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**It's a date**

It's not too early to circle the dates of Westland's third annual Blues, Brews & BBQ.

Held on the grounds of Westland City Hall at 36601 Ford Road, Blues, Brews & BBQ will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Blues, Brews & BBQ is a family-friendly event that allows visitors the opportunity to taste some of the food served by the area's best local restaurants enjoy music by several bands and sample micro-brewed beers made in Michigan. Blues, Brews & BBQ uses local community organizations to man the event. It also has donated more than \$30,000 to local charities.

For more information, visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or on Facebook at All American Blues, Brews & BBQ.

**Inside | Out events**

The Westland community is celebrating the DIA Inside|Out program, with a Wild About Art Bike Tour and Youth Art Contest.

The city is inviting youth under age 18 to submit a piece of art on an 8 1/2- by 11-inch page to the Mayor's Office on or before June 13. Students can use any medium, but are asked to stay within the context of "Your Best Summer Day Ever." That can be a day that has already happened, or one yet to occur. The contest will be judged on three age groups; grades one-four, five-eight and nine-12. One submission per youth will be accepted.

On Saturday, June 15, bike riders of all ages are invited to bring their bikes down to City Hall and join Mayor William Wild for the Wild About Art Bike Tour. The tour will start at the City Hall, located at 36601 Ford Road, at 10 a.m. The mayor will lead the tour from City Hall to Tattan Park to the Historic Village and ending at the library, where special prizes will be given away to the winners of the Youth Art Contest at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on DIA Days in Westland and a map of the art installation locations, visit [cityofwestland.com/dia](http://cityofwestland.com/dia).

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**Homeless man charged in Westland City Hall bomb threat**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A homeless man was arraigned Wednesday afternoon on four felony charges, including terrorism and kidnapping for holding a Westland City Hall employee hostage while claiming to have a bomb.

Sean William Quigley, 37, has been charged with terrorism and kidnapping, both of which carries sentence of up to

life in prison, making a false report or threat of terrorism and making a false report or threat of a bomb/harmful device, both 4-year felonies.

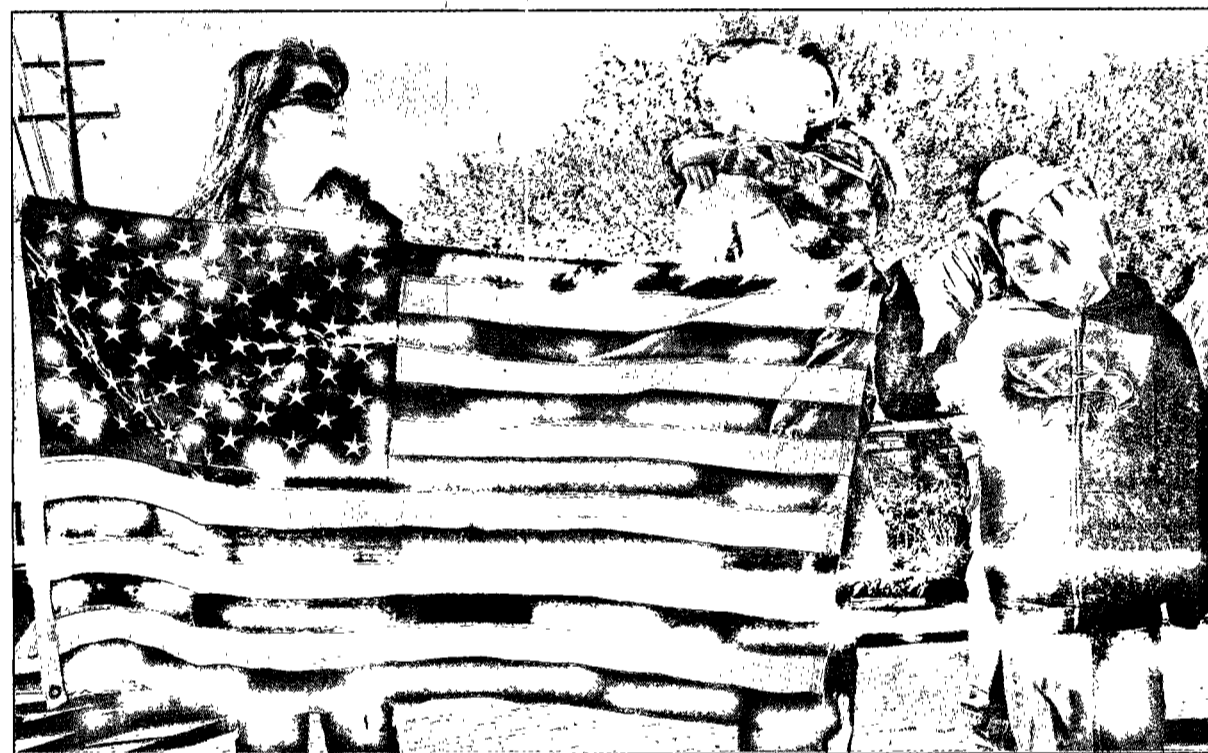
Quigley was arrested Monday after the incident that caused the evacuation of City Hall and 18th District Court. A section of Ford Road was closed for hours as police talked with the man and tried to determine if

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STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
A Westland police car blocks a driveway leading to Westland City Hall.

**'... did what was asked of him'**



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Kate and Joel Dunphy with their children Noah, 8, and Abigail, 6, watch the funeral procession along Ford Road. The Dunphy family lives in Westland. For more photos and to see how to help the Woehlke family, See Page A3.

**Family, faith were foundation of Brian Woehlke's life**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

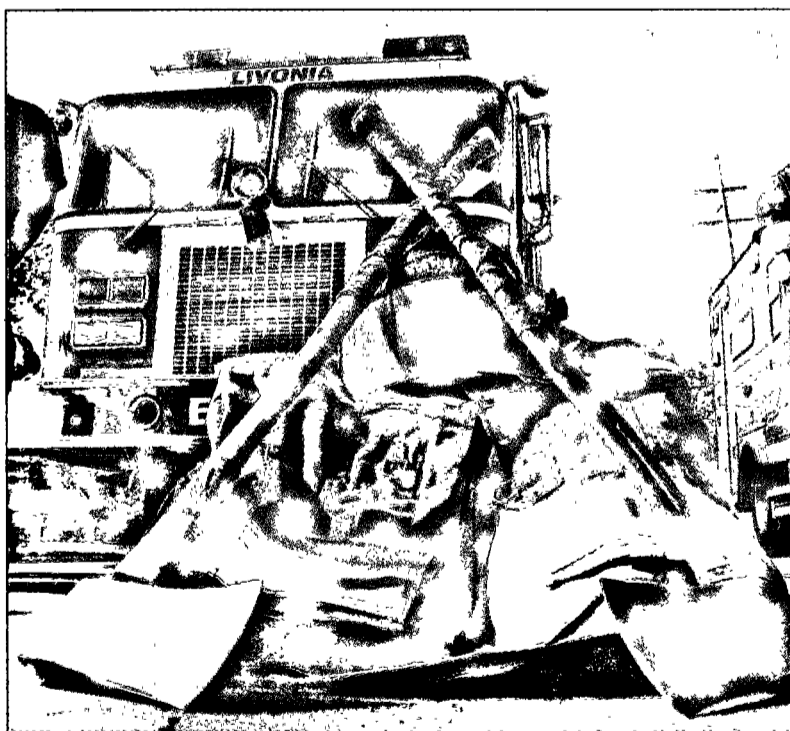
Becoming a firefighter was something that Brian Woehlke had aspired to since childhood — he followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, a Dearborn firefighter.

A Wayne-Westland firefighter for 10 months, Woehlke, 29, was killed last week fighting a fire that destroyed the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille. His funeral was held Monday at the Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn. Woehlke was the first Wayne-Westland firefighter lost in the line of duty.

"Family was the foundation of Brian's life. His faith carried him forward," said the Rev. James Bilot during his homily. "He did what was asked of him. He had a servant's heart. Not everyone can be a firefighter or a paramedic or a first responder."

Bilot recalled meeting with Woehlke and his now-wife Jennifer in 2007 when the couple decided to marry.

"I asked Brian why he wanted to marry in the church. Brian



Turnout gear and crossed axes show respect for fallen Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

said he owed his whole life to the Lord," said Bilot, who married the couple in 2008.

Because of their age difference,

Bilot said he expected that he would have died before Woehlke.

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**Probe into fatal fire continues**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A week after the fire that killed Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke and destroyed two longtime businesses, the investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing.

"We are still gathering data and looking at some other issues. It's still under investigation but we will probably have the cause in a day or two," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy.

The Wayne-Westland Fire Marshal Division has been investigating the May 8 fire at the Electric Stick and Marvaso's Italian Grille, located on Wayne Road at Hunter. Two arson dogs, trained to detect accelerants, and two insurance investigators also have been at the fire scene.

"We're still processing a couple things," said Reddy.

The Electric Stick/Marvaso's were both destroyed by the fire. Woehlke died of smoke and soot inhalation while fighting the fire, which was hot enough to melt steel and bring the building's roof down.

American flags, flowers and stuffed animals, a makeshift memorial to Woehlke has developed on the fence blocking off the fire scene.

The nearby St. Vincent de Paul Society thrift store and an eye care business had been closed due to a vent cut in the roof by firefighters battling the blaze at Electric Stick/Marvaso's. Neither had fire or water damage.

"The strip center has fire walls between the units, so firefighters made a trench cut in the roof to vent the heat," said Reddy. "That's so the fire couldn't jump to other parts of the plaza."

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**Incumbents face few challengers in Wayne, Westland elections**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Neither Westland nor Wayne will be having primaries to elect mayors and council members this year.

Less than the number of candidates required to trigger a run-off election

in each community had filed by Tuesday's deadline. That means voters won't be filling city seats until the Nov. 5 general election.

**Westland**

For a second consecutive time, incumbent William Wild will be unop-

posed in seeking a four-year term. More than two candidates in the race would have required a primary election. Westland has a strong mayor form of government.

Four council members have expiring terms. All four incumbents — Christine Bryant, Meriem

Kadi, Michael Kehrer and Dewey Reeves — have filed to seek re-election.

Challenging the incumbents are Newberry Estates resident Bill Campbell, music instructor Kevin Coleman, who finished behind Kehrer in the 2011 voting, and Donna Stottlemeyer, whose

late father was a retired Westland firefighter and councilman.

More than eight candidates would have required a primary election.

The top three finishers in the election will earn

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# THREAT

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there was an actual explosive device.

The man showed up at City Hall demanding to see Westland Mayor William Wild, who at the time was attending the funeral of Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke.

"It had to do with some woman with whom he (the suspect) is acquainted and believed, falsely, that she was in danger," said Westland Police Lt. Michael Harhold. "To get quick enough action, he had to do this — go to the head of the city."

The man, who was reported to have said he had six pounds of explosives and a military background, actually had no explosives of any sort.

The employee eventually was able to get away from the man and escape through a rear door at City Hall. Other City Hall staff, about 25 people, had managed to flee.

## No explosives

"We did not find explosives, it was unclear what



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
People stand in front of Boston Market, waiting to see what would happen at Westland City Hall.

the suspect wanted," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, adding that the man showed what was described as blasting caps. "A lot of what he was saying wasn't rational."

The suspect was described only as a male about 40 years who had prior contacts with the mayor's office but had not met with Wild himself. Earlier complaints

reportedly had centered on the man's unhappiness over being banned from the William P. Faust Public Library and a McDonald's location, both in Westland, for bothering other patrons.

When the incident began at 12:19 p.m., Wild, Jedrusik and a large number of other city staff members were attending the funeral of Wayne-Westland firefighter Bri-

an Woehlke in Dearborn. Woehlke was killed in the line of duty May 8.

"This day should have been about firefighter Brian Woehlke," said Jedrusik.

A hostage negotiator spoke with the suspect on the telephone. After the employee was able to escape, the suspect eventually surrendered. When he came outside, the man was ordered to remove



Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery blocks access to Ford Road from the Texas Roadhouse across the street from Westland City Hall.

his clothing — a tactic used by officers to see that he hasn't concealed an explosive device or weapons on his person, said Jedrusik.

"We're still investigating. We're very relieved that everyone is OK," said Jedrusik.

## Out of office

Wild and his wife, Sheri, happened to ride to the Woehlke funeral service with Jedrusik and Westland Deputy Police Chief Robert Swope. The funeral service had just ended, and the group was heading to the luncheon when they were alerted to the bomb threat.

"The chief started a command center and I

went into dispatch. I was impressed watching in dispatch at the professionalism and the calmness of the dispatchers," said Wild. "The negotiator was on the phone and kept the guy talking."

While he said he hasn't personally ever felt threatened, Wild agreed with Jedrusik that the incident will prompt a look at security. Currently, the public is able to freely walk into the reception area of the mayor's office. Other City Hall offices have a public counter but not free access by visitors.

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# WOEHLKE

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"But ours is not God's way. Jesus came into a family of Mary and Joseph who brought him up in the faith, to be kind and generous, to help, to serve," he said. "That's what makes Brian who he is. Faith in the Lord helps us see beyond. When someone so young dies, you ask why? There is no answer."

## Wish to serve

It's OK to be angry or feel deep hurt over Woehlke's death, Bilot said, but also to respond as

Jesus did turning those feelings into love and a wish to serve.

"When Brian went into that building, we didn't know what would happen," Bilot said. "But we know he didn't die alone. Those angels were there to protect him — not his body but his soul. We have to hold on to that. God's time is not our time."

Hundreds of firefighters from around the region lined the sidewalks around the Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn where a funeral Mass was held. More than half the pews were filled by firefighters, who also stood along the

wall.

A corps of bagpipers and a drummer played while escorting Woehlke's casket in and out of the church.

The full contingent of 200 fire vehicles, one of which had been parked with an large American flag hanging from its extended ladder, formed a lengthy procession to Hedwig Cemetery where Woehlke was buried.

The procession had come from the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, headed north on Newburgh, then east on Ford past Westland City Hall and Fire Station No. 1 where Woehlke had most recently been

assigned.

Westland police officers and city staff lined Ford Road as the funeral procession passed — the flag draped-casket transported in 1937 Seagrave fire engine.

Throughout the route to the church, people stood along the road to pay their respects. Others attended the funeral.

"I know a lot of the Wayne firefighters. I met him (Woehlke) on a couple of occasion about three weeks ago," said Wayne resident Chris Sanders. "He was a very nice guy. He always talked about his family. I felt I needed to show my support."

## Honoring a hero

In Garden City, crowds gathered at Ford and Middlebelt, holding signs and waving American flags. Retired firefighters stood with cur-

rent first responders and saluted as the fire engine hearse passed by.

Dave Spiteri took the day off from work to "honor a fallen hero."

"He gave his life, the least I can do is honor him," said Spiteri. "We owe that to our police, fire and veterans."

Kelly Davis brought her 4-year-old son to watch the procession. The youngster wore a red firefighter hat and coat.

"I just wanted to show support for the family," said Davis, adding that her son wants to be a firefighter when he grows up.

Riding in the funeral procession, Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said he was proud of the community and the outpouring of support.

"I was awestruck with

the people lining the streets and the signs supporting the (Woehlke) family and firefighters," said Reddy. "It was a very emotional day for us. The service was very moving."

Gov. Rick Snyder ordered U.S. flags to be lowered Monday to half-staff within the state Capitol Complex and at state buildings, grounds and facilities throughout Michigan in honor of Woehlke.

A 2001 Lutheran High School Westland graduate, Woehlke graduated from the Schoolcraft Fire Services program in 2008. He had been working as an auxiliary firefighter in Redford before joining the Wayne-Westland Fire Department in July 2012.

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four-year council terms while the fourth-place candidate will be elected to a two-year term.

## Wayne

In the mayoral race, incumbent Al Haidous, 71, is being challenged by Donald Flynn, 80. The winner will be elected to two-year term.

Wayne has a city manager form of government

rather than a strong mayor like Westland.

Six candidates will be running to fill three four-year terms on the council. Incumbent Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Dobrowski is not seeking reelection after serving 20 years on the council.

The other two incumbents, James Henley, who is completing a four-year term, and James Hawley, appointed in 2012 to fill an unexpired term, have both filed to run for a four-year term.

The other candidates include former Councilwoman Susan Rowe, who unsuccessfully challenged Haidous in the 2011 mayoral race, Jamie Conn, Brenda Ozog and Shari Welch.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the ballot. Wayne City Hall is closed on Friday but Clerk Matthew Miller will handle any withdrawals.

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## CORRECTION

A recent story about a partnership between First Presbyterian Church of

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terian's associate pastor, the Rev. Emily Campbell as Elizabeth Campbell.

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The 1937 Seagrave fire truck carries the body of fallen Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke in a procession down Ford Road.

# Businesses, community raise money for Woehlke family

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Marquee signs at businesses around Westland remember Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke who was killed in the line of duty May 8.

Many of those businesses are also collecting donations or holding fundraisers to benefit Woehlke's widow, Jennifer, and particularly Woehlke's 13-month-old daughter, Ava.

"We paid for most of the funeral, now, we are looking at taking care of Ava," said Wayne-Westland Fire Capt. Kevin Tomaszewski. "We want to make sure Ava's future is set. Her father won't be there."

Donations to the Woehlke family are being coordinated through the Westland Firefighters Charity, which last year provided \$50,000 in support for various charities. Major fundraisers for the firefighters charity includes an annual carnival, which was held recently, and a golf outing.

Contributions to the Brian Woehlke Charity may be made to the Westland Fire Fighters Charity, P.O. Box 851320, Westland, MI 48185, or may be delivered to any of the five Wayne-Westland fire stations.

"We've had a wonderful response. The post box has been full (of donations)," said Tomaszewski, general/secretary of the Western Wayne Firefighters Union Local 1279. "We want to make it easy for folks. They don't even have to leave home."

The firefighters union



Firefighters filled many of the pews of the Church of the Divine Child for the funeral Mass of Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke.

has also added a link to its website [www.local1279.org](http://www.local1279.org), through which donations can be made by credit card or Paypal. Questions or inquiries can be directed to Tomaszewski, at Fire Station No. 1 at (734) 721-2001.

Donations also can be made to the Woehlke family at the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union located on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

Other fundraisers include:

- A spaghetti dinner fundraiser 6-9 p.m. today (Thursday) in the church community room of St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy, east of Merriman. There will be food, a silent auction, 50/50 raffles, a disc jockey and more.

For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

- Allen Park Firefighter Union Local 1410 fundrais-

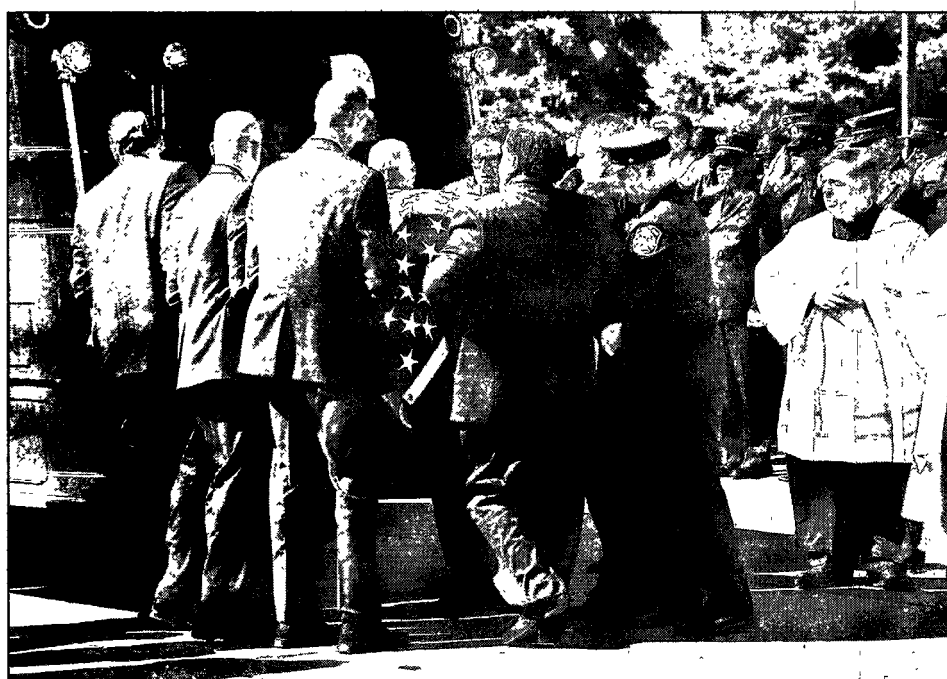
er 6-11 p.m. today (Thursday) at B. Boomers Bar and Grill, 16006 Southfield Road, Allen Park.

Ten percent of all sales will be donated to the Woehlke charity fund. There will be a full menu and bar, a \$5 raffle. Donations will be accepted at the door.

- Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, Westland, which will donate 10 percent of sales to the Woehlke charity fund noon to 10 p.m. Monday, May 20.

- Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland, which is having an All-You-Can-Eat-Pasta and Salad bar fundraiser noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. There is a minimum donation of \$10 per person and all proceeds will go to the Woehlke family.

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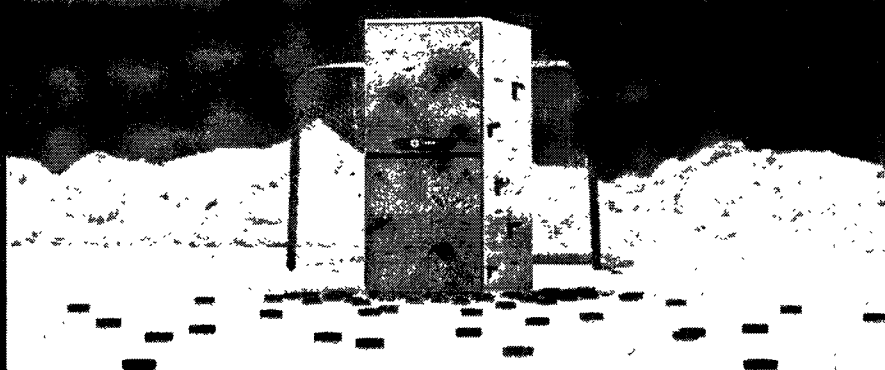


Pallbearers carry the casket from the hearse into the Church of the Divine Child.

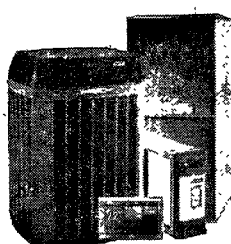


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For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

## GC resident finds TVs, game system missing from home

### Break-in

A woman who lives in the 31000 block of Rosslyn reported a home invasion May 9. She said she left the house for about an hour in the afternoon, long enough to pick up her child from school.

In the meantime, someone entered her side door which she always leaves unlocked.

When she returned, she found that door open and her watch laying in the driveway.

A thief stole her 50-inch TV and a 40-inch TV, along with a Wii game system and some Wii games.

### Disorderly conduct

Garden City police arrested a 40-year-old Westland man in the parking lot of Bar 153 located at 31268 Ford about 2:15 a.m. May 12.

The police officer was on patrol and another police officer joined him as the bar crowd was leaving. They positioned themselves around the parking lot area. One police officer wrote in his report that his marked police car was parked on the east side of the building. A car pulled up in back of the police car and a passenger in the rear started hanging out the window yelling obscenities at the police officer, ordering him to move his police car.

The officer put that handcuffed man in the back of the police car. He denied that he was disorderly and that his behavior wasn't acceptable. He later apolo-

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gized to the police.

He was ticketed for disorderly conduct.

• The police arrested a 24-year-old Westland man outside of Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, about 1:45 a.m. May 12.

When the police arrived, they saw that the man was arguing with employees of the bar in a doorway. They had asked him to leave and he yelled that they were racist and refused.

The man continued to try to engage the employees in a yelling match as he approached a car in the parking lot which was waiting to pick him up. Although he was asked to leave, he refused and continued yelling.

He was arrested because he had outstanding warrants, including a fail to appear criminal bench warrant at Westland District Court and a fail to appear warrant at Dearborn Heights District Court.

He refused to take a blood alcohol test though he admitted that he was intoxicated.

"You know I'm drunk and I know I'm drunk," the man was quoted in the police report. "I'm not taking it."

He was also cited for disorderly conduct.

### Fraud

A 42-year-old female resident in the 33000 block of Brown came to the police station about 3 p.m. May 10 to report that someone had fraud-

ulently used her personal information to purchase a \$723 iPad from Fingerhut. It was sent to a man in San Jose, Calif., who she said that she doesn't know. The victim said that she does have a Fingerhut account, though.

The Fingerhut company advised her to make a police report because there have been numerous Fingerhut accounts which were hacked.

• A woman in the 1800 block of Lathers told the police May 10 that someone fraudulently opened an AT&T account using her maiden name. She has contacted the phone company and told them that the almost \$190 bill is not her bill. AT&T has now sent the bill to their collections department.

### Larceny

An employee of a specialty store located at 32630 Ford reported May 10 that someone stole a car radio from a customer's 1968 Buick Skylark which was parked in the lot.

He said that the customer may not yet be aware of the theft. He added that this was the second time this occurred in two weeks.

### Theft

Residents at a home in the 31000 block of Cambridge reported some thefts about 8:30 a.m. May 11. Someone stole a TomTom GPS from an unlocked car parked in the driveway.

Someone also stole a spare set of keys hanging on a hook in the garage which was to a work van.

By Sue Buck

## Woman finds possessions gone from Westland apartment

### Break-in

On May 13, a resident of the Woodbridge Pond Apartments, 37159 S. Woodbridge Circle, told police that someone had stolen all of her personal belongings from the unit, including shoes, coats, purses, her driver's license and Social Security card.

There was no sign of forced entry, and the resident said she suspected her former boyfriend had stolen the items. She said they had broken up recently and he had been assaultive.

### Larceny

A copper awning, copper from an air conditioning unit and part of a metal railing were reported stolen May 13 from outside Skone's Place, 175 S. Venoy.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A Canton woman told police May 13 that on the previous day, someone had stolen her purse from the back seat of her car while she was paying for gas at Sunoco, 1716 S. Merriman. She said the purse contained a checkbook, medical card and identification.

### Theft

A resident of an apartment at 1760 Woodside told police that on May 6 she placed an envelope, containing two checks in the mail pickup slot in the common area of her building. A short time later, she said she heard people in the hallway but didn't investigate.

The woman later asked the mail carrier if he had picked up the mail but he hadn't. The checks were for a total of just over \$100.

### Vandalism

On May 11, a resident of a apartment at 34466 Fountain Blvd. told police

### WESTLAND COP CALLS

that he came out in the morning to find someone had made three large cuts in a tire on his 2012 Chevrolet Impala.

### Larceny

A resident of the 38000 block of Willow Creek Parkway told police May 10 that someone had stolen her purse from her unlocked vehicle along with a work bag containing blood pressure cuffs, a thermometer and other medical supplies.

### Vandalism

All four tires were reported slashed and the entire body dented and scratched on a 2009 Dodge Challenger parked in the 34000 block of Stacy May 10.

### Break-in

Police were called to an apartment at 7600 Nankin Blvd. May 9 when the two residents said they returned to find the door to the unit partially open. Officer checked the interior but found no one inside and nothing was reported missing.

### Larceny

A Westland woman told police May 9 that on April 27 she had been the carnival at Wayne and Warren roads. While she was on a ride, she said someone had held her purse. The purse was returned but on May 1, she said she found her ATM card was missing.

The woman checked with her bank and told police that she found two checks totaling \$800 had been deposited into her account May 1. The same day \$800 was withdrawn from the account. Since the checks were bad, the woman said the money was missing from her account.

### Larceny from a vehicle

An employee at Veolia Environmental Service, 6060 N. Hix told, police May 13 that someone had stolen five commercial batteries valued at \$500 from two trucks.

### Wayne

### Break-in

On April 29, a resident in the 35000 block of Glover told police that the door to his garage had accidentally been left unlocked overnight. He reported that during that time, someone had stolen a Dewalt miter saw, a Dewalt cordless kit, a Dewalt nailer, a rigid circular saw, a box of assorted tools, a 20-inch flat screen television, a 55-inch LCD television and a dumbbell weight set. The estimated value of the stolen items was set at \$3,150.

### Break-in

A resident in the 36000 block of Greenbush told police May 1 that upon arriving home from work, a window screen was found in the driveway. After checking the house, the resident reported a 30-30 Winchester rifle and a .20-gauge Winchester shotgun had been removed from the gun case. The missing guns were valued at \$800.

### Larceny

An employee of a business located in the 31000 block of Van Born told police he arrived for work May 3 and noticed the doors, normally closed and locked, were open.

A lap top computer, computer speakers and a surge protector were reported stolen from the conference room. The door to the conference room was found to be damaged.

By LeArne Rogers



### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING May 20, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:52 p.m. regarding the vacation of the alleyway that 20 foot common alley located west of Henry Ruff Road running west along Ford Road and bounded on the north by eastern most 24.75 feet of lot 614 and all of lot 615 and on the south by lots 559-563 in Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision No. 4

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, State of Michigan, held at City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Whereas, a platted subdivision was created north of Ford Road and west of Henry Ruff called Folker's Garden City Acres No. 4.

Whereas, the Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision No. 4 is located in the SW ¼ Section 11, City of Garden City, T2S R9E, Wayne County, Michigan. The Plat was recorded with the appropriate entities as required by the laws of the State of Michigan;

Whereas, the platted alley is no longer being used by the general public and serves no useful purpose; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, and specifically Section 257 of same, it is the finding of the City Council of the City of Garden City that it is necessary for the health, welfare, comfort, and safety of the people of the City of Garden City to vacate an alley; and

Whereas, Section 275 of Public Act 288 of 1967 goes on to state that the City Council of the City of Garden City may reserve a utility easement in the right-of-way of any street, alley, or public land vacated; and

Whereas, the vacating of the alley and the reservation of a public utility easement can all be accomplished through a resolution adopted by the City Council pursuant to Section 257 of Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended; and

Whereas, Section 277a(2) of Public Act 288 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, provides that "If the lots on opposite sides of the vacated street or alley (court) belong to different proprietors, title up to the center line of the vacated street or alley (court) shall vest in the prospective proprietors of the abutting lots on each side."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garden City that whether the alley right-of-way shall be vacated was hereby set for a Public Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is advisable that the alley be vacated and that the City of Garden City retain a utility easement in the vacated alley; and

The legal description of the alley being vacated is:

That 20 foot common alley located west of Henry Ruff Road running west along Ford Road and bounded on the north by eastern most 24.75 feet of lot 614 and all of lot 615 and on the south by lots 559-563 in Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision No. 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that a copy of this Resolution and the Resolution vacating the alley and the appropriate documents will be recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds to so reflect the above action.



### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING May 20, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:54 pm. regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to §154.286 Permitted Uses and Structures of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City to permit laundries and dry cleaning establishment with limited processing as a principal use in the C-2 district.

### ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.286, PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on April 11, 2013 to considered an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.286 Permitted Uses and Structures.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

### THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That §154.286, Permitted Uses and Structures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to insert a new principal permitted use as follows:

- (13) Laundries and dry cleaning establishments with coin-operated machines or with processing limited to goods brought to the establishment by the individual retail customer, provided that no goods are processed from any other location.

And further that §154.286, Permitted Uses and Structures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to delete the following special land use and re-number section accordingly:

- (6) Laundries and dry cleaning establishments with coin-operated machines or with processing limited to goods brought to the establishment by the individual retail customer, provided that no goods are processed from any other location.

### SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

### EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

# Angela Hospice president celebrates Golden Jubilee

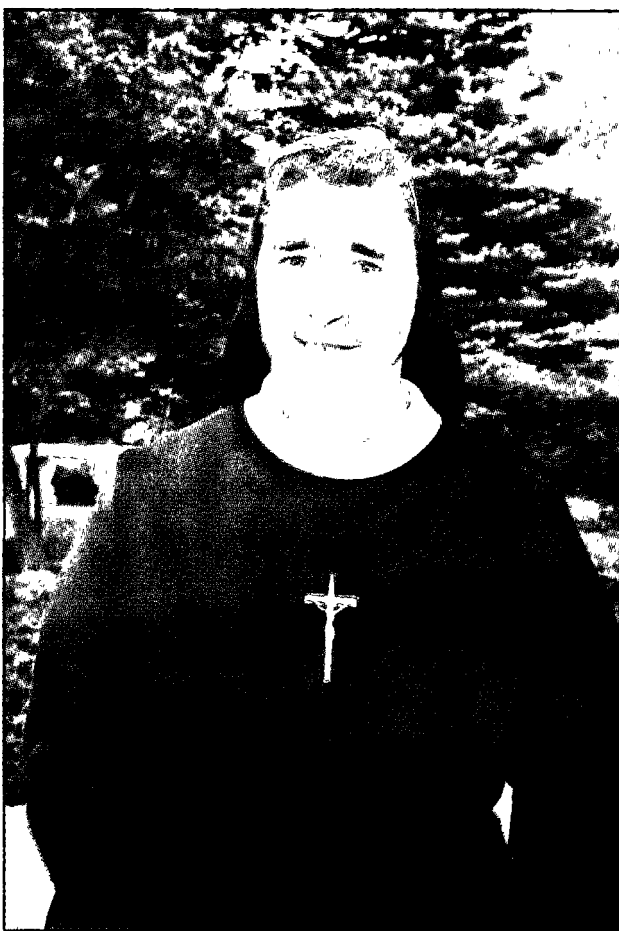
Sister Mary Giovanni of Livonia will celebrate her Golden Jubilee on Sunday, her 50th anniversary as a Felician Sister. Sister Giovanni is the founder, president and CEO of Livonia's Angela Hospice, established in 1985. It was Sister Giovanni's experience as a nurse in the Sisters' infirmary that first spurred her interest in hospice care. The special way the Sisters were cared for before they died inspired in her a passion for helping those at the end of life.

"She would like everyone to have that peaceful experience in their last days," said Sister Mary Francis, a friend and colleague of Sister Giovanni. "And that has been her mission her whole life."

A registered nurse, Sister Giovanni attended a conference in 1974 that featured Dame Cicely Saunders, the leader of the hospice movement in England.

"When she came back," said Sister Francis, "she knew that's what she needed to do."

Sister Giovanni spent 11 years researching pain control, alternative comfort measures, and the daily needs of dying patients and their families. With the help of the Felician Sisters, she founded Angela Hospice in 1985, and in 1994 opened the Angela Hospice Care Center as the first free-standing facility of its kind in Michigan. "Sister Giovanni is an inspiration to all of us here at Angela Hospice," said Executive Director Mary Beth Moning. "Not only does she provide strong leadership and direction, but she is also approachable, caring and



Sister Giovanni

encouraging to her staff. Angela Hospice wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for her drive and determination."

As president and CEO of Angela Hospice, Sister Giovanni has also served on boards and committees at the local, state and national level.

Sister Giovanni first became involved with the Felician Sisters while she was still in high school. She eventually grew to leadership positions within the Felician community as well, being elected to the Provincial Council, and as a delegate to the General Chapter in Rome.

She has worked with Felician missions in

Nanyuki, Kenya, as well as in Haiti. Sister Mary Francis notes Sister Giovanni's compassion for the community, people throughout the world, as well as her fellow Felician Sisters.

"She has a great love for the Sisters and wants to know that they have the best," said Sister Francis. "Especially the elderly because they have contributed so much."

Sister Giovanni will celebrate her Golden Jubilee at a special Mass with family and friends along with fellow Felician Sister Joyce Marie Van de Vyver. Sister Mary Angela Parkins will also be in attendance celebrating her Silver Jubilee.

# Don't fear the IRS in filing an amended return

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

I recently discussed some of the new changes to tax laws and in the discussions that followed, two questions arose regarding amended tax returns.

The first issue dealt with someone who made a mistake in filing last year's tax return and hopes that the IRS would not catch the mistake. The thought was if the IRS catches the mistake then they would pay the taxes.

The other issue dealt with someone who made a mistake regarding cost basis on a return they filed a couple years ago. The mistake actually resulted in them paying more taxes. However, there was a fear that filing an amended return would cause more aggravation than it's worth.

After talking with both people my recommendation was file an amended return.

In the first situation, the mistake was that income received on a 1099 was not reported. This is a mistake that the IRS will eventually catch and, when it does, the individual will have to pay the tax plus interest as well as a potential penalty. By filing an amended return, this filer will pay interest, however, there is a good

chance he/she will avoid the penalties. In addition, it is our responsibility as citizens to file correct returns and if we discover a mistake, it is our responsibility to file an amended return.

Whether the IRS would eventually catch the mistake is really not the issue. The issue is an incorrect return. Therefore, an amended return should be filed.

In the other situation, the person inherited stock and when they sold the stock, as opposed to taking a cost basis based upon the date of death they took a transfer basis from the deceased. The result was a higher tax liability. They did not want to file an amended return because they were fearful of the IRS.

### Commonplace

Amended returns are quite common and since this individual filed an accurate return other than the cost basis issue they should have no problem with the IRS. This notion that if you file an amended return seeking a refund that the IRS will come after you is just wrong. It's one of those urban legends that has no basis in reality.

If there is a mistake on your return and it is to your benefit, file an amended return and document the issue.

Filing an amended return is not difficult. Complete Form 1040X. Basically, this form allows you to correct the part of your original return that was in error. You have three years after your return was due to file an amend-

ed return. After you file your return it will generally take the IRS three to four months to process the return.

If you do file an amended return, where you owe additional taxes or where you get a refund, also look to how that change affects your State of Michigan return. In certain situations, you also would want to file an amended state return. Particularly, in the first situation (where someone failed to report income on a 1099) an amended Michigan state return would be necessary to report that additional income.

The question many people have is if the IRS owes you money is it worth the hassle and cost to file an amended return? That is up to your individual situation. Filing an amended return to receive a \$50 refund is probably not worth the time and energy. On the other hand, if filing an amended return means a refund of hundreds of dollars, it may make sense.

The bottom line is taxpayers should not be fearful of filing an amended return for fear of the IRS. There is no doubt that there are issues where the IRS acts irresponsibly, however, the reality is it's few and far between. Good luck!

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# Students honor veterans USO style



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Paul Pittman from Livonia and Danielle Center of Royal Oak entertained guests with their swing dancing. Pittman is a re-enactor and wears a U.S. Army Air Corps uniform in honor of his grandfather who was a radio operator on a B-24.

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

James Parks's explanation for the gap between the buttons and button holes on his jacket was simple: "The material is very cheap."

It didn't matter. Dressed out in the Army uniform he wore some 70 years ago, the Livonia resident was proud as could be as he walked into John Glenn High School on Wednesday evening to attend a USO dance.

The culmination of a year of work by teacher Michele Anderson and students in her history classes, the dance honored World War II veterans and their families, including 18 who did oral histories for the project.

"What a great crowd, we have entire families here," Anderson said. "I can't believe how many turned out."

Decorated in patriotic colors, the John Glenn High School cafeteria was filled with an estimated 600 people, ranging from toddlers to folks in their 90s. Several of the veterans like Parks wore their uniforms, while others wore the uniforms of veterans organizations.

Parks had a reason for wearing his.

"I'm wearing this because this was the uniform I was married in," said Parks, who was joined by his wife, Sachiko Rose, whom he met while stationed in Japan. He served in the Army for eight years and saw action in The Philippines and Japan and during the Korean War, served two years with General Douglas MacArthur in the Department of Army.

Guests began arriving well in advance of the 6 p.m. start of the party. As they walked down the hall to the cafeteria, they stopped to look at story boards students created about veterans and defense workers and those things that made the Detroit area the Arsenal of Democracy.

## Story boards

Paul Motz, the director of the Westland Youth Assistance, zeroed in on one particular board — his father's.

"He passed away when



Wayne Memorial High School teacher Ed McGovern attended the dance with his sons August and Edison.



James E. Parks blames cheap material for the fact he couldn't button his uniform jacket. It's the same uniform he wore when he married his wife, Sachiko Rose Parks, who he met while stationed in Japan.

"I was 11," Motz said. "I know he was young when he enlisted in the Navy. He enlisted on his 17th birthday."

The story board included photos of Raymond E. Motz, and pages of a log he kept of where he went — places like New Guinea, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal — aboard the USS Harry Lee. He left the service with the rank of seaman first class. Motz believes he may have been a gunner on a troop ship.

The display also included a copy of a letter he received from his stepmother, telling him that his father had passed. With mail delivery, it arrived a month later.

"It's so amazing how young they were when they went into the service compared to now,"

Motz said. "They were united and pulled together."

Livonia resident Arthur Kalagian also stopped to look at the boards. He was both a defense worker and soldier during the war. While in high school, he worked at Willow Run, building B-24 bombers. He eventually became a musician and that lasted "until the draft board caught up with me."

"I was in the Army for two years," he said. "We'd left to go to Tokyo and were on the ship for two weeks when they drop the atomic bomb. The ship turned around and dropped us in The Philippines. I spent a year there."

Inside the cafeteria, guests were treated to music and songs of the



Wayne resident Dotie Witt is a Korean War veteran, but dressed as World War II's Rosie the Riveter for the dance.



John Glenn High School student Cecilia Said and Westland resident Dave Domke came to honor the veterans.

era. There also were a few speeches and recognition of the guests of honor as well as all veterans.

Veterans took to the dance floor when members of the John Glenn band played. Among them was Paul Pittman of Livonia who's swing dancing with Danielle Center of Royal Oak earned appreciative applause. A re-enactor, Pittman was wearing the Army Air Corps uniform in honor of his grandfather who was a radio operator on a B-24.

"His airplane was the Lady Be Good, it was lost on its first mission and was found 13 years later," Pittman said.

## Not quite Rosie

Veteran Dottie Witt of Westland came dressed as the Rosie the Riveter girl in the "We Can Do It" war poster although her service was during the Korean War. Her table mate, however, was a Rosie — Mildred Courtney — who assembled landing gears at the Rouge. Courtney's mother was a riveter at Willow Run. Witt meets up with Courtney at the Bova VFW Post in Westland where she is a member.

"Her husband was killed three days before V (Victory) Day," said Witt, who was passing out "We Can Do It" buttons.

During the war, Witt



Michele Anderson, chair of the Social Studies Department, listens as John Glenn High School Principal David Ingham talks about the yearlong project that culminated with the USO dance.

followed the planes leaving Willow Run for Metro Airport on her bicycle. Thirty planes were built in 24 hours and then flown to Metro where the female pilots came in and flew them out, she said.

"My mom and dad guarded the ammo dumps at Middlebelt and Goddard as the Civil Defense," she added.

While the party was celebratory, it was tinged with a bit of sadness as Anderson, in recognizing the veterans her students interviewed, announced that Janice Kelley of Northville, a defense worker, has died just hours before the event. Another veteran, Carl Steen, also was in intensive care at University of

Michigan Hospital.

Anderson was able to do the project through a grant from Michigan Humanities Council. She said she would love to do it again, but said there were a lot of costs outside of the grant.

"There were things we needed beyond what the grant covered," she said. "We need a new computer to burn the DVDs for the interviews because the camera we used wasn't compatible with what we had. There were the decorations we didn't think about. I'd love to repeat it and I now know what to put in the grant request."

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# Madonna University celebrates 66th commencement

Some 1,200 graduates joined the Madonna University alumni ranks during the Livonia school's 66th commencement ceremony on Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

More than 800 students received a bachelor's or associate degree, while 370 earned master's degrees. In addition, there were 20 graduates of Madonna's Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Two honorary doctoral degrees were bestowed — one for Sister Mary Clarette Stryzewski, president and CEO of Felician Services Inc. in Chicago, and the other to Richard Walawender, Miller Canfield principal in Detroit. A third honorary doctorate was awarded to architect Robert Svoboda at the



Steve Templeton of Macomb celebrates after accepting his bachelor's degree in sport management on stage at Madonna University's commencement ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth on Sunday.

university's 75th anniversary gala in October 2012.

The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Christine Lees of Grosse Ile, a retired cytotechnologist who worked to identify cancer cells in patients and

now devotes much of her time volunteering in hospice care.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.



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A Madonna University student uses her mortarboard to thank her mom and dad.



Madonna University paralegal studies graduate Dean Herron of Livonia gets help from Emma Massman before the commencement ceremony.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On May 21, 2013, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impound, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1997	GMC	C2500	RED	1GKGC26J9VJ706892
2000	ISUZU	RODEO	RED	4S2DM58W9Y4302178
1999	SATURN	2DR	GOLD	1G8ZY127XXZ231648
2004	BUICK	RENDEZVOUS	BLACK	3G5DA03E54S588540
2007	CHEVROLET	COBALT	RED	1G1AK55F877141062
2008	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	TAN	2G1WB58K781279382
2004	PONTIAC	GR PRX	WHITE	2G2WR524341116823
2003	PONTIAC	GR AM	RED	1G2NW52E83C281210
2000	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	SILVER	2G1WH55K1Y9317791
2004	PONTIAC	GR PRX	SILVER	2G2WP522041181343
1993	DODGE	INTREPID	BLUE	2B3ED56FXPH595394
2001	MERCURY	SABLE	WHITE	1MEHM55S21G612996
1999	SATURN	2DR	GOLD	1G8ZY1276XZ240850
2002	CHEVROLET	MALIBU	SILVER	1G1ND52J32M614168

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
MTG. 9 5/6/13**

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

67: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/15/13

- Blues, Brews, & BBQ event on 9/20-21 on City Hall grounds.
- Phantom Fireworks temp tent 6/27-7/6 @ 38250 Ford Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 8202 Merriman Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 35705 Warren Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 6019 N. Wayne Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 34794 Warren Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 8299 Wayne Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 1912 Venoy Rd.
- USA Fireworks temp. tent 6/25-7/6 @ 165 W. Wayne Rd.
- Bid for electronic monitoring equip. for PD to Pro-Tech Sales; amt. \$12,734.00.
- Bid for street sweeping svcs. to Progressive Sweeping Contractors, amt. \$192,156.00.
- Bid for Municipal Golf Course Paving Project to Al's Asphalt Paving; amount \$181,759.00.
- Adopted Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy & Limited English Proficiency Plan.
- Adopted resolution to change 1 polling location.
- Adopted Prepared Resolution for 1 NSP disposition; 32253-55 Hillsdale.

68: Closed public hearing on 2013-2014 Budget.

69: Intro. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/13 - 6/30/14.

70: Waived procedure to intro. & adopt Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/13 - 6/30/14.

71: Adopt. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/13 - 6/30/14.

72: Adopt. prep. res. to adopt CDBG & HOME Program Annual Action Plan 7/1/13 - 6/30/14.

73: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. parking lot addition to National Storage, 1638 S. Newburgh w/contingencies.

74: Appr. rev. site plan for prop addition to US Farathane, 39200 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.

76: Conf. re-appt. of G. Osborn to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/12/16.

78: Conf. re-appt. of B. McGough to ZBA for 3 yr. term to exp. 5/12/16.

69: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,936,988.07 & Prepaid: \$325, 313. 36.

Mtg. adj. at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
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## Let me Google that for you

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

Whenever I speak with readers, colleagues, friends and family members, I'm always surprised by how unwilling many of them are to learn about technology. I was recently at a business conference where I heard many folks talk about how confusing Twitter is, or how they don't know how to use social media.



Tech Savvy  
Jon Gunnells

I always try to give tips and pointers to get folks started (much like these articles), but with so many questions from so many people, I've adopted a new approach. The Google approach. Google can answer any question you have. It is easy to use, quick to use and provides many results so that correct information can be confirmed from multiple reputable sources. Need to learn how to properly shoot a basketball? Google it. Want to know the name of that guy who played in Fargo? Google it. Want to learn how to start a Facebook page for a business or a Twitter account for personal use? Google it. Of course, Google isn't the only method — rather it's a great resource

to help you answer any question you may have. Another great way to learn something (and I can't believe I have to type this) is to simply try it.

### Just try it

When you were growing up, did anyone ever teach you how to do a cannonball dive into a pool? Or how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Probably not. Chances are, you learned by doing. Learning by doing also applies to the Internet, but only if you are willing to try.

I always revert to the Twitter example because it is by far the most common thing people are confused about on the Internet. They'll say, "It is confusing" or "I don't know how to do it." Then I'll ask them if they tried and they always say "no."

Believe it or not, Twitter, and even Facebook and other social media sites, are some of the easiest things to use. Twitter for example, walks you through the entire process of setting up an account. The site helps you follow users, upload a photo, create a profile, send a tweet and tell friends you joined the site. Most sites and many devices have similar tutorials that make set-up a breeze, but you can't learn to use them if you don't try.

I think the main reason people are unwilling to try Twitter or to try to use new devices is that they

are afraid of not understanding the material and therefore getting frustrated or feeling out of touch. However, technology-based frustration is a thing of the past. This isn't like 1994, where if your computer broke you called customer service and stayed on hold for an hour.

Nowadays, we can get instant satisfaction and solve problems immediately with search engines like Google. So if you try to set up your new Twitter account, switch to a new phone or do something even more advanced, you can always Google it!

When using Google to help solve life's daily problems, be sure to phrase what you are looking for in the form of a question. That will help Google bring you the best possible results. For example: typing in "How to send a tweet" will bring more precise results than "Twitter help."

It may take a few clicks to find a link that provides the right information, but be patient. You can rephrase your search if you need to find what you are looking for.

Next time you hear about a new type of technology, instead of fearing it, Google it. You could learn before many others and become an early adapter.

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Carla Schneider (center) and the Oakwood team represent at the Governor's Fitness Award Ceremony that took place at Ford Field in Detroit.

## Gov. Rick Snyder lauds Oakwood's OakWell program

For the second consecutive year, an Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. program was a finalist for a Governor's Fitness Award, reaffirming the company's position as a state-wide leader in healthy programming.

Oakwood was a finalist for the Healthy Workplace Award for its OakWell employee wellness program and was also in the running for a People's Choice Award for the same program. While those honors ultimately went to other organizations, Carla Schneider, manager of the OakWell program, said it was an honor just to be named a finalist. The ultimate award, she said, was promoting a work environment where every employee could meet his or her health goals.

"We do it because it's the right thing to do," she said of the program. "That's what it's really all about."

The OakWell program offers employees and their families access to wellness center stocked with state-of-the-art fitness equipment as well as exercises classes like kick-boxing, zumba and

yoga. Personal trainers and health coaches are available, too. There is also an online HealthyLife portal that provides recipes, information and health tips. All Oakwood cafeterias offer OakWell Fit Meals and a seasonal farmer's market is open weekly at the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn.

"The whole organization is committed to developing and keeping a healthier, stronger workforce," said Brian Connolly, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. "We're committed from the top of the organization to the bottom of the organization."

"If we have a healthy workforce, we provide better care to our patients and the communities we serve," he added.

In his remarks at a legislative reception at the capitol building, Gov. Rick Snyder commended the organization for the program and the effort to lead by example.

"They're doing wonderful things with Oak Well," Snyder said. "It's about eating right, exercising—all those funda-

mentals. They're really putting them into practice."

Oakwood had an impact on other finalists, as well. Canton Township was a finalist in the Extraordinary Event/Organization Award in part for the 100 Days to Health program, which Oakwood sponsors. Also, Christopher Hillier, a Taylor resident who was nominated for the Veteran of the Year Award, is a former Oakwood employee. Hillier embarked on a journey the day after the award ceremony to be the first person to hike the proposed Belle Isle to Wisconsin trail. The 924-mile trail was first suggested by Snyder last November. Hillier said he's been planning the hike virtually since then to inspire people to get out and be more active.

"I want people to know that they don't have to hike thousands of miles, but they do need to get out and be more active more often," said Hillier, who served in the U.S. Army for six years. "If I can encourage people to walk more, I will be doing a good thing."

### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### New staff member

Dr. Louis C. Tegtmeier, a board-certified general surgeon, has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He sees patients at his office in Westland at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 101.

A highly experienced surgeon, Dr. Tegtmeier has performed many breast cancer surgeries, colorectal surgeries, and a variety of other general surgeries.

Following graduation from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Missouri, Dr. Tegtmeier served a yearlong internship at Tucson General Hospital in Arizona and his general

surgery residency at Garden City Hospital.

In addition to being a practicing general surgeon, Dr. Tegtmeier serves on the clinical faculty of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in the Department of Osteopathic Surgical Specialties.

Botsford Hospital is a multi-specialty 330 bed hospital and verified trauma center located in Farmington Hills.

#### New program

An innovative program, funded by the State of Michigan and administered by Schoolcraft College, provides two local companies with multiple training opportunities. NYX, Inc., and Washers, Inc., of Livonia, recently

entered into agreements with Schoolcraft College to provide training to a new and expanded workforce over the next three years.

The Michigan New Jobs Training Program offers area employers an opportunity to receive training funds for newly created jobs (not replacements or layoff workers) that pay a minimum of \$12.95 per hour (17.5 percent of minimum wage). This program is funded through Michigan state income tax diversions.

Interested companies may contact Corinne Smereka at (734) 462-4441 or csmereka@schoolcraft.edu at Schoolcraft College to determine eligibility for future rounds of funding.

## Time is more valuable than money

By Clarity Patton Newhouse  
Guest Columnist

We've all heard the saying, 'time is money.' But Delatorro McNeal pointed out in his recent Yes! Network seminar that this statement isn't true. Time is more valuable than money.

Life is over when our time is over, not when our money runs out, Delatorro reminded everybody. So just as we wouldn't let others reach into our pockets and spend our money, we shouldn't let them reach into our lives and spend our time. Money lost can be



Clarity Patton Newhouse

replaced by money earned, but time lost is gone forever. By guarding our work time we're able to be more productive, and by guarding our personal time we're able to enjoy more of life's most precious moments.

Today, let's keep time on our side - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "You may delay, but time will not."  
Benjamin Franklin

PPS. I always enjoy hearing from you and I thank you for sharing Sunny Notes with others. You can help spread the sunshine by inviting others to subscribe to Sunny Notes at [www.joinsunny-notes.com](http://www.joinsunny-notes.com).

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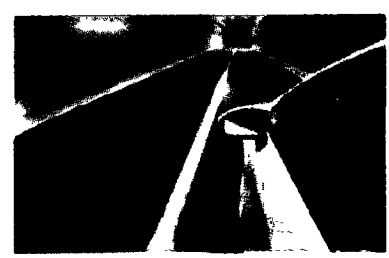
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# League ready for more 'Miracles'

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

With bright blue skies and an enthusiastic crowd on hand, Gavin Carrigan's one word description was probably spot-on when the Miracle League of Plymouth opened its third year at Bilkie Family Field in downtown Plymouth.

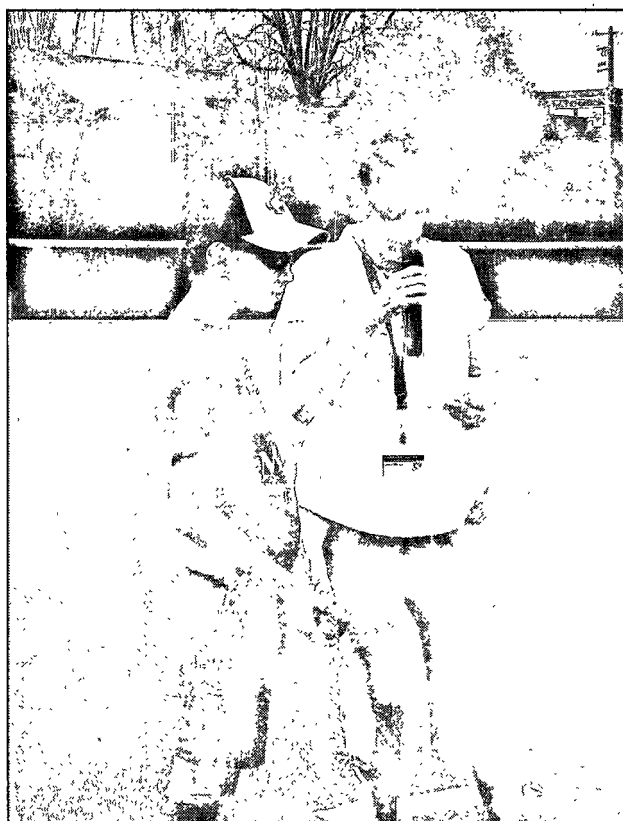
"Awesome!" That's how 10-year-old Gavin felt, especially after being named the league's new "Junior Commissioner" before throwing out the season's first pitch shortly after 10 a.m.

Gavin and more than 90 other players on eight teams gathered for the spring season of Year Three of the Miracle League of Plymouth, the baseball league that gives special-needs players, who otherwise might not get the chance, the opportunity to take part in the national pastime.

Teams have up to 13 players each, and games are played Saturdays at Bilkie Family Field, named for league benefactors Bob and Shari Bilkie.

Players get a lot of help from a variety of coaches, umpires, parents and "buddies," volunteers who sign up simply to help.

"Every player gets everybody paying attention, and that's a little different from a lot of



Miracle League of Plymouth Commissioner Deb Madonna announces that 10-year-old Gavin Carrigan has been named the league's "junior commissioner."

teams," Madonna said. "Everybody's got their families out here, and some bring their teachers and friends, and that's their support system."

### Changing roles

Mike Jurlin of Farmington Hills was an umpire last year, but this season he's moving into the dugout as coach of the Tigers.

"This is such a great program for the kids,"

Jurlin said. "In all honesty, it's just a great a program for the adults. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing the joy on these kids faces."

It's the big reason Tim Hansz of Plymouth Township — "It gives back to others, lets me be more caring and compassionate," Hansz said — and Bob Telep of Livonia are back for their third year of "buddying."

"I love seeing the expressions on the chil-



Miracle League "buddy" Josie Inman helps Devyn Dixon round third and head for home.

dren's faces, and knowing some of the joy of playing baseball," Telep said.

### Star power

Bilkie Field features a snack bar, and this year opening day saw the raffling of a 50-inch television to benefit the league's golf outing.

Of course, Jonathan Weid of Plymouth Town-

ship was on the announcer's microphone, as he has been since the beginning.

"It's like having Ernie Harwell back," Madonna said of Weid.

Madonna knows it's the first chance most of her players have had to play the game, and she loves watching them succeeding.

"It gets them out there

playing," said commissioner Deb Madonna. "A lot of the kids haven't been on a team before, so this is their first experience. Many of the kids watch their brothers and sisters out on teams, but this time they're the superstars."

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## County holds e-waste collection Saturday

The Wayne County Department of Public Services' Land Resource Management Division is holding an Electronic Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Recycling event 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Veteran's Memorial Ice Arena, 142 E. Great Lakes, River Rouge.

Left over electronic waste can be harmful to the environment. Research shows it can cause liquid and atmospheric releases which can negatively impact bodies of water, ground-

water, soil and air.

"We value the practice of recycling," said Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano. "We recycle at the county headquarters downtown and are happy to offer this to the public."

Scrap tire recycling can supplement road building materials, such as asphalt and paving. It can also be used for landfill drainage and rubber matting for playground surfaces.

The following items will be accepted from Wayne County residents and small businesses:

- Up to seven passenger (scrap) tires.
  - Computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, CRT and LCD monitors.
  - TVs, VCRs, CD players, DVD players.
  - Printers, fax machines, stereos, speakers.
  - Cell phones, telephones, microwave ovens.
  - Christmas lights.
  - Game consoles, handheld electronic devices.
  - Computer parts and miscellaneous cables.
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Unit 238, Cross: Bedding, furniture misc items

Unit # 434 Bolton: tires, speakers, tools

Unit # 522 Nielsen: Bikes, furniture, misc boxes

Unit # 615 Delarosa: Bedding, Furniture, misc items

Unit # 725 West: TV's, bedding, Misc boxes

Unit # 533: Furniture, Dryer

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
May 20, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on May 20, 2013 at 6:55 p.m. regarding the proposed Bock-Lathers reconstruction project.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC RESOLUTION (#2) OF NECESSITY  
Bock - Lathers (2013)**

WHEREAS, a report has been received from the City Manager on reconstructing Bock, from Middlebelt to Harrison and Lathers, from Maplewood to Warren; which also includes Cambridge, from Lathers to Harrison and James, from Lathers to Harrison,


WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to hear the views of property owners in the proposed district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for Monday, May 20, 2013, at 6:55 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135 to solicit public comments on the necessity of paving Bock, from Middlebelt to Harrison and Lathers, from Maplewood to Warren; which also includes Cambridge, from Lathers to Harrison and James, from Lathers to Harrison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing be published in the newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be given by first class mail to the last known owner of each parcel affected thereby pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40, Section 40.04(A).

**ALLYSON M. BETTIS**  
City Clerk / Treasurer

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
May 20, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:53 pm.** regarding a proposed ordinance amendment to §154.286 Permitted Uses and Structures of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City to permit laundries and dry cleaning establishment with limited processing as a principal use in the C-2 district.

**ORDINANCE # \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.352, PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES AND §154.145, KENNELS OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on April 11, 2013 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.352 Permitted Uses and Structures and Section 154.145, Kennels.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

**THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**That §154.352, Permitted Uses and Structures of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to insert a new Special Land Use as follows:**

(5) Doggy day care establishments (Subject to §154.145)

**And further that Section 154.145, Kennels, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:**

§ 154.145 Kennels

The following regulations shall apply to kennels.

(A) **Private kennels.** Private kennels to house only the animals owned by the occupant of the dwelling unit shall be permitted subject to the following.

- (1) The lot on which any private kennel is located shall have a minimum lot area of 19,000 square feet.
- (2) No more than six animals over the age of six months shall be housed in a private kennel.
- (3) Buildings in which animals are kept, animal runs, and exercise areas shall not be located in any required front, side, or rear yard setback area, and shall be located at least 100 feet from any dwellings or buildings used by the public on adjacent property.

(B) **Commercial kennels.** Commercial kennels shall be subject to the following standards.

- (1) Any commercial kennel shall be subject to all permit and operational requirements established by county and state regulatory agencies.
- (2) The lot on which any commercial kennel is located shall have a minimum lot area of one acre. If more than four animals are housed in an outdoor kennel, an additional one acre shall be required for every additional ten animals (or fraction thereof).
- (3) Buildings in which animals are kept, animal runs, and exercise areas shall not be located in any required front, side, or rear yard setback area, and shall be located at least 100 feet from any dwellings or buildings used by the public on adjacent property.

**SEVERABILITY:**

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Tragic loss

### Death reminds us of dangers all our first responders face

Westland buried one of its own this week. For the first time in the 47-year history of the city, it said farewell to a first responder who had died in the line of duty.

Brian Woehlke was 29 years old when he died fighting a fire last Wednesday at Marvaso's Italian Grille and the adjacent Electric Stick pool hall. He leaves behind a young wife and a 13-month-old daughter. Their loss is Westland's loss. Their grief is the community's grief.

When a fire breaks out, we expect our firefighters to come and extinguish it. We know it's a dangerous job, but the thought that someone might get killed in the process never seems to enter into the equation. The same is true of police officers. We expect them to come to our aid, but we never quite relate the danger to the duty. The loss of life is something we hear about and see on TV. It really doesn't happen not in our own backyard, but it did last Wednesday.

Those who knew Brian Woehlke speak of a great young man who was excited about being a fire-

fighter. He had a great personality, he always had a smile on his face.

Last week, many people went to the site of the fire to say a prayer or leave memento in his honor. Teddy bears, candles, flowers and flags hung from the fence or were placed on the ground just a few hundred feet from where he died. One person left him a letter. Written from the heart, the author admitted he had never met Brian Woehlke.

"We don't know each other. I never had the pleasure of meeting you, though we may have bumped into one another at the various hospitals. From what I have learned about you in the last 24 hours, I have no doubt that while you were walking through the hospitals, you were one of those who, in passing, looked me in the eyes with respect and shared with me a head nod (one with a first responder's accent) or a sincere, "Hey, how ya doin'," all the while me looking up to you, anticipating becoming a firefighter just like you someday soon."

"For the last 10 months you have lived my life long dream and



A memorial to Wayne-Westland firefighter Brian Woehlke included, flags, flowers, candles and balloons. Someone also left Cub Scout neckerchiefs and a letter.

everyday for the rest of my life, I vow to work as hard as I can to live our shared dream, become a firefighter, be the best I can be, and help as many people as I possibly can, all in your honor."

The community turned out Monday to honor him. Some held signs, identifying him as a fallen hero, others held flags. It was a show of support for a family and community that has lost one of its own. It takes a tragedy to make us realize the dedication of our first responders. They are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to preserve and protect. Brian Woehlke made that sacrifice.

There is nothing we can do to bring him back, but we can, as a community, honor his memory. We can contribute to the Brian Woehlke Charity that has been established by the Westland Fire Fighters Charity. Donations large and small will go to his family. Checks, made payable made to the Westland Fire Fighters Charity, can be sent to P.O. Box 851320, Westland, MI 48185, or dropped off at any five Wayne-Westland fire stations.

Westland lost a first responder last week. It was the first, and we can only hope that it will be the last.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Do you plan you plan to go to a Detroit Tigers game this season?

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



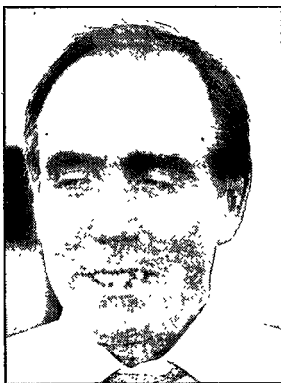
"I don't usually go. I'm not a sports person, but if my kids want to go, I may go."

**Evangeline Pescasil**  
Livonia



"I will, I go a few times every summer."

**Erynn Grady Taylor**



"I might."

**Bill Fragel**  
Carsonville, Mich.



"I'm going to try. I've never been to a baseball game."

**Aja Gore**  
Westland

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

## LETTERS

### Family says thanks

We would like to thank the community for their outpouring of support through this difficult time. The community's generosity in the form of memorial donations, flowers, food, prayers and support are greatly appreciated, more than words can express.

He would be humbled by the heart-felt expressions of thoughtfulness and support from his fellow brothers and sisters in the fire service, extended family and the community at-large. Brian fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter when he joined the Wayne-Westland Fire Department.

Sincerely,

**Brian Woehlke family**

### Sense of community

The recent fire in Westland was a tragic moment in our city's history. Our hope is that something like this never happens again.

We admire the amount of support and coming together to help those in need during these difficult times. Hundreds of residents from across the city were ready to help out at a moment's notice to do whatever they could to lend a hand.

We can take a moment to ask ourselves the possibilities of a Westland that comes together more and more often to help each other out. The next few years hold the potential to be a winning time for our city but let's not let this sense of togetherness pass us by.

Let's not forget the forgotten individuals and families among us that are facing hard times of their own. Some of our neighbors are still losing their homes to foreclosure, struggling with hunger, and facing lack of education or employment.

In memory of the fallen and with respect to the suffering, let's hope and strive for a furthering of our sense of community and helping each other out, even if just a little bit more. It adds up.

**Kevin Coleman**  
Westland

### Perfect fit

On Friday, May 10, I contacted Mr. Jason Savine at The Men's Warehouse and requested that he assist me in altering my fire uniform which I wanted to wear to the service honoring fallen firefighter Brian Woehlke of the Wayne-Westland Fire Authority who was killed in the Electric Stick Building fire on May 8.

I needed the uniform altered and

cleaned very quickly, and I felt it was very important to take part in the services for Brian. Mr. Savine made sure I was able to do so.

The alterations to the uniform were done within hours, and I am very grateful for the help that was provided to me.

The uniform fits me again, thanks to The Men's Warehouse which worked to make it happen.

**Ted Scott**  
retired Westland fire chief

### Thank you, Boland

I would like to thank Boland Florist on Ford Road in Garden City for their generosity in offering their beautiful flower arrangements for 12 months as a prize to benefit the Garden City Relay for Life in May 2012. I was the lucky winner and have been enjoying these outstanding floral arrangements once a month for a year.

If you have not used Boland Florist, please do so since they are very active in our community and have been so for years! My husband started buying flowers for me from them going back to 1974. They have supplied flowers for many occasions for our family, including funerals and our daughter's wedding. You would never be disappointed in their flowers.

**Bonnie Childs**  
Garden City

### Vets help students

The American veterans have once more come to the aid of Livonia students.

When Cooper Upper Elementary students needed assistance transporting their luggage to Howell Conference and Nature Center for their annual camp trip, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter on Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt stepped up to provide their truck to help out, providing free transportation.

In the last five to six years, no other group has been so generous. Their only request was the Cooper students hold a much-needed clothing drive for them.

This week, the students are holding a clothing drive and are hoping to deliver half a truck of new or slightly used clothing to exceed our donations from last year.

If others have clothing that needs a new owner, the DAV will be happy to locate a needed recipient.

The only way the Livonia Public Schools can truly show their appreciation is to urge others to donate and show their appreciation to the DAV, not only for their willingness

to help Livonia students but for the sacrifices that they have made for all Americans.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton once said: "Families are part of a larger community that can help or hurt our best efforts to raise our children."

Please help us show our appreciation to the Disabled American Veterans.

**MaryBeth Lorenz**  
sixth-grade teacher  
Cooper Upper Elementary School

### 'Islam is root of terror'

It is time that we stop being "politically correct" and finally come out and verbally state the simple truth that many of us have only whispered to one another. The shock and disgust of the Boston bombings has finally brought to light one single fact: the true enemy of our society is Islam. In the history of our country our enemies have all been political ideologies. Our current enemy is a religious ideology; a religious belief that supposedly espouses love and peace, but continuously contradicts these attributes.

The Boston mosque where the two Tsarnaev brothers worshiped is known for its inflammatory and hateful preaching. A former trustee of the mosque appeared in videos advocating that husbands should sometimes beat their wives and call on Allah to kill Zionists and Jews. (USA Today, April 25, 2013). How many other mosques and Islamic schools in this country are doing the same thing? And we just sit back and wait for the next atrocious act.

Oh, but the press claims these two brothers were "radicalized." But before you are determined to be a "radicalized Islamist," you first have to believe in Islam. How many other Islamic believers in this country are gradually being radicalized? It seems the more devout Islamists are, the more radical they become. Therefore, who in the Islamic community can we now trust?

It is time for us to wake up and admit that Islam is the root of terror. It is so unfortunate that in this country we must now be vigilant and skeptical of those around us. How sad that we are forced to live with such distrust and scrutiny of others because Boston has taught us that our friendly Islamic neighbor could be our worst enemy.

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# Affordable Care Act debate over, businesses need to make decisions

By Dan West  
Guest Columnist



Dan West

A business manager dealing with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is sort of like a couple that needs to prepare a will. You don't want to think about it, but you have to deal with it. And if you don't act in a timely fashion, there will be consequences. Health care reform is complicated, it is not complete, and it will use up a lot of time and energy for business managers. But it is not going away. The ACA is no longer a political debate. It is the law which will require all businesses — large and small — to make some significant

decisions by Oct. 1. These were among the key messages shared by a Livonia Chamber of Commerce Health Care Reform Forum at part of the Livonia Business Expo May 9, at the Marriott Hotel. Some 40 business people listened to three experts discuss the impact of the ACA on businesses. The experts said recognizing the ACA as the law is half the battle for most businesses. Based on some recent surveys, many managers are ignoring the new world of health care

reform and how it will affect their employees. In one survey, 19 percent of Americans believe the Affordable Care Act was made illegal by the U.S. Supreme Court (the High Court affirmed the ACA and its individual mandate last June). Another survey indicated that 42 percent of the country does not realize the ACA is in effect. "Whatever you do, don't do nothing," said Michael Burdo, a benefits consultant from Aon Hewitt. "Some think this will go away, but it's not." Most of us have heard about the Affordable Care Act primarily in a political context in the debate over "Obamacare," but spent little

time learning the details of how reform will impact individuals and businesses. This brings up the Oct. 1 deadline for companies to declare their intentions to continue providing their own health insurance for employees, if they are going to enroll them in exchanges, and whether companies will pay fines for not providing coverage to their employees. What makes it more complicated is the fact that exchange programs are still being developed. Also, some current health care providers will not be involved in exchange programs. That means those impacted companies will have to find new

health insurance carriers by the end of the year. "Since the Act was signed into law, most of the mandates have impacted carriers, and that's the easiest part," said Jason Shirk, a benefits consultant from Mid-American Group. "It is kind of like having the dessert before the liver and onions." The hard work is engaging all companies and individuals to make their own decisions in an effectively and timely manner. In most cases, companies are going to need help so they can figure out options and new subsidies to provide employee health coverage — and business managers should begin now

to make an informed decision by Oct. 1. "If you want help, start now," said Scott Young, a benefits consultant from E-InsureLink. "It will be hard to find help in the fourth quarter of this year." This process is not fun, easy, or quick, but it is necessary and required by law. If you don't get started now, it will make a challenging situation even more daunting next year when the law takes full effect.

Dan West is the president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

## F.A.I.T.H. Riders hold annual biker blessing Saturday

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Darrel Manuel looked for a way to combine his love of motorcycle riding with his faith and came up with an answer several years ago. It involved the creation of F.A.I.T.H. Riders, a chapter ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City. The group will hold its fifth annual Biker Blessing and Memorial Cancer Ride, beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 18. The festival is open to the

public and will be held on the grounds of the church located on Merriman, south of Ford. The annual biker blessing will be held at noon. There also will be a free bike wash, free food, free music and a free bike show. There will be vendors and lots of fun along with a chance to win a 40-inch HDTV. Music will be provided by Gary Modlinski from Blues Aireman Guitars and 3rd Edition. "Following the blessing will be the Matthew Brotherton Memorial Cancer Ride," Manuel

said. "The cost for the ride is \$20, \$25 with passenger. All money raised goes to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride for Kids." You don't have to be a member of the church to attend or to join the F.A.I.T.H. Riders. "I do ask that members attend the church of their choice once a week," said Manuel, the director and chaplain. "That shouldn't be too hard to do." F.A.I.T.H. Riders started in 2002 in Lakeland, Fla., and has grown to almost 250 chapters

nationwide. The letters stand for Forgiveness, Available, Impossible, Turn and Heaven. "Our motto is 'No One Left Behind,'" he said. "The F.A.I.T.H. Riders are made up of people from all areas of life, but we do have a common interest — enjoyment and enthusiasm for motorcycles, all makes and models," he said. "No matter what you ride — or even if you don't — all are welcome." The F.A.I.T.H. Riders are gaining recognition in the community. Last Fall,

the group took first place in the annual Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Garden City Downtown Development Authority. "We at Merriman Road Baptist Church are the first and so far only chapter in Michigan with about 15 active members," Manuel said. "We were commissioned on April 5, 2009. Our first Biker Blessing followed just a month later on May 15, 2009."

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## Livonia Town Hall announces speakers

The Livonia Town Hall Lecture Series is celebrating its 50th season. The speakers are Golden Globe winner and Emmy nominee Joan Collins on Oct. 16; Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern Dis-

trict of Michigan, on Nov. 20; Graham W.J. Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, on Jan. 15; and literary lecturer Dr. Elliot Engel on March 19. A lunch is included with each lecture, which

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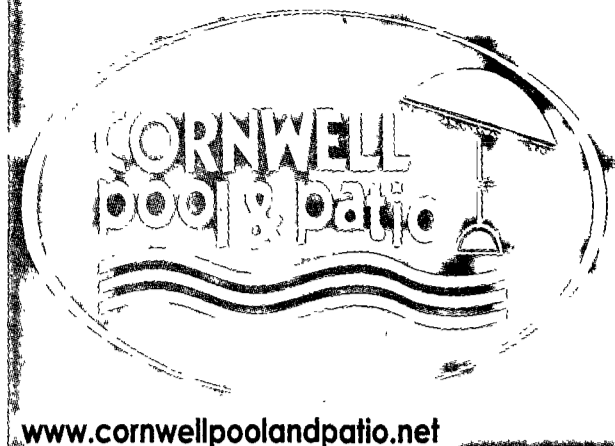
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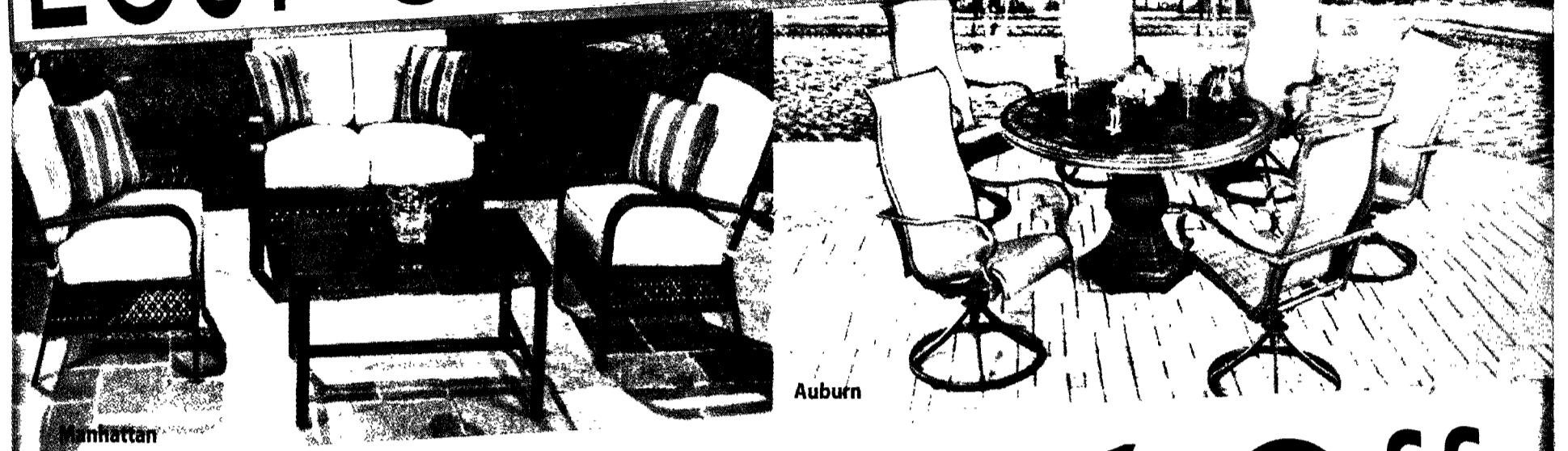
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## When the dust clears

Stevenson's Matt Hunt (right) gets his hand in safely on the slide at home plate before Churchill catcher Dan Cameron can come up with the tag in Monday's Kensington crossover. For more high school baseball, see page B4

## PREP BASEBALL

### 17-1 Warriors cruising along, rout MIAC foes

Mark Mika was able to get the most bang for his buck as Lutheran High Westland romped to a 15-0 three-inning baseball victory Monday over visiting Newport Lutheran South.

Mika went 3-for-3 with a triple, six RBI and two stolen bases as the Warriors improved to 17-1 overall and 11-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"We got a good jump on them today and were able to sustain that throughout the lineup," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team collected five doubles and seven stolen bases in the mercy rule victory. "We have a couple tough games this week so it will be good to see how far we've come."

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### Blazers rule league lax

Senior Christina Riga and junior Jessica Snyder combined for eight goals Saturday as Livonia Ladywood repeated as Catholic League girls lacrosse champions with a 13-11 win at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Goalie Stephanie Mackley made 12 saves for the unbeaten Blazers.

Caroline Wood scored four goals and Meghan Kelly added three for the Fighting Irish.

On Tuesday, senior Jaclyn Snyder and Jessica Snyder each scored three goals Ladywood improved to 11-0 overall with a 12-9 win at Ann Arbor Huron.

Anna Hu made six saves for the River Rats.

### Hage earns NFLPA grant

Livonia Churchill High junior Jake Hage, a junior pole vaulter on the boys track and field team, has won a National Athleadership Grant sponsored by NCSA Athletic Recruiting and the National Football League Players Association.

The Athleadership Grant is awarded to student-athletes who qualify based on leadership in their community, academic achievement, athletics and a required essay.

### CHS scholars earn awards

For the 13th year in a row, the Livonia Churchill High Athletic Patrons have awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to senior student-athletes based on an application response.

This year's award winners include: Sydney Anderson, Michelle Azar, Maggie McGowan, Joseph Mulka, Kerigan Riley, Julia Szuba, Rachel Tomassi and Benjamin Yates.

### Grid clinic at Stevenson

The Livonia Stevenson Youth Football Clinic for students currently in grades two-six will be 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the high school turf field.

The camp is free. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. at the school's north cafeteria. Clinic T-shirts are available for \$8 (must be received by May 16).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson varsity football coach Matt Fielder at [mfielder@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfielder@livoniapublicschools.org).

## Stevenson softball coach steps down

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Lauren Delapaz's stint as Livonia Stevenson varsity girls softball coach lasted exactly 21 games after the former Canton High stand-out and Eastern Michigan University player abruptly resigned last Friday.

The 24-year-old Delapaz declined comment regarding her sudden resignation, but did say, "I do plan on coaching in



Delapaz

the future."

She has been replaced for the remainder of the season by 46-year-old Mike Reilly, a Livonia police officer who served as Stevenson's JV softball coach in 2012.

Following Monday night's 5-1 Kensington Conference crossover loss to rival Livonia Churchill at Ford Field, the Spartans stand 7-19 overall and 4-10 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Reilly coached the team over the weekend in the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational where the Spartans finished with a 3-1

record.

Reilly, who has eight years of fast-pitch softball experience coaching in the Livonia Storm summer program, said he'll only make a few subtle changes.

"We're going to work on our hitting a bit more," he said. "We're going to move forward with the hitting. We know what we have in front of us. We have districts — we're hosting it. We have six or seven games before the districts and we'll be ready to go before then."

Reilly, whose daughter, Natalie, is a junior pitch-

er-infielder on the squad, indicated the transition thus far has been smooth. "It's going absolutely great, it's wonderful," he said. "I'm not tweaking it too much or reinventing the wheel here. They know what role they are on the team."

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman said Erica Ehinger will remain as Stevenson's JV coach, while Jill Brennan will stay on as a volunteer varsity assistant under Reilly.

The Stevenson A.D. also said Tom Lipinski, who has two daughters on the

varsity squad, will serve as additional volunteer coach for the remainder of the season.

"Many of the those players he (Reilly) was familiar with or coached," Hyman said, "and that would be a natural move to appoint him interim head coach to get through the season. He's an interim coach to finish the season. At the end of the season we'll post the position."

Under Delapaz, Stevenson went 4-17 overall and 4-9 in the conference.

Please see **COACH, B4**

## Avila downs MU in NAIA playoffs, 3-2

The Madonna University baseball team came up one run short in Saturday's elimination round of the NAIA National Championship's Cleveland (Tenn.) Bracket.

In a game that was delayed by rain for 62 minutes in the bottom of the fifth, the Crusaders fell 3-2 to Avila (Mo.) to end their season at 37-11 overall at Olympic Field.

Jason Leone's single in the top of the second scoring Jordan Byrd staked Avila (30-21) to a 1-0 advantage.

It remained scoreless until the top of the eighth when Kyle Ford's two-run single off MU reliever Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) put Avila up 3-0.

The Crusaders got a pair of runs back in the bottom of the eighth when pinch runner Mike Tibbits scored on an error and

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) brought home Shane Dokey on a single with no outs.

But with the tying and go-ahead runners at second and third, Avila reliever Steven Johnson got out of the inning when he got Justin and Matthew Cook on infield groundouts followed by a shallow pop fly to right by Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) to end the game.

The 18th-ranked Crusaders, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champions, then went down in order in the bottom of the ninth.

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson), who slipped to 6-1,

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DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

## Focused in

Churchill's Aliyah Abdeljaber (24) and John Glenn's Lori Thompson (12) converge on the ball during Tuesday's KLAAs South Division match. Churchill posted a 5-1 victory over the host Rockets. For a roundup of area girls soccer, see page B3

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# Liggett jumps on HVL's miscues

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett rode the hot bat of Emma Nicholas and took advantage of six Westland Huron Valley Lutheran errors to earn a 6-2 MIAC Blue Division girls softball victory Tuesday over the host Hawks.

Nicholas went 3-for-4, including a homer, triple and double and three RBI as the Knights improved to 9-0 in the division.

The Hawks, who slipped to 10-4 overall and 4-3 in the MIAC Blue, got a two-run double in the first inning from Dayna Schroeder.

Winning pitcher Emily Kanakry limited HVL to just three hits and two walks.

Losing pitcher Julie St. John gave up six runs, but only three runs were earned. She gave up six hits and struck out two.

"Against a great team like Liggett we cannot make any errors," HVL coach Kris Ruth said.

In Saturday's Westland John Glenn Bat Away Breast Cancer Tournament

ment, HVL finished 2-1. Host Glenn defeated the Hawks in the opener, 5-3, as Heather Gaines went 2-for-3 and winning pitcher Alexis Lester scattered eight hits and one walk while striking out four in seven innings.

Jessie Strauch went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBI for Huron Valley.

Losing pitcher Julie St. John allowed nine hits, walked two and struck out six.

In Game Two, St. John tossed a six-inning no-hitter in a 10-0 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

St. John struck out seven and walked only one, while sister Anne St. John went 3-for-4 with a double.

The Hawks ended the long day scoring 10 runs in the first inning en route to a 16-4 victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

Anne St. John and Sarah Setian each went 2-for-2 with a double, while Dayna Schroeder was the winning pitcher.



Stevenson's Travis Harvey (16) slides safely into second base to beat the tag of Churchill's John Szymanski (9) during Monday's Kensington Conference crossover.

DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

## RU earns WWAC win vs. C'ville

The Livonia Clarenceville girls softball team just couldn't get over the hump in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference encounter Monday against visiting Redford Union.

The Trojans slipped to 8-9 overall and 6-2 in the WWAC with a 10-7 setback to the Panthers.

Clarenceville's 5-6-7 hitters went a combined 6-for-13 at the plate, but it wasn't enough as the Trojans couldn't overcome seven errors.

Junior Erica Katz paced the Trojans' attack going 2-for-4 with two RBI. Sophomore Mia Sampson added a key 2-run double in the fourth inning scoring Jodi Ankiel and Katz to tie the game at 5-5, but RU came back with five runs in the fifth and never looked back.

Becky Timlin went 3-for-4 with three runs scored to lead the Panthers' nine-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Ariel Gaines went all seven innings scattering 10 hits and six walks while striking out eight.

Losing pitcher Emily Schwartz (6-8), a sophomore, struck out four and walked three.

ed by Westland John Glenn.

In the opener, Mikayla Kieling's walk-off single in the sixth inning scored Ariel Osborne in a 10-9 Clarenceville triumph over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Kieling went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Katz was 2-for-2 with two walks and two RBI.

Schwartz got the victory, scattering six hits and two walks while striking out eight.

Emily Croskey and Jodi LaCaprara each collected two hits and scored twice for the Chargers.

In Game Two, host Glenn knocked off the Trojans in five innings, 11-1, as Becky Huren allowed just one run on four hits and one walk while fanning eight.

Amy Brittain collected three hits and scored three runs, while Huren also added two hits as Schwartz suffered the loss.

In the tourney finale, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran downed the Trojans in three innings, 15-4, as Sarah Setian and Julie St. John each went 2-for-2 with a double.

Winning pitcher Dayna Schroeder allowed two hits, walked two and struck out two.

Clarenceville starter Logann Sade took the loss, while Schwartz had two hits.

### Trojans go 1-2

Clarenceville dropped two of three games in Saturday's Bat Away Breast Cancer Tournament host-

# KLAA stunner

## Rockets take down 1st-place Northville

Westland John Glenn raised more than a few eyebrows in the KLAA baseball world Monday with a surprising 3-2 victory against Central Division leader Northville.

The Rockets, who improved to 18-7 overall and 8-6 in the South Division, scored all three of their runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and staved off a Mustang rally in the top of the seventh to earn the Kensington Conference crossover victory.

Winning pitcher Brandon Smeltzer went six strong innings allowing just two runs on four hits. He struck out three and walked five. Daniel Ammons came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Glenn broke a scoreless deadlock in the fifth as Clark Boston and Chase Bovia had RBI singles, while Brendon Wetmore scored on a wild pitch.

Brandon Petrone led Northville (15-4, 12-2) with a pair of hits, while Brad Van Hulle and Thomas Huber each knocked in a run.

Starter Evan Flohr went the first 4.1 innings allowing all three runs on three hits and four walks before Sam Houston finished up.

STEVENSON 16, CHURCHILL 6: Mike Kanitra went 3-for-4 with five RBI to pace a 16-hit attack Monday as Livonia Stevenson (18-9, 11-3) rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover victory at Livonia Churchill (10-8-1, 7-6-1). Also contributing the of-

fensive cause for the Spartans was Matt Hunt (3-for-4, two doubles, two RBI); Mike Vomastek (2-for-5, three RBI); Travis Harvey (2-for-4, three runs); Billy Bonanno (2-for-4, RBI); and Cody Coleman (three runs). Winning pitcher Jake Semak went the first 4.2 innings allowing five runs on three hits and five walks while fanning five. Kanitra, Nick Marcon and Bonanno also took turns on the mound.

Losing pitcher John Szymanski was roughed up for nine runs on eight hits four walks over three innings, while Zach Glidden allowed seven runs on eight hits and three walks over the final four.

Austin Hovermale went 2-for-4 with three RBI to lead Churchill's six-hit attack.

FRANKLIN 4, S.L. EAST 1: Josh Gorman pitched a complete-game five-hitter Monday as host Livonia Franklin (10-12, 5-8) downed South Lyon East (0-16, 0-13) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Gorman, a senior right-hander, struck out eight and walked only three in seven innings.

Garrett Fetner and Kyle Madden each drove in the run for the Patriots, who scored twice in the first and two in the third.

East starter Jack Berardelli, who went the first five innings, took the loss.

Hunter O'Rourke added an RBI sacrifice fly in the second inning.

GLENN 4, YPSILANTI 3: Kyle Hunter went all nine innings to pick up the victory Saturday as host Westland John Glenn (17-7) downed the Phoenix (4-20). Hunter scattered eight hits, walked three and struck out five.

Brendon Wetmore, Chase Bovia and Daniel Ammons each collected two hits.

Glenn scored twice in the first on an RBI single by Ammons and a sacrifice fly by Smeltzer, while Bovia added an RBI single in the second.

Clark Boston scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

# Spartans win title at Lakeland

Livonia Stevenson completed the trifecta Saturday capturing the White Lake Lakeland baseball tournament with a 4-2 win over Fowlerville in the championship game held at Walled Lake Central.

The Spartans, who improved 17-9 overall, got an RBI each from Brandon Jurczynszyn and Travis Harvey, while Josh DeYonker and Jurczynszyn each scored twice in a game

that was halted after five innings because of rain and darkness.

Winning pitcher Jack Ferguson went the first four innings allowing four hits, while fanning five and walking one. Mike Vomastek got the save.

Nick Ross went 2-for-2 with a run scored for Fowlerville (8-10).

In the second round, Harvey went 3-for-4 with two RBI as the Spartans downed host

Lakeland, 10-2.

DeYonker added two hits and scored twice, while Mike Barill went 2-for-4 with a run scored. Mike Kanitra also knocked in two runs.

Winning pitcher Jason Rakowicz, with relief help from Billy Bonanno and Ferguson, combined to throw a 2-hitter against the Eagles (11-13).

In the first game, Jake Semak went 3-for-3 and

scored three runs, while Harvey went 2-for-3 and added three RBI in an 8-6 triumph over West Bloomfield (14-5) at Lakeland.

Vomastek also went 2-for-4 and scored twice as the Spartans out-hit the Lakers, 12-8.

Winning pitcher Mitch Deacon went the first 6.2 innings striking out five and walking one. Rakowicz earned the save with a flyout to end the game.

## BASEBALL

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Also sharing the offensive spotlight with Mika included Nick Andrzejewski, who went 2-for-3 and scored three runs, along with Cleveland Trap and Nate Abbott with two RBI apiece.

Jordan Williams, who gave up three hits over three innings, got the victory.

The loss drops Lutheran South to 2-10 overall and 2-10 in the MIAC Red.

HURON VALLEY 17, CALVARY 2: Justin Howell went 3-for-4 with four runs scored Tuesday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-4, 6-3) took just two innings to mercy Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a MIAC Red Division game.

Winning pitcher Ryan Schaffer also had a double, triple and three RBI, while Adam Hodgson went 2-for-2 with three RBI for the victorious Hawks.

Jordan Elwart went 2-for-3 for the Cougars.

HURON VALLEY 12, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 1: Adam Hodgson went 3-for-4, including a double and triple, to catapult Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-4, 5-3) to a MIAC Red Division triumph Monday at Warren Macomb Christian.

Ryan Schaffer also went 2-for-3 with a triple for the victorious Hawks in the five-inning mercy.

Jordan Runstadler went the first three innings on the mound, striking out four and allowing just two hits, to pick up the win. Brian Blackwood pitched the final two.

Sam Farhat took the loss, while Jonathon Waltman went 2-for-2 with a double for the Crusaders.

LUTH. WESTLAND 10-17, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 6-6: Lutheran High Westland (16-1) rallied to win Game One in 10 innings and completed a sweep of a double-header Saturday against host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Warriors were down to their last out in the top of the seventh, but scored a run to tie 6-all and win it with four runs in the top of the 11th.

Leading hitters in the opener included Nick Flaney (4-for-6, four RBI); Mark Milka (3-for-5, RBI); Nick Andrzejewski (2-for-5, RBI); Nate Abbott (2-for-5, RBI); P.J. Gusé (2-for-5).

Kevin Brewer, who pitched the three innings of scoreless relief of starter Nate Abbott, got the victory. Abbott gave up six runs on six hits and walked three.

Stuart Sutherland, who went 2-for-4 and scored twice, was the losing pitcher in relief.

In Game Two, the Warriors unloaded for 22 hits in a 17-6 five-inning win.

Every Lutheran Westland batter collected at least one hit led by Jordan Williams (4-for-5, five RBI); Flaney (4-for-5, four RBI); Mika (3-for-5, two RBI); Abbott (3-for-3, three runs); Gusé (3-for-4, three runs); and Andrzejewski (2-for-4, three runs, two RBI).

Brewer was the winning pitcher, while Chad Christian took the loss.

## COACH

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After serving two seasons as an assistant at Plymouth High, Delapaz replaced Rob Witherspoon, who stepped down to become an assistant principal at Livonia's Johnson Upper Elementary School. Witherspoon spent 10 seasons as Stevenson's varsity coach going 181-137 overall, including 17-17 record in 2012.

When Hyman hired Delapaz last November, the A.D. was quoted as saying: "Lauren is a great addition to the Stevenson coaching staff and I feel that our softball program is in good hands under her direction. Lauren is experienced both as a coach and player."

Hyman declined to get into any specifics — citing confidentiality issues — on why Delapaz resigned.

"Whenever we have a coach we lose for what-



New Stevenson interim girls softball coach Mike Reilly before Monday night's benefit game at Ford Field along with players (from left) Morgan Copperstone, Courtney Carter and daughter Natalie Reilly.

ever reasons, it's a tough situation and a sad one, especially when you hire them," Hyman

said. "Yes, it's difficult to lose a coach. I wish her the best of luck. In terms of releasing any

of the details of why she resigned, only she can do that for you."

"With regards to Lauren, in terms of her denying comment and wanting to coaching someone else, only she can answer those things for you. Again, that's her personal business."

Hyman also declined to comment on rumors that there had been issues between Delapaz and some parents, and that the Stevenson A.D. had called a meeting last week with the players.

"I can't confirm or deny that," Hyman said. "That's something that I can't do at all because it's confidential information."

"I really don't want to comment on parents and athletes about they talked to me about, or what they didn't talk to me about. Because that information — when a parent or student-athlete talks to me — is confidential."



RELIGION CALENDAR

May

**BREAKFAST**

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

**CAMP ENROLLMENT**

**Time/Date:** Now through May 31  
**Location:** Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland  
**Details:** Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing  
**Contact:** Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

**MOM2MOM**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 18  
**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Early bird admission from 9-10 a.m. is \$2. Admission from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. is \$1. Strollers are welcome  
**Contact:** (734) 513-4121

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Kindergarten through eighth grade classes and preschool will be in session, giving visitors an understanding of a typical day as they watch youngsters learn and interact with staff. The Young 5's program director will be available to answer questions regarding this new program. Visitors will be able to take a guided tour through the school. The adminis-

tration will be available to answer questions  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4420 or e-mail to atonissen@stgenevieve.org; www.stgenevieve.org/school

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. May 19  
**Location:** Community room, Prentiss Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield, Oak Park  
**Details:** Stitch and kvell session. Bring any newly-finished or in-progress projects to show off or get help with.  
**Contact:** Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 16-17 and 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 18  
**Location:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School, 5885 Venoy, south of Warren Road, Westland  
**Details:** \$5 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** (734) 425-0260

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile in Livonia  
**Details:** Gently-used furniture, household items, clothing, children's books, toys and more will be sold. Lunch will be available. Rent a table for \$20 or two tables for \$30. Tables are 8 feet long and the deadline for reservations is May 15. Proceeds from lunch and table rental go toward mission projects. The event is sponsored by United Methodist Women  
**Contact:** Jane Welton at (248) 417-9077 with questions or for table rental

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** Sale is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 18; donate items to the sale, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 17  
**Location:** St. Valentine's School gym 25875 Hope Street, Redford  
**Contact:** (313) 533-7149

**TRUNK SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Church seeks public help with veterans projects

Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia seeks community help with upcoming projects involving veterans and active duty service members.

The church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, will collect thank you cards for active service members through June 2. Cards from the public will be bundled with those from Kenwood members. The church will provide note cards or participants can use or make their own. Note cards are available in the collection drop box at the front entrance of the church.

The church also will collect items through June 2 to support veterans at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor. Kenwood will accept new items such as any size of men's boxers, T-shirts, socks, model cars or ships or planes, word searches, craft items, crossword puzzles, gas gift cards, and lap blankets. It also will accept cray-

ons, coloring books, and unopened, new, packaged Happy Meal toys for visiting children at the hospital. Other acceptable items are gently-used men's blue jeans, men's long sleeve shirts, men's sweat pants and sweat shirts, men's Dockers casual pants, men's polo shirts, men's colored T-shirts, men's shoes, men's coats, paperback books, hand-held game systems and games, magazines no older than six months, and CDs.

A Veterans Appreciation Celebration will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 19 at Kenwood. Veterans will receive a certificate of appreciation. To reserve a certificate for a veteran, e-mail information to kenwood@kenwoodchurch.org or call (248) 476-8222 and give the information to the church secretary or leave a contact phone number. All information regarding the certificates must be received by Thursday, May 16.

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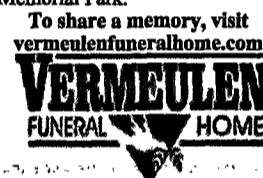
**ALOE, LEONILDA G.**

May 10, 2013, age 95. Visitation Friday 3pm-8pm at the Schrader-Jowell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Eulogy and Rosary Service 7pm. Committal Service Saturday, 10am at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield.



**HEIN, ROY M., JR.**

Age 66, May 11, 2013 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Joan. Loving father of Cindy (Ray) Kelm, James Hein, Lori (Kevin) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) Laborde and Michael Hein. Proud grandfather of seven grandchildren. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park.



**STROMBECK, LOWELL R. "BUD"**

81, of North Webster, IN passed away May 12, 2013. [www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com).

**HODGES, RICHARD ALLEN**

Age 78, passed away May 11, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Thelma. Dear father of Mike (Cheri) and Steve (Kim). Grandfather of Brad, Bryan and Emily. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend, he will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**KELLY, KAREN ANN**

Age 51, of Farmington Hills. Passed away May 11, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

**PEEL, GERALD D.**

May 11, 2013 age 66 of Grayling. Loving father of Lisa (Al) Kozler, and Nancy (Erik) Sheehan. Beloved son of Patricia Peel. Brother of Patty Peel. Proud Grandpa of Chris, Kyle, Zach, Graham, and Rory. Private services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

Memorials may be made to M.U.C.C. (Michigan United Conservation Club), 2101 Wood Street, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing MI 48909



Church in Livonia forms Catholic singles group

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia is looking for Catholic adult singles — single, divorced, or widowed — between the ages of 30-60, from throughout the northwest suburban area who are interested in getting together regularly to share some fun and faith. Called Faith Uniting Neighbors, (f.u.n.), the group is sponsoring its first event on Saturday, May 18, beginning with 5 p.m. Mass at

St. Michael's. Dinner at Sheehan's on the Green in Plymouth and miniature golf at Oasis will follow. Reservations are required for the dinner portion of the evening. Interested singles should RSVP to [catholicsingles@livoniastmichael.org](mailto:catholicsingles@livoniastmichael.org). The group plans to rotate these group-attended Masses regularly throughout the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, to be followed by dinner or brunch and

some fun social activities, usually on a monthly basis. Plans include a Tiger's game in June and a group picnic in July.

St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road between Farmington Road and Merriman.

For more information call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see the website at [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## Sisters share spotlight in senior troupe's production



Sisters Linda Trygg (left) and Sally Dixon play siblings in Still Got It Players' upcoming production.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Sally Dixon of Canton and Linda Trygg of Westland portray sisters in Still Got It Players' upcoming comedy, *The Gangster Priest*.

The relationship comes naturally to the women, who are siblings off-stage, too.

"I thought it was perfect casting," said Trygg, who plays Dixon's older sister on stage. She's 13 years older than Dixon and has two younger brothers in real life.

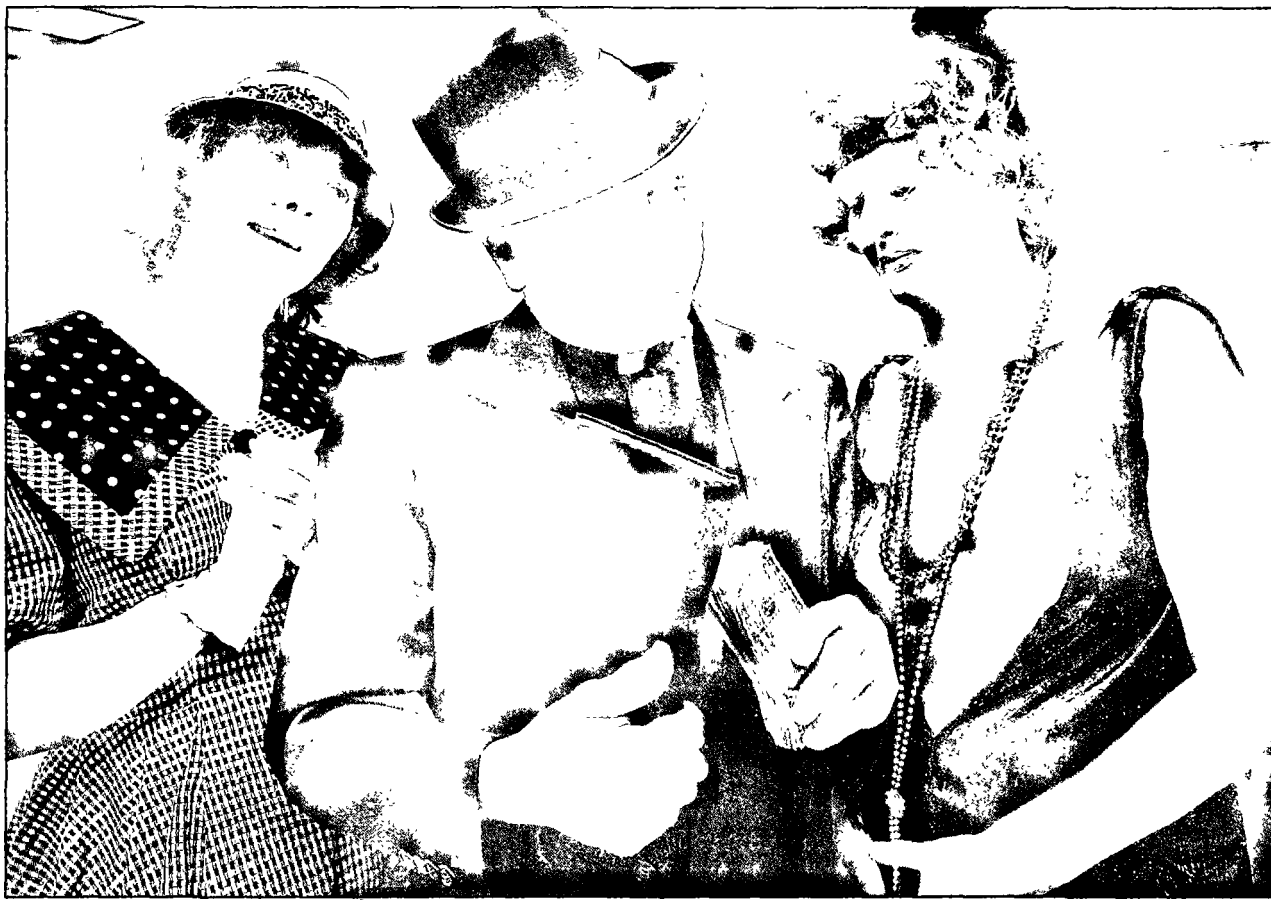
"We're the bookends. I'm the oldest and she's the youngest," Trygg said. "When we were growing up, because we were the bookends, I was going into high school when she was a child. We never had that connection because of the distance in ages — not until she grew up and had a family of her own.

"This made us even closer."

Trygg got her first taste of theater in kindergarten, when she was chosen to sing a lullaby to baby Jesus during a Christmas play.

"In junior high I was an ugly duckling, a misfit kid, and being part of the drama department gave me an outlet. I've been doing it ever since," she said.

Dixon was active in choir as a student at Wayne Memorial High School and sang with



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Linda Trygg (left) and Sally Dixon play sisters Ellie and Baby Tremaine, with Jack Galazka, as Lucky, the gangster priest.

Cherry Hill Singers for two years before she performed in a play, *Flapper*, Still Got It Players' first musical, staged last spring.

"I decided I'd rather do plays and I bowed out of Cherry Hill Singers at that point," Dixon said. "I did do *My Fair Lady* with my sister at Spotlight Players, (last fall). We were both in the ensemble. That was a lot of fun. It was a big production

and we had a good time."

### Senior troupe

Both sisters enjoy singing and are drawn to musicals, although *The Gangster Priest* is a comedy. Dixon will sing a song in the show because she portrays a nightclub singer.

She said Trygg encouraged her to try out for a play at Still Got It Players, the senior troupe associated with Spotlight

Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"She had been trying to persuade me for quite some time and I was too chicken to try out," Dixon said. "She said, you need to come to the senior group. There aren't as many people and it's not as intimidating. I finally got up the courage."

Dixon auditioned for a small part in *The Gangster Priest*, and was surprised to land a lead role.

"I was a little worried about remembering the lines, but now that I am rehearsing the lines and it's coming along, I'm feeling a lot better."

She said Trygg, who has appeared in many productions at Still Got It Players, Spotlight Players and other theater troupes, has given her suggestions

for interpreting her character and offered acting advice.

"I've never really acted. So, remembering the lines is one thing, but trying to say them in a way that creates a character, I have a hard time trying to do that," Dixon said. "The group of people here are awesome and that helps a lot. This group is very supportive and fun to hang out with."

The sisters say their characters don't resemble their real personalities.

"Mine is the straight role and she's kind of the dumb blonde," Trygg said, adding that both sisters have "similar personalities" in real life.

"She's supposed to play a prudish businesswoman and that's not like her at all," Dixon said.

### Humorous story

In the play, which is set during Prohibition, the older sister sends her younger sibling to business school to give her a leg up on life and keep her far away from bad influences. The younger sister drops out of school and becomes a singer in a speakeasy. When the older sister visits, the owner of the speakeasy dons priestly garments and the younger sibling pretends to be his secretary.

"That's when the hijinks ensue," Trygg said.

The sisters also worked on costumes for the play and Dixon created some signs as a part of the scenery.

Dixon, who is married, hopes to continue performing with her sister on stage, although she plans to take the summer off and won't audition for Still Got It Players' August production.

Trygg, the mother of two grown daughters, will switch gears quickly after *The Gangster Priest* ends its run. She'll appear in an improvisation-based, audience-interactive wedding show called *A Like Totally 80's Wedding*, on June 1 at Novi Civic Center.

"I'll go out for anything they'll let me do," Trygg said. "It's great fun."

*The Gangster Priest* is directed by Debbie Lannen. It runs at 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 22-23, 7 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$13 for seniors and students. They're available at [www.spotlight-playersmi.org](http://www.spotlight-playersmi.org) or [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

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The cast of "The Gangster Priest" runs through the play in a rehearsal room at the Village Theater in Canton.

## Youth theater gears up for summer camp

Motor City Youth Theatre is registering students for its annual summer day camp for actors.

Sessions are available from July 8-26, with all classes running Monday-Friday each week.

The Theatre's acting camps are open to students of all skill levels and emphasize character development, stage presence, voice skills, and ensemble work.

The "Munchkins Camp," for ages 4-6, will run July 8-12 and costs \$58 per actor. Youngsters in grades 1-4 may attend the "Peanuts Camp."

Two sessions — one runs 9:30 a.m.-noon and the other is from 12:30-3 p.m., — are available from July 8-12. Cost is \$93 per student. "Musical Theatre Camp" is aimed at students in grades 4-9. It will run 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 8-12 and costs \$186 per person.

Campers will present a play for parents and friends at 7 p.m. July 12.

Summer Stock Players, for students in grades 3-10, will meet from 9:30-3 p.m. July 15-26. They'll also present a public performance of Peter Pan at 7 p.m. July 26-27 and 2 p.m. July 28. Cost to participate is \$365.

Register at [mcyt.org](http://mcyt.org).

## Music, author, auction event benefits Livonia Symphony

The Livonia Symphony will hold a Garden Party Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include a garden-themed silent auction and box auction with fresh flow-

ers, perennials and floral motif items, entertainment by Symphony members, vendors selling specialty items, and a book signing by Julie Cassar, author of the Ruby Blue book series and a Redford resident. For tickets call June at (734) 425-1881.

**Arts Crafts**

**ART ON THE GRAND**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 2  
**Location:** Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove Street in downtown Farmington

**Details:** Approximately 100 artists from around the country will sell their works, including sculpture, photography, paintings, jewelry, pottery, fiber, furniture and mixed media. The event will include live entertainment, children's activities and food booths. For visitors, 21 and over, the "Grapes on the Grand" wine and beer tent will be open both Saturday and Sunday during festival hours

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856; www.downtownfarming-ton.org

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

**Time/Dates:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Family Sundays:** 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission

**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, May 24-Sept. 8 **Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through May 18;

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** 14th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit features the work of high school and middle school students

**Coming up:** West of Center Show, which showcases contemporary art work, will run June 7-30. It will be open 1-9 p.m. Friday, June 7, in addition to regular hours Wednesday-Saturday

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

**VILLAGE THEATER**

**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 May 28

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Topher Crowder shows an eclectic collection of paintings

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org



Heather Dolan, (left) of Livonia is Elle and Jamee Perryman of Clawson is Vivienne in the Farmington Players' production, "Legally Blonde" through May 18.

**Film**

**COMPUWARE ARENA DRIVE-IN**

**Time/Date:** Gates open at 7:30 p.m., with movies starting around 9:20 p.m., May 17-18 and 24-26; the drive-in will operate daily from June 7-Sept. 1

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

**Details:** Patrons get a sneak preview of the drive-in season with first-run, family-oriented films May 17-18 and 24-26. The shows for May 17-18 are "Iron Man 3" (PG-13) followed by "Oblivion" (PG-13)

on Screen 1; "The Croods" (PG) followed by "Oz, The Great and Powerful" (PG) on Screen 2; and "Star Trek: Into the Darkness" (PG-13) followed by "GI Joe: Retaliation" (PG) on Screen 3. 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 **Contact:** (734) 927-3284

**PENN THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16 and May 23, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, and 4:45 p.m. and

7 p.m. Sunday, May 19  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** "Love and Honor," \$3

**Coming up:** "Admission," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 24-25 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 26; "Oz: The Great and Powerful," 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30 and June 6, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday, May 31, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 1-2  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

**SENATE THEATER**

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m., Sunday, May 19

**Location:** Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Dennis Scott, house organist at Chicago's historic Music Box Theatre, will accompany a screening of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent feature film, "The General," on the historic Wurlitzer theater pipe organ, which came from Detroit's Fisher Theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door

**Contact:** www.dtos.org or (313) 894-4100

**Music**

**BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

**Time/Date:** Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month. The next show is Saturday, May 18

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Final open mic night of the season will include featured performers Stephanie and Chris Sorenson on fiddle

and banjo, with Wayne Sorenson on upright bass, playing blue grass music. Includes open mic performances and a featured group or musician. Admission is \$5, including individual and family annual memberships also are available

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

**JAZZ AT THE ELKS**

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December. The next show is May 28

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

**Details:** Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans-Hyde will perform. Musicians include Lower on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. 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:** Paper Arrows, Steve Schlaack and Eric the Viking, May 24; Jake Lamond with Joe May, May 31; Ebb Tide, June 7; No Excuses, June 21, Kenneth Michael, June 28. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

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## Coffee shop adds barbecue, cake to birthday plans

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Yes, there will be cake to go with your cup of Joe, when Plymouth Coffee Bean celebrates its 20th birthday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

Grilled burgers and hot dogs, magic, games, a moonwalk, and live music by The Pottersfield, Bill Synum & Co., Cold Tone Harvest, Sugarspell and The Social Bones will round out the food and fun at the popular downtown Plymouth coffee house, located at 884 Penniman, just west of Main.

Owner Steve Prokes attributes the Bean's success to its downtown location, with outdoor seating and to "the ambiance of the house itself."

"I used to travel and check out other places and I never found anything quite like it," Prokes said.

Its menu also offers a one-of-a-kind culinary experience that visitors won't find in other local coffee houses — made-to-order and professionally-prepared crepes.

We asked Prokes about the Bean's signature menu item:  
Q: When are crepes available?

A: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Q: Are crepes the most popular menu item?

A: On weekends they are.

Q: What's popular during the week?

A: Just regular sandwiches.

Q: What makes a good crepe?

A: The batter. It truly is the batter. And we have close to 35 to 40 items to choose from (for made-to-order fillings).

Q: What are some of your more popular crepe fillings?

A: We have our black bean burger, pepper jack cheese and hummus. We've

got our infamous Nutella, strawberry and banana. We've got chocolate chip, strawberry and banana, and the other would be turkey with cheddar cheese and spinach.

Q: What's your favorite?

A: I stick with turkey ... ham ... bacon.

Q: What's the weirdest combination you've ever made for a customer?

A: I had a guy get a turkey, cheese and chocolate chip. To me, that is weird. Then again, he thought it was the best he ever had.

Q: Anything new on the menu?

A: We're starting to bring in some gluten-free stuff. I'm looking at brownies, cookies, health bars.

Q: Any chance we'll see a gluten-free crepe any time soon?

A: The problem is the batter doesn't last more than a day or two. The last thing we want to do is have waste. We haven't had a whole lot of request for it. In four years maybe we've had a couple dozen. If I get 100 or 200, then we'd look into it.

For more about the Plymouth Coffee Bean call (734) 454-0178 or visit [plymouthcoffeebean.com](http://plymouthcoffeebean.com).



FILE PHOTO

Strawberries and other fresh produce are available at local farmers markets.

### CITY BITES

#### Farmers Market

**CANTON** — The Canton Farmers Market returns for the spring-fall season, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Events on opening day include a cooking demonstration by chef Paul Penney, 10:30 a.m. to noon; music by Mark Reitenga 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Bartlett-Travis porch; a perennial exchange; garbage graveyard game that teaches children about the fundamentals of decomposing trash; and a hands-on art project for youngsters. Perennial exchange participants should label their plants, including the kind and color of bloom. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call Tina Lloyd, market manager, at (734) 394-5375. Other markets:

• Westland Farmers Market opened earlier this month and runs 3-7 p.m. Thursday, at 36601 Ford Road.

• Farmers & Artisans Market, opened this month and runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, through Nov. 9 in downtown Farmington. Because of road construction, the market has moved temporarily from Sundquist Pavilion in George F. Riley Park, Grand River Ave., and Grove, to Orchard Street at Farmington Road.

• Plymouth Farmers Market opened May 4 and runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, through Oct. 26, in The Gathering near Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

• Garden City Farmer and Artisan Market will operate 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5-Oct. 30, near Ford Road and Middlebelt.

• Redford Township Farmers Market runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, beginning June 16 at the Marquee, 12121 Hemingway.

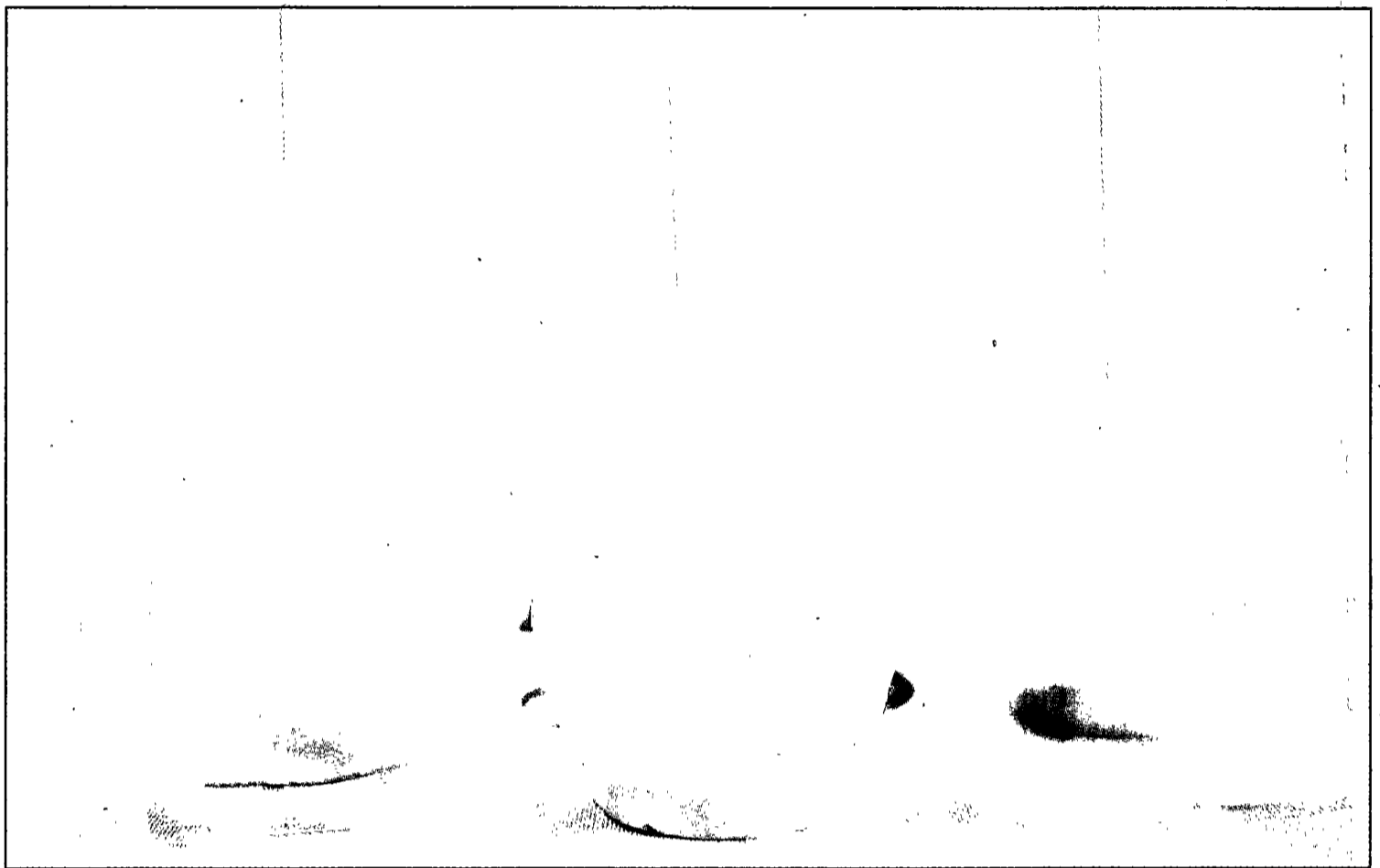
• Livonia Farmers Market runs 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22-Oct. 12 at the Wilson Barn, located on West Chicago, at Middlebelt.

#### Beer, wine tasting

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — The 2nd annual Michigan Beer & Wine Tasting to benefit youth and developmentally disabled individuals run 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 17, at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. Cost is \$30 per person and includes appetizers, entertainment, door prizes and favorite beers and wines of Michigan, along with other select beverages. The event is sponsored by the Xemplar Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services and Community Living Centers. For reservations call (248) 273-1841 or (238) 478-0870.

#### Summer flavors

**METRO DETROIT** — If you are a Slurpee fan, you can look forward to these flavors at your local 7-Eleven: Oddball Orange will be the flavor of the month for June and Strawberry Lemonshade will cool off those hot summer days in July and August. If you're counting calories, try the Slurpee Lite Sugar Free Sprite flavor in June and Lite Sugar Free Mango Lemonade in July and August. Try a medium Slurpee drink for 49 cents Memorial Day weekend, from Friday-Monday, May 24-27.



Lemon Poppy Cake Balls

## Special occasion menu magic

**E**ngagement parties, bridal showers and wedding receptions are blissful, joyous occasions that celebrate the future with those near and dear. However, planning these special events is no small feat, especially when it comes to choosing the menus.

The days of a chicken or beef entrée are long gone — the dietary preferences of today's party guests include vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant and celiac, just to name a few. Now more than 21 million households report themselves as gluten free, and, together, vegetarians and vegans total nearly 22 million people. It's becoming more likely that you will receive special menu requests at your celebration.

How do you create a menu that pleases all palates and ensures that every guest can feel like a part of the joyous occasion? These simple tips make it easy to plan a menu that is delicious, safe and satisfying.

• **Gluten-free RSVP** — Include a section for dietary restrictions in the RSVP. This ensures guests will enjoy the meal without worry and can fully participate in the celebration. There's no need to list out the various preferences, simply add an open space for guests to write in their specific diet needs.

• **Be cautious of cocktails** — Thoroughly research wine, liquor and beer before making selections as many are deceptively not gluten-free. However, there are great gluten-free options available that allow guests to drink worry-free.

• **Get creative with options** — Use gluten-free muffins as cupcakes or to create fun and trendy cake balls. It's a treat that is delicious enough for all guests to indulge in.

• **Don't be afraid to ask** — Many caterers and bakers have experience working with gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan requests. Don't be afraid to work with them to figure out the most delicious ways to make an event memorable for everyone.

• **Label clearly** — When offering passed hors d'oeuvres or serving on a buffet, clearly label gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian and/or vegan choices



Brownie Bites with Chipotle Buttercream & Candied Jalapeno

es so guests can easily make selections.

These tips will allow all guests to enjoy the festivities and make it a memorable celebration.

For flavorful ideas and more gluten-free options, visit [www.udisglutenfree.com](http://www.udisglutenfree.com).

#### Lemon Poppy Cake Balls

Serves: 12

1 package of Udi's Lemon Streusel Muffins  
½ cup unsalted butter (1 stick), softened  
2 cups confectioners' sugar  
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice  
12 ounces white chocolate, chopped  
2 tablespoons all-vegetable shortening  
Poppy seeds, for sprinkling  
Crumble the muffins into a large bowl.

Using electric hand mixer, beat together butter and sugar until creamy and blended. Beat in vanilla and lemon juice until fluffy.

Add half of lemon frosting to crumbled muffins and combine using a fork. If mixture isn't moist enough, add more frosting, a little at a time. Using tablespoon-sized cookie scoop, form cake balls and place on parchment-lined baking sheet. Freeze for 1 hour.

In double boiler set over medium heat, melt together

chocolate and shortening. Working one at a time and using a toothpick, dip cake balls into the chocolate mixture. Sprinkle with poppy seeds and let set on parchment-lined baking sheet.

#### Salted Crusty Brownie Cookies

1 tablespoons melted butter  
1 Udi's Gluten Free Pizza Crust  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ pound of butter, softened (1 stick)  
½ cup brown sugar  
½ cup white sugar  
½ teaspoon gluten-free vanilla extract  
1 egg  
1½ cups gluten-free all purpose flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1½ cups Udi's Dark Chocolate Brownie Bites (crumbled)  
½ cup gluten-free chocolate chips  
2 tablespoons coarse sea salt

Brush melted butter onto pizza crust. Sprinkle ½ teaspoon salt on top. Toast crust until golden brown (3-5 minutes). Cool.

When crust is cool it will be cracker-like in texture. Crush crust coarsely into small pieces. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat butter and sugars together until creamy. Add vanilla and egg. Beat until just blended.

Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to the butter mixture and beat

until blended. Stir in crushed pizza crust, crumbled brownies and chocolate chips.

Drop by teaspoonful onto non-stick baking sheets. Sprinkle a small pinch of coarse sea salt onto each cookie.

Bake at 375 degrees 9-11 minutes or until light golden brown.

#### Brownie Bites with Chipotle Buttercream and Candied Jalapeno

Brownie Bites:  
Udi's Brownie Bites  
Butter  
Ganache:  
2 pounds chocolate  
4 cups cream  
Chipotle Buttercream:  
1 pound butter  
6 cups powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
Chili powder  
Candied Jalapenos:  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup water  
Pinch of lime zest  
2-3 jalapenos, thinly sliced

To prepare brownie bites: Crumble the brownie bites in a bowl. Add melted butter slowly and combine together for a dense consistency.

Once combined, press the mixture into a lightly sprayed baking sheet. Spread as evenly as possible and top with ganache.

Then top with chipotle buttercream and jalapenos. To prepare the ganache: Bring cream to a boil. Pour over chocolate and whisk until incorporated and all chocolate is melted.

To prepare the chipotle buttercream:

Cream butter until smooth. Add powdered sugar and whip until light and fluffy. Slowly add milk. Add chili powder to taste.

To prepare candied jalapenos:

Bring sugar and water to a boil. Reduce to a syrup and add lime zest. Slice jalapenos to desired size, removing seeds is optional.

Drizzle simple syrup over jalapenos and allow to dry.

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