras.

This title demanded an extra-focused effort. Garden City relied on

some timely hitting and an inspired effort by senior pitcher Gabby Joseph to survive a spirited performance by Livonia Franklin, 12-10, in Saturday's first semifinal game before knocking off the host Spartans, 6-2, in the title tilt.

The Cougars will carry an impressive 24-7 record into Saturday's D1 regional semifinal game against St. Clair Shores Lakeview at Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Shaw camp

The fourth annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" Football Camp (grades four-12) will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Clarenceville High School.

The camp is open to the first 150 registrants (includes T-shirt).

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C'ville pair also gain top 8

Livonia Churchill brought home three All-State performances from Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 Lower Peninsula Track & Field Finals held at East Kentwood.

Senior Emily Norscia repeated her third-place showing in the girls discus with a throw of 126 feet, 5 inches after hitting a mark of 118-4 as a junior.

Jae'vyn Wortham of Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse won the event with a throw of 144-6.

Churchill's Ashley Cochran, also a senior, cleared 5-3 to tie for fifth in the high jump as Novi's Kerri McMahan finished first with a leap

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of 5-6.

On the boys side, junior Jacob Hage placed fifth in the pole vault with a personal best 14-4 to score four points for Churchill. Dylan Kole of Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills won the title at 14-10.

Meanwhile, John Glenn senior Kirsten Smith, who is headed to Michigan State, placed third in the 300-meter hurdles with a clocking of 44.96. Southgate Anderson Breanna Luba took first in 43.91.

Livonia Clarenceville also put two on the podium in the Division 2 finals Saturday at Grand Rapids Forest

Hills Eastern.

In the boys 300 hurdles, senior Ma Sambou Jatta ran 38.7 to take third and score six points for the Trojans. Nick Robbins of Forest Hills Eastern won in 38.05.

In the girls high jump, junior Ayanna Buckley placed fourth with a leap of 5-4 as Ade Ayoola of Grand Rapids Christian cleared 5-5 to take first.

At the Division 4 finals at Hudsonville's Baldwin Middle School, Lutheran High Westland's Jenna Wisner, only a freshman, placed seventh in 5:27.28. Traverse City St. Francis' Holly Bullough was first in 5:07.37.

Rams, Steel finish 1-1-1 in series

The crisp sound of wood bats could be heard once again Monday night at Ford Field as the Michigan Rams outslugged Michigan Steel, 9-4, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action.

J.P. Maracani went 2-for-3 with a double, triple and two RBI, while Brett Ramirez (Salem/Madonna University) went 2-for-4 with three RBI to pace the Rams, who evened their LCBL mark to 1-1-1.

Tyler Baker also chipped in with two hits and two RBI, while Jon Newman drove in a run as the Rams broke the game open with five runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to chase Steel starter Chase Keathley.

Winning pitcher Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Ste-

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venson/Wayne State) pitched five innings allowing three runs on four hits and two walks while striking out three. Luke McCatty went the final two innings.

Dan Muller (Livonia Franklin/Henry Ford Community College) went 2-for-4, while Chase Schmittou, Nate Gendron and Randy Kuzdak each drove in a run for the Steel (1-1-1).

STEEL 3-4, RAMS 1-4: On Sunday, the Michigan Rams and Michigan Steel opened their LCBL seasons with the Steel taking the opener, 3-1, behind Jake Varcie's complete-game three-hitter while the nightcap ended up in a 4-4 draw after eight innings due to a 2-hour and 30-minute time limit at Ford Field. Varcie struck out seven and

walked five, while Donnie Eaton went the first 4.1 innings and took the loss for the Rams.

Eaton gave up three runs, but all were unearned. He struck out eight and walked two. Chris McDonald (Stevenson/Hillsdale College) set the final five batters down in order.

Austin Nogiec and Travis Rodery each had an RBI for the Steel, while J.P. Maracani had an RBI for the Rams.

In Game Two, Evan Plechota (Stevenson/MU) pitched 6.2 innings allowing just one earned run on five hits and four walks for the Rams. He struck out seven, but Steel rallied against reliever Jake Gardner for two runs in the top of the eighth.

John Schriberg went the first six innings for the Steel followed by Ben Staley, who gave up two runs each in the seventh and eighth innings.

Maracani, who had two RBI, Trenton Drumheller and Ben Yax each collected two hits for the Rams, while Dylan Yancy went 2-for-4 for the Steel.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (all Saturday, June 8)

DIVISION 1
at GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Grosse Pointe South, 10 a.m.; Detroit Western International vs. University of Detroit Jesuit, noon; **championship final:** 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at Sterling Heights Stevenson vs. New Baltimore Anchor Bay regional champion.)

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS DIVISION 2

at DEARBORN EDEL FORD (all Saturday, June 8)
Semifinals: Livonia Ladywood vs. Melvindale, 10 a.m.; Center Line vs. District 59 champion, noon; **championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at Novi vs. Bloomfield Hills Andover regional champion.)

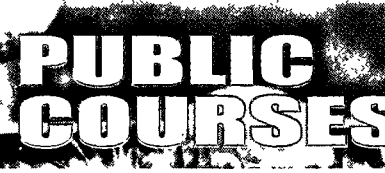
DIVISION 4
at GROSSE POINTE WOODS

UNIVERSITY-LIGGETT Semifinals: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 10 a.m.; Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, noon;

championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at Adrian College.)

BOYS GOLF REGIONALS Thursday, June 6
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For more information, visit catholiccentral.net; or call CC coach Bill Dyer at (734) 679-6773.

Running camp

Breakthrough Running Camp will stage a series of running seminars from 5-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 22-26, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Special guests include Olympian Paul McMullen, NCAA champ Jordan Desilets and Big Ten champion and All-American Erin Webster.

Seminars also included high school All-Americans, college coaches and sports dietitians.

The cost is \$125. For more information, visit breakthroughrunningcamp.com.

MU volleyball

Madonna University will be offering a variety of summer volleyball camps including:

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To obtain a camp brochure, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

For more information, call MU volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham (734) 432-5612 (office) or (734) 254-0698 (evenings). You can also email jabraham-216180mi@comcast.net.

Future Stars

Livonia Franklin will hold its Future Stars summer baseball camp (grades 2-8) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday-Thursday, June 24-27, at the high school.

The cost is \$60 (includes T-shirt). The registration deadline is Friday, June 21.

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

CHS volleyball

The Livonia Churchill volleyball came will be Wednesday, June 17

through Thursday, June 25 at the high school.

The cost is \$99.

For more information, call Churchill coach Anna Gatt at (734) 306-3793; or email amkgatt17@yahoo.com.

Franklin hoops

The Livonia Franklin basketball camp (grades 4-9) will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 8-11 at the high school.

The cost is \$65 (pre-registered) or \$75 (walk-up).

For more information, visit franklinbasketball.com; or email franklinball@gmail.com.

Kelser hoops

The Gregory Kelsner basketball camp (boys and girls ages 7-17) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 24-28, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$225 per camper. (Bring a sack lunch Monday through Wednesday. Lunch will be provided by Kelsner, Inc. on Thursday and Friday.)

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Tough 4th inning costs Warriors district crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Lutheran High Westland's five-year reign of district titles came to an end Saturday as host Plymouth Christian Academy scored all nine of its runs in the fourth inning en route to a 9-6 victory.

That came after the Warriors reached the Division 4 district championship game with a dramatic come-from-behind 5-4 semifinal triumph over next door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

But PCA captured the title erasing a 4-0 deficit

by taking advantage of five Lutheran Westland errors.

The Eagles will now face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in the regional semifinals beginning at noon Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"To say I'm disappointed is an understatement," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team finished 21-5 overall and captured the MIAC Red Division. "Through three innings we hadn't given up a hit and had chances to blow the game open and didn't. The fourth was just a night-

mare of an inning with so many errors on routine plays. We should have been out of the inning multiple times."

Winning pitcher Daniel Jipping aided his own cause with a grand slam in the fourth, while Matthew Sumner added two RBI for the victorious Eagles.

Matthew Sumner collected two hits, including a solo homer in the fourth, while Matthew Read also added two hits and scored a run.

Jipping, who went all seven innings, allowed six earned runs on seven hits and eight walks. He

struck out eight.

The Warriors were led offensively by Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-3, RBI) and Kevin Brewer (2-for-3, RBI, two runs).

Losing pitcher Jordan Williams allowed nine runs, but all were unearned on seven hits and eight walks. He struck out four.

"PCA didn't produce anything after that inning either, which makes it even harder," said Wade, whose team left nine runners on base. "They made some plays, but we beat ourselves in that inning which led to the loss. We had a great season and it

was hard to have it end like this, but good luck to PCA, they did what they had to do and moved on and I wish them the best."

In the district semifinal, Nick Flanery's one-out, walk-off RBI double proved to be the difference as Lutheran Westland rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat HVL, which finished 12-5 overall.

Winning pitcher Nate Abbott went all seven innings scattering eight hits and three walks while striking out six.

Flanery went 2-for-4, while Mark Mika added a double and belted 2-run

homer in the bottom of the sixth to help erase a 3-1 deficit.

The Hawks regained the lead 4-3 in the top of the seventh on Adam Hodgson's RBI sacrifice fly scoring Justin Howell, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Ryan Schaffer, the losing pitcher, also went 3-for-4 with two RBI. He allowed five runs on seven hits and one walk over 6.2 innings.

"It was a heartbreaker," HVL coach Matt Schaeewe said.

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Livonia Franklin's Josh Gorman scattered six hits in his complete-game victory over Garden City.

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already done.

Stevenson will take a 24-12 record into Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal to face host Grosse Pointe South High School. (Game time is 10 a.m.)

"Both districts we won — last year and this year — we played our hearts out," Kanitra said. "We knew neither game today was going to be a walk in the park (the Spartans defeated Redford Thurston, 8-0, in a semifinal match-up). We didn't take either team lightly. We played hard and came out on top."

The result epitomized what has been a season of near-misses for the Patriots, who finished 14-18.

Franklin, which edged Garden City, 3-1, in the day's second semifinal encounter, lost just two games this spring by four runs or more, according to coach Matt Fournier.

The Patriots were bolstered by inspired pitching performances from seniors Josh Gorman in the first game and DeYonker in the final.

"Both Josh and Alex threw very, very well down the stretch this season, so I could have gone with either one of them in either game," said Fournier. "Josh pitched against Stevenson earlier this season (a 2-0 Patriot victory) and Garden City hadn't faced Josh, so I threw him in the first game. Those

two guys have been our horses all year and they pitched well again today."

The Spartans threatened to blow the doors off the title game in the top of the first when they took advantage of a rare DeYonker wild streak to score one run and load the bases with nobody out.

However, the Madonna University-bound southpaw wiggled out of the jam with just a one spot on the board for Stevenson.

Franklin seized a short-lived 2-1 lead against Kanitra in the bottom of the second when Kevin Nisun and Dan Johnson delivered run-scoring hits, but a Kanitra RBI single knotted it up at 2-2 in the top of the third.

Patriot second baseman and No. 9 hitter C.J. Garrick came through with a clutch RBI single in the bottom of the fourth to push the Patriots back in front; 3-2, but Stevenson pushed three across in the fifth. Kanitra's two-run double was preceded by an RBI ground-out from Josh DeYonker.

The Spartans tacked on an insurance run in the sixth when Billy Bonanno's two-out single scored pinch-runner CJ Weiss.

Kanitra faced the minimum nine batters over the final three frames. Nisun led off the fifth with a single, but was caught stealing.

"Today was a total team effort," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman. "Mike did good job pitching and he had a big hit,

but starting with the first game we did a lot of little things as a team — getting bunts down, making plays, not missing signs — that led to the district championship.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to coach this wonderful group of dedicated kids."

Kanitra scattered seven hits while yielding just one earned run. He struck out three and didn't issue a walk.

DeYonker managed to throw a complete game despite giving up seven hits and seven free passes. He struck out a pair of Spartans.

Kanitra and Josh DeYonker were the only two Stevenson players with two hits. Alex DeYonker and Nisun ripped two hits each for the Patriots.

The DeYonkers are cousins and faced each other for the final time as prep athletes.

STEVENSON 8, THURSTON 0: Senior Jake Semak limited Redford Thurston to just two hits in Stevenson's victory over the Eagles in Saturday's first semifinal game.

Kanitra paced the Spartans' seven-hit attack by going 2-for-2 with three RBI and two runs scored. Travis Harvey added a pair of hits and two runs, while Brandon Jurczynski contributed three RBI and a run. Matt Hunt had two hits and a run for the winners.

Allen Smith-Buford and Austin Benoit recorded Thurston's only two hits. Semak was in control the entire game as he faced just 24 batters. He struck out 10 and did not walk a batter. Thurston's Tyler Dudenas suffered the loss after yielding seven hits and four earned runs over 5.2 innings.

Northville escapes Chargers, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

PREP BASEBALL

Livonia Churchill was one hit away from making some noise Saturday's Division 1 district baseball tournament at Northville.

But the Chargers came up one run short in a 2-1 district semifinal setback to the Mustangs, who went on to win the title with a 9-0 win over KLA Association champion Canton.

Northville (21-8) won it in the bottom of the seventh on Brad VanHulle's one-out, walk-off RBI single after the Mustangs drew a base-on-balls followed by a stolen base.

Churchill (16-12-1) grabbed a 1-0 lead in the

second when Nick Misiak, who went 2-for-2 with a sacrifice on the day, doubled, advanced to third on Riley Brown's sacrifice bunt and scored on Austin Hovermale's groundout.

Northville, however, tied it in the fourth on Taylor Turner's RBI single.

Turner, the winning pitcher, went the first 6.1 innings allowing the one run on four hits and a walk while striking out three.

Churchill's John Szymanski pitched well in defeat allowing just five hits. He walked five and struck out three in 6.1 innings.

"I'm very proud of our guys," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz, whose team edged Salem in Wednesday's predistrict, 4-3.

"Our pitching was good and we had good fielding — no errors. It was a solid game. It was just too bad we came out on the short end, but it was a good baseball game."

"We had opportunities, but did not get the big hit. Not to point fingers at anybody, it's just baseball."

Northville advances to the regional semifinals 10 a.m. Saturday at Novi where they will face North Farmington.

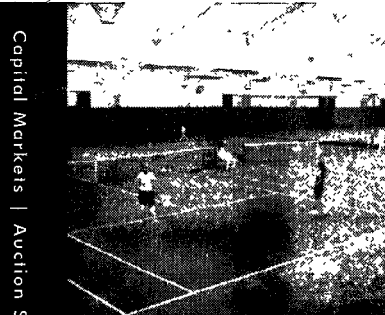
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Days of Thunder

The Livonia City Thunder, a 13-and-under baseball team, defeated the Riverside Royals, 14-9, to capture the May Day Classic May 12 at Founders Park in Livonia. The Thunder began tournament play May 11 with victories over the Redford Rebels, 8-2, and the Huron Valley Rebels, 7-5, before posting an 11-6 semifinal win over the Oakland Wildcats. Team members include (kneeling, from left): Zack Chops, Jack Bushart, Connor Jakacki, Joe Kubeshesky; (second row, from left) Kenny Larkins, Connor Beck, Craig Jakacki, Parker Graham, Josh Page, Carl Clapp, Mike Harding, Spencer Weber, coach Joe Jakacki; (back row, from left) coaches Dave Kubeshesky, Joe Chops and Dennis Bushart.

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SHS cheer clinics

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The cheer clinics include one-on-one instruction in technique and skill development.

The pre-registration cost is \$20 for each session or \$25 for walk-in.

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Livonia golf deals

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Eye on regional

HVL captures Division 4 district crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The fourth time also proved to be a charm Saturday for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball team.

The Hawks improved to 14-7 overall by winning their own district against Lutheran High Westland, 5-1, in the semifinals followed by a 15-0 four-inning mercy rule victory over Plymouth Christian Academy in the finals.

But it was the fourth straight win this season next door neighbor Lutheran High Westland (11-13) that proved pivotal.

Sophomore Julie St. John, who went all seven innings to earn the victory, limited the Warriors to three hits. She walked two and struck out eight.

Junior shortstop Brooke Kuehn went 2-

for-4 with a homer in the bottom of the sixth, while St. John helped her own cause with a 3-run homer in the fourth to break a 1-1 deadlock.

HVL got a run in the third on singles by Madison Ott and Brooke Kuehn followed by a Jessie Strauch hit by pitch and an Anne St. John walk.

Chandler Davenport, who went 2-for-3, homered for the Warriors.

Julie St. John's 3-run blast over the center field fence was set up when Sarah Setian doubled and Ott reached base safely on a fielders choice.

Losing pitcher Emily Hahn, a sophomore, allowed six hits, walked one and hit one batter while fanning three.

"We played and error free first game and our bats looked better today," HVL coach Kris Ruth said.

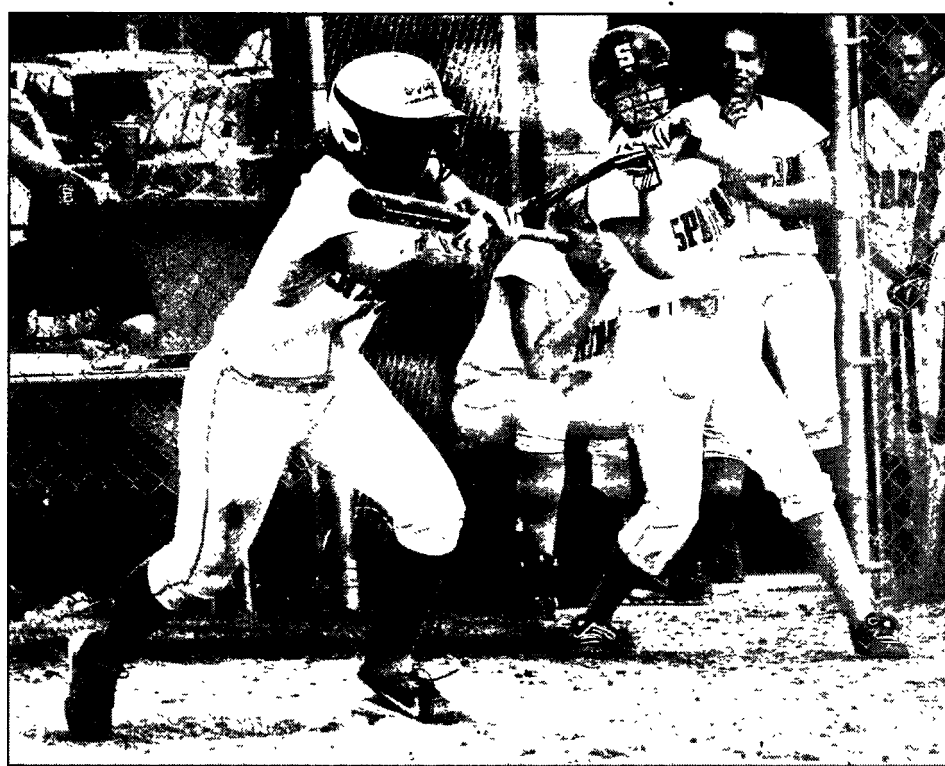
The championship final proved to be anticlimactic as the Hawks rolled past PCA as Kuehn went 2-for-4, including a grand slam and five RBI to pace a 15-hit attack.

Ott, a freshman catcher, went 3-for-3 with a double and three RBI, while Setian, a junior first baseman, went 2-for-2 with a double and three RBI.

St. John, who faced just 16 batters, went all five innings and did not allow a hit. The only PCA runner to reach base was a result of an error.

The Hawks advance to the regional semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett where they will face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

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Stevenson's Madelyn Omietanski drops down a sacrifice bunt during Saturday's game against Garden City.

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The other regional semifinal features Detroit Western and Detroit Renaissance.

Both of Garden City's triumphs on Saturday were nailbiters — just as coach Barry Patterson expected they would be.

"It was a battle all day long," said Patterson. "I thought three of the four teams today were evenly matched, so I knew it was going to take a team effort. We don't have any superstars this year. We have eight to 10 girls who play well together and do the little things — laying down bunts, advancing runners, things like that — that lead to success."

Price, who worked the first two innings, and Madelyn Hass, who pitched the final three, combined on a three-hitter while striking out seven.

In the other semifinal, East eliminated Livonia Clarenceville, 19-0, as the Trojans ended their season at 11-14 overall.

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one-through-nine are hitting. We can bunt the ball and we're starting to steal a little more, so the offense is going and perking up right now, and that's what we've been working on."

Price, who worked the first two innings, and Madelyn Hass, who pitched the final three, combined on a three-hitter while striking out seven.

In the other semifinal, East eliminated Livonia Clarenceville, 19-0, as the Trojans ended their season at 11-14 overall.

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"Those walks will get you every time," said Reilly, who took over the reins of the team after first-year coach Lauren Delapaz resigned last month.

"We had our chances, but we got beat by a good, well-coached team."

"These girls have been very resilient the last few weeks of the season. We won one tournament and finished second in another, and we were right there today. I'm proud of them."

Tale of two semis

Stevenson advanced to the title game with a 15-0 trouncing of Redford Thurston. Spartan pitcher Erika Randall spun a no-hitter as she faced just 10 batters in the three-inning, mercy rule-shortened game. Morgan Copperstone powered the offense with a two-run homer.

Garden City's path to the final was much tougher due to a gutsy performance from the Patriots, who led 7-6 after three innings.

The Cougars seized the lead for good with a six-run fourth that featured consecutive RBI hits from Kelsie Powell, Julene Pummill and Gab-

by Joseph. Rachel Spellman (squeeze bunt) and Rachel Bommarito (RBI ground-out) also knocked in runs in the productive frame, boosting the Cougars' advantage to 12-7.

Franklin fought to the end, scoring twice in the sixth on three hits and a GC error.

Morgan Larkin's single plated Sarah Cramton to bring the Patriots to within 12-9.

With two runners on and one out, Cougar third baseman Abby Joseph extinguished the Pats' threat when she speared Caitlin Milican's vicious shot and threw to first for the inning-ending double play.

The Patriots (19-14) were dangerous in the seventh as well.

Lauren Michael and Mackenzie Lukas delivered back-to-back singles to start the frame. Becky Giacobbi then plated Michael with a ground-out to second base.

Gabby Joseph put the hammer down, however, by getting 4-5 hitters Katelynn Devers and Maggie Leins to pop out and ground out, respectively.

Crowning glory

The championship match-up featured a little bit of everything, including a runner's-interference call, a runner called out after getting hit by a batted ball and a successful appeal that turned a would-be triple into an out.

The most noteworthy occurrence, however, was a splendid pitching display by Bommarito, who tossed a complete-game four-hitter against a potent Spartan line-up.

GC struck in the bottom of the first when Bommarito and Katelynn McIntosh walked, advanced a base on a double steal, and scored on consecutive ground-outs by Abby Joseph and Kaylen Glenfield.

The Spartans (13-22) knotted the game at 2-2 in the top of the second when Copperstone and Randall led off with consecutive singles. After Madelyn Omietanski advanced both runners with a slick sacrifice bunt, Copperstone came home on a wild pitch before Randall followed

moments later on a double by freshman second baseman Allison Koes-tering.

The Cougars grabbed the lead for good with a single run in a bizarre bottom of the second.

With one out, Pummill walked, Hannah Vera-Burgos singled and they moved up to third and second on an error.

Spellman then hit a sharp ground ball to Stevenson shortstop Kelsie Lapinski, who collided with Vera-Burgos, who was headed to third. Vera-Burgos was ruled out, leaving runners at the corners for GC.

After Bommarito walked, McIntosh reached on an error, scoring Pummill. Abby Joseph followed with a sharply hit ground ball that appeared headed toward right field, but the ball clipped McIntosh, who was sprinting toward second, ending the frame with GC in front, 3-2.

The Cougars tacked on single runs in the third (RBI single by Pummill) and in the fourth when McIntosh walked, then circled the bases on three wild pitches, upping the GC lead to 5-2.

Stevenson's Megan Coliton opened the fifth with a sizzling triple to right field.

However, the Cougars appealed the play, saying she missed first base. The umpires agreed and the Spartans only had one runner advance as far as second base the remainder of the game.

The Cougars' final run scored in the sixth when McIntosh worked Randall for a one-out walk, stole second and came home on a single by Glenfield.

McIntosh was the Cougars' catalyst, reaching base four times — three on free passes — and scoring three runs.

GC managed just six hits off the Stevenson mound trio of Copperstone, Natalie Reilly and Randall.

Bommarito did not register a strikeout or a walk during her efficient, complete-game gem.

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LADYWOOD

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very good defense."

The Blazers, who advance to a 10 a.m. Saturday regional semifinal at Dearborn Edsel Ford, collected 25 hits in the two district wins.

Senior third baseman Celeste Fidge went 3-for-4 with four RBI, including a three-run homer in the sixth inning against South Lyon East (20-10).

Micaela Warner added a three-run blast, while Andria Gietl went 2-for-5 with five RBI.

Warner, Gietl, Anna Lewis and Erika Selakowski each collected two hits in the victory.

Winning pitcher Rozlyn Price went all six innings scattering six hits and six walks while fanning two.

Against RU, Selakowski belted a three-run homer to highlight a nine-run second inning.

Christina Meyer also went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while Fidge was 2-for-4 with two RBI in the five-inning mercy.

"The wind was blowing out and we popped a few out," Combs said. "That broke people's backs. I like the way our

CHIEFS

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ter than what you are.' They decided, I guess, to turn it on and start playing. I'm proud of them. They did a heckuva job after being down that many runs ... I'm proud."

While the hard-throwing Warren proved masterful in the shutout win over 31-5-1 Plymouth, she was rendered only human against the 28-12 Chargers, who jumped on the Canton ace for three runs on four hits in top of the first inning.

Julia Cavagnini took Warren's first pitch to the right-center field gap and Casey Bias, Nicole Salloum and Melanie Richardson each followed with RBI singles to make it 3-0.

Canton got two runs back in the third thanks to singles by Aresco and Jessica Webster sandwiched around a Churchill outfield error to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Churchill, however, made it 5-2 in the fourth taking advantage of a Canton infield error followed by Katie Shereda's bloop two-run single to right field.

In the bottom of the fifth, Canton evened the score at 5-all.

Aresco, who went 3-for-4, started the rally with a one-out single. Catherine Porter followed with a walk and Aresco came on Webster's single.

Warren then hit a hot shot into the hole at second base that Churchill's Maggie McGowan knocked down on a spectacular back-handed stop from going into the outfield. But before McGowan could gather herself and make a play, Porter scored from second and courtesy runner Elizabeth Yager alertly came all the way around

from first.

"She (Yager) saw the opportunity and took it," Arnold said. "And it wasn't on me, it was on her. She made a great decision and scored."

With score tied at 5-5, Canton seized the momentum in the bottom of the sixth.

Kaitlyn Keys and Shannon Watson both doubled, setting the stage for right-handed hitting Aresco with runners on second and third and first base open.

"I was not thinking they were going to walk me," said Aresco, who laced a Shereda 1-0 pitch over the left field fence. "I just tried to stay relaxed and put a good swing on it. It was a fastball and it got quite a bit of plate. It felt pretty good coming off my bat."

Churchill coach Steve Gentilia had momentary thoughts about walking Aresco, but decided to pitch to the Canton lead-off hitter.

"We thought about it a little bit, but we rolled the dice with that a little bit of that already this year and got bit on it," said Gentilia, who lost to Canton 10-6 and 2-1 in two KLAA South Division meetings this season. "We wanted to let them play, battle through it, and make the plays, or not make the plays. Katie (Shereda) was pitching well at the time and was doing everything she needed to do. One pitch got in on the middle and she (Aresco) jacked it."

Warren, meanwhile, settled down late in the game, retiring nine of the final 10 Churchill hitters she faced, including a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

She gave up six hits, walked two and struck out six.

"That's the best we've hit against Hanna Warren," Gentilia said.

"Hanna is a great pitcher, she's going to do a lot of great things. Our girls stood in the box, they weren't afraid of her. They took it and put it back at her. Even Hanna said after the game that's the hardest she's been hit in a long time. For a pitcher to come up and tell the girls that, that's shows what type of person she is, too."

Canton had a total of 11 hits with Aresco and Webster, a senior third baseman, each collected three, while Sarah Wagner added two.

"We started off down, so we had to fight back," Aresco said. "We persevered and strung some great hits together and managed to score. With the more at-bats the more we became comfortable, more used to what she (Shereda) was throwing. We were putting better swings on it at the end of the game."

Despite the loss, Gentilia was pleased with his team's effort all season.

"They're a great group of kids and they do everything we ask of them," he said. "They came out ready to play today and they weren't going to beat themselves, and they didn't. Canton beat us today and that's OK. They're a great group of senior girls and they showed it today."

CHURCHILL 14, NORTHVILLE 4: In the second district semifinal, Katie Shereda belted a grand slam in the sixth inning and Mellanie Richardson added a two-run blast in the second to propel Livonia Churchill (28-11) to a win over the host Mustangs (11-16) in six innings. Shereda, Richardson, Lauren St. Pierre, Nicole Salloum and Julia Twigg each collected two hits in the victory.

Richardson, the winning pitcher, went all six innings allowing four runs on four hits and two walks while fanning five.

Jessica Jones took the loss for Northville, while Micaela Petrucci had two hits.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT May 31-June 1 at Midland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Port Huron Northern, 24 points; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 22; 3. (tie) Grosse Pointe South and Clarkston, 20 each; 5. Northville, 14; 6. (tie) Traverse City Central and Ann Arbor Pioneer, 13 each; 8. Ann Arbor Huron, 12; 9. West Bloomfield, 11; 11. Troy, 11; 12. (tie) Hudsonville and Novi, 8 each; 14. Holland West Ottawa, 4; 15. (tie) Livonia Stevenson, Saline and Utica, 3 each; 18. (tie) Hartland and Troy Athens, 2 each; 19. Livonia Franklin, 1. victory.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Mary Hanna (Saline) defeated Lexi Baylis (Clarkston), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3); **area results:** Carolyn McCullen (Franklin) def. Iris Su (Athens), 6-1, 6-1; Winnie Karoub (Mercy) def. McCullen, 6-2, 6-3; Rachel Reichenbach

(Hartland) def. Aimee Moccia (Stevenson), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.
No. 2: Lizzie Brozovich (P.H. Northern) def. Aerielle Pendleton (W. Bloomfield), 6-2, 6-3; **area results:** Caroline Hay (Stevenson) def. Abbey Rice (Troy), 6-3, 6-4; Pendleton def. Hay, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3: Dana Olsen (Clarkston) def. Maggie Sweeney (G.P. South), 6-0, 6-4; **area finishers:** Rosa Wu (A.A. Huron) def. Laura Shureb (Stevenson), 6-2, 6-0.

No. 4: Madie Flournoy (G.P. South) def. Jessie Guindi (Mercy), 7-6 (7-2), 6-3; **area results:** Batool Hussain (Stevenson) def. Allison Lollo (Novi), 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; Guindi def. Hussain, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Fran Basha-Alexis Wirtz (P.H. Northern) def. Paige Olsen-Alex Whall (Clarkston), 6-1, 6-0; **area results:** Katie Collins-Brittney Friesen (Troy) def. Arryn

Dochenetz-Sam DiGiovanni (Stevenson), 6-2, 6-1.

No. 2: Anna Hinrichs-Mackenzie Zierau (Mercy) def. Jenna Brettschneider-Maddie Neaton (P.H. Northern), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; **area results:** Ji Won Choe-Maya Fields Jacobs (A.A. Pioneer) def. Josie Abdulbaki-Shelby Seay (Stevenson), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3: Evie VanDeWege-Alysa Roopas (A.A. Pioneer) def. Amy Tseng-Maggie Bacheller (P.H. Northern), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; **area results:** Katie Krueger-Angelica Kalogeridis (G.P. South) def. Maddie Chimento-Julia Grammatico (Stevenson), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Shannon Williams-Libby Quinn (Northville) def. Julie Flanagan-Sarah Hinrichs (Mercy), 6-2, 6-4; **area results:** Kelly Hayes-Susan Fender (W. Ottawa) def. Sam Cyrus-Sarah Morse (Stevenson), 6-0, 6-3.

Church 'pledges allegiance' in concert

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a concert of patriotic music, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 9, in its sanctuary, 40000 Six Mile, Northville.

"I Pledge Allegiance," featuring vocal and orchestral music, also will include a tribute to honor veterans

who have served, or are currently serving in all branches of the military. Ward Chancel Choir, Ward Orchestra and the Pulse Teen Choir will perform.

No tickets are needed for this annual event. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

RELIGION CALENDAR

June

BARBECUE

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, just west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: Food will include: North Carolina Pulled Pork Shoulder, Southern Bar-B-Q Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, red-skinned potatoes and lemonade. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$22 for a family box. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$24 for a family box while supplies last. Carry out will be available. Bulk quantities also will be available; inquire for price.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9

Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi

Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Ratzel. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with ID

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church, which describes itself as a small, friendly congregation with a "heart for God's word, now offers an afternoon contemporary service. It also offers a prayer service at 11 a.m., a worship service at 11

a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and evening Bible study at 6 p.m.

Contact: Rev. Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

FINE ARTS CAMP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24-28

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

Details: Registration has begun for this camp for children entering grades 2-8. The theme of the week is "Joseph: from the pit to the palace." Youngsters will participate in fun-filled drama, art, music, hand bells and Bible time. They'll each choose one class to "specialize" in. The final day of camp will include an evening celebration when campers will show family and friends

what they learned during the week. Lunch will be included in the camp. Registration is \$35 by June 3. To register or for more information call the church or visit its website

Contact: (248) 553-3380; www.princeofpeacehills.org

ICE CREAM AND MUSIC

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. June 8

Location: Oakland Hills Community Church, 37150 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Enjoy an ice cream cone while listening to the Chuck Tocco Band

Contact: (248) 478-5001

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. June 9

Location: Spicer House inside Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: The Guild studies and creates Judaic needlework. The June meeting will include a dairy potluck luncheon

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6-20

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville

Details: Participants will tell and listen to favorite memories, June 6; Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" columnist for the "Observer & Eccentric" will answer questions about appliance problems, maintenance and care, June 13; cards and games night, June 20. Ice cream will be available for \$5 after each session

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LYNAS, HELEN JOY

Born in Bothwell, Ontario, Canada on June 6, 1923. Departed on June 4, 2013 and resided in Plymouth Twp., MI Age 89. She is preceded in death by her parents, George Willard Kribs and Lillian (Webster) Kribs; her beloved husband of 55 years, Albert Lynas; her beloved daughter, Linda Rowland; her brothers, Jack Kribs, Charles Kribs, Kenneth Kribs, and Walter Kribs; and her sisters, Margaret (Gordon) Gary and Florence Kribs. She is survived by her son-in-law, Christopher Rowland; her granddaughter, Erin (Cameron) McLean; her grandson, Ian Rowland; her great grandson, Matthew Rowland; her great granddaughter, Melinda Rowland; her niece, Barbara Gray; and her nephew, Donald (Annette) Gray. Also survived by several life long friends. Joy emigrated from Canada in 1960, worked for Plymouth Stamping until her retirement, and then moved to Naples, Florida, where she lived with her husband for 18 years before returning to Plymouth. She traveled the world after 80. She was warm, loving, and generous, and had a remarkable memory. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel, good friends, and the occasional vodka martini. Funeral service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Thursday, June 6, 2:30pm. Friends may visit beginning at 12noon. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.



WELSH, CAROL DENISE

Age 77 of Milford, passed away May 29, 2013. Survived by her beloved husband, Robert L. Welsh, and their children, Laurie Welsh, Vallerie (Neal) Knoerzer, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Pickup, Nicolas Knoerzer, Anna, Tara, Adam, and Evan Welsh, Connor and Michael Welsh, Ashley (Stephen) Balone, Brandon LaCarter; great grandchildren, Alyvia Gaines, Vincent and Michael Balone; brother, John Edelbrock; sister-in-law, Liz Edelbrock; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and former students. A Service to celebrate Carol's life will be held at a later date.

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NARDINI, WANDA

June 3, 2013. Age 87 of Melvindale. Beloved wife of the late Alfio. Loving mother of Michael, Mark, Mario, Madelyn (Carl) Sarwarski and the late Marianne. Dearest mother-in-law of Jody. Dear sister-in-law of Betty Rossetto and Beverly Rossetto. Dearest grandmother of Nina, Tatiana, Tia, Matthew, Neil, Tim, Marisa, Verne, Elise, Julia, Angela and Carl. Loving great-grandmother of seven. Beloved aunt of 15 nieces and nephews. Wanda is preceded in death by her siblings Americo Rossetto, Mary Lachapelle, Erasmo Rossetto, Elisa Pagano and John Rossetto. Wanda was a loving friend and mentor who will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched. Visitation Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 3-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Park Chapel of Vora Funeral Home, 5900 Allen Rd. (313) 928-2300. Instate Friday 10:00 a.m. with a 10:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection to follow at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Belton Street, Garden City. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or the charity of your choice. Visit our online guestbook and share memories at www.voranfuneralhome.com



SCHMIDT, JOHN H.

May 30, 2013 age 86, of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Loving father of Michael (Catherine), David, and Daniel. Proud Grandpa of Matthew and Christina. He served his country during World War II, while in The United States Naval Air Corps. Mr. Schmidt received his Bachelor's Degree from Thiel College in Pennsylvania, and his Master's Degree in Public Health, from the University of Michigan. He retired as a Supervisor from The Wayne County Health Department. The family will gather with friends, Sat., June 8 at 10AM until 11AM Memorial Service at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon (at Warren) Canton. Memorials may be made to Plymouth Historical Museum or St. Michael Memorial Garden.

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SHANNON, BESSIE L.

June 1, 2013. Age 101 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Richard (Wendy), and David (Charlene). Grandmother of three and great grandmother of five. Funeral service from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd. Westland, Saturday 10am. Visitation at the funeral home Friday 3-9pm. Burial to take place at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

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Songs from the heart

Music CD, art sale benefit children with multiple disabilities

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Giving Songs and Guitar Grip are working hand-in-hand to raise money for children with multiple disabilities.

"We're doing a combination of art and music," said Mike Ryan, describing the upcoming event his Plymouth-based company, Guitar Grip, is sponsoring on behalf of Northville resident, Brent Johnson's nonprofit, Giving Songs.

Giving Songs a Hand, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Park Bar in Detroit, will include live music, food and works by local artists. Those same artists also will embellish hand-shaped guitar hangers that will be sold at the event, with profits benefitting Giving Songs. The nonprofit began raising awareness and funds for children with multiple disabilities in July 2012, when it produced and sold a compilation of songs by local musicians. A copy of the CD, *Giving Songs*, will be included with each \$25 ticket to the event.

"This event for us is huge. We are a young organization and just starting to see some growth," Johnson said. "Mike is connected with a lot of folks in the Detroit art scene. He approached us and thought a local organization that supports music and children and families was a good fit. And I couldn't agree more."

Ryan said he was searching for a way to reach out to a charity when he found out about Giving Songs.

"I was excited about the cause and what he was doing. Why not connect locally? It



Brent Johnson and his son, Jack, enjoy a beautiful day in Kellogg Park, in Plymouth.

seemed like a perfect fit," he said.

His company manufactures the hand-shaped guitar hangers that artists will paint and sell at the event.

"We're using the hands to get the artists excited to paint something different and unique. It's such a unique canvas and the interpretations are all different," Ryan said, adding that the hands will be priced between \$100-\$200.

They're designed to be mounted on the wall to hold a guitar, but can be used as decorative art pieces or for dis-

playing other items. Ryan said one customer sent him a photo of the product holding hockey sticks.

He hopes to use the event to launch a series of Guitar Grip hands that will continue to benefit Giving Songs. Guitar Grip's website also includes basic, custom and artist-embellished hangers shaped like male, female and skeleton hands.

Helping families

The *Giving Songs* CD, with 16 songs performed by more than 40 Metro Detroit musicians, is available from the group's

website for a \$10-\$1,000 donation. Proceeds from the recording and other donations have enabled Giving Songs, a volunteer group, to help one family buy a wheelchair lift vehicle. The organization also gave \$1,500 to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor.

Johnson said the group's focus is on giving individual grants to families in need of the special vehicles.

"The sky is the limit. Our generosity is limited only by our means."

The seeds for Giving Songs were sown in December 2011,

after Johnson and his wife were told that their son, Jack, now 3, had a terminal condition. Jack is blind and multi-disabled.

"I really hit a low point. I felt helpless," Johnson recalled.

He had taken up guitar and began singing after he learned that his son was blind, figuring they might bond over music. Then, after hearing Jack's terminal diagnosis, Johnson decided to put his skills to use. He sang *Love Rescue Me* — which later became track 3 on the *Giving Songs* CD — and asked 50 family members and friends if they'd download the song and donate. Their donations would enable his wife to quit her job in medical technology at Beaumont Hospital and spend time with their son during his remaining days.

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The e-mail was sent and resent, generating interest and dollars from as far away as Europe, Canada and China.

"It was bringing in thousands of dollars. It would have been hundreds of thousands of dollars and then we got the phone call indicating that Jack did not have a terminal illness. We refunded all of the money generated by the song, but what I learned was there is a lot of compassion in the world. That was the initial catalyst of Giving Songs."

"My brother-in-law is a studio engineer. I said, let's start recording songs and put a beautiful album together."

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GIVING SONGS A HAND

What: A music and art event benefitting Giving Songs, a nonprofit organization that aids children with multiple disabilities and their families

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 15

Where: Park Bar, 2040 Park Ave., Detroit

Details: Art by Tony Roko of Plymouth and other artists; artist-embellished guitar hangers donated by Guitar Grip of Plymouth; performances by Amy Gore & Her Valentines; The Questions; special appearance by Retro Girls; auction of a guitar autographed by Mitch Ryder

Tickets: \$25 per person includes food

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ART IS IN MARKET

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 13
Location: Inside Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Meet artists, watch demonstrations, enjoy free coffee and desserts and get a chance to enter to win items from the gallery, at this customer appreciation open house. Five percent of sales from the event will benefit the William La Pratt Foundation, created to honor the late Bill La Pratt, one of the founders of Art Is In Market. The foundation was set up with the sole purpose of receiving and administering funds in memory of La Pratt, and to bring awareness to the arts, as well as the advancement of spinal cord research

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Exhibits: Motor City Muse: Detroit Photographs: Then and Now, through June 16; Shirin Neshat, includes eight video installations and two series of photos, through July 7; printmaking by Ellsworth Kelly, through Sept. 8
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-9 p.m. Friday, June 7; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 8-30
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work
Contact: (248) 344-0497

VAAL

Time/Date: Through 28; artist reception is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia

Details: The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." This exhibit will be juried and will feature the art work of VAAL members. Art works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography and mixed media. Art may be purchased
Contact: (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org



Aubrey Fink (left), who plays Natalie, and Nathan Larkins, as Gabe, don't know what to think when they see their mother maniacally making sandwiches on the floor in *Two Muses Theatre's* production of "Next to Normal." Diane Hill plays their mother and John DeMerell is their father, in the musical that runs Friday-Sunday, June 7-30 at Barnes & Noble, West Bloomfield.



"Hidden Secrets" by Peggy Kervan is among the contemporary art works on display this month at Northville Art House.

VILLAGE THEATRE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and one hour before and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment, through June 1

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The are work of Xia Gao

Contact: (734) 394-5300; cantonvillagetheatre.org

Author

MYSTERY THRILLER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. June 22

Location: The Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "New York Times" best-selling author and Edgar finalist P.J. Parrish will be on hand with the newest Louis Kincaid mystery thriller, "Heart of Ice." P.J. Parrish is the pen name for two sisters with deep Michigan roots. Both grew up in Michigan. Kelly Nichols attended North-



Daniel Davis, a contemporary violinist, will perform June 29 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, Canton.

ern Michigan University and currently lives in Elk Rapids. Kristy Montee attended Eastern Michigan University and lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "Heart of Ice" is the 12th novel by the sisters and the fifth set in Michigan
Contact: www.pjparrish.com; (248) 471-4742

Dance

COMPLEXIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 22
Location: Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Complexions, a contemporary dance troupe performs to the music of The White Stripes, Rolling Stones, U2 and others. Tickets are \$30-\$50; students pay \$20
Contact: Ticketmaster.com at (313) 887-8501



Complexions, a contemporary dance troupe, will perform June 22 at Music Hall in Detroit.

Film

COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., daily, June 7-Sept. 1. Closed Sunday, June 9

Location: 14900 Beck between Five Mile and M-14, Plymouth Township

Details: Cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children, 4-12; kids 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students with proper ID are admitted for \$8 Sunday through Thursday. Patrons listen to the movies on the FM band of their car radio. Movies for Friday-Saturday, June 7-8 and Monday-Thursday, June 10-13 are: Iron Man 3 (PG-13) followed by Oz, the Great and Powerful (PG) on Screen 1; The Croods (PG) followed by Star Trek: Into the Darkness (PG-13) on Screen 2; and Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) followed by The Hangover, Part III (R) on Screen 3

Contact: (734) 927-3284

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 7-8; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 9 and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 13

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "42," "Admission," \$3
Coming up: "The Croods," 7 p.m. Friday, June 14, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 15-16, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20; "Mud," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 22-23, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23; "The Sapphires," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 28-29 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Music

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. every Monday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic for music and poetry

Featured artists: Ebb Tide, June 7; No Excuses, June 21, Kenneth Michael, June 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

Contact: (734) 454-0178

SWEET CRYSTAL

Time/Date: Show starts at 8 p.m.; the band will perform at 11 p.m. June 14

Location: Callahan Music Hall, 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills

Details: The Canton-based band will headline a show that also will include Trip N Dixie and Slight Return. Sweet Crystal is a Detroit Music Award winner in gospel/Christian rock music. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door available at www.atcallahans.com or TicketFly.com
Contact: (248) 858-9508

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Around the House Variety Show, June 7-8; Adjoa Skinner and YRLK, June 14; Jill Jack, June 15; Dolly Varden, June 21; The True Falsettos and Drive South, June 22; Genna and Jesse, June 28; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, June 29; Harpeth Rising, July 12, Brion Riborn with Chris Dupont, July 13; Jason Harrod with Kelsey Rottiers, July 20. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted
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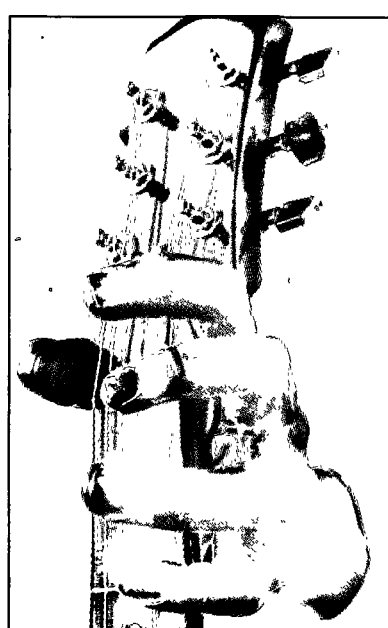
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Embellished guitar hangers from Guitar Grip in Plymouth will be sold at the Giving Songs a Hand event, Saturday, June 15, in Detroit.

GIVING

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Studios, Johnson began recruiting local musicians to perform on the CD that was taking shape.

"As we would locate musicians, we'd bring them in and record the songs. It took four months to put together."

Johnson said the organization will continue to sell its first CD, but eventually will record again. It's all part of the Giving Songs mission.

"It's four steps: We find local talented musicians, record them in a professional studio, find people (to buy the CD) and help families with multi-disabled children."

To buy tickets for the Giving Songs a Hand event, for more information, to buy a CD or to donate to Giving Songs, visit www.givingsongs.com. The organization also lists resources online for families with multi-disabled children.



Plymouth resident Lee Hyland shows off the Giving Songs CD that he bought at Art in the Park last year. Hyland, a musician, performed on the CD.



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3. Season food before grilling.
4. Sear the outside of steaks when grilling. This helps with the flavor and juiciness.
5. Use tongs or a spatula to turn meat on the grill. Using a fork can damage the meat.
6. Cover grill as much as possible during the process. This helps to lock in the grilled flavor and will help prevent flare-ups.
7. Keep a spray bottle with water handy to douse any unexpected flare-ups.
8. Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after turning over the food. This will make sure your food is evenly cooked.
9. Place cooked food on a clean plate. Never place cooked food on the plate you used to transport the raw food to the grill without thoroughly washing it first.
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Grilled Ribeye Steak with Chimichurri Salsa

Serves 4

4 ribeye steaks
Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
1 cup Chimichurri Salsa (see recipe)

4 cilantro sprigs
Begin by thawing steaks. Then season and grill to desired doneness.

Top each steak generously with Chimichurri Salsa. Garnish each steak with one cilantro sprig.

Chimichurri Salsa

Makes 1 cup

½ cup green onions, minced
2 teaspoons fresh oregano, minced
¼ cup red bell pepper, minced
¼ cup cilantro, minced
1 tablespoon jalapeño, minced
2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
½ teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
½ lime, juiced

Combine all ingredients and mix well.



Mediterranean Sirloin Skewers

Serves 4 to 6

2 pounds sirloin tips
1 cup Mediterranean Steak Marinade
4-6 skewers

Thaw sirloin tips. Prepare Mediterranean Steak Marinade.

Drain sirloin tips and place in a resealable bag with marinade. Marinate sirloin tips in refrigerator for at least 8 hours or overnight. Agitate bag periodically to ensure marinade is well combined with the sirloin tips.

Preheat grill on high. Thread sirloin tips onto skewers. Grill for 4 to 5 minutes on each side.

Serve over couscous, pasta, salad or rice.

Mediterranean Steak Marinade

Makes 1 cup

½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons sea salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
2 tablespoons fresh garlic cloves, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped
¼ cup California chardonnay wine
Combine all ingredients and mix well.

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Korean Barbecue Beef Tenderloin with Stir-Fried Bok Choy

Serves 6 to 8

1 3-pound tenderloin roast
2 cups Korean Barbecue Marinade (see recipe)
¼ cup Omaha Steaks Private Reserve American Steak Rub

1 pound Stir-Fried Bok Choy (see recipe)
1 14-ounce bottle Korean barbecue sauce
6-8 cilantro sprigs
1 teaspoon black sesame seeds
1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

Begin by completely thawing tenderloin. It will take 2 days in refrigerator or 1 hour in a sink full of cold water.

Remove tenderloin from plastic, and place in a large resealable bag with Korean Barbecue Marinade. Marinate overnight in refrigerator.

Remove tenderloin from marinade, and season with steak rub. Sear tenderloin on all sides on a pre-heated grill. Place in a 250°F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 125°F for medium rare.

With 15 minutes remaining, prepare the bok choy and heat Korean barbecue sauce.

Remove tenderloin from oven, let rest 15 minutes. Slice and serve. Garnish with cilantro and a mixture of sesame seeds.

Korean Barbecue Marinade

Makes 2 cups

1 tablespoon sesame oil
2 tablespoons garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced
1 cup canned pear juice
½ cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper

Place sesame oil in a thick bottom pot and add garlic and ginger. Place pot on a medium burner and add the rest of ingredients and slowly bring to a boil. Bring heat down to a simmer and cook while stirring for approximately 5 minutes. Remove sauce from heat and refrigerate for up to one week.

Stir-Fried Bok Choy

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 pound bok choy, chopped
1/3 cup Korean barbecue sauce
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

In a wok, briefly heat canola oil. Add bok choy and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add Korean barbecue sauce and sesame oil to wok and mix well. Serve while hot.

Report: Midwest, U.S. show home sale gains

Metropolitan area median home prices continued to rise in the first quarter, with the national gain showing the best year-over-year performance in over seven years, according to the latest quarterly report by the National Association of Realtors. A companion breakout of income requirements to purchase a median-priced home on a metro basis shows the typical buyer earns roughly double the income needed to buy a home in his or her area.

The median existing single-family home price rose in 133 out of 150 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) based on closings in the first quarter of 2013 compared with first quarter last year, while 17 areas had price declines. In the fourth quarter of 2012, a comparable 133 areas showed price increases from a year earlier, greatly improved from the first quarter of 2012 when prices in only 74 metros were up.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said many areas are experiencing a seller's market. "The supply/demand balance is clearly tilted toward sellers in a good portion of the country," he said. "Inventory conditions are expected to remain fairly constrained this year, so overall price increases should be well above the historic gain of one-to-two percentage points above the rate of inflation. If home builders can continue to ramp up production, then home price growth is expected to moderate in 2014."

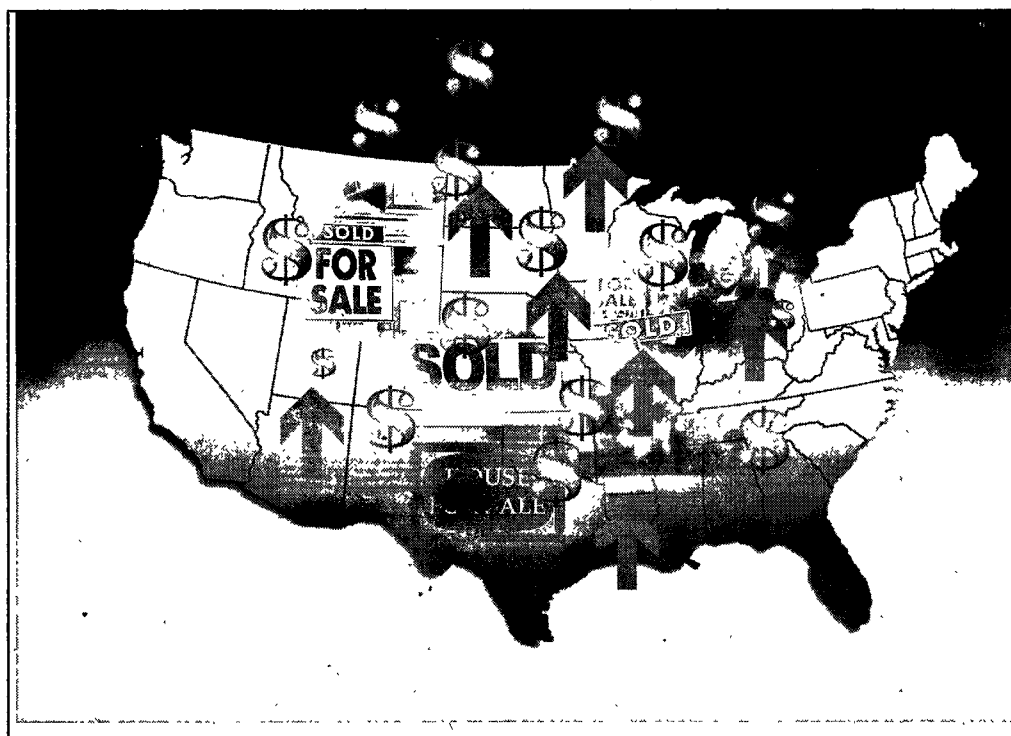
At the end of the first quarter, there were 1.93 million existing homes available for sale, which is 16.8 percent below the close of the first quarter of 2012, when 2.32 million homes were on the market.

The national median existing single-family home price was \$176,600 in the first quarter, up 11.3 percent from \$158,600 in the first quarter of 2012. This is the strongest year-over-year price increase since the fourth quarter of 2005 when the median price jumped 13.6 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the median price rose 10.0 percent from a year earlier.

"Some of the previously hard-hit markets like Phoenix, Sacramento and Miami continue to experience a dramatic turnaround, while a new set of areas like Atlanta, Minneapolis and Seattle have begun to show strong signs of upward momentum," Yun said.

The median price is where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less. However, some of the elevated median prices reflect a shrinking market share of lower priced homes and greater activity in upper priced transactions. Distressed homes — foreclosures and short sales generally sold at discounts of up to 20 percent — accounted for 23 percent of first quarter sales, down from 32 percent a year ago.

Total existing-home sales, including single-family and condo, edged up 0.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.94 million in the first quarter from 4.90



million in the fourth quarter, and were 9.8 percent above the 4.50 million pace during the first quarter of 2012. Sales were at the highest level since the fourth quarter of 2009, when they reached 4.95 million as buyers responded to tax incentives.

According to Freddie Mac, the national commitment rate on a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.50 percent in the first quarter, up from a record low 3.36 percent in the fourth quarter; it was 3.92 percent in the first quarter of 2012.

NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif., said conditions remain favorable for buyers. "Even with rising home prices, there is still plenty of buying power in the market," he said. "Historically low mortgage interest rates and home prices that remain well below their peak mean most buyers can purchase well within their means, assuming they meet ongoing stringent credit standards."

A separate breakout of qualifying incomes to purchase a median-priced existing single-family home on a metropolitan area basis demonstrates ample buying power in the current market. Income requirements are determined using several scenarios on down payment percentages and assume 25 percent of gross income devoted to mortgage principal and interest at a mortgage interest rate of 3.5 percent.

The national median family income was \$62,200 in the first quarter. However, to purchase a home at the national median price, a buyer making a 5 percent down payment would only need an income of \$36,500. With a 10 percent down payment the required income would be \$34,600,

while with 20 percent down, the necessary income is \$30,700.

In the condo sector, metro area condominium and cooperative prices — covering changes in 54 metro areas — showed the national median existing-condo price was \$172,400 in the first quarter, up 10.4 percent from the first quarter of 2012. Thirty-nine metros showed increases in their median condo price from a year ago and 15 areas had declines.

Regionally, existing-home sales in the Northeast rose 4.4 percent in the first quarter and are 9.1 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast rose 2.9 percent to \$234,000 in the first quarter from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales increased 1.2 percent in the first quarter and are 15.0 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the Midwest increased 8.2 percent to \$135,100 in the first quarter from the same quarter last year.

Existing-home sales in the South edged up 0.7 percent in the first quarter and are 13.3 percent above the first quarter of 2012. The regional median existing single-family home price was \$156,800 in the first quarter, up 9.3 percent from a year earlier.

In the West, which is the region most impacted by limited housing supplies, existing-home sales slipped 1.1 percent in the first quarter but are 0.6 percent above a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the West jumped 24.4 percent to \$247,800 in the first quarter from the first quarter of 2012.

Lawyer can advise on rights

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We think there was an irregularity in our foreclosure, but the redemption period has expired and there was a sheriff's sale. Do we have any basis to pursue the matter with an attorney?

A: While there may be other facts that may give you some basis for standing, some courts have held that you would lack standing to challenge a foreclosure if you file your complaint after the redemption period has expired and the sheriff's sale was held, but other courts with precedent setting authority say Michigan law clearly allows for such a filing after the expiration of the redemption period. You are best advised to consult with an attorney regarding your rights, sooner than later.



Robert Meisner

Q: Our golf club has a rule that if you are not a member, you do not have a right to use the golf club. One of our so-called former

members who now claims he is still a member wants to use the golf club and the president has threatened to have him arrested as a trespasser. What do you think?

A: This issue was something that should be carefully scrutinized by the golf club's attorney because the golf club could be held accountable for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution and/or breach of contract as was the case in a recent Texas Court of Appeals decision. Calling the police and having someone arrested without authority, particularly if the person is a member of the association, could result in liability for the golf club. Make sure your facts and law are on your side before taking any action.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium*. It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. *Condo Living 2* is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@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 Feb. 11-15, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42649 Barchester Rd	\$52,000
43720 Belleauwood Ct	\$140,000
1661 Bennington Ct	\$80,000
50640 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
6914 Foxcreek Ct	\$260,000
45422 Glengarry Blvd	\$310,000
7335 Green Meadow Ln	\$150,000
46720 Hanford Rd	\$215,000
2544 Hogan Way	\$182,000
4090 Kimberly Dr	\$175,000
1641 Lasalle Rd	\$415,000
1278 N Lilley Rd	\$192,000
3934 Norwich Dr	\$113,000
2151 Premier Ln	\$77,000
2417 Premier Ln	\$77,000
49630 Shenandoah Cir	\$470,000
1686 Thistle Dr	\$208,000
632 Tyler Ln	\$200,000

6044 Valley View Dr	\$340,000
47625 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$215,000
44666 Westminster Way	\$168,000
2624 Woodmont Dr E	\$169,000
GARDEN CITY	
1725 Cardwell St	\$32,000
28949 Florence St	\$84,000
32535 Rosslyn Ave	\$77,000
LIVONIA	
36906 Six Mile Rd	\$175,000
39100 Allen St	\$147,000
32915 Brookside Cir	\$175,000
32985 Brookside Cir	\$198,000
32046 Delaware St	\$86,000
30316 Fairfax St	\$55,000
17750 Fairfield St	\$124,000
19007 Filmore St	\$125,000
18521 Foch St	\$59,000
33630 Grove St	\$170,000
30100 Hathaway St	\$125,000
18947 Hillcrest St	\$89,000
14100 Hix St	\$146,000
14478 Hubbard St	\$200,000
9611 Loveland St	\$136,000
39202 Lyndon St	\$130,000
29720 McIntyre St	\$116,000
38871 Meeting House Ln	\$200,000
16705 Merriman Rd	\$190,000
18573 Myron St	\$130,000

28086 N Clements Cir	\$95,000
31611 Pembroke St	\$109,000
31628 Saint Martins St	\$132,000
35180 Scone St	\$159,000
37626 Southampton St	\$160,000
31111 Wentworth St	\$108,000
15451 Woodring St	\$233,000
NORTHVILLE	
47494 Blue Heron Dr S	\$295,000
16677 Brooklane Blvd	\$484,000
46912 Curtis Rd	\$254,000
20627 Lexington Ct	\$310,000
17748 Parkshore Dr	\$793,000
49311 Rainbow Ln S	\$348,000
49325 Rainbow Ln S	\$320,000
42441 Ravina Ln	\$325,000
PLYMOUTH	
628 Adams St	\$160,000
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12936 Andover Dr	\$295,000
10110 Dorian Dr	\$295,000
40906 Greenbriar Ln	\$190,000
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14607 Huntington Dr	\$153,000
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18309 Macarthur	\$60,000
14168 Mason Dr	\$145,000
14208 Mason Dr	\$123,000
15938 Ryland	\$56,000
26147 Student	\$35,000
WESTLAND	
32828 Audreys Way	\$183,000
32850 Audreys Way	\$180,000
37589 Garden Ct	\$54,000
38457 Milton St	\$17,000
244 N Hawthorne St	\$48,000
800 N Linville St	\$85,000
8261 Roselawn St	\$120,000
8576 Sanford Dr	\$76,000
31219 Stephen Ave	\$115,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 21-25, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21741 Corsaut Ln	\$388,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1557 Bowers St	\$141,000
1321 Pierce St	\$395,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$200,000
1885 Sheffield Rd	\$181,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4038 Cranbrook Ct	\$355,000
486 Dunston Ct	\$500,000
1047 Stratford Ln	\$190,000
925 Wellsley Ct	\$1,300,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4334 Ardmore Dr	\$394,000
757 Briar Hill Ln	\$360,000
6925 Castle Ct	\$178,000
4488 Charing Cross Rd	\$825,000
3132 E Bradford Dr	\$230,000
1948 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$260,000
1975 N Hammond Lake Dr	\$415,000
5848 Sutters Ln	\$375,000
750 Trailwood Path # B	\$90,000
5585 Wing Lake Rd	\$510,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1968 Alsip Ave	\$137,000
3931 Lakes Edge Dr	\$476,000
FARMINGTON	
23227 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
25523 Branchester Rd	\$175,000
32770 Briarcrest Knls	\$165,000
31129 Hunters Whip Ln	\$175,000
28149 Kendallwood Dr	\$139,000
36541 Lochdale	\$115,000

23436 Middlebelt Rd	\$24,000
26750 Plumgrove Ln	\$130,000
37323 Rosedale	\$351,000
30056 W 12 Mile Rd	\$42,000
27580 W Echo Vly Unit 242	\$59,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
28095 Sunset Blvd W	\$125,000
NORTHVILLE	
872 Carpenter St	\$360,000
44733 Galway Dr	\$308,000
20880 Turnberry Blvd	\$790,000
NOVI	
23744 Argyle St	\$485,000
28576 Carlton Way Dr	\$145,000
30806 Centennial Dr	\$122,000
24892 Davenport Ave	\$284,000
44600 Ellery Ln	\$188,000
44658 Ellery Ln	\$173,000
44658 Ellery Ln	\$161,000
29642 English Way	\$233,000
27872 Hopkins Dr	\$162,000
28747 Quarry Ct	\$268,000

28290 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
SOUTH LYON	
24353 Brompton Way	\$313,000
24443 Brompton Way	\$303,000
23613 Copperwood Dr W	\$363,000
1099 Fountain View Cir	\$97,000
25400 Milford Rd	\$230,000
24758 Purlin Ct	\$98,000
24795 Purlin Ct	\$75,000
53544 Valleywood Dr	\$231,000
365 Woodland Dr	\$110,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21871 Duns Scotus St	\$78,000
20411 Lacrosse Ave	\$55,000
28777 Marshall St	\$60,000
28990 Murray Crescent Dr	\$55,000
30371 Park Ln	\$48,000
23308 Plumbrooke Dr	\$130,000
30284 Southfield Rd # A105	\$25,000
20834 Stahefin Rd	\$28,000
WHITE LAKE	
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- 9 Yodeler's perch
- 12 Las Vegas rival
- 13 Chemist's condiment
- 14 "Little Red Book" author
- 15 Flirtation
- 17 Exercises at school
- 19 Long, long time
- 21 Not super
- 22 Wynonna or Naomi
- 25 Bucket of song
- 28 Liver go-with
- 30 Trouser length
- 34 Consumed
- 35 Two, for Livy
- 36 Bit — bit
- 37 Engage in rivalry
- 38 Leaflet
- 40 John Wayne movies

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- 1 — Lanka
- 2 Turner or Koppel
- 3 No matter which
- 4 El Greco's city
- 5 Common article
- 6 Latin beat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MTS	HMOS	DEAF
AYE	EURO	EDNA
TREE	FROG	RIND
SONATA	GRATES	
REL	III	
AMEND	GEMLIKE	
FOE	APR	ROM
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For well established podiatry office in Livonia. Must have exp in Podiatric billing. Excellent pay. Flexible hours & benefits. Looking for energetic, hard working motivated individual. Call for interview: 734-261-3400

NURSE PRACTITIONER
Exp'd. for internal medical office in Livonia. Part-Time, 25-30 hrs/wk. Fax resume: 734-484-9797

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