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Budget visioning session on tap

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

Faced with declining revenues, a shortfall in the current fiscal year and a projected \$2 million deficit for 2014-15, Wayne is asking residents to help develop solutions to the city's budget problems.

To get input, the city is holding strategic Financial Visioning sessions from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wayne Public Library and from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Community Center.

"It is not a town hall meeting — people won't be asking the mayor and council questions," said Wayne Interim City Manager/Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib.

"We need some solutions. We'll break into smaller groups."

Participants will be divided into groups for breakout sessions to go over the financial information and identify areas where revenue can be increased and expenditures decreased.

"The first meeting is brain-

storming and ice-breaking ideas and how we can resolve problems," El-Gharib said. "The second meeting, we'll print in bold things we should do. It's definitely best if people come to both sessions."

The city is hoping to have residents, employee unions, business owners and other stakeholders participating in the visioning session.

Invitations have also been sent to county and state officials who represent the community.

The Winchester Consulting Group will run the visioning

sessions. Farmington City Manager Vincent Pastue has also been hired as a consultant to help with the 2014-15 budget preparation.

Short term, El-Gharib said the city is expecting a financial shortfall during the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

"Expenditures will be a little more, revenues will be little less. It could be close to \$1 million (deficit)," said El-Gharib, adding both he and Finance Director James Ghe-dotte budget conservatively.

For the longer term, El-Gharib said the city will likely

be more than \$2 million short in 2014-15 — a lot to cut from a \$16 million general fund budget.

"It could take two or three years in terms of retaining Wayne's identity and solving the financial problems," he said.

"It's not easy to bring the budget down to \$14 million."

By charter, the council has to adopt a balanced budget by their second meeting in May.

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"Detroit Country Music" authors Craig Maki (left) and Keith Cady spent 13 years working on their book.

City reduces fees to settle FOIA suit

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

It'll cost less to obtain documents from the City of Westland under the Freedom of Information Act.

The new fee schedule settles a lawsuit filed against the city by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy last fall.

Under the revised fee schedule approved recently by city council, the hourly rate charged will be lowered from \$45.61 to \$22.41. The charge per page will go to 10 cents from \$1.

The higher fees charged by the city were comparable to other cities, City Attorney James Fausone said but noted there is debate among public policy interest groups as to what current law allows.

The state legislature worked on the issue but failed to adopt any clarifying legislation. If there is a clarification of what charges are allowed under FOIA such as recouping fringe benefits, Fausone said another revision of the fee schedule could be needed.

In the lawsuit settlement, the city also agreed to eliminate a \$5 gatekeeping fee. The hourly fee adopted by the city is equal to the lowest hourly wage of the person capable to doing the work minus the cost of fringe benefits.

At the \$45.61 hourly rate the city was charging, the employee would annually make nearly \$95,000 annually. State law says "a public body may not charge more than the hourly wage of the lowest paid public body employee capable of retrieving the information necessary to comply with a request under this act." The city also agreed to pay attorney fees for the Mackinac Center Legal Fund.

"We're glad to see that the city has agreed to change its policies to conform to state law," said Patrick J. Wright, MCLF director. "They were charging fees that were in direct opposition to the law and were designed to discourage people from exercising their rights to obtain public documents."

Wright said at the time the lawsuit was filed that the \$5 gatekeeping fee was intended as a roadblock.

"And while they were charging \$1 a page for copies, we found a UPS store literally right across the street from

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Local authors remember Detroit's COUNTRY BEAT

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

Musically, Detroit may be synonymous with Motown, the MC5, Iggy and the Stooges and Aretha Franklin.

But thanks to the migration of people from the rural south during the 1930s and 1940s, the Detroit area was also a hub for country music for decades.

"There was a big migration from the South all over America in the '30s — people went to California and the Midwest. That led to a popularization of country music," said Craig Maki, author of *Detroit Country Music* with Keith Cady.

Subtitled *Mountaineers, Cowboys and Rockabillys*, the book focuses on Detroit-based country music performers from 1940-1960. Both Maki and Cady are musicians — Maki plays rhythm guitar

and sings, while Cady plays upright bass — and also have experience as classic country music disc jockeys.

"I was going to college and got into doing radio. I was interested in a rockabilly show — the guy (who did the show) was leaving and I took the slot," Maki said. "People said they made music here. I used to collect records. Growing up, I had no idea about the music in Detroit."

Maki started tracking down some of those local country musicians for interviews, collecting newspaper articles and photos. He joined forces with Cady 13 years ago to produce the book.

"I got into it through rockabilly. I like the style. When I examined the roots, the musicians were really friendly people and had so many stories," Maki said.



The title of a new book by authors Craig Maki and Keith Cady is self-explanatory.

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Self-taught musicians

The musicians were all self-taught, Cady said, but had to be flexible in what they could play to meet popular demand.

"They could play anything — some played seven nights a week in Detroit," Cady said. "They were able to hone their craft. A lot switched between jazz and country. When you play live every night, you have to be flexible. These were the best musicians but they had been forgotten."

"There were country clubs but they had to play what was popular — that meant rock'n-roll, even some polkas," adds Maki.

With country music in clubs, recording work and also country music programs on mainstream radio stations like WWJ, Detroit became an attractive location for many country musicians.

"A musician's life was nomadic — playing at radio stations and clubs for a couple or three weeks," Cady said. "A lot came to Detroit and just stayed. You could always find a (day) job and play at night."

Singer and guitarist Eddie Jackson, featured on the book cover performing during the 1950s with his band the Swingsters, had an incredible collection of photos, Maki said, along with great stories.

It took time to track down the musicians or their families, Maki said, as they moved on to follow work, returned to the south or as the years passed, died.

Having turned in a 200,000-word manuscript to the University of Michigan Press, Maki was told to cut it in half.

Chief Redbird

"It kept growing bigger. I kept the best stories in the book. One of the last people I tracked down was Della Redbird, daughter of Chief Redbird," Maki said.

"He was half Cherokee Indian and started out in a real cowboy band formed in 1925. He joined in 1927."

Redbird performed on the vaudeville circuit and eventually came to Detroit where he performed and as Maki notes, helped pay the bills with a day job working as a tool and die maker.

Maki, a Southfield



Author Craig Maki.



Author Keith Cady.

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resident who works in communications for Blue Cross, and Cady, who lives in Romulus and works in operations for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, both said working together helped keep them working on *Detroit Country Music* as the years passed.

Detroit Country Music, published by the University of Michigan Press, is in its fourth printing run. It's available on Amazon and also as an eBook.

"I'm not sure what that means but they are having trouble keeping up with the demand," Maki said. "People have been really nice with the reviews."

Maki and Cady have been invited to make a presentation at the International County Music event in Nashville. Cady noted another presenter from Japan will focus on Detroit bluegrass musicians.

For a local presentation, Maki and Cady will speak at the Livonia Library Civic Center branch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4.

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Westland-Wayne Relay for Life kick-off event scheduled

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With snow on the ground and arctic wind chills, it might be hard to envision spending hours walking around the track in Attwood Park and staying overnight in a tent.

But it's not too early to start thinking about the 2014 Westland-Wayne American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The 24-hour event to be held

Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, will be the 13th annual Relay for Westland and the second year in partnership with Wayne.

"It's kind of hard to believe that we're already thinking of Relay," said Meriem Kadi, event chairperson. "Last year was the first time it was held in Attwood Park and the Wayne Recreation Center. It was a great site. We'll have it there again."

A kick-off party is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at the Wayne Recreation Center on Howe south at Annapolis. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. with a program from 7-8 p.m.

"With our kick-off party, we encourage people to attend who think they might want to get involved or who have been involved in the past," Kadi said.

Teams fundraise in advance of the event and

also during the 24 hours on site. Last year, the 23 fundraising teams brought in \$64,000.

"We are hoping for 25 teams this year and that we can raise \$70,000," Kadi said.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/RFLWestlandWayne.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Release party

US 12 Bar & Grill is hosting a Calendar Release Party at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, to celebrate the "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" 2014 calendar. All profits from calendars sales go to benefit Detroit Bully Corps and the 40 dogs in their rescue and rehabilitation program. Many of the dogs in their program come from the city of Detroit, including 10 puppies that were offered for sale on Craigslist when they were less than 24 hours old.

Models featured in the calendar will be on hand for autographs and photo opportunities with party guests. US 12 hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the fundraiser. To purchase a calendar, go online to us12barandgrill.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=145&vmccchk=1&Itemid=145.

US 12 Bar & Grill located at 34824 Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

Bowling benefit

Throw strikes and help the Westland Historic Village Park from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They include three games, shoe rental and two slices of pizza. There also will be raffle prizes for adults and children and more.

Tickets are available at the village on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at 734-756-0769.

Library programs

African American History Month Programs are sure to inspire visitors to the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, the high-energy musical talents of the Bichini Bia Congo Drum and Dance Group will be featured. Audiences will experience music, song and dance in the Congolese tradition. Sign up at www.westlandlibrary.org/kids or visit the Youth Services Desk.

The "Spirit of Rosa Parks" will be presented from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Talented Rosie Chapman — an educator, storyteller and actress — has performed throughout the United States, as well as overseas. Rosie's stories come alive through songs, musical instruments and audience participation. Children age 7 through adult

are sure to be captivated by her moving dramatic performance. Light refreshments will be served.

Casino trip

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino bus trip to Motor City Casino in Detroit on Saturday, March 15. The bus leaves from the Wayne Community Center at 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants will be at the casino from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and return to the Wayne Community Center at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30. The purchase of a ticket includes \$30 in free slots play. Space is limited, so register by the end of February by calling 734-721-0100.

Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toys and trains show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available and the parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains. Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Pasta dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner Friday, Jan. 31. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6 and entertainment by the Waco Band.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays. In February, the center will hold its game night at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 and its pasta dinner on Feb. 28.

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

Free legal help

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will provide a free legal presentation and assistance to all Wayne County residents, age 60 and older, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, in Wayne.

An expert legal staff will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases, including guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, Medicare/Medicaid and much more.

Participants must

preregister by Wednesday, Jan. 29, through Wayne Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Gospel Meetings

Ministers Matthew Jensen and Alijah McCormick are holding gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Feb. 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The goal of these meetings is to inspire greater faith and commitment in Christ. No collections will be taken.

For more information, call 515-851-2939.

Free program

Expert psychologist Dr. Phil O'Dwyer, clinical director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling, will offer tips on how to focus on changing the inner you in 2014 at free program at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

O'Dwyer will discuss the importance of mental health on your well-being, how to improve your approach to life, and why it is important to welcome 2014 with a positive attitude.

The free event includes the question-and-answer lecture, lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes.

Dueling pianos

Join the St. Damian Community Saturday, Feb. 8, for the dueling pianos show.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are on sale now at the St. Damian School Office as well as the Parish Office. Light refreshments will be served. There also will be a cash bar and 50/50. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 — calls will be returned in the evening — or by email klcrunk@quixnet.net. Put dueling piano's in the subject line.

The Wayne Rotary Club will host a St. Patty's Dueling Piano party Friday, March 14, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$180 for a table of 10.

For more information,

FOIA

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city hall that only charged 10 cents per page," Wright said. "There's no reason why the government should charge 10 times as much as the private sector."

The Center's suit came about after Michigan Capitol Confidential filed a FOIA request with the city seeking information about the

city's municipal golf course.

"The point to remember here is that laws like FOIA are in place to encourage public participation in the democratic process," Wright said. "We hope this prompts other municipalities to review their practices and make necessary changes to that end."

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WHEEL GOOD TIME



Kids display their rides at Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool's auto show. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Preschoolers get creative for their auto show

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There were no flashy exhibits, perfectly dressed models or international press corps. Just a princess in a tiara and rows of vehicles in all shapes, colors, sizes and designs.

It was auto show time at the Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Westland and while the designs may not have got them a Motor Trend Car of the Year Award, they did earn medals for their 3- and 4-year-old "owners."

"This is the fifth year we've done this, and it just seems to get bigger and better each year," teacher Darlene Taig said.

The first-year students brought in cardboard boxes and worked on the cars in the classroom. They used paper plates for headlights and wheels. But Taig decided to make it a parent-child project.

"They just have so much fun," she said. "They're so proud of themselves. I've been hearing about the cars for two weeks. And the parents, too. I've been seeing stuff on Facebook about the cars."

Parents worked with the youngsters and some designs were simple, like a flaming red fire truck with hoses and a pink car with color-coordinated feather boa trim. Others were more elaborate designs, like a Batmobile modeled after the one in Tim Burton's movie of the same name, a *Pete the Cat* car with mis-

matched high-top sneakers for tires and a bright yellow *SpongeBob SquarePants* car.

'Work in progress'

Most were made from cardboard boxes, but Raina Mosie was sporting a pink Jeep made of wood with "a real seat and carpet" and rubber tires.

"It's a work in progress," said her father Jay Jn. Mosie of Canton. "She wanted a Jeep because I had a Wrangler and she loved it. She keeps asking me when I'm going to get a real one."

An engineer for Chrysler, Mosie decided to do more than a cardboard box car. He had heard about the auto show last year when Raina was in the two-year-old program. He couldn't wait for his daughter to be three.

Her car runs — it's powered by a drill battery — and has brakes and even a spare tire on the back.

"It's going to be a fully functional vehicle when we get done," Mosie said. "What it's missing now is integrated steering."

It was a given that Aubrey Dugger's car would be a Ford Mustang ... a pink Ford Mustang. She even had a Ford key to "start it."

"Her daddy works for Roush and her favorite is the Mustang," said mom Danielle. "That's what we had to do. It was her choice for the interior, exterior and color. She insisted that it have the 5.0 on the side so people knew it was a Mustang."

The car is destined for her bedroom, but the night before the show, Aubrey wanted it in the garage with the other family vehicles.

"She said it had to stay out with the car and truck," the Westland resident said. "She and her daddy worked hard on it. They were up until midnight working on it. It had to be perfect."

The Pete car

Paige LeBourdais was the proud owner of the *Pete the Cat* car. A story-book character, Pete happens to be the mascot for the Westland preschool.

"I asked if she wanted Pete. She said yes and we did it," said her mom Tina. "All the kids love *Pete the Cat*."

LeBourdais said building the car wasn't too bad. The hardest part was the tail. She used a Styrofoam wreath and removed a section to give the look of a curled tail. Paige helped cover it in blue tape. The vehicle has mirrors, heart-shaped taillights and cupboard door handles. The shoes/tires have shoelaces.

Paige plans to park it in the garage and said the best part about it is "driving it."

Lucas McEachin was the proud owner of the Batmobile. While the distinctive fins and pointed nose were cardboard, the undercharge was a wagon because the youngster "wanted it to move," said his father, Neil.

"He wanted to put a jet engine in it, but I told

him that was out of our price range," the Westland resident said. "He helped do the work, he did all the taping. I used spray paint, but in retrospect, I could have used regular paint and he could have helped do that, too."

Lucas is a fan of *Batman* and made sure he had his *Batman* costume in it. Right now he watches the *Lego Batman* movie, but his dad looks forward to the day when he can watch the adult *Batman* movies with his son.

For Taig, last Thursday's auto show was one



Ezra Bousley-Crane's car is personalized with his name.



Ryan Hare's ride features a translucent body.



Spencer Kenyon gives a big grin from inside his little Superman car.

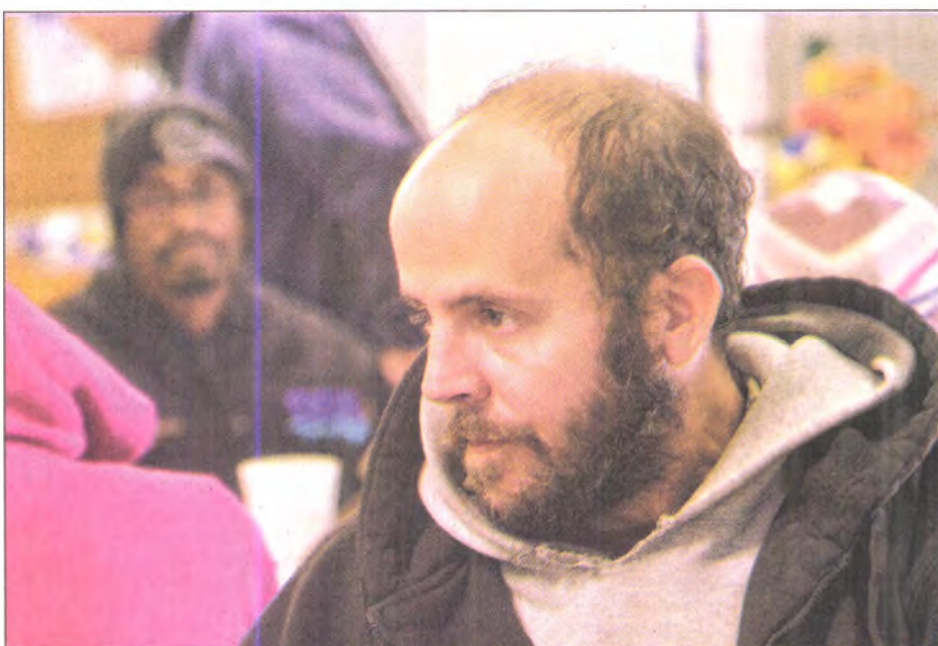
of two for the preschool. The 4-year-olds had their own show on Friday. She couldn't wait to see the designs.

"It's amazing what

they come up with," she said.

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Helping the homeless



Lighthouse Home Mission's Warming Center and Soup Kitchen in Westland has been a refuge from the cold for the homeless like Douglas Knight. The Warming Center is open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. seven days a week Jan. 1 through March 31. The soup kitchen is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lighthouse also has a food pantry and clothing pantry and helps people with referrals for services. Appointments for food and clothing are required by phone only and are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. People interested in making donations, can contact Lighthouse Home Mission at 34033 Palmer, Westland, MI or by calling 734-326-3885. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in

A Garden City man told police Jan. 21 that someone had broken a basement window on his mother's home in the 32000 block of Hazelwood. He said the home had been searched and items were strewn about the house.

The man, who said he had last been at the home Jan. 8, told police he had already removed valuables when his mother had moved out.

Vandalism

On Jan. 21, a resident of the London Townhouses, in the 29000 block of Manchester told police someone had slashed two tires on his 2012 Lincoln MKZ. He said he has had to make similar reports in the past but doesn't know anyone who would damage his car.

Larceny

The owner of a strip center at 1659 S. Merriam told police Jan. 21 that someone had stolen

copper plumbing from the roof. The units were last seen intact Aug. 9.

Vandalism

Someone was reported to have sprayed graffiti on three walls at the American International Academy, 300 S. Henry Ruff, Jan. 22-23. The building manager found the damage and called police.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 27000 block of Ann Arbor Trail told police Jan. 24 that someone had forced open the door lock on his vehicle and stolen a laptop computer. He said the laptop, which belongs to his employer, was on the rear floor in a back pack.

Larceny

A plastic Stanley tool box containing outdoor clothing, hats, gloves, face masks, shirts and sweaters, a second plastic tool box containing assorted drills, drill bits, wrenches and other tools

and the tailgate were reported stolen from a 2003 Ford pickup truck parked at the Orchards of Newburgh Apartments, 37057 Orchard Circle, overnight Jan. 24.

The owner told police the tool boxes had been secured with a padlock and chain. The lock was cut and then the tailgate was also taken.

Vandalism

A Westland woman told police Jan. 24 that someone had smashed a window on her 2010 Ford Escape while she was working at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road. She said nothing was missing from the vehicle.

Larceny

An Inkster woman told police Jan. 23 that someone had stolen the license plate from her 2009 Chevrolet Malibu while it was parked at Walter Reuther Hospital, 30901 Palmer.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 34000 block of Richard on Jan. 24 when two dehumidifiers, two floor driers, a hockey-style bag of assorted tools and cardboard box containing assorted purses, valued at \$4,800, were reported stolen.

The complainant, a home improvement company general manager, told police the dehumidifiers and floor driers had been rented from Garden City Rental. He said an employee was allowed to borrow the equipment after the basement of his home on Richard flooded. The employee reported the equipment had been stolen in a break-in when his boss stopped by.

The homeowner said that he believed the equipment and other items which belonged to him had been stolen by an acquaintance who had recently dropped by a couple of times unexpectedly. During those visits,

the homeowner said he let the other man in and was in the process of cleaning the basement. He said he gave the man some cash during each visit. While the entire family was out, the items were stolen.

The homeowner told police he delayed reporting the theft while he attempted to track down the suspect and the stolen items.

Break-in

A resident of an apartment at 35800 W. Michigan Ave. told police Jan. 27 that she returned home to find her 32-inch television and Wii game system, valued at \$675, had been stolen.

The woman said she had allowed her brother's friend to stay in her apartment while she was out. When she came back, she said the friend and the items were missing. She told the officer she suspected the friend was responsible for the theft.

Later the same day, the officer spoke with the

brother's friend, a Flint man. He told the officer he was awakened on the living room couch by four men wearing mechanic-type clothing. One was carrying a clipboard, he said, and told him they were helping the tenant move out.

The Flint man said he told the suspects that they had the wrong apartment. The men left. A short time later, the man left and locked the apartment door, he told police. The four men were reported to have been standing nearby the apartment door in the hallway.

After hearing the Flint man's account, the resident said she no longer believed he was responsible for the theft.

Vandalism

On Jan. 21, a resident in the 4300 block of Edmund told police that overnight someone had smashed the rear window of his SUV.

By LeAnne Rogers

Second armed robbery suspect accepts plea deal

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The second suspect in a pair of armed robberies last fall in Livonia took a plea deal and will be sentenced later this spring.

Sean Bridges, 21, of Detroit accepted a plea deal Friday that eliminat-

ed some of the charges he faced stemming from several incidents in Wayne County. Bridges pleaded guilty to three counts of armed robbery and two counts of felony firearm. In exchange, several other charges he faced were dismissed, including two counts of armed robbery, one

count of felony firearm and one count of conducting a criminal enterprise.

His court date Friday was originally scheduled as a calendar conference after his original trial date, Jan. 22, was pushed back at the request of the court.

Bridges will be back in court for sentencing



Bridges before circuit judge Michael Hathaway at 9 a.m. May 9 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in



Detroit. He could face up to life in prison.

He was arrested after a pair of armed robberies were reported in Livonia near Henry Ruff and Grandon, and at Henry Ruff and Hathaway. Both cases involved victims jogging in the area who were confronted by two men brandishing a hand-

gun who took their iPods.

Deante Kelley, 22, of Detroit and co-defendant in the case with Bridges, took a plea deal earlier last week, pleading guilty to some charges and having the rest dismissed by the court. Kelley is expected to return to Hathaway's courtroom in Detroit April 18.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

An employee of Morningstar Church in Garden City reported Jan. 19 that windows and doors of the church transport van were damaged. The van also sustained pellet damage.

Pellets also damaged east side entrance doors as well as a couple windows.

Vehicle theft

A resident who lives in the 29000 block of Rush reported Jan. 15 that someone stole her 2003 Dodge Intrigue. She said that the car was parked in front of her home.

The front left quarter panel had a large dent as well as a rust spot.

There was no evidence found at the scene

and the driver has all of the keys.

Vehicle theft

A Westland man reported Jan. 19 that someone stole his 2004 Ford pickup from the driveway of a home in the 30000 block of Brown.

The vehicle had an attached snow plow and salter in the truck bed. The man's mother-in-

law who came to check on the house when he was gone noticed that it was missing.

The owner checked with an employee who said that he had the keys but wasn't in possession of the truck.

Theft

A Dearborn woman who works as a physician for the Oakwood Healthcare system, 29150 Ford, reported Jan. 20 that

someone stole her GPS navigational unit from her 2014 GMC Acadia.

The thief gained access through a broken rear passenger window. There are no witnesses and no suspects.

Property damage

The owner of a Chrysler Town and Country parked near a business at 28939 Ford reported Jan. 20 that someone tried to steal his car stereo. He

found the radio face plate removed.

The passenger side front window was broken.

Theft

The owner of 2011 Ford Escape parked in the 28000 block of Cambridge reported Jan. 17 that the vehicle's license plate was stolen.

By Sue Buck

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MI 48154 SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Livonia Public Schools, consisting of Renovations Projects at:

Cleveland Elementary School
Coolidge Elementary School
Rosedale Elementary School

will be received by Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 until 12:00 P.M. (noon), local time on Thursday, February 13, 2014. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Livonia Public Schools Board Room.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

103 Selective Demolition	104 Concrete
106 Masonry	107 Steel
108 Carpentry & General Trades	109 Roofing
113 Hollow Metal/Wood Doors/Finish Hardware	114 Aluminum Glass & Glazing
115 Metal Studs / Drywall / Plaster / EIFS	116 Hard Tile
117 Acoustical Ceilings	118 Carpet & Resilient Flooring
120 Painting	121 Visual Display Boards
125 Toilet Partitions	128 Educational Casework
130 Window Treatments	140 Plumbing
142 HVAC	143 Electrical
185 Test and Balance	

Bidding documents prepared by French Associates will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a non-refundable \$60.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Checks should be payable to Livonia Public Schools.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.
- Documents can be purchased from Dunn Blue/ARC, 1009 Maple St. Clawson, Michigan Phone: 248-288-5600 or michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Livonia Public Schools Board Office, 15125 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 3 copies (1 original, 2 copies) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 00 42 05), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit (Section 00 42 10).

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond (by a listed U.S. Treasury surety company) or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Livonia Public Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

Contractors will be required to meet the prevailing wage requirements.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Livonia Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part.

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education

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END OF SECTION

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 2 1/21/14

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer
13: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/16/14.
• Appr. request from Girl Scout Troop #21266 to sell cookies at various business locations on all weekends in Feb. & March from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.
• Intro. Ord. 248-, rezone CB-4 to CB-3, PID #008-99-0003-000, NW corner of Middlebelt & Warren Rds.
• Appr. Admin. Fee Schedule changes for FOIA fees.
14: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. addition to WSC, 35000 Warren Rd. w/contingencies.
15: Appr. spec. land use for proposed Jumpin Parties Indoor Park, 37514 Cherry Hill.
17: Conf. appt. of Plante Moran & Assoc. as City Auditors thru corrected date of 12/31/15.
18: Appr. checklist: \$3,482,510.59 & Prepaid: \$3,482,543.92 including prepaids of 1/3/14. Mtg. adj. at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Tina M. Stanke, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Publish: January 30, 2014

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Public Notice Required by MCL 324.20120d(3)
Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as Amended
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
Southeast Michigan District Office
27700 Donald Court
Warren, Michigan 48092-2793

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A NO FURTHER ACTION REPORT FOR A SITE SPECIFIC CLEANUP CRITERIA CLOSURE

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed No Further Action Report for the Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co., Inc., a site of environmental contamination located at 550 South Edwin Road in Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. Contamination at the site was caused by releases at a former exterior aboveground storage tank (AST) area located on the property.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20120d(3) et seq to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has reviewed the proposed remedial action plan for a Limited Non-Residential Site cleanup category and finds it to be in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the administrative rules for the Act in place before December 21, 2002.

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the completed remedial action and to offer an opportunity for public review and comment prior to final action upon the No Further Action Report. Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on February 14, 2014. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

The proposed No Further Action Report for the site includes monitoring of groundwater on the site for three years. It also includes the placement of a restrictive covenant on the property that will prohibit use of on-site groundwater for potable purposes, will prohibit construction of wells to extract groundwater for consumption, irrigation or other use, and will prohibit construction of buildings without approval from MDEQ.

The No Further Action Report will be available for review beginning January 15, 2014 during normal business hours at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Southeast Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court Warren, Michigan 48092-2793. The review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

Comments should be addressed to:
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27700 Donald Court
Warren, Michigan 48092-2793
(586) 753-3812

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A home surveillance camera captured video of a man suspected of taking a package dropped off by UPS at a Westland home.

Police seek UPS package thief

A security camera at a home in the 38900 block of Joy in Westland captured a UPS driver making a delivery at approximately 2:30 p.m. Dec. 23. A short time later, a maroon/purple mini van pulled up and a white male walked to the front door of the home.

It appeared that the man knocked on the door and after no one answered, took the package, police said.

Police report the suspect was likely following the UPS driver and stealing packages, if no one was at home once a delivery was

made. The suspect was described as having a bald/shaved head with a goatee or thin beard. He was wearing an orange jacket, dark slacks and a button-down blue shirt. The vehicle is believed to be a Chevy Uplander or Pontiac Montana.

Westland Police have released photographs of the suspect and the vehicle taken from the home security camera.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Westland Police at 734-721-6311.



Police believe the suspect's vehicle is a Chevy Uplander or Pontiac Montana.



Westland Police are looking for information about this man, suspected of stealing a package off the porch of a Westland home at Christmas time.

Garden City woman found guilty in police corruption case

The wife of a former Romulus police chief will find out Feb. 20 what her sentence will be after being found guilty Monday of crimes related to a police corruption investigation involving her husband and five police officers.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre of Garden City guilty of acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000. Vlaz-St. Andre faces up to 20 years in prison.

Vlaz-St. Andre and her husband, Michael, have been accused of using forfeiture funds to buy and run the Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland.

Michael St. Andre, Romulus Police Detective Sgt. Richard Balzar and Detectives Richard Landry, Donald Hopkins, Jeremy Channells and Larry Droege also face trial on charges stemming from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit.

St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and con-

cealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Balzar and Landry have been charged with conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Hopkins has been charged with all but the neglect of duty charge.

Trials have been scheduled for July 7 the three men. If convicted, they could face up to 20 years in prison.

Channells has been charged with two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Droege has been charged with one count of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Their trials are scheduled for Feb. 24. They face up to five years in prison, if convicted.

The officers have been accused of: repeatedly making or assisting others in submitting expense reports in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; creating fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture funds; obstructing justice; making false statements in police reports; and misusing city of Romulus funds for their own personal gain between January 2006 and September 2011.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, St. Andre directed a probe of liquor license violations, prostitution and narcotics trafficking at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate, but during the investigation officers embezzled drug forfeiture money, solicited prostitutes and made false police reports.

By Sue Mason

Public's help results in arrest of robbery suspect

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A tip received in response to a request for the public's help identifying a robbery suspect has resulted in an arrest by Westland Police.

On Jan. 17, the Westland Police Department distributed surveillance photos from several store robberies to the

media. A tip came in from an anonymous source identifying the suspect as Peter Greenway, 39.

After further investigation, probable cause was developed and the Westland Police Department arrested Greenway at a house on Hazelwood Street in Inkster.

Westland police have now obtained warrants

charging Greenway with attempted armed robbery and armed robbery. Greenway was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court. A not guilty plea was entered and bond set at \$250,000.

"This is a perfect example of how community involvement helps in keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe," Westland Police Chief



Greenway

Jeff Jedrusik said. Police had sought to identify a suspect in three robberies in which the robber implied he had a gun in his pocket.

On Jan. 12, an attempted robbery reportedly occurred at 7-Elev-

en, 1826 S. Merriman. The clerk reportedly refused to give him any money and the man fled.

On Jan. 15, a man reportedly robbed the Family Dollar, 31926 Michigan Ave. He reportedly implied that he was armed with a gun and escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

On Jan. 16, a man reportedly robbed the

Dollar General, 8208 N. Merriman. Once again a gun was reportedly implied and the man fled with an unknown amount of cash.

A preliminary examination for Greenway was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30.

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Teen gets probation for robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Detroit teen has been placed on probation for three years for his role in robbing two Westland teens who police say had gone to a Canton party to buy drugs, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said Friday.

Clary Dejuan Scott Jr., 17, could have the charge of unarmed robbery removed from his record if he stays out of trouble and obeys orders by Judge Margie Braxton to pay restitution and certain court costs, the clerk said.

Scott was one of four defendants accused of robbing two 18-year-old Westland men who police say went to buy drugs while a party was occurring last Nov. 2 at an apartment complex on Canton's far north side.

Scott was placed on probation Thursday, but



Turkovic, Shippey, Scott and Holland

the court clerk said sentencing has been delayed for defendants Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 17, and Joseph Charles Holland, 18, both of Canton, and Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia.

During the incident, one victim was punched and kicked, while the other was struck in the face as the robbery unfolded shortly after 9 p.m. Nov. 2, Canton police have said.

Canton Detective Erik Kaledas has said the Westland teens were robbed of money and a cellphone after they arrived at the party.

The four defendants have all pleaded guilty to

unarmed robbery. They had initially faced additional charges of armed robbery, but authorities have said those counts were dismissed in 35th District Court because of a lack of evidence linking them to a gun.

Scott could have faced penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison during his sentencing, but the court clerk said he has received probation as long as he obeys Braxton's orders. If not, he could be imprisoned.

Holland is expected to learn his fate as early as late January, while Turkovic and Shippey are facing sentencing in March, the clerk said.

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Students from Marshall Upper Elementary School of Westland discuss their entry in the Future City Competition, held Jan. 27 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. From left are Natalie Reed, Andrew Biber, Jack Mortson and Brendan Schema. This year's engineering challenge was to design a way to move people about a city in the future. Schools from all over Wayne and Oakland counties participated in the program. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STUDENTS WORK TO SOLVE FUTURE CITY PROBLEMS

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Some students showed their smarts Monday and had a great time.

The Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield, coordinates Michigan's Future City competition, in which students use software, research skills and math/science knowledge to build a model city. A number of schools presented their models and findings to judges Monday, Jan. 27, at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi during regional competition.

"What happens to waste water?" asked judge Peggy Matta of the U.S. Green Building Council. She and two other judges were examining the presentation of Southfield's MacArthur K-8 University Academy.

"We're looking at how they protect the environment," said Matta, one of a number of adult volunteers at Suburban Collection Showplace that day.

This year's competition, the 19th annual, had a transportation theme. From MacArthur were eighth-graders Erin Andrews, 14, and Ariel Slappy, 13, and seventh-grader London Jones, 12, all from Southfield.

Their team had about 15, the girls said, and worked on their model for some three months. Their city is "Pavati: The Floating City." Islanders there live in Grand Original Green Igloos, and wind and solar power are used. The surface is of grass or permeable cement.

"I like the ability to create things and to solve problems," said Jones, who like her classmates is considering an engineering career. Their school model included a tube for travel with pods that could go as fast as 760 mph. Andrews noted there are bicycles that come from a backpack design, as well as wheelchairs for the disabled that can go in the tube.

Math's a focus

"I have learned so much about math and science," said Slappy, who used numbers to design to scale. "It was a lot of work."

She liked presenting for the judges in this, her second year of competition: "I actually have fun presenting to the judges. It was better than I thought it would be."

MacArthur K-8 took third place Monday.

Participating was Crescent Academy International of Canton, which had two teams. Seventh-graders Areesha Hasan, 12, Amina Hafeez, 13, and Amirah Aabed, 12, all of Can-



Marshall teacher Diane Krzyaniak (front row, from left) and students Brendan Schema, Andrew Biber and Jack Mortson receive the Technical Leadership Award from ESD presenter Sue Littles (back row, from left), ESD Executive Vice President Darlene Trudell and ESD presenter, Jerry Neyer. TOM BEAUDOIN



Marshall Upper Elementary teacher Diane Krzyaniak and mentor Stephanie Fowler wait as the judges ask their students questions about their city model. TOM BEAUDOIN

ton, were happy to explain their city of the future.

"This is Utopia, the city of the future," Aabed said. She explained the pollution of Los Angeles led to its end, and its replacement.

"Utopia's very environmentally friendly," said Aabed, noting the downtown spins slowly to avoid disorienting people. "It's one big windmill."

Hafeez noted the iconic Hollywood design incorporated into the city of the future. Hasan said agriculture is separated from industry.

"I'm thinking about it," Aabed said of an engineering career. "I want to invent some-

thing." Their team's city also mixed country, suburbs and city. T2 (squared) transportation tubes took people between zones.

Over at Marshall Upper Elementary School in Westland, the sixth-graders were working on Krania, located in Winter Water Valley, Mich. Krania has 81,712 people, an average IQ of 135, and is "Your Destination for Education."

Presenters for Marshall were Jack Mortson, 11, Brendan Schema, 11, and Andrew Biber, 11, with Natalie Reid, 11, as runner-up presenter. All are Westland residents in a sixth-grade Talented and Gifted

Hills, and Yug Chauhan, 13, an eighth-grader of Ann Arbor.

"We also wanted to preserve the charm," said Chauhan of their city, Papa Chzh Bro. The students built their city, in Istanbul, Turkey, to be earthquake-proof in that zone. It was presented as "The Safest World City," and included an Autonomous Intermodel Transport System, with The European West and The Asian East. The European side had many skyscrapers.

"So it's a good mixture," Brooks said. "Everything is connected."

Jain Temple took fourth place Monday.

'Learned a lot'

St. Valentine Catholic School of Redford had presenters Fiona Baughman, 13, of Redford, Paul Schulte, 13, of Livonia, and Alexa Terry, 13, of Redford, all eighth-graders. Their city of Illu Suun was off the coast of Australia.

Illu Suun has two main modes of transportation, plus emergency pods. "They can get to a hospital or emergency center quickly," said Terry, whose father is an engineer.

The public transportation for Illu Suun is underground, with tunnels allowing travel up to 600 mph. "So that cuts down your commute times drastically," Terry said.

"I was always looking forward to being able to do Future City" when younger, said Schulte.

"St. Valentine is really proud of their city," added Baughman, noting classmates are excited about the annual competition. "We learned a lot of new stuff about the city."

St. Valentine took second-place honors Monday. First place went to St. John Lutheran School of Rochester. Athanius Kircher Academy of Belleville took fifth.

Like many participants, the three from St. Val's are considering engineering careers, a goal of the competition. Students in sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade work on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, applying them to real-world problems.

This year's theme was "Tomorrow's Transit: Design a Way To Move People In and Around Your City." Students used SimCity software, wrote an essay, and made a presentation to the judges. Students are challenged to build a city 150 years into the future using engineering principles.

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class.

"This is the Krania Metro," said Mortson, noting its left-right design.

Schema said there's an Area Criminal Control spot for law enforcement.

"It gives them a better view of the city," Schema said.

Biber noted the hydrogen-powered cars.

"They give off water vapor," he explained, which in turn powers the People Mover or Metro.

"I think it fits better because you know the area," Schema said of their Michigan location. Some other teams chose to put their cities overseas.

Class project

"This was a class project," said Marshall teacher Diane Krzyaniak, a Livonia resident. Students began their work in October. "I am so proud of them," Krzyaniak said. "It boggles my mind how much teamwork, how much enthusiasm they have had."

Her team of 31 worked with engineering mentor Stephanie Fowler, who does consulting with GZA GeoEnvironmental of Livonia. Fowler would visit the Westland school on Mondays to work with the team.

"Engineers are leaders and mentors," Fowler said. "It's a great opportunity to work with the community, especially kids."

Mortson spoke for his classmates about possibly pursuing engineering later as a career like their mentor did. "She's very helpful," he said.

The Westland city planner also visited the class, added Krzyaniak.

"The kids get so much out of it," the teacher said. "This is our future and we've got to expose them to as much as possible."

The Jain Temple of Greater Detroit in Farmington Hills was well represented, including David Brooks, 12, a seventh-grader of Farmington

GC Hospital joins BCBS in low-cost insurance network

Garden City Hospital is among four independent community hospitals, four southeast Michigan hospital systems and more than 4,700 doctors that will partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in 2015 to provide low-cost insurance coverage and health care services to local residents.

The localized network — called an Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) — is coming together following responses to a comprehensive RFP issued by Blue Cross last year to hospitals asking for participation. Physicians — totaling 4,789 on Jan. 13 — are still coming aboard. Participating hospital systems and local hospitals include the Detroit Medical Center hospitals, Oakwood Health System hospitals, St. John Providence Health System hospitals, CHE Trinity Health hospitals located in southeast Michigan, Botsford Hospital, Garden City Hospital, Stonecrest Center and Straith Hospital for Special Surgery.

"In a region where hundreds of thousands of people are without health insurance coverage, the Affordable Care Act gives insurers and providers new opportunities to work together to provide people with affordable access to coverage and care," said Susan Barkell, BCBSM senior vice president for Health Care Value.

Quality network

"Health care reform is driving significant changes in the marketplace, and consumers who are uninsured today are very price sensitive about the health plan choices they have," said Terry Burke, BCBSM



Garden City Hospital is one of four community hospitals partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in 2015 to provide low-cost insurance coverage and health care services to local residents in 2015.

vice president for Individual Business. "Many people are willing to trade broad network access for a quality local network and a lower-cost insurance premium."

BCBSM will utilize the localized network for an individual market product line, which will be among several product choices offered starting in November for effective dates of Jan. 1, 2015. The localized product, still to be named, will be offered both on the Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov) and off marketplace by shopping directly through BCBSM or through independent insurance agents.

"Constructing this network of high-quality local providers is a necessary step in finalizing the pricing and benefit structure we will be filing with regulators this spring," said Kevin Klobucar, CEO of Blue Care Network and leader of product development for BCBSM. "We are very excited that so many doctors and hospitals are commit-

ted to low-cost healthcare and are joining Blue Cross to deliver it in southeast Michigan."

Participating hospitals include: Detroit Medical Center, DMC; Sinai Grace, DMC; Rehab Institute of Michigan, DMC; Huron Valley Sinai, DMC; Children's Hospital, DMC; Harper-Hutzel, DMC; Detroit Receiving; Oakwood Health System; Oakwood Heritage; Oakwood Southshore; Oakwood Annapolis; Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center (Main) - Dearborn; St. John Providence Health System; St. John Macomb-Oakland; St. John River District; St. John Hospital and Medical Center (Main) - Detroit; Providence Park Hospital - Novi; Providence Hospital and Medical Center; CHE Trinity Health; St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland; St. Joseph Mercy - Ann Arbor; St. Joseph Mercy - Livingston; St. Joseph Mercy - Port Huron; St. Mary Mercy Hospital - Livonia; Botsford Hospital; Chelsea Community Hospital; Garden City Hospital; Stonecrest Center

for Behavioral Health; and Straith Hospital for Special Surgery.

Comprehensive care

Founded in 1947 by six physicians, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at large. It has 323 beds in its state-of-the-art facility at 6245 Inkster Road.

Garden City Hospital has been designated a Thomson 100 Top Hospital status, ranking in the Top 100 in the nation for teaching hospitals with 200 or more acute-care beds. For more information about Garden City Hospital, call 877-717-WELL or visit www.GCH.org.

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Consider teamwork whenever possible

Looking back at last week, the word that describes it best is teamwork. So many things I'm proud to say got accomplished and not one of them by me alone.

Today's sunny tip is simply this: Work together.

Business is a team sport. Yet so many of us who care passionately about our work are at risk of trying to do it all ourselves. That's just not possible, and if we try that approach we limit or diminish the results.

Instead, look for ways to effectively collaborate. One of the keys is to ask for help or involve other people before the crisis point ... you know, that moment when you discover you can't do it alone and now it's a crisis because you didn't anticipate the need and involve someone else earlier in the process.

Instead of trying to avoid the need for help, let's anticipate it — and have a sunny day.

Clarity

P.S. "Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

Vince Lombardi

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Eric W. Widner, FACHE, division president of Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders. He has also been elected to the board of the Midwest Chapter of the organization (MCACHE).

"Oakwood Healthcare is committed to providing compassionate, high-quality care

to our patients and communities," said David Campbell, FACHE, Oakwood's executive vice president of Operations, System Strategy & Growth. "Eric's involvement in the American College of Healthcare Executives, as a fellow and a local chapter board member, demonstrates his dedication to high-quality leadership for the physicians and staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and great care for our patients."

"The healthcare management field plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," said Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in



Widner

servicing their patients and the community."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 9,100 healthcare executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/communitarian involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Widner is privileged to use the FACHE® credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

Top 10 Franchise List

Entrepreneur magazine recently announced its annual Franchise 500 rankings, naming SERVPRO®, a cleanup and restoration Franchise company, to its Top 10 list for the fifth consecutive year. Of the 853 companies qualified for the rankings, SERVPRO® earned the No. 7 spot overall and the top spot in its own industry for the 11th consecutive year. According to Entrepreneur, the Franchise 500 selection process is driven by "objective, quantifiable measures of a franchise operation," with some of the most important factors being "financial strength and stability, growth rate and size of the system."

"This is a very satisfying achievement," said Rick Isaacson, executive vice president of Servpro Industries Inc., "and

we're proud of our Franchise team that delivers — year over year — the highest levels of customer service and satisfaction. These seasoned professionals continue to make the SERVPRO® brand the standard for excellence in our industry."

SERVPRO® Franchise Owners in the Detroit area specialize in fire and water cleanup and restoration services, helping both commercial and residential customers recover from property damage emergencies. From one-room home disasters to large commercial facilities or statewide storm response situations, SERVPRO® helps make property damage "like it never even happened."

"At the end of the day, our franchisees are individual small business owners who live and work in the communities they serve," Isaacson said. "When the unexpected happens, local home and business owners know they can turn to their local SERVPRO professional to help them put their lives back on track as quickly and painlessly as possible. As this year's Entrepreneur again, this is both a responsibility and a privilege that our franchisees take very seriously."

For more information about SERVPRO® in the Detroit area, contact:

» Jeffrey Whitmarsh of SERVPRO of Dearborn Heights North/East Garden City at 313-228-5134 or servpro9764@aol.com.

» William McClellan of SERVPRO of Westland at 734-721-5699 or servprowestland@gmail.com.

Reasons why businesses turn to Observer & Eccentric Media LOCAL

Marvin Jarbo, Owner of Eastern Market of Canton speaking about advertising success in Observer & Eccentric Media



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OUR VIEWS

Take a picture

Social gathering of Garden City officials doesn't constitute a meeting

Dorthea Lange, an influential American documentary photographer and photojournalist, wrote that "While there is perhaps a province in which the photograph can tell us nothing more than what we see with our own eyes, there is another in which it proves to us how little our eyes permit us to see."

Such is the case of a photograph that made the email circuit last week, a selfie posted on Facebook page showing the entire Garden City Council, City Manager/Police Chief Robert Muery and City Clerk/Treasurer Allyson Bettis together at the Garden City Cafe. The photo set off a controversy over whether the get-together after a recent council meeting was a violation of the state's Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Randy Walker maintains that there was nothing wrong with the gathering. It was a social in nature and didn't rise to the threshold of violating the act. He even went so far as to call any discussion about it a "non-story." Long-time community activist Mary Jane Schildberg, however, sees it differently. She wrote that it was "a clear violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. A majority of an elected body may not meet for any purpose unless the meeting is posted" and as far as she knew, "there was no public notice of this meeting."

We have to disagree with Walker and Schildberg. It is neither a non-story nor a clear cut violation.

When it was passed in 1976, the Open Meetings Act was meant to make government more accountable to the public. Our country was founded on the principle of a government for the people, by the people and of the people. The act made it clear that the business of



This photo, which first appeared on the Community Chat Facebook page, has traveled all around town and beyond, with some questioning what transpired at this informal gathering. The entire Garden City Council, the city manager, city clerk and others are in the photo.

government at all levels must be open to the public and conducted in a place accessible to the public. The act also was specific about what and was not acceptable.

The act defines a meeting as the "convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy." Certainly, the photograph, taken for Internet talk show host Kerry Partin, appears to

show an illegal meeting. Seven council members in the same place at the same time constitutes a quorum.

However, former Attorney General Frank Kelley, in March 1977 opinion, said that "a quorum of the public body's members must be present when the body meets for the purpose of deliberating toward, rendering a vote or taking other action by which the public body effectuates or formulates public policy." Kelley added that "chance meetings or social gatherings at which a quorum may be present are not included within the definition of meeting."

Schildberg was correct in saying the government officials must be cautious about perceptions and appearances. This photograph became a story because of the appearance of wrongdoing. Their eyes let people see what they wanted to see. Some people looked at the photo and saw an illegal meeting; others looked at it and saw it as a council that is able to get along with each other. Were decisions made at that gathering? Sure, but it was most likely what to order, not city business.

The meeting didn't violate the Open Meetings Act, but the fact that some people thought so, should be the warning flag that such gatherings need to be handled in a different manner to avoid similar problems in the future. It may be wise that Mayor Walker, during his meeting comments, extend an invitation to the community to join him for something to eat after council meetings.

That would go a long way in erasing concerns about violating the Open Meetings Act.

'Jeffress Center' a fitting name for new building

Congratulations to Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, for having a building named after him!

It is an honor that is certainly well-deserved.

Jeffress has been tireless supporter of Schoolcraft College for the past 32 years, the last 14 as president. His accomplishments are many and we're glad the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees acknowledged them in such a public way.



Jeffress

Under Jeffress' leadership, the college has added buildings and programs while remaining financially sound and keeping tuition affordable.

For example, last May the Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for improvements that it will pay back over the next 15 years without having to go to voters for a tax increase.

Those improvements include renovating the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty, now called The Jeffress Center, which will be used to house classes for Schoolcraft's new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that begins this fall. Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest ratings because of "solid financial management that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues."

Also under Jeffress' leadership, the college built and opened the VisTaTech Center in September 2003, remodeled the Bradner Library in 2005, built the Biomedical Technology Center in 2008 and created the Public Safety Training Complex in 2013.

While Jeffress has served as president, the college and its labor unions have worked cooperatively together, negotiating fair contracts that contribute to a peaceful relationship and allow everyone to concentrate on their respective jobs.

At the same time, the college has kept costs to students affordable, giving them a way to gain knowledge and work skills without having to take on a huge amount of debt.

The college and community have benefited greatly from Jeffress' vision and we are pleased the new building will remind everyone of his contributions for many years to come.

LETTERS

Change of address

Now that it's been in the newspaper, I assume it's safe for me to tell everyone that I'll be moving from my long time home on Bock Street to Presbyterian Village on Cherry Hill in Westland. It just isn't safe for me to live alone in this big old house, but the house won't be vacant. It will be full of life, as it used to be, when my grandson and friends move in.

I'll have a new telephone number but I'll keep my cell phone and I have a little black book with numbers. I'll be taking my computer, so you can still contact me via email.

My physical problems started over a year ago when I fell and sustained a concussion. No, I didn't go to a doctor because I was up north, and who goes to a doctor because of a very bruised face? I didn't realize it was a concussion, so I ignored it and the symptoms that followed, such as balance and memory problems.

Actually I don't mind moving to the Village. I'll make new friends, have my meals prepared, have people to talk and listen to, and won't have to mow the lawn or shovel the snow. There's an exercise room with staff, and long halls so I can walk, even in bad weather.

If you'd like to visit, just drive over the border to Cherry Hill. I'm sure someone will direct you to my apartment.

Mary Jane Schildberg
Garden City

Stop mass surveillance

NSA actions are a clear violation of the United States Constitution, Amendment 4: the right of the people to be secure in their person, house, papers, and effects, against unreasonable search and seizures, shall not be violated. No warrants shall be issued, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized.

Henry Morgan
Westland

Camera is my voice

As a journalist and freelance photographer over the years, my work has morphed into book form and working on projects that inspire me. Most of that nowadays is historic research and the learning I garner from it.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, on or about 6 p.m. my Kodak Easy Share slipped out of my pocket-book either at the McDonald's in Plymouth or at Macy's in Westland. I am at a loss for words right now as there are 3,000 or so pictures in the camera and on a chip that was in the mahogany case that I carried with it. The white cord was hanging on the camera, as I upload pictures often.

The value of the camera is nothing, it is the contents that I have pro-

What do you think?



Do you think the state budget surplus should be used to help fix Michigan's roads? Tell us why or why not in 400 words or fewer. Email your response to smason@hometownlife.com by noon Monday, and it may appear as a letter to the editor in next Thursday's paper. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.) Also, let us know which roads are the worst when it comes to potholes. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

duced for my work and research. As a disabled veteran, my work is important to me, as I find that there is a love of history in the way I present items to others. To whomever picked up the camera, I am asking that you please return it either to McDonald's in Plymouth or Macy's in Westland. Even if you don't want to go there, you can drop it off at a police station anonymously and I will gladly pick it up.

Perhaps the person who found it is also earnestly looking for me to return it to, and I certainly appreciate that. All I know is my work is valuable to me, and my camera is my voice.

Cheryl Martin
Canton

Bob and weave

Have you ever noticed how second-rate poli-

ticians and their followers are like third-rate boxers who have taken too many blows to the head?

They bob, they weave, they try to side-step, they back away and they try to cover up. Boxers want to hide the effects of the concussions they received; politicians think the rest of us are suffering from brain damage and won't recall their foul deeds (no offense to anyone in the boxing field).

I recently warned our northern neighbors that the folly of electing Tea Partiers was about to bite them in the butt. A bill backed by the Patrick Colbeck would siphon millions from local governments up there.

A writer in the online Observer (Jan. 9) attempted to give us a civics lesson on domestic energy without getting to

the gist of my original letter (bob and weave), which was that these right-wingers are giving huge tax breaks to mega corporations and, after leaving office, will go to work for these same entities.

And, as far as the writer's apparent slurs to the Democratic Party, I'll give my view on those he mentions: unions and teachers associations, may they grow and prosper; abortion, every woman has the right to make her own decisions; and, finally, atheist, everybody has the right to believe whatever they want, as long as they don't try to force that belief on anyone else.

However, these are the exact opposite views of the right wing that is currently permeating our capital in Lansing.

James Huddleston
Canton

The state of Snyder

Well, Gov. Snyder has given his fourth State of the State address, but I think I'll pass on joining his sycophant audience in applauding him. When you hear these politicians giving these self-aggrandizement speeches that make life sound so rosy, you almost have to pinch yourself to make sure you're still living in the same place as them!

Snyder has been a better governor than Granholm and Blanchard, not much better than Milliken, and not as good as Engler (who really did nothing constructive beyond Proposal A.) He needs to go — go anywhere really, but boot him out of Lansing by all means. Traitors to the cause like Snyder and Rep. Walsh supported Obamacare, and conservatives need to cast out the evil from among their midst. Snyder cut the income tax credit for the struggling in favor of his fat-cat business buds. He cut the gas energy tax credit for the struggling. He wants to raise taxes for the roads — why not trim some bureaucrat jobs? Why not save money by making the legislature part-time?

Snyder is no friend to the pro-life and pro-family crowd. Nope, he wants to focus like a laser on his big business buds. A pro-life bill only recently got through via a voter initiative drive. Michiganders need to use the vote and apply some of Snyder's Relentless Positive Action and positively kick Rinos like him to the curb. Vote for anyone else, yea, even Bozo, or don't vote at all, but don't give this clown a second term.

Leo Weber
Livonia

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Knit Michigan event to benefit 5 cancer charities

Five Michigan cancer charities will benefit from the eighth annual "Knit Michigan" Fiber Focused Fundraising Event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

Held each February, the daylong event is dedicated to the fiber arts and designed to bring together fellow fiber enthusiasts who want to show their support for cancer patients and their families.

Knit Michigan's staff is completely volunteer based; 100 percent of event proceeds (after fixed expenses) are donated to Michigan-based cancer charities.

Fiber activities for all ages include:

- » Shopping the Market: 14 different Michigan yarn stores all in one place. Finished products, yarns and kits, books and more are available for purchase.
- » Learn to knit, spin or crochet.
- » Hands-on weaving demonstration.
- » Silent auction with hundreds of items to bid on throughout the day.
- » Contests, door prizes, knitting help and more.

General admission pricing also includes a selection of 12 fiber and craft classes taught by

local and regional experts (additional fees apply). Visit the Knit Michigan website at www.knitmichigan.org for a complete listing of courses.

The Knit Michigan "early bird" at 9 a.m. — admission is \$15 — provides access to the market before the crowds. The 10 a.m. "general admission" is a \$10 minimum charge — larger donations are welcome. All classes are priced at \$35 in addition to the \$10 admission fee. Online preregistration is available for all and is required for classes. The deadline for class registration is Jan. 28.

Knit Michigan 2014 will take place at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills. Limited food and beverage service is available for purchase.

Knit Michigan is a 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to supporting cancer patients and their families via financial contributions and by making and donating patient comfort items such as chemo caps, lap blankets, stuffed animals or other items.

Knit Michigan founder Joan Sheridan, owner of Lake Orion's Heritage

Spinning and Weaving, created the non-profit and annual event to raise money to support cancer patients and their families.

Over the years, Knit Michigan has donated more than \$150,000 to selected cancer serving organizations and donated more than 10,000 comfort items in the form of chemo caps, cuddly knit bears, breast cancer pillows, and pillows and blankets used in the infusion rooms.

The comfort items have been gifted to cancer centers around the state, going as far north as Baraga in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Money raised by Knit Michigan 2014 will be donated to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Center, Genesys Health System, Gilda's Club and U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000 at this one-day event.

For more information about Knit Michigan 2014, including the day's activities, class offerings, comfort item suggestion list with patterns and online event registration, visit www.knitmichigan.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 and March 9.

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.

Details: Widowed men and women of all ages are encouraged to attend this series which helps deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues often experienced after the loss of a spouse. There is no charge for this series which is sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Contact: For more information, call Priscilla at 734-591-7879.

TRI-COUNTY CELIAC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Details: Dr. Stefano Guandalini will speak to Tri-County Celiac Support. He will present an update on celiac disease, gluten intolerance and other highlights from the International Celiac Disease Symposium held in Chicago, Ill., last September. Topics will include an update on a potential cure for celiac disease and research updates regarding gluten intolerances. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, time permitting. TCCSG members are free. Guests are welcome at \$5 per person. Tickets sold at the door the evening of the event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: For more information, visit www.tccsg.net.

ELK FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Location: Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Details: Twenty-third annual fundraising banquet for the Southeast Michigan Chapter of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Contact: Call 248-347-7622 to purchase tickets or purchase them at www.rmef.org.

FOR YOUR HEALTH SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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

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

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

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

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

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

Contact: Ruthann at 734-981-2519.

MENOPAUSE & MORE

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

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

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

Contact: 734-655-1100.

COUNTERPOINT

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

Contact: 734-563-5005.

TOUGHLOVE

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

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

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748.

LIFECARE

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Details: LifeCare is a care/



Kristin Cupp of Plymouth (second from left) plays Tinkerbell in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's presentation of *Peter Pan* this weekend. Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth (left), Kay Paupore of Canton and Laurie Kempisty of Novi are the fairies. The 54th annual children's theater production will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 6-7, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City. The Thursday evening and Saturday morning performances will be for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at aaupcmi.org. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 each. For more information, email the Plymouth-Canton AAUW at AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.co or call 734-716-1833.

support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

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

CAREGIVERS - WESTLAND

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first time.

SUPPORT GROUP

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

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

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

Contact: Chris Goldberg at

734-629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

Contact: For more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or prettymonarch@comcast.net.

EDUCATION WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

Contact: 734-326-0078.

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland.

Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western

Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10.

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school at 734-721-1240.

SENIORS FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center offers a variety of programs for older adults.

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

DYER CENTER

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

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: 734-419-2020.

SENIOR FITNESS

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

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age

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

SENIOR SERVICES

Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers: Sew Friendly from 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Material Girls from 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays; bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older; and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.

Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

ORGANIZATIONS FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or by email at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tuesday.

Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.

Details: We would love for you to be our guest to see what the Wayne Rotary is all about.

Contact: Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

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

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

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

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-02 January 21, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation of the 2013 Michigan BPW Woman of Achievement Award to Anna Petrou. APPROVED: minutes of the regular meeting of January 7; FY 14-15' CDBG Program Funds; proclaim Feb. 7-14, 2014 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week; contract with Hydro Design for cross connection control program; Main Street Resolution; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE - FINAL DETERMINATION

The City of Wayne continues to participate in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as administered by the County of Wayne.

Objectives The City's program objectives are the following: A) To provide the benefits of CDBG funding to persons of low and moderate income and to areas where at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the residents are of low to moderate income. B) To eliminate slums, blight and blighting influences. C) To enforce the laws. D) To facilitate and support private investment, reinvestment and development. E) To conserve and improve the housing stock. F) To improve public facilities, including but not limited to parks and streets. G) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG projects.

Public Hearings: Following duly noticed respective public hearings, on January 14, 2014, the Planning Commission recommended and on January 21, 2014 the City Council approved the proposed projects listed below.

ACTIVITY	Location	Amount
Code Enforcement, Police	Eligible Area	\$100,000.00
Public Services, Seniors	City Wide	\$ 15,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	City Wide	\$ 4,000.00
Administration		\$ 8,738.00
Total:		\$127,738.00*

Program Income received by the City of Wayne as a result of the repayment of existing CDBG deferred loan liens, in an estimated amount of \$25,000.00, if any, will be used for Housing Rehabilitation. *(This is an estimated total amount. If the amount of total funding is reduced or increased by HUD or Wayne County, the above project amounts may be adjusted as necessary or desirable.) Contact: Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 (734) 419-0118.

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Wayne business owner receives BPW achievement award

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne business owner has been honored as a 2013 Michigan Business and Professional Women's Woman of Achievement.

Wayne Dairy Queen owner Anna Petrou was honored for her involvement with the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the city's beautification program, the Downtown Development Authority and for serving on numerous boards and committees for the city.

In addition, as Dairy Queen owner Petrou sponsors the annual Diamond of the Community award honoring a local volunteer.

Petrou also volunteers for other local activities including the annual Friends Project and the Ripple Effect.

The Wayne Council approved a resolution honoring Petrou and her Woman of Achievement recognition.

"It's a great honor when the community has business men and women who care about the com-



Wayne Dairy Queen owner Anna Petrou was presented with a resolution recognizing her as recipient of the Michigan Business and Professional Women's Woman of Achievement. With Petrou is Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

munity," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "They show it not only by the way they treat their customers but they also contribute to the community."

Petrou and the Dairy Queen contribute to and sponsor many events in the community, Haidous said.

"You make us very proud of you. We're hap-

py to honor you and thank you," he added.

Along with expressing thanks for the honor, Petrou also praised the BPW.

"I'm proud to be in that sisterhood. I'm so inspired after each meeting," she said.

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Rowe appointed to national committee

A Wayne City Council member has been appointed to a committee of the National League of Cities.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe has been appointed to the NLC 2014 Community and Economic Development Steering Committee. The committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness.



Rowe

The appointment was announced by NLC President Chris Coleman, mayor of St. Paul, Minn. "I am very happy to be appointed to serve on the CED Steering Committee once again to represent the city of Wayne as well as the region and state. Being on this committee provides me the opportunity to meet with other elected officials from cities with common interests in federal program dollars coming into our cities to further economic development," Rowe said.

"The chance to speak with key legislative staffers and other local elected officials, to listen and learn how they are handling these difficult times is invaluable."

As a member of the committee, Rowe will

play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

The chair of this year's Community and Economic Development Committee is Lavonta Williams, council member from Wichita, Kan. Serving as this year's vice-chairs are Mike Wojcik, council member from Rochester, Minn., and Craig Thurmond, mayor of Broken Arrow, Okla.

The NLC is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

Put loyalty aside when investing in company stock

Another successful auto show has come and gone. It's certainly nice to see that the Detroit Three (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler), as they are known, are back on their feet.

I think everyone, particularly here in southeast Michigan, is rooting for the continued success of the U.S. auto industry. That being said, one of the questions that I am frequently asked, particularly by General Motors and Ford employees, is how much of their 401(k) plan should be invested in company stock.

If I was an employee at Ford or General Motors, at the present time I would not own company stock in my 401(k) plan. Not because I'm disloyal to the company nor because the stock is not a good investment. It has to do with being a good investor.

The first issue is whether loyalty should enter into the equation when you're talking about an investment. As far as I'm concerned, loyalty means nothing when it comes to investing your money. As investors, we have to recognize that companies are not loyal to their



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

shareholders and, thus, shareholders should not be loyal to the companies.

Strategy is key

Investors should make investment decisions based upon overall strategy, what's currently in one's portfolio, individual goals and objectives and risk tolerance level.

As an employee, one should be loyal to an employer and do whatever he/she can to benefit it. However, as investors, we have to look at things differently. The goal is to protect and grow our money.

Loyalty is a great attribute to have as an employee or a family member, but it is not a good one to have as an investor. Investors must act dispassionately and make decisions based upon goals and objectives.

Allowing loyalty to enter into the equation only complicates the decision-making process. Therefore, when it comes to making an investment,

put loyalty to the side and focus on the more important things.

Diversification is another reason I do not recommend an employee of Ford and General Motors invests in company stock. After all, you don't want too many eggs in one basket and that's what happens when you have your job and investments in the same company.

When General Motors went into bankruptcy, many people not only lost their job, but also lost a substantial portion of their portfolio.

The advice of not keeping all your eggs in one spot doesn't only apply to employees in the auto industry; it also applies to any employee who invests in their employer's company.

If the company begins to have financial difficulty, your job and investments can be at risk. Protect yourself and either avoid or limit holdings in company stock.

Good luck.

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

Reynolds suspended by Xavier coach



Livonia Stevenson grad Jalen Reynolds has been suspended indefinitely from the Xavier University basketball team. FRANK VICTORES | USA TODAY SPORTS

"When Jalen can demonstrate he is able to successfully manage those responsibilities, he will rejoin our team."

XAVIER UNIVERSITY COACH CHRIS MACK

By Shannon Russell
Gannett News Service

Xavier University 6-foot-9 freshman forward Jalen Reynolds has been suspended indefinitely from the basketball team, coach Chris Mack announced Tuesday.

The well-traveled Reynolds is a 2011 grad from Livonia Stevenson High School.

"All of our players have responsibilities greater than basketball," Mack said. "Any time those responsibilities are not given the appropriate attention, the first thing eliminated to allow them to narrow their focus is basketball. When Jalen can demonstrate he is able to successfully manage those responsibilities, he will rejoin our team."

Reynolds has had academic issues in the past. He was denied eligibility by the NCAA last year and paid his own way as a fresh-

man. He became eligible for this season by earning 24 credits and posting a grade-point average exceeding 2.0.

Before that Reynolds — originally a 2011 commit — pushed back his arrival at Xavier by one year to prep at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire where he played along side the University of Michigan's Mitch McGary.

The suspension follows one of Reynolds' best outings. He played eight minutes in an 81-72 Big East setback last Saturday at Providence after other forwards were sidelined with foul trouble. Reynolds finished with six points — his most since the Abilene Christian game on Nov. 25 — to go along with four rebounds.

In the 19 games this season, Reynolds has averaged 2.8 points, 2.8 rebounds and 10.1 minutes for the Musketeers, who stand 15-5 overall and 5-2 in the Big East (third place)

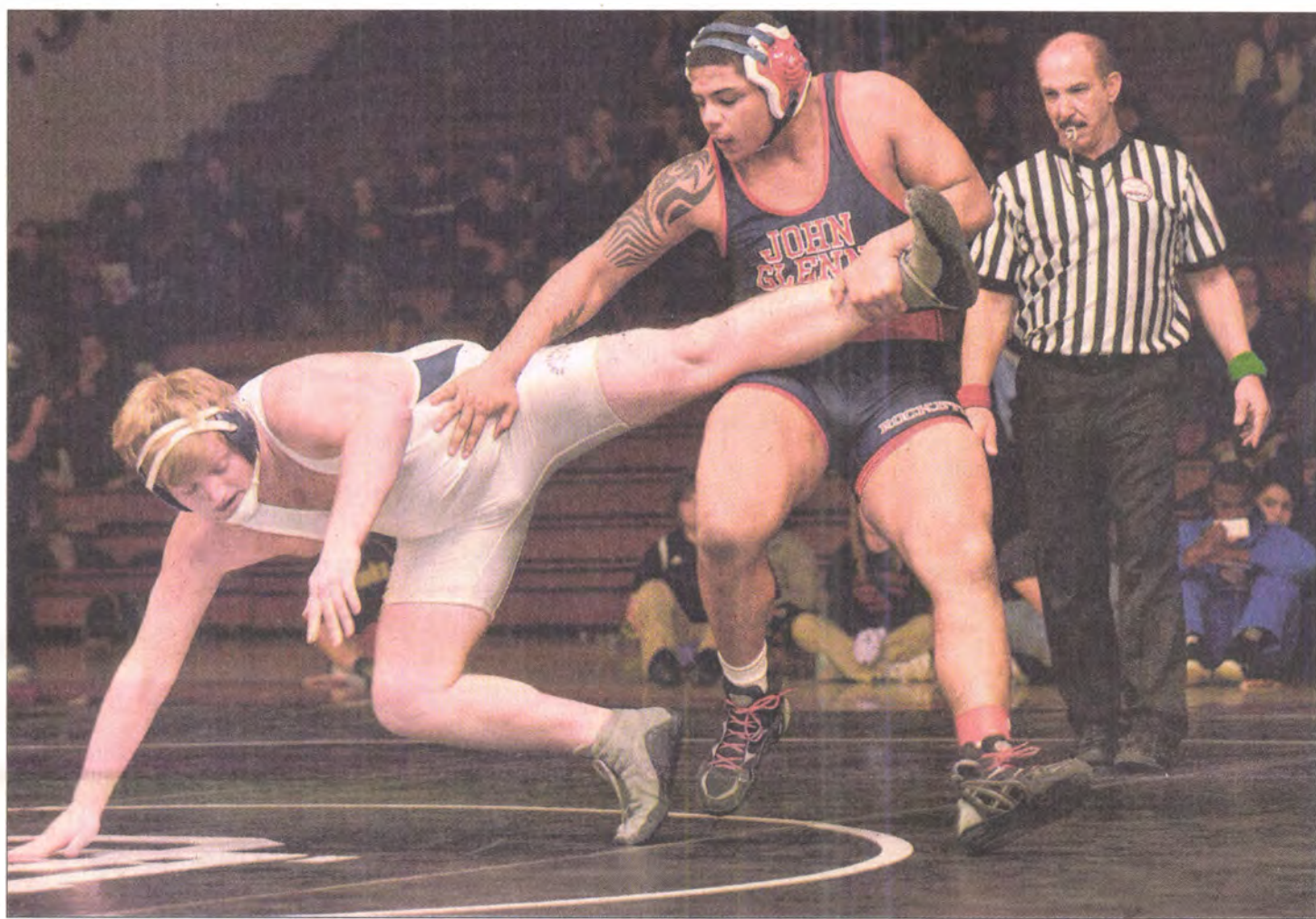
heading into Saturday's home game against Seton Hall.

Reynolds played high school basketball at both Redford Union and Livonia Clarenceville before transferring to Stevenson his junior year where he was unable to practice or play after the Livonia Public Schools flagged his eligibility following consultation with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

During his senior year, the first-team All-Observer pick averaged 18 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks as the Spartans went 19-4, while capturing the KLAA Central Division and Class A district titles. Stevenson was eliminated in the regional semifinal by eventual state runner-up Detroit Southeastern, 52-45.

Livonia-Westland Observer sports editor Brad Emons also contributed to this report.

PREP WRESTLING



John Glenn's Jordon Brandon won the 215-pound title with a technical fall over Farmington's Trent Bekker. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WILDCATS SEAL THE DEAL, CAPTURE OBSERVERLAND

CC places second; defending champ John Glenn winds up third

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Solid from top to bottom, Plymouth added another trophy to its already crowded 2013-14 wrestling case when it captured its first-ever Observerland Invitational title Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats, who have already garnered the Wayne County and KLAA South Division dual meet crowns, scored a team-high 212.5 points in the 23rd annual event.

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central Blue-White team (193) finished a strong second, while defending champion Westland John Glenn

Complete Observerland Invitational results, B3.

(177.5), Livonia Franklin (131) and Wayne Memorial (120) rounded out the top five.

Plymouth earned places in all 13 weight classes, with senior Mohamad Youssef and junior Hussein Youssef earning individual titles at 119 and 171, respectively.

Adding seconds for the Wildcats were Collin Reed (103), Brandon Harris (112) and Jon Conn (145) and Joey Shaver (160).

"I was pretty happy with the way our guys wrestled today," Plymouth coach Quinn Guernsey said. "We came with a goal to try and

get a lot of our guys to place and get a lot of guys on the podium. We brought 13 guys and all 13 made the podium, so mission accomplished as far as that goes."

More places

The Wildcats also got a third from Michael Jordan (285), while Spencer Schiftar (125), Dylan Dwyer (135) and Sterling Schiftar (140) added fourths.

"We had a great round in the semifinals," Guernsey said. "Spencer Schiftar had a good win over a regional qualifier. Sterling Schiftar upset the No. 1 seed at 140. The whole quarterfinal round was good. I think we had 10 guys in the semifinals, which is a solid day."



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (top) took the 160-pound title and was named upper weights MVP with a pin against Plymouth's Joey Shaver.

CC, meanwhile, fielded a split squad after the No. 2-ranked Shamrocks (Division 1) had a double-dual home meet scratched Saturday

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Pummill, 22, takes coaching job at SC

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Youth will definitely be served with the recent hiring of 22-year-old Shannon Pietruszka as the new Schoolcraft College women's volleyball coach.

Pummill, a Garden City native, replaces Rod Brumfield, who resigned last season after going 16-19 overall and 6-4 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference. Brumfield's record overall record was 88-62 overall and 34-16 in the conference during his four seasons as the Lady Ocelots' coach.

Pummill spent last season as a student assistant under Karen Graves at Concordia University.



Pummill

The former Shannon Pietruszka played two seasons of volleyball at Concordia and two seasons at Marygrove University, also under Graves.

"I never thought an opportunity like this would come at such a young age, but I'm really excited about it," Pummill said. "I think this year I'm just really trying to bring a brand new approach to the program, make some changes and I'm really hoping to compete at the top of our conference and the National Junior College Athletic Association. We want to be at least in the top half of division."

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox said Pummill stood out during the interview process and was the clear-cut choice.

"She's very energetic, a lot of enthusiasm," Fox said. "She was highly recommended by the coach (Karen Graves) at Concordia and a great candidate. I felt like she could contribute a lot of our program. She's handled some of the recruiting there. We just think she can turn the program around a little bit. We interviewed her twice. We had a preliminary interview and for an hour-and-a-half had a final

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Thursday, Jan. 30
 John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Calvary, 7:30 p.m.
 Lutheran Westland at Macomb, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Regina, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
 Luth. Westland at Macomb, 5:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Calvary, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 2 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 31
 Ladywood vs. Country Day at Southfield Civic Center, 5 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Lapeer at Grand Blanc (Perani), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Grand Blanc Invitational at Perani Arena, 1 & 3 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Brighton at Kensington I.H., 4 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Novi Detroit CC at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Hills at Berkley Ice Arena, 9 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Adrian Madison Tourney, 9 a.m.
 KLA Association Tourney at Howell H.S., 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Stevenson at Novi, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
 Wayne County Diving Prelims at Grosse Pte. South, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Wayne County Invitational at Grosse Pte. South, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Clarenceville vs. Trenton at Woodhaven Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Farm. Hills Mercy Tourney at Drakeshire Lanes, 10 a.m.

PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Ladywood Giant Slalom at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Thursday, Jan. 30
 Bedford Invitational, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
 KLA Association at Novi, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Delta, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Feb. 1
 Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Delta, 1 p.m.
 TBA — time to be announced.

Wayne grad takes home Masters bowling crown

Wayne Memorial High grad Ronnie Sparks Jr. captured Sunday's Metro Detroit USBC Association Masters Tournament at Taylor Lanes when he defeated Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, 796-658, in the three-game match to win the \$3,500 first prize and the title.

Wyatt settled for the second place check of \$1,800.

Sparks, who now resides in Ecorse, qualified fifth with a 10-game total of 2,158. He averaged 221.8 for 43 games during the tournament.

In match play, Sparks defeated Kyle King (Sterling Heights), 621-464, before losing to Justin Neiman (Warren), 632-620.

In the loser's bracket, Sparks fought his way back defeating: David Rokicki (Warren), 591-584; Jonathan Murphy (Warren), 557-466; William Kandilian III (Highland), 621-494; Jason Lewis (Sterling Heights), 708-529; Eddie Grace (Howell), 703-620; Chris Neilson (Livonia), 714-709; and Randy Warnken (Clinton Township), 732-548, to advance to the finals.

Once in the finals, Sparks downed Wyatt, 717-653, to force a deciding overtime match.

Sparks tied the record for the maximum of 11 matches in the Masters and became the first winner to emerge from the losers bracket to win the event since Jeffrey Austreng (Waterford Township)



Metro Detroit USBC president Mike DeRousie (center) congratulates Masters champion Ronnie Sparks (left) and runner-up Ken Wyatt at Taylor Lanes. PAUL GROSS

turned the trick in 2007.

"I feel blessed," Sparks said. "I just kept trying to stay strong and persevere. Falling into the losers bracket didn't give me much time to think about things."

Wyatt shot 2,065 to qualify 19th overall.

In match play, he remained undefeated with triumphs over: Murphy, 652-628; Kevin Trumbull (Romulus), 609-562; Corey Miller (Grand Blanc), 658-537; Neilson 759-669; and Warnken, 618-585, before sustaining the two losses to Sparks.

"I feel like I just got ran over by a truck, Ronnie bowled great," said Wyatt, who averaged 216.2 for 28 games.

Warnken, 29th in qualifying with 2,034, averaged 209.2 for the entire tournament and took home \$1,000 en

route to a third-place finish.

Nielson qualified 15th with 2,083 and cashed in for \$800 en route to fourth place, while averaging 211.14.

Westland's Justin O'Hara averaged 202.89 to finish 19th to claim \$250, while Canton's Rick Capaldi took 31st with 192.88 average.

Defending champion Jeffrey Roche (Dearborn) was seeded ninth with 2,067 and took home \$500 for sixth place, while David Ewald (Macomb), the 2006 MDUSBC Masters champion, was the top qualifier with 2,245.

Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Red Robin Restaurants of Michigan are co-sponsors of the MDUSBC Masters, a United States Bowling Congress sanctioned event.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Session 1 will consist of hitting, base running and infield work, while Session 2 will focus on pitching, outfield, defense and catching drills.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. if attending both sessions.

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

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro), football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986) and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each if purchased by March 1 or \$40 after March 1.

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Women's golfers

The Livonia Whispering Willows Golf League will be expanded to 18 holes for \$28 per week (includes greens fees and cart) beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1.

Non-residents are encouraged to join the 20-week league.

For more information, call Beth at 248-473-9068 or email tbw4boys@aol.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage walk-in or fax-in registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area through Feb. 26.

Mail-in registration is through Feb. 14.

Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Registration forms have been sent to schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The season runs from May through July with T-Ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

Late registration for Livonia or Clarenceville school district residents will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office.

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled. Open registration fees are \$40 per child (resident) and \$50 (nonresident). Late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (nonresident).

For more information, call 734-466-2410 (use option No. 2).

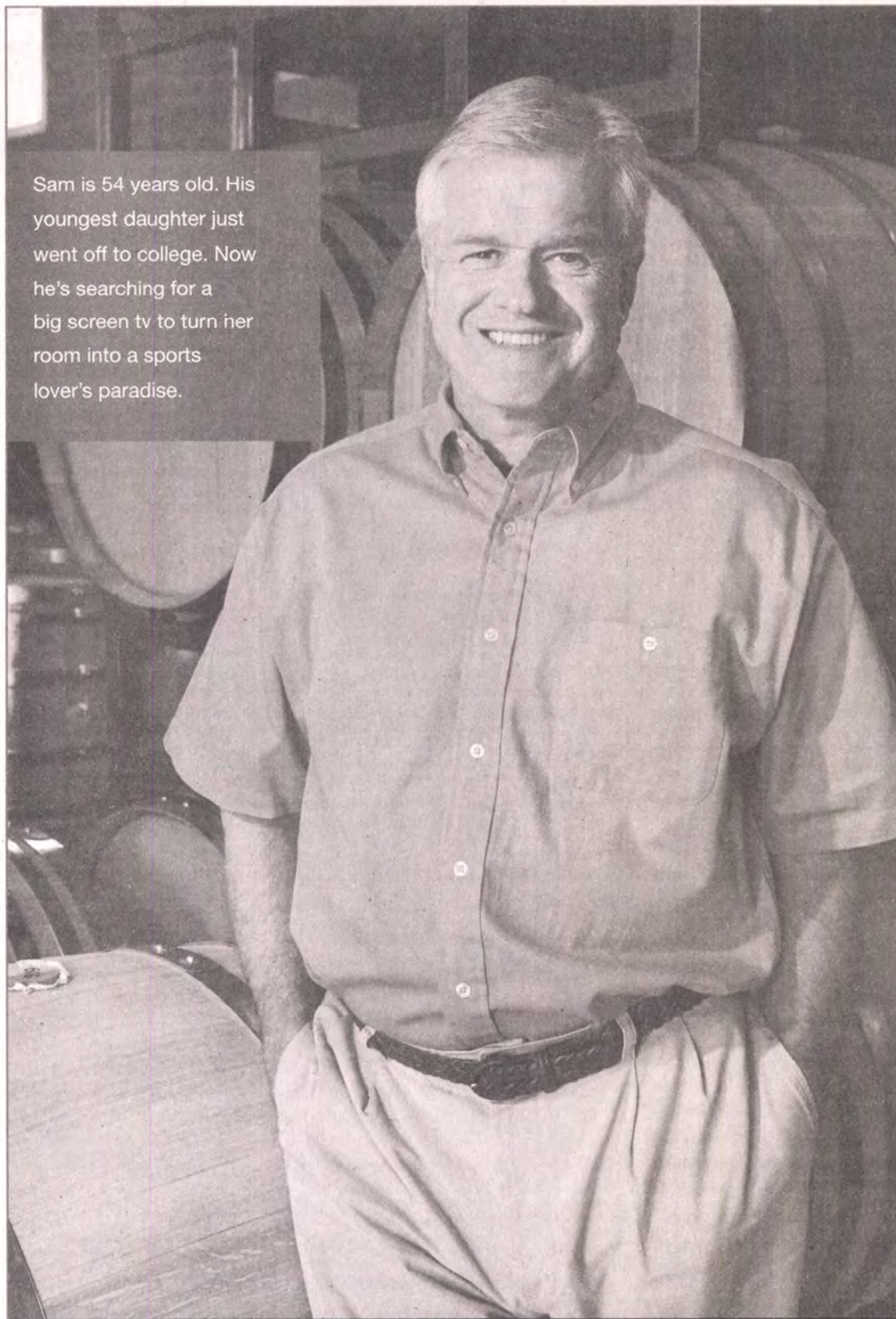
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Chatterjee (Blue) and Sam Ellis (Blue), 8.6 each.
Uneven bars: 1. Jess Weak (Blue), 8.85; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 8.625; 3. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.375; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 7.8; 5. Caitie McDougall (Blue), 7.45.
Balance beam: 1. Weak (Blue), 8.8; 2.

Chatterjee (Blue), 8.65; 3. Emma Cemalovic (N), 8.45; 4. Taylor Fedigo (Blue), 8.35; 5. Emilie Statetzny (N), 8.3.
Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Alex Zukowski (Blue) and Chatterjee (Blue), 9.0 each; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.95; 4. McDougall (Blue), 8.55; 5. N. Sokolowski (Blue), 8.5.

All-around: 1. Chatterjee (Blue), 34.625; 2. N. Sokolowski (Blue), 32.025; 3. Claire Cotter (N), 31.80; 4. Statetzny (N), 31.40; 5. Eastridge (N), 31.05.
Dual meet records: Livonia Blue, 5-1 overall, 3-1 KLA Association Division; Northville, 3-3 overall, 0-3 KLA Association.



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BANTAM AA HOCKEY

'99 Stingrays seize Silver Stick title

The '99 Plymouth Stingrays had quite a run during the International Silver Stick tournament held recently in Port Huron.

The Stingrays emerged the champions, going 6-0 against some of the top Bantam AA teams from the U.S. and Canada. It was capped by a 2-1 victory over the Miami (Fla.) Toros, who came into the tournament with a 51-0-1 overall record.

First-period goals by John Kalijan (Northville) and Brendan West (Plymouth) proved to be the difference with assists going to Jared Lee (Plymouth) and Kalijan, respectively.

Defenseman Jack Sargent (Northville) and Kalijan were named to the all-tournament team, while Drew Broyles (Livonia) won the Bill Lally

Award as the Silver Stick's most outstanding goalie.

The Stingrays, overcoming a 2-0 first period deficit, reached the final with a 5-2 semifinal victory over the London (Ontario) Junior Knights as Jagger Joshua (Dearborn) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the final period.

In the opening round, the Stingrays downed the Nassau County (N.Y.) Lions, 8-0, as Carson Lulich (Macomb) scored twice out, while West, Lee, Daniel McKee (Northville), Kalijan, Scott Granzotto (Northville) and Ryan Fonda (Novi) also added goals.

Captain Marty Mills (Canton) and Sargent both collected two assists, while Broyles earned the shutout.



The '99 Plymouth Stingrays recently won the International Silver Stick tournament held in Port Huron.

In the second round, the Stingrays defeated the Littleton (Col.) Hawks, 5-2, on goals by Granzotto, West, Lee, Fonda and Kalijan. Shane Bryans (North-

ville) and Emerson Taylor (Plymouth) chipped in with key assists in the balanced offensive attack, while Marcus Morton (Westland) was the winning goaltender.

The Stingrays followed with a 6-3 third-round victory over the Toronto (Ontario) Penguins thanks to two goals by McKee and one each by Kalijan, Sargent, West

and Lulich' (short-handed).

Morton was the winning goaltender again sending the Stingrays to the quarterfinals where they earned a 5-2 triumph over fellow Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 4 foe USA Eagles, the Dayton Region champion.

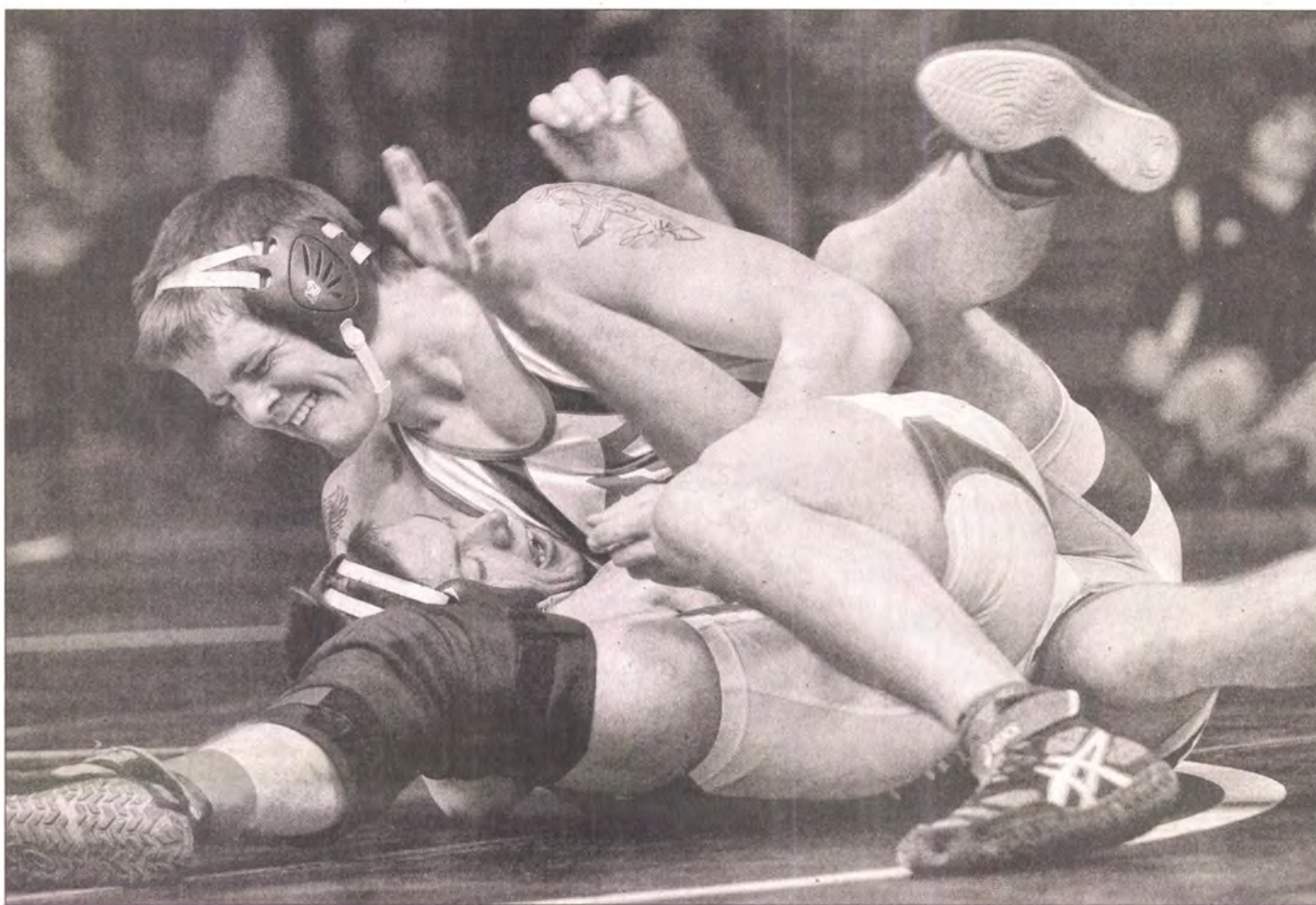
McKee notched a hat trick in the win, while West added two goals.

Broyles, meanwhile, won the goaltending battle against USA's Kate Froling.

Rounding out the Stingrays, now 39-8-3 overall, are Eric Budd and Joe Fontana, both of Plymouth.

The head coach is Tom Bryan, who is assisted by Jim Bryans and Lynwood Taylor.

Bob Mills is the team manager.



Franklin's Nick Frazier (top) captured the 152-pound weight class over Wayne's Aaron Heinonen. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TOURNEY

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against Midwest prep powers Cincinnati (Ohio) Moeller and Marmon (Ill.) Academy.

Catholic Central earned four individual titles, led by 145-pounder Malik Amine, who was the Division 1 state champion last year at 140.

The Shamrocks also got firsts from Trevor Zdebski (125), Greg Johnson (135) and Eli Joseph (140).

"The real exciting thing was the younger guys - the freshmen and sophomores - that came in today unseeded and placed in the top five," CC assistant coach Kevin Griffin said. "That's the most exciting to me. Then we had a few senior wrestlers - Eli Joseph and Greg Johnson - who are beginning to show what they're made of and ready to make individual and team runs for us."

Back to form

Zdebski, who was third in last year's state individual finals at 119, is rounding back into form after suffering an early season injury.

"He (Zdebski) was out with a broken hand and we just wanted to send him to a good tournament where he could wrestle good matches," Griffin said. "And that worked today. It allowed him to get his gas tank up. He's been off the mat, but he's proven his focus has stayed the same on winning a team and individual title this year."

Amine meanwhile, decided Conn in the finals, 7-1.

"I think the guy I was most impressed with was Jon Conn," Guernsey said. "We discussed whether he'd go 140 or 145, but we eventually decided to go 145 to get the better match against (Zachary) Schiffrer of Lutheran Westland. We were thinking that we could do better at 140 with Sterling Schiffrer than 145. So we show up yesterday (at the weigh-in)

OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

23rd annual OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Jan. 25 at Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 212.5 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 193; 3. Westland John Glenn, 177.5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 131; 5. Wayne Memorial, 120; 6. Belleville, 107.5; 7. Farmington, 89.5; 8. Livonia Churchill, 86; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 81; 10. Salem, 77; 11. Lutheran High Westland, 61; 12. Farmington Harrison, 54; 13. Northville, 34; 14. Garden City, 11.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: John Siemasz (WJG) d. Collin Reed (Ply.), 9-2; **3rd place:** Josh Mussin (LC) d. Chase Walkowiak (Farmington), 10-7; **5th place:** Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) pinned Brandon Eeles (WM), 3:56.

112: Michael Volyanyuk (FH) p. Brandon Harris (Ply.), 5:51; **3rd:** Cyle Snead (WJG) p. Joe McGrath (CC), 4:27; **5th:** Ethan Englehart (LC) d. Jack DeLack (WM), 9-6.

119: Mohamad Youssef (Ply.) won by major dec. over Chris Brown (Bell), 12-4; **3rd:** Josh Perez (LC) dec. Tim Way (WM), 6-3; **5th:** Chase Spanos (WJG) p. Jeremy Nelson (LF), 0:20.

125: Trevor Zdebski (CC) won by technical fall over Kevin Huynh (WJG), 18-3; **3rd:** Austin Koehler (Bell) won by major dec. over Spencer Schiffrer (Bell), 10-2; **5th:** Nick Robertson (LF) p. Shunhe Wang (N'ville), 4:56.

130: Nathan Atienza (LF) won by tech. fall over Jesse Jones (Farm.), 15-6; **3rd:** Dan Allor (FH) dec. Dylan Dwyer (Ply.), 10-5; **5th:** Spencer Compo (N'ville) dec. Payton Beneteau (WJG), 11-5.

135: Greg Johnson (CC) won by major dec. over Caleb Richter (LW), 15-3; **3rd:** Jamonty Houze (Bell) p. Gabe Colston (FH), 3:25; **5th:**

Daniel Ahearn (Ply.) dec. Steve Spencer (WJG), 10-7.

140: Eli Joseph (CC) p. Sandro Lychwin (LJ), 1:59; **3rd:** Tunde Alawode (WJG) won by injury default over Sterling Schiffrer (Ply.), **5th:** Brandon Bellant (Bell) dec. Zack Leck (LC), 3:17.

145: Malik Amine (CC) dec. Jon Conn (Ply.), 7-1; **3rd:** Caleb McCabe (Salem) dec. Jake Tenis (LS), 7-3; **5th:** Zachary Francis (LW) dec. Caleb Brown (Bell), 10-8.

152: Nick Frazier (LF) p. Aaron Heinonen (WM), 2:08; **3rd:** Majdi Hatem (LS) won by injury default over Rick Laurence (WJG); **5th:** Ryan O'Connor (CC) dec. Sam Campbell (Ply.), 7-1.

160: Jordan Atienza (LF) p. Joey Shaver (Ply.), 1:51; **3rd:** Connor Thornbury (Salem) dec. Zack Tulley (CC), 6-2; **5th:** Matt Justice (Farm.) won by major dec. over Andy Antolin (Bell), 9-1.

171: Hussein Youssef (Ply.) dec. Connor Vaughan (LS), 4-2 (overtime); **3rd:** Matt Cylla (N'ville) p. Jonah Lambert (LW), 1:26; **5th:** Adam McGrath (CC) dec. Roy Foster (Salem), 11-9.

189: Mitchell Gross (Salem) dec. Baker Hadwan (LC), 5-4; **3rd:** Brandon Underwood (Bell) dec. James Pomerico (WM), 10-5; **5th:** Michael Vallespir (CC) dec. Tarek Tamimi (Ply.), 5-2.

215: Jordan Brandon (WJG) won by tech. fall over Trent Bekker (Farm.), 24-9; **3rd:** Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Thomas Krueger (LW), 11-8; **5th:** Sam Moody (WM) dec. Toreano Nichols (CC), 1-0.

285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) dec. Nate Irvine (WJG), 11-4; **3rd:** Michael Jordan (Ply.) dec. Jake Merckea (LC), 7-6; **5th:** Joe Gharari (Farm.) p. Dave Touley (Bell), 2:08.



Stevenson's Connor Vaughan (bottom) lost a tough overtime decision to Hussein Youssef at 171. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

fully expecting to see Jon having a great day at 145 and all the sudden Malik Amine (of CC) walks in, so then it sounds, 'Oh, crap, but all right, well. We're going to have a good finals match, I guess' and it was. I was happy with the match. Jon was in there fighting and it was a good match."

Meanwhile, John Glenn had 10 wrestlers place, paced by individual champions John Siemasz (103) and Jordan Brandon (215), the latter of whom was a 2013 Division 1 state runner-up.

Nate Irvine (285) and Kevin Huynh (125) added runner-up finishes.

Rockets 3rd

"Our kids wrestled well today," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think our meat grinders every weekend paid off a little bit here because we were beating a lot more kids with better records than we had in a lot of weight classes. We had a lot of lower seeds upset higher seeds, so overall, I can't complain of the way things have been the last

couple of weeks. They stepped it up today a little bit."

Polk said everything pretty much went according to form.

"No real surprises," he said. "I knew they all could do what they did, but we had some fifth, sixth seeds knock off some second seeds. My 215-pounder (Irvine) bumping up to heavy-weight and making it to the finals was a pretty good day for him. That's the goal - to wrestle better than what you're seeded and for the most part we did that today."

Franklin went three-for-three in the finals, led by senior Jordan Atienza (160), the upper weights MVP who stayed undefeated on the year. Atienza was a Division 1 state runner-up last year at 152.

Younger brother Nathan Atienza, a freshman, also came away with the 130-pound crown, while Nick Frazier contributed a first at 152 for the Patriots.

"It was pretty much what we've done all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "The good kids do good, the average kids do average and the kids that still need some work look like they still need some work. It was pretty much what I expected, but we're not getting the upsets that we need."

"The kids that win ... we pretty much know they'll win. We need some other kids to step up if we're going to do something at the end of the year. We see little flashes of them now and then, but I haven't seen enough of them yet, but we still have some time."

Farmington Harrison's Michael Volyanyuk (112) earned the lower weights MVP title.

Other individual Observerland champions included Salem's Mitchell Gross (189), who edged Churchill's Baker Hadwan, 5-4, and Wayne's Aaron Mauldin (285), who d. Nathan Irvine, 11-4.

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PREP HOCKEY

Tough 3rd costly for Patriots in 5-1 defeat

Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day broke open a close game with five unanswered goals in the final period to beat Livonia Franklin, 5-1, in a non-conference boys hockey game Saturday at the Southfield Civic Center.

Franklin led 1-0 at 2:26 of the second period Trevor Lassaline's goal from Josh Dudek and Chase Wallis at 2:26.

The Yellowjackets then scored five straight times on just six shots as Jack Mettler had a pair of goals, while Charlie Nino, Jake Hartje and Tim Wilson added one apiece.

Max VanAntwerp also collected two assists as the Yellowjackets improved to 10-3-2 overall.

"We had another quality team on the ropes, but couldn't land the knockout punch," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team slipped to 3-13 overall. "We out shot them in the third, but unfortunately they managed five goals on six shots, four of which were re-directions in which our goalie Matt Monendo had little chance of stopping."

Monendo made 23 saves for the Patriots, who played without captain Ryan Pace and senior Matt Van Hulle, both out with injuries.

Nick Barra stopped 21-of-22 shots for Country Day.

Blazers triumph

Hat tricks by Katie Hayward and Cecilia Warner carried Livonia Ladywood (3-10-1, 2-10-1) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win Saturday over Northville (0-12, 0-11) at City Arena in Detroit.

The game was part of MMGHSL Showcase Day.

The Blazers, who led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two, also got two assists from Abby Pelon and Colleen Lynch.

Meanwhile Devon Kelly, Kylie Doyle and Hayward chipped in with one apiece.

Hayward, a freshman, now has a team-best 19 goals and eight assists in the season.

Sophomore Michaela Warner was the winning goaltender.

Slagle earns 100th win for Clarenceville

Livonia Clarenceville's Domanick Slagle notched his 100th career Saturday as the Trojans finished 2-2 en route to a third-place finish in the Dearborn Heights Annapolis wrestling team tournament.

Slagle, who wrestles at 152 pounds, along with teammate Cameron Fyffe at 160, both finished 4-0 on the day, while Seth Soto (125) only had one loss.

Clarenceville, now 9-13 overall, defeated Harper Woods (60-18), and a hybrid tourney squad (57-18), to host Annapolis (66-18) and Bloomfield Hills (44-20).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne fends off Pats in rematch

Carter scores all 8 points in decisive fourth quarter

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin boys basketball coach Jeremy Rheault had a lot to be encouraged about in Monday's make-up rematch against Wayne Memorial.

The Patriots, who got thumped 67-43 in the first meeting on Jan. 16 against the host Zebras, were in position to win the game, carrying a four-point lead late in the final quarter.

But thanks to eight fourth-quarter points from DeAndre Carter, including a pair of key three-pointers coupled by two big free throws during the final minute by Travis Massey, Wayne escaped with a 43-40 victory against the host Patriots.

Wayne is now 3-8 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA's South Division. Franklin is now 1-11 and 0-5.

In the first encounter, a short-handed Franklin squad committed 24 turnovers and shot only 23 percent from the floor.

"The early game we couldn't shoot," said Rheault, who was able to get injured players Nick Guest (13 points) and Nick Marduesz back in the lineup. "This time we shot 54 percent, so we shot better. We took better shots. But it was key turnovers again. We had fewer turnovers, but each one of them they seemed to score off them. Then, the free throw percentage again (50 percent)."

Franklin went only 6-of-12 from the line, while Wayne was 4-of-9.

And ironically, it was senior guard Aadm Monroe, who paced all scorers with a game-high 21 points, who struggled at the foul line going 5-for-10.

"Adam was one free throw from tying the all-time (consecutive) free throws of 18 (by Ken Scarpace)," Rheault said. "He made 17 and missed it, then he goes on to struggle after that."

Wayne led 22-16 at halftime as senior Brian Williams tallied all 10 of his points, while junior Travis Massey added nine of his team-high 11.

But the Patriots took a 28-26 advantage heading into the final period after out-

scoring the Zebras 12-4 in the third.

And on two different occasions Franklin held four-point leads, only to have Wayne rally behind Carter, who tallied all eight of his points during the final eight minutes.

The 6-foot tallied a career-high 24 in the previous game against Franklin.

"He (Carter) hit a couple of big three-pointers in the fourth quarter," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "He didn't have anything in the first half, so we had to convince him at halftime that he's got to shoot. He's a good shooter and he can't get down on himself. If it's there, take it, and he did. And the good news is that they went in."

After Massey connected on two key free throws with 43 seconds left to put the Zebras ahead, 43-40, Franklin had a chance to tie or get within one on its final possession.

But after Rheault took a timeout with 20 seconds left, the Patriots got trapped trying to swing the ball around to an open man and could only get off a desperation three-pointer by Monroe, who missed the mark just before the buzzer.

"We didn't get a shot off," Rheault said. "Next time we need to pass to the open player and make sure we get a shot off."

Despite winning by 24 in the first meeting, Wayne had some things to work on going into the rematch.

"Ever since we committed 27 (turnovers) the first time we've made it a point of emphasis in all of our practices," Schuette said. "It hasn't always come to pass, but it's getting better and I'm thinking we did not make as nearly tonight."

Schuette also complimented the Patriots' improvement since the last game.

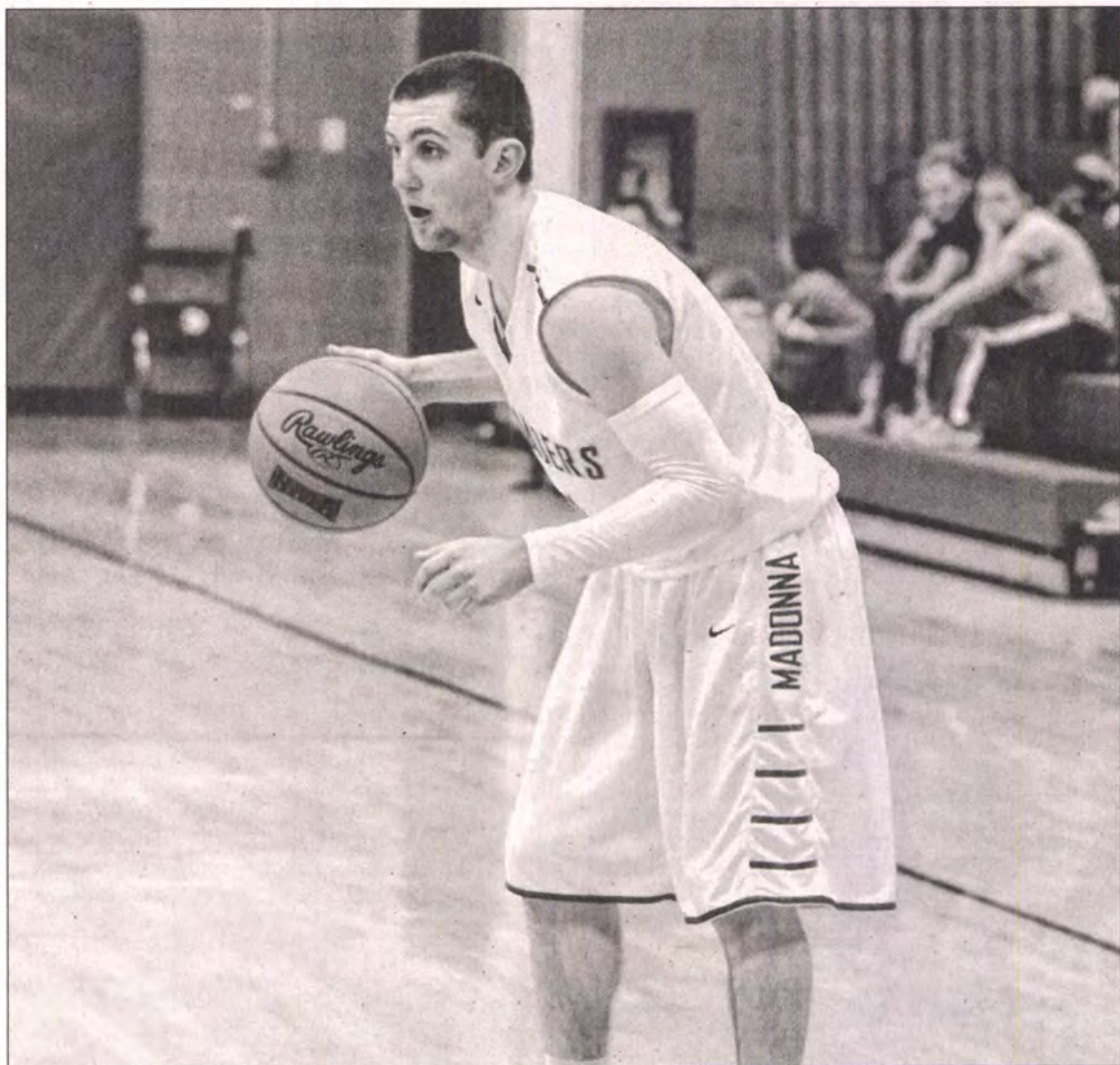
"They (Franklin) have come a long way," he said. "They're respectable now and they gave us everything we could handle."

And despite the tough setback, Rheault also saw some improvement in another key area.

"I thought our rebounding was excellent," he said. "We worked on it."

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Madonna senior point guard Bobby Naubert (right), guarded by Marygrove's Darryl Dixon, scored a team-high 28 points in Saturday's victory. PAT MOORE | MADONNA ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Naubert fuels MU comeback triumph

Bobby Naubert scored 15 of his team-high 28 points during the second half Saturday as the host Madonna University men's basketball team rallied for an 86-77 victory Saturday over visiting Marygrove College.

The 5-foot-10 senior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson raised his career point total to 1,759 and the NAIA All-America sits just three points away from taking sole possession of the No. 2 spot on the MU career scoring list, passing Mike Massey (1998-2002), and his 1,761 points.

MU, now 16-6 overall and 12-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, trailed 68-61 with 10:00 to go after a layup by Diante Taylor.

The Crusaders took the lead for good, 77-75, on a pair of free throws by Naubert with 2:45 left. The MU standout made 12-of-13 free throes on the day to go along with five assists and five rebounds.

Senior guard Travis Schuba chipped in with 16 points, while senior Derrick Lennen came off the bench to add nine points and eight rebounds. Junior center Donald Owens contributed eight points and seven boards as the second-place Crusaders won their ninth straight.

Darryll Dixon led Marygrove (2-20, 1-13) with 29 points and eight rebounds in the loss. He was 5-of-11 from three-point range. Taylor chipped in with 14 points.

Ocelots stumble

Jeremiah Williams tallied a game-high 24 points Saturday as host Kirtland Community College (5-10, 1-6) posted a 91-86 MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Schoolcraft College (10-8, 3-5).

Others in double figures for the Firebirds included Collin Craven (19), Micah Thomey (15), Bryan Layton (13) and Jack Ocobock (11).

On Wednesday night, Madonna University took on No. 6-ranked Cornerstone in a battle for first place in the WHAC.

The Ocelots, who dropped their fourth straight, got a team-high 17 points from freshman guard Joshua Campbell (Livonia Stevenson).

Terrell Sewell (Canton) added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Basel Ibrahim and Devonta Riley each contributed 11 points.

Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) also scored 10 points.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 43-28 at halftime, dropped its fourth straight.

The Ocelots made 17-of-29 free throws, while Kirtland hit 26-of-34.

PUMMILL

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interview and she was very impressive."

The 2008 Garden City High grad, however, won't turn 23 until October.

"We were a little concerned, to be honest, but the coach at Concordia (Karen

Graves) said she's far more mature than her chronological age," Fox said. "That was good to hear and how she related to the student-athletes up there at Concordia."

The new Schoolcraft coach has already been on the recruiting trail and has scheduled open tryouts both at the end of February and in June.

Pummill said eight of the eligible returning 12 players

have committed to return to play next fall for Schoolcraft. Among those returning include Julene Pummill, another Garden City grad who happens to be Shannon Pummill's sister-in-law. (Shannon is married to Ron Pummill, who played basketball and golf at both Garden City and Schoolcraft.)

Shannon Pummill, who recently began her student

teaching duties at Hamilton Elementary in Wayne-Westland, said she is prepared for the upcoming challenge of coaching at the collegiate level.

"I've been with Karen for five years now," said Pummill, who was a two-time all-state softball player at Garden City who helped the Cougars to the 2008 MHSAA Class A state title. "She taught me so much,

good practice drills, her overall philosophy of the game. I just really want to thank her for what she gave to me."

"I'm just really excited to step up and put out my own team and put what I've learned over the years to good use. I'm really blessed, I know that."

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MU's Melcher sparks victory vs. Marygrove

Junior guard posts a double-double

Rachel Melcher notched her sixth double-double of the season Saturday as the Madonna University women's basketball team romped to a 90-57 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over visiting Marygrove College.

Melcher, a 5-foot-9 junior guard from Birmingham Marian, finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds as the Crusaders improved to 10-11 overall and 8-6 in the WHAC.

Lizzy Otten and Chelsea Williams chipped in with 15 and 14 points, respectively, while Tiffany Zito pulled down a career-high 14 rebounds.

MU, which led 46-29 at intermission, made 32-of-43 free throws total in the foul-filled game.

Ciara Moore and Arielle Edwards scored 15 and 12 points, respectively, for the last-place Mustangs (2-10, 0-14), who committed 23 turnovers and shot only 17-of-74 from the floor (23 percent).

Kirtland romps past Schoolcraft

Five of the six players who dressed scored in double figures Saturday as host Kirtland Community College (5-7, 2-5) rolled to a 90-52 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (7-11, 3-5).

Jo Hamlin paced the victorious Firebirds



Madonna's Rachel Melcher (middle) splits Marygrove defenders Kaitlyn Pusey (left) and Asia Cooks (right) in Saturday's WHAC encounter. PATRICK MOORE | MADONNA ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

with 27 points and 12 rebounds.

Kirtland, which led 43-22 at halftime, also got contributions from Natalie Buker (20 points); Olivia Smith (16 points, 10 rebounds); Tabitha Kibby (12 points); and Erica Buchner (10 points).

Chelsea Wesley paced the Lady Ocelots in scoring with 14 points, while Brianna Berberet added 11.

Schoolcraft made only 20-of-71 shots from the floor (28.2 percent).

Warriors derailed by Arbor Prep, 75-43

It just wasn't Lutheran Westland's night.

The Warriors traveled Monday to Ypsilanti Arbor Prep and suffered a 75-43 setback in a non-conference game.

Michael Donatelli scored a game-high 14 points, while Julius Davis (12), Kyle Hayes (12) and Adrian Harrison (11) also scored in double figures as the Gators improved to 5-4 overall.

P.J. Gusè and Nick Flanery each scored 11, while A.J. Seltz added 10 for Lutheran Westland (5-3).

Arbor Prep led 25-16 at halftime and 49-33 after three before blowing out the Warriors with a 26-10 run in the final period.

"We were able to hang around in the first half due to our defense despite our poor shooting," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoefert, whose team made only 2-of-23 (nine percent) from the floor. "We shot better in the second half, but Arbor Prep made a ton of shots ... inside, outside. You name it, they made it. They had multiple weapons and went pretty deep."

Lutheran Westland commit-

ted 21 turnovers and shot 12-of-47 from the floor (12-of-47).

The Warriors made only 16-of-30 free throws (53 percent), while Arbor Prep was 6-of-12.

"We need to move on and look to the next game," Hoefert said. "This loss won't get us down. Hopefully, it will just make us stronger."

Marian tops Blazers

Brittany Gray scored a game-high 19 points Sunday night as state-ranked Birmingham Marian (12-1, 4-1) rolled to a 64-23 Catholic League Central Division win over visiting Livonia Ladywood (1-11, 0-5).

The Mustangs, ranked No. 5 in latest statewide Class A poll by the *Detroit Free Press*, led by only one after the first quarter, 11-10, before going on a 16-3 second period run to go up 27-13 at intermission.

Marian then broke the game open with an 18-3 surge in the third quarter.

Freshman Ally Audia scored a team-high nine for Ladywood, which lost its first meeting (Jan. 12) against the Mustangs, 63-25.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The feature this month is *The Last Brick Maker in America* starring veteran actor Sidney Poitier as a skilled craftsman fighting for quality and tradition, who becomes a mentor for a 13-year-old boy. Free screening. The free-will donation meal will include meatloaf
Contact: 248-553-3380

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Preschool, Young 5's, K-8; visitors will meet staff, other parents and tour the classrooms
Contact: 734-425-4420; stgenevieve.org/school

FEBRUARY ACTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16
Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, "Winter Wonderland" will include appetizer, dinner, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks, in addition to an auction. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for tables of 10
Contact: Racann Kush at 248-474-3991

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Valentine Dinner Dance will include dinner and music for dancing by the Dennis Coffey Band. Tickets are \$20 per person
Contact: 248-553-3380

DUELING PIANOS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8
Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Dueling Pianos show includes light refreshments, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20, available at the parish in Westland, west of Middlebelt
Contact: Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 or email kcrunk@quixnet.net

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 25
Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at Drake, Farmington Hills
Details: Free; presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register by calling Amanda Haelterman at 248-661-9191
Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson, dennis.carlson@4fcc.org

JUDAICA ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5-26
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers his four-part series, "Sacred Remnants: Rediscovered Treasures of the Jewish Past" on DVD. Topics are "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New View of Ancient Judaism," Feb. 5; "The Cairo Geniza: The Day-to-Day Lives of the Jews of Islam," Feb. 12; "The Aleppo Codex: The Real Text of the Torah," Feb. 19; and "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," Feb. 26
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9
Location: Prentis Apartment community room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: The group will hold a fabric, yarn, pattern and half-finished project swap. The Pomegranate Guild of South-eastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework
Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 to March 9
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: This bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
Coming up: Dinner, games and fellowship, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only in the exact amount. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Cookie at 248-357-2183, Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-3677
Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879

MARCH CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday March 2
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as *In The Beginning* and *The Miracle Song*. Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted free
Contact: the Rev. Joseph Marqui at 734-522-3166

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks
Location: St. Michael the

Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church
Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Tour the school and visit the annual spring carnival. Includes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New students can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carnival tickets by calling the campus or visiting online
Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordials.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491
New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org
Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

Prayer breakfast: Save the date

The 40th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is planned for Thursday, May 1, in St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Gen. Charles Moss Duke Jr., the 10th man to walk on the moon, will be the featured speaker. Duke and fellow astronaut John Young landed on the moon in 1972 and stayed a record-setting 71 hours and 14 minutes. Debbie Hart, a Livonia native, will perform a patriotic music program. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Invitations to the event will be mailed March 13. RSVPs are due April 18. For more information, call Sally Butler at 248-476-9427.

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FERGUESON, KIMBERLY KAY

January 25, 2014. Age 44 of Westland. Dearest mother of Cody Ferguson, Eric Conner and Katelyn Conner. Dear daughter of Mary and the late Leonard Ferguson. Beloved sister of Sandra Ferguson. Loving grandmother of Haileigh Clevenger and Riley Conner. Interment at Parkview Cemetery. Services handled by the Uht Funeral Home. Please view a memorial and send a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



LaRICHE, GAIL FRANCIS (NEE CROUCH)

age 81, resident of Northville, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 26th. Beloved wife of 60 years to Louis H. (Lou) LaRiche, Sister to Wayne (Bonnie) Kryszak. Loving mother to Michele (Paul) Griffith, Jacqueline Gordon, Scott (Dawn) LaRiche, John LaRiche, Jim (Maureen) LaRiche, Bob (Tiare) LaRiche and Suzanne (Mark) Merucci. Amazing grandma to Lindsey McKown (Craig), Daane Griffith, Steven, Amanda and Joseph LaRiche, Jessica (Chuck) Kemeny, Chastity LaRiche, Jonathon LaRiche, Jimmy Jr. and Juliet LaRiche, Justin (Brittney), Amber and Ryan LaRiche, Joey, Dante, and Anna Merucci. Great grandmother to Greyson, Selah and Crew McKown, Seth, Saige, and Zach Kemeny and Mason and Oliver LaRiche. Predeceased by son-in-law James R. Gordon. Gail was born on December 15, 1932 in Canton, Ohio. She attended Wooster High School where she was very involved in theater. Gail went on to Nurses Training at Huron Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio. It was at this time she met the love of her life, Lou. She was grateful for a life well lived which included: raising her seven children, travels around the world, and time spent at her condo on the Siesta Key Beach in Sarasota, Florida. Gail enjoyed sewing, reading, opera, bible studies, golf, tennis, water skiing, power walking, pilates and cross-country skiing. She was active in the community and the Catholic church, in Findlay, OH, Plymouth and Northville, MI. Her volunteer work included nursing home visits, migrant worker ministries, Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, Eucharist Lay Ministry, Rosary Altar Society, teaching catechism, and being a member of the OLCG funeral choir. Visitation will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI on Wednesday, January 29th from 2-8 with the Rosary at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue Thursday, January 30th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck), Plymouth, MI at 11:30a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, at 12 noon. Memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 (angelahospice.org) or Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, 4597 Warren Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (sistersofmary.org). To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com



MEISSNER, ELIZABETH J.

January 26, 2014 of Birmingham. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Joan (Craig) Moeschberger, Carol (John) Hoag and the late Nancy Bimer. Grand-mother of Jeff (Tammy), Chris (Deanna), Tom, John, and Sarah. Great-grandmother of Charlie, Bryan, Cole and Kaitlyn. Sister-in-law of Alice Sweeso and Bertha (Richard) McCoy. Funeral at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham, Monday 11 a.m. Friends may visit beginning at 10 a.m. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.), Sunday 2-6 p.m. Memorials to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church - Love for Others Fund. Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

HARBRECHT, WANDA A.

Age 83 of Northville, Michigan passed away January 25, 2014. She was born September 2, 1930 in Detroit, MI a daughter of Raleigh and Lillian (Pamley) Ferris. Wanda was a member of Our Lady of Victory - of Northville. Surviving are her sons: Chris (Keri) and Paul; grandchildren: Drew, Hailey, and Drake; and nephew, Steve Perry. Scripture services were held at Keehn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the ALS Foundation. Please visit Wanda's Book of Memories at www.keehnfundhome.com

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THURSDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2014

Benny Reeves (second from right) and the Paul Carey Trio

Musician with Motown roots plays at Elks blues series

Benny Reeves and the Paul Carey Trio will perform 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The event, sponsored by the Detroit Blues Society, is part of the monthly Blues@The Elks music series. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Reeves has serious Motown roots as a founding member of the Contours and the brother of Motown legend Martha Reeves. As a soulful backup singer, his resume is a veritable Who's Who of the greats of Motown. Reeves will perform favorites of the era and plenty of jump and down-home blues.

Carey is a veteran guitarist on the Detroit scene, having been affiliated with such acts as Thornetta Davis, the Sun Messengers, Alberta Adams, Sir Mack Rice and others.

Call 734-453-1780 for more information.

Cancer fight 'dragon boating' film focus, shown Saturday

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Csilla Gutay of Plymouth Township is a woman on a mission.

She lost her best friend, Patty Arthur of Canton, to breast cancer when Arthur was only 45. Gutay's friend left behind husband Tom Joseph and the couple's twins, who just turned 8.

"I'm hoping to raise awareness," said Gutay, a vehicle integration engineer with Ford Motor.

She's focused on awareness of cancer and the benefits of exercise, such as paddling a dragon boat. In the boat, there are 20 paddlers, one drummer in the front and one steer person in the back.

"I read about all the benefits of how it helps people recover," she said.

Gutay had never heard of dragon boating until Patty Arthur had a recurrence of breast cancer and Gutay read about dragon boating on the Mayo Clinic website.

Gutay started a team in late 2012 to help her friend as well as a neighbor recuperate after treatments.

"Just imagine a big, long stretched canoe, like a limo," she said. There are 10 rows of two people in the middle who heed the drummer's commands.

"You have to get all 20 people paddling at the same pace. It's very much a team sport. Everybody has to pull together." Dragon boating originated in ancient China.

Gutay, who's organizing a Saturday, Feb. 1, documentary screening on dragon boating at the Plymouth District Library,



Members of Motor City Dragons paddle across Lake Orion during the Dragon on the Lake Festival.

is a firm believer in its health benefits for patients.

A Vancouver, B.C., physician did research showing such exercise benefited cancer patients. "It stimulates the lymphatic system," she explained.

Learning dragon boating

Gutay doesn't own a dragon boat, which is 40 feet long and weighs some 600 pounds, but is fundraising toward that goal. Participants in Windsor and Wallaceburg, Ontario, have three breast cancer survivor teams whose members were able to help with teaching and training.

Those teams invited Gutay and others to practice. She

benefited from their more than 10 years of experience. From there, Gutay's team was formed, the Motor City Dragons within the Ford Employee Recreation Association Ford Canoe & Kayak Club.

The season here runs April to October, with the Motor City Dragons meeting in Dearborn to carpool to Tecumseh, Ontario, for practice. The team won a bronze in competition in Lake Orion, as well as a silver with some Canadian members completing the team in Toronto competition.

"Dragon boating's actually the fastest-growing water sport in the world," she said.

Awaken the Dragon will screen at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, the Plymouth District Li-

brary, 223 S. Main. The 90-minute documentary looks at dragon boat team made up of cancer patients in Charleston, S.C. Its producer/director, Liz Oakley, filmed the group for more than two years. A Q & A with Motor City Dragons will follow the screening. No reservations are required.

Down the road, Gutay is focused on fundraising and hopes to form a 501(c) non-profit for the cause. A benefit walk as well as a yoga class are in the works.

"That's my vision for the team," she said of the non-profit.

For more information, email Gutay at motorcitydragons@yahoo.com

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Theater celebrates romance in February

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're looking for the perfect date movie head to the Marquis Theatre in Northville where romance will be on the big screen every Saturday next month.

"We selected contemporary favorites," said Kate Knight, Downtown Development Authority planning coordinator. "I've seen them all at one point and I'm looking forward to revisit them."

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and films start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. The theater is located at 133 E. Main. The schedule includes:

» Feb. 1 — *Love Actually* stars Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Laura Linney,

and Colin Firth. The film looks at love through several separate stories involving the ensemble cast. Starring "The Gallery" is sponsoring its screening at the Marquis.

» Feb. 8 — *Crazy Stupid Love* stars starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, Marisa Tomei, and Kevin Bacon. It's also an ensemble comedy and focuses on a middle-aged husband whose life changes when his wife seeks a divorce. Orin Jewelers sponsors the screening.

» Feb. 15 — *Valentine's Day*, starring Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Ann Hathaway, Topher Grace, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Garner, and Ashton Kutcher, centers on cou-

ples and singles in Los Angeles, Calif., who break up and make up because of Valentine's Day expectations. It is sponsored by KB Jewelers.

» Feb. 22 — *When Harry Met Sally* stars Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. The 1989 film raises the question, can women and men ever just be friends? It follows Harry and Sally over the years as their friendship turns into a romantic relationship. Sponsored by Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

The film screening is part of the newly jump-started "Movies at the Marquis" series. Knight said the theater had offered films in the past, and was ready to resume its movie series after a

year-long hiatus.

"It's something we would like to promote to bring visitors to downtown Northville, so part of that is continuous movies at the Marquis," Knight said. "Look for more (movies) in the future."

"We pitched the idea and formatted it a little differently. We're helping with promotion and licensing. It's an opportunity for them (the Marquis) to open their doors on Saturday night."

The Marquis mostly offers live performances and children's theater camps and is available for rent. It was originally built as an opera house.

"We'd like to do more frequent series. A spring series would be nice," Knight said.

Supporting restoration

Christina Zayti of Northville, Marquis owner, is thrilled to partner with downtown merchants for the film screenings.

"I'm hoping we get a lot of people in town," she said. "Hopefully it'll work out for the whole town."

She hopes moviegoers will try out restaurants and that newcomers will visit Northville for the series. Zayti added that all ticket sales will support Marquis restoration efforts, "especially the roof."

The businesses sponsoring the romance film screenings will offer pre-show festivities. Knight said Mary Star-

ring, owner of Starring "The Gallery," likely will entertain at her store. She also plans to sell items from her gallery at the theater. Orin Jewelers will offer a sweet snack and champagne, Knight added.

"It's fun, very fun. Just before curtain they do a little giveaway," Knight said. "When you buy a (movie) ticket you're automatically entered and eligible for a terrific prize."

For more information about Movies at the Marquis, visit www.downtown-northville.com or call 248-349-0345.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

FrogWatch: Classes teach volunteers how to identify frogs and toads by their breeding calls and gather and record data that supports a national network. Classes set for noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 5-9 p.m. Feb. 19 and March 6, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 2. Register by emailing to rjohnson@dzo.org.

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM

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

Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

Details: Pewabic Pottery instructor Victoria Shaheen will lead a bowl-making workshop. Participants will hand-mold bowls from clay and decorate them. Includes a docent-guided tour focusing on Arab artistic heritage in America and the role of food and hospitality in culture. Fee is \$35 and advanced registration is required. Appropriate for adults and children 11 and over

Contact: 313-582-2266; arabamericanmuseum.org

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May

Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening day reception is from 6-9 p.m.; show runs Feb. 7 through March 1

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: eighth annual Member Exhibition

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 1

Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti



David Galido (left) of Novi is John Wilkes Booth, Keith Janoch of Farmington Hills plays Leon Czolgosz, Barb Bruno of Farmington Hills is Sarah Jane Moore and Barry Cutler of Ferndale portrays Charles Guiteau in the Farmington Players production of *Assassins*.

Details: Comedian John F. O'Donnell performs. Admission is \$7 at the door or on Brown Paper Tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/552248

Contact: www.emergentarts.com

DANCE

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Dance Theatre of Harlem performs; tickets range from \$25-\$80

Contact: 313-237-SING; 800-745-300;

FILM

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12

Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Bess Kargman's award-winning documentary, *First Position*, follows six young dancers as they prepare for a chance to enter the world of professional ballet, struggling through bloodied feet, near exhaustion and debilitating injuries all while navigating the drama of adolescence. Admission is \$19; \$17 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 315 E. Warren, Detroit

Details: Premiere of *Madman or Martyr*, a documentary about abolitionist John Brown and the Underground Railroad in Detroit. Luke Jaden, a Detroit Country Day student, wrote, directed and produced the film. A Q & A with Jaden and some of

the cast will follow the screening. Free

Contact: 313-494-5800

MATRIX THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. screenings and 9 p.m. reception, Thursday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m. screening, Friday, Jan. 31; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. screenings, Saturday, Feb. 1; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. screenings, with award ceremony at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2

Location: 2730 Bagley, Detroit

Details: Second annual 2014 Detroit Dreaming Film Festival showcase the diversity, struggles and triumphs of the City of Detroit, through narratives, documentary, and shorts. Tickets are \$7 per screening block

Contact: 313-967-0599; www.matrixtheatre.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.



The spring peeper frog is native to Michigan. Upcoming FrogWatch classes at the Detroit Zoo will teach participants to identify frogs and toads by their breeding calls.

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *About Time*, admission \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 31 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 1

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *True Grit*; \$5

Coming up: *Casablanca*, 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 15; free admission;

Contact: 313-537-2560

FUNDRAISER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Proceeds from "Our Show of Shows" will help Barefoot pay its winter heating bill



John F. O'Donnell performs stand-up comedy Feb. 1 at The Mix Studio Theatre in Ypsilanti.

and new seats. The variety program will showcase many of the past performers on the Barefoot stage, this time presenting talents in comedy, dance, music and song. Tickets are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493; www.justgobarefoot.com

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: 45th Birthday Party & Silent Auction Fundraiser features wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music by Rose Paulus and Jeff Davis, You-Art photos with Christina Evans, door prizes, silent auction. RSVP recommended, but tickets are not required. Donations will be accepted

Contact: 734-416-4278

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Location: Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center,

8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township

Details: "A Night FOR the Museum" will include appetizers, gourmet dinner, dessert, cash bar, live auction and raffle, entertainment by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$75 at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, or online at www.plymouthhistory.org. Ticket deadline is Feb. 7

Contact: 734-455-8940

RACKHAM CHOIR

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

Location: Regency Manor, 25228 W. 12 Mile, Southfield

Details: An Arabian Night's theme, dinner, dancing, an open bar and silent auction. The Rackham Ensemble Singers and music by Even Exchange. Tickets are \$75

Contact: 313-404-0222; rackhamchoir.org/an-2013

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

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

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com or www.facebook.com/udm-theatre

Calendar release party benefits dog rescue

Detroit Bully Corps will release its 2014 calendar, "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" Thursday, Jan. 30, at US 12 Bar & Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave., in Wayne.

The Calendar Release Party starts at 9 p.m. Models featured in the calendar will be on hand for autographs and photo opportunities with party guests. US 12 hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the fundraiser.

All profits from calendars sales benefit Detroit Bully Corps and the 40 dogs in their rescue and rehabilitation program. Detroit Bully Corps is a nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to

rescuing and rehabilitating bully breeds, especially the American pit bull terrier. Many of the dogs in their program come from Detroit, including 10 puppies that were offered for sale on Craigslist when they were less than 24 hours old.

Photojournalist P.A. Rech of Palanimages.com donated his time for the project. Rech's work has appeared in *National Geographic*, as well as other international publications.

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missing a play.

» Spice it up

Kick up your party a notch and make sure your snacking spread boasts a variety of different flavor profiles.

» Share the spread

Don't be shy about asking friends to bring something to the party. People like to help the host by bringing a drink or an appetizer. As the host, make sure there is a good assortment of options, so that no one ends up bringing the same dish. As a rule of thumb, offer fruits and veggies, a meat or veggie dish and a dessert. When friends ask what they can bring, feel free to tell them.

» Kids corner

While the adults are munching on snacks and watching the commercials, kids can get a

little bored. Be sure to have kid-friendly games, snacks and beverages to ensure they are as excited as the winning team. Try making a bean bag toss in your basement or set up a simple obstacle course for guests of all ages to try.

» Satisfy every taste bud

Many people are dealing with dietary restrictions, so it's important to prepare something for everyone. Provide a gluten-free snack option and at least one vegetarian option for your guests. Make everyone happy.

With a little preparation and some team spirit, your party will be a real winner. For additional recipe ideas for your game day bash, visit www.chexpartymix.com.

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MINI MAC AND CHEESE CAKES

1 cup uncooked gluten-free elbow macaroni
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1 tablespoon gluten-free flour blend
1 cup whole milk, warmed
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg white, beaten until stiff but not dry

Cook and drain macaroni as directed on package. Move oven rack to lower third of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 12 regular-size muffin cups. In medium bowl, mix crushed cereal, 1 cup of the cheese and 4 tablespoons of the melted butter. Divide mixture among muffin cups; press firmly in bottom and up sides of cups with spoon. In 3-quart saucepan, stir together remaining 1 tablespoon melted butter and flour blend with whisk; cook over medium heat 1 minute. Gradually stir in warmed milk with whisk; cook and stir about 5 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in 1 cup of the cheese until melted. Stir in cooked macaroni, egg yolk and salt. Fold in beaten egg white. Spoon about ¼ cup mixture into each crust-lined cup. Top with remaining ½ cup cheese. Bake about 20 minutes or until golden and puffed. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm.



BUFFALO CHEX MIX

Prep time: 15 minutes
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Yield: 24 (1/2-cup) servings
4 cups Rice Chex cereal
4 cups Wheat Chex cereal
2 cups Parmesan-flavored crackers
2 cups pretzel twists
6 tablespoons butter
2 ½ tablespoons Frank's RedHot Buffalo Wings Sauce
1 packet ranch dressing mix
2 teaspoons celery seed

In large microwavable bowl, mix cereals, crackers and pretzels; set aside. In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on high about 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in hot sauce and seasonings. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until evenly coated. Microwave uncovered on high 4 to 5 minutes, thoroughly stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.



GLUTEN-FREE MEXICAN CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

3 cups Cinnamon Chex cereal
3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 box (16 ounces) Betty Crocker Gluten Free brownie mix
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
2 eggs

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom only of 8-inch square pan with cooking spray. Place cereal in resealable food-storage plastic bag; seal bag and crush with rolling pin to make about 1 ½ cups. In medium bowl, mix cereal, brown sugar and baking soda; stir in ¼ cup melted butter until well mixed. Reserve ½ cup cereal mixture for topping. Press remaining cereal mixture evenly in bottom of pan. Bake 5 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir brownie mix, ¼ cup melted butter and the eggs until well blended. Drop batter by small spoonfuls over baked layer. Carefully spread over baked layer; sprinkle with reserved ½ cup cereal mixture. Bake 30 to 34 minutes or until brownies look dry and set. (Brownies will be soft; do not use toothpick test). Cool completely, about 1 ½ hours. For brownies, cut into 4 rows by 4 rows. Store tightly covered.

CITY BITES

Luau in January

Plymouth — Grab your grass skirt — and maybe a sweater — and get ready to bask in 70-degree temperatures at an outdoor pig roast and luau 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Stella's Black Dog Tavern, 860 Fralick. "The owner wanted to boost people's spirits. This winter has been long and cold," said Lindsey Seagerem, a server at the restaurant. "We're doing something different."

Seagerem said the outdoor patio at Stella's Black Dog Tavern, can hold a toasty 70-plus temperature as long as it's above zero degrees outside. Cost for the barbecue meal is \$12. Add two special rum drinks and it's \$15. Seagerem said the meal comes with "all the fixings" and that the patio will be decorated in luau-style. "It should be neat just to see everyone in grass skirts," she added. Reservations are recommended, but not required.

Call 734-207-9656.

Kitchen Party

Novi — CUTCO Kitchen, 43215 Grand River Ave., celebrates American Heart Month with a free demonstration and kitchen party, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. Guests will get a chance to sample easy-to-make, heart-healthy recipes. Reserve a spot at the event by calling 248-679-1538.

Exterior projects rate well with Realtors on resale

A home's curb appeal is crucial because it can be the first thing buyers notice about a home. That's why Realtors rated exterior projects among the most valuable home improvement projects in the 2014 *Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report*.

"With many factors to consider such as cost and time, deciding what remodeling projects to undertake can be a difficult decision for homeowners," said National Association of Realtors President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate, Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "Realtors know what home features are important to buyers in their area, but a home's curb appeal is always critical since it's the first impression for potential buyers. That's why exterior replacement projects offer the greatest bang for the buck. Projects such as entry door, siding and window replacements can recoup homeowners more than 78 percent of costs upon resale."

NAR's consumer website HouseLogic.com highlights the results of the report in its "Best Bets for Remodeling Your Home in 2014" slideshow. The site also provides information and advice on various home improvement projects, including a guide to kitchen remodeling with the best payback and dozens of exterior replacement projects.

Realtors judged a steel entry door replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 96.6 percent of costs recouped upon

resale. The steel entry door replacement is consistently the least expensive project in the annual *Cost vs. Value Report*, costing little more than \$1,100 on average.

Eight of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally, in terms of value recouped, are exterior projects. A wood deck addition came in second with an estimated 87.4 percent of costs recouped upon resale. Two different siding replacement projects also landed in the top 10, including fiber-cement siding, expected to return 87 percent of costs, and vinyl siding, expected to return 78.2 percent of costs. Out of the top 10 projects, the fiber-cement siding replacement project improved the most since last year, with costs recouped increasing by more than 15 percent. Two garage door replacements were also in the top 10; a midrange garage door replacement is expected to return 83.7 percent while an upscale garage door replacement follows closely at 82.9 percent of costs recouped. Rounding out the top exterior remodeling projects were two window replacements; a wood window replacement is estimated to recoup 79.3 percent of costs and a vinyl window replacement is estimated to recoup 78.7 percent of costs.

According to the report, two interior remodeling projects in particular can recoup substantial value at resale. An attic bedroom is ranked fourth and is expected to return 84.3 percent of costs; nationally, the average cost for the project is just above \$49,000. The second interior remodeling project in the top 10 is the minor kitchen remodel.

The project landed at number seven and is estimated to recoup 82.7 percent of costs. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$19,000. The improvement project likely to return the least is the home office remodel, estimated to recoup 48.9 percent.

For the report, Realtors provided their insights into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. For 2014, the national average cost-value ratio stands at 66.1 percent, a jump of 5.5 points over last year and the largest increase since 2005, when the ratio increased 6.1 points to reach a high of 86.7 percent. For the second consecutive year, *Cost vs. Value* data shows that the value of remodeling is up for all 35 projects included in the survey. Additionally, for the first time in four years, improved resale value of residential housing had more of an influence in the cost-value ratio than construction costs. A modest 2.2 percent increase in average national construction costs was more than offset by an 11.5 percent improvement in average national resale value.

The 2014 *Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report* compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 100 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 16th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by *Remodeling* magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed

in cooperation with NAR.

"Every neighborhood is different and the desirability and resale value of a particular remodeling project varies by region and metro area. Before undertaking a remodeling project, homeowners should consult a Realtor as they are the best resource when deciding what projects will provide the most return upon resale," said Brown. "Realtors have a unique understanding of local markets, home features and buyer preferences and know that there are a variety of factors that affect a home's value, such as location, condition of surrounding properties and regional economic climate."

Seven of the nine regions covered in the report outperformed the national average, a distinct improvement over 2013, when just four regions performed better than average. Once again, the Pacific region, consisting of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, led the nation with an average cost-value ratio of 88 percent, due mainly to strong resale values. The next best performing region was West South Central with 76.4 percent, followed by three regions tied at 74.6 percent: South Atlantic, which improved from 63.7 percent in 2013, New England, which improved from 56.2 percent in 2013, and East North Central, which improved from 54.8 percent in 2013.

To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit www.costsvalue.com. "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

Oahu a hot market

Q: I am thinking about buying a home or condominium on Oahu Island where Honolulu is located. I am wondering if the market is still weak from the recession.

A: Based upon my examination of the area in question, year to date

median sales prices for both condos and single family homes are at record or near record highs, and homes are selling faster than ever. Builders are basically saying that prices and the number of sales keep climbing while the number of days on the market for listings shrinks. For example, the median sales price for a single family home in 2013 year to date is \$690,000, just a few thousand dollars shy of the 2007 record high of \$699,000; and median prices for condominiums are at a record high of \$421,000. These prices are up 5 percent over the previous year. While these are median prices in a residential area around Honolulu, you can expect that prices in the high-rise condos in downtown Honolulu have increased accordingly. With the overall additional expense of living in Honolulu, you should consider it a step above real estate prices even in California.

Q: I am reasonably well to do and am looking to buy a home in Maui. I frankly don't have any idea of what it will cost for me to get a beachfront home, perhaps with two or three bedrooms with an ocean view. Can you give me some insight?

A: You better be prepared to pay in the millions for an ocean view. For example, in the Kaanapali area a three-bedroom, three-bathroom home is selling for approximately \$2,700,000 and is about 1,930 square feet of internal interior living space and 250 square feet of a private lanai. As in any other location that has a magnificent ocean view, you will be paying not only for the topography of the land, but the view as well. There are many homes for sale in the areas in which you are looking, but the prices have increased substantially in the last 18 months, and you may be best advised to buy a lot before constructing a home on it to the extent that you can obtain it. Look around for a good Realtor who specializes in beachfront property and knows the neighborhood.

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Brown



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 9-13, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS					
19344 Devonshire St	\$412,000	1628 Apple Ln	\$609,000	33715 Old Timber Rd	\$308,000
31324 Foxboro Way	\$431,000	2035 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$240,000	21863 Ontaga St	\$83,000
30512 Lincolnshire E	\$397,000	480 Fox Hills Dr N # A-7	\$20,000	39386 Plumbrook Dr	\$270,000
17023 Madoline St	\$260,000	6449 Maple Hills Dr	\$190,000	30401 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$185,000
30619 Pebblestone Ct	\$360,000	1127 Meadowglen Ct	\$290,000	25712 Rutledge Xing	\$285,000
BIRMINGHAM		559 Overbrook Rd	\$525,000	22033 Springbrook Ave	\$125,000
993 Bird Ave	\$431,000	850 Trailwood Path # B	\$138,000	29562 Strathmore Dr	\$266,000
1690 Birmingham Blvd	\$310,000	609 Westbourne Dr	\$305,000	28156 Thorny Brae Rd	\$146,000
931 N Adams Rd	\$109,000	575 Hamilton Rd	\$560,000	31766 Wayburn St	\$172,000
401 N Eton St # 104	\$100,000	COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		21588 Whittington St	\$181,000
437 N Eton St # 405	\$120,000	3269 Adele Ter	\$218,000	28120 Wildwood Trl	\$250,000
631 Ruffner Ave	\$431,000	5602 Brentwood	\$330,000	FRANKLIN	
1332 S Bates St	\$383,000	9697 Cooley Lake Rd	\$200,000	26845 Crestwood Dr	\$485,000
1874 S Bates St	\$657,000	4576 Driftwood Dr	\$500,000	32951 Haverford Rd	\$174,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$174,000	2149 Palmetto	\$40,000	30265 Woodside Ct	\$502,000
2283 W Maple Rd	\$222,000	2152 Palmetto	\$40,000	MILFORD	
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		2784 Red Arrow Dr	\$150,000	1725 Balsam Way	\$555,000
1751 Bellwood Ct	\$315,000	1440 Woodcrest Ln	\$382,000	545 Olivia Dr	\$280,000
5931 Blandford Rd	\$230,000	FARMINGTON		2674 Our Land Ct	\$240,000
4250 Ewell Ct	\$490,000	32100 Grand River Ave Unit 1	\$44,000	934 Prince St	\$134,000
1761 Huntingwood Ln # C	\$75,000	35626 Heritage Ln	\$78,000	1941 Scenic Dr	\$393,000
3800 Lahser Rd	\$669,000	21040 Larkspur St	\$125,000	177 Shelley Dr	\$143,000
5385 Longmeadow Rd	\$556,000	24168 Twin Valley Ct	\$195,000	NORTHVILLE	
1750 Tiverton Rd	\$138,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		42127 Gladwin St	\$95,000
2773 Turtle Lake Dr	\$192,000	29305 Bradmoor Ct	\$550,000	21115 Haven Circle	\$22,000
666 Vaughan Rd	\$1,500,000	21620 Cass St	\$280,000	22252 Lujon Dr	\$87,000
4525 Walden Dr	\$550,000	30028 Club House Ln	\$270,000	22851 Napier Rd	\$330,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		22614 Colgate St	\$66,000	42120 Pellston Dr	\$109,000
4036 Antique Ln	\$310,000	36985 Deer Run Dr	\$127,000	844 Yorktown Ct	\$145,000
		30145 Fox Club Dr	\$324,000	NOVI	
		35496 Fredericksburg Rd	\$288,000	45643 Addington Ln	\$407,000
		35715 Fredericksburg Rd	\$257,000	43521 Algonquin Dr	\$205,000
		31153 Harmony Ln	\$50,000	45567 Amherst Dr	\$292,000
		28125 Kendallwood Dr	\$145,000	24588 Borderhill	\$166,000
		29722 Kenloch Dr	\$434,000	28284 Carlton Way Dr	\$170,000
		29694 Mayfair Dr	\$243,000	24702 Cavendish Ave E	\$511,000
		24050 Middlebelt Rd Unit 3	\$53,000	50763 Chesapeake Dr	\$770,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		6862 Willow Creek Dr	\$140,000	30074 W Chicago St	\$120,000
44157 Brandwyne Rd	\$130,000	48922 Woodson Way	\$341,000	16126 Westbrook St	\$176,000
1501 Brookdale Dr	\$170,000	GARDEN CITY		14142 Woodside St	\$176,000
40389 Chatsworth Ct	\$182,000	121 Gilman St	\$90,000	NORTHVILLE	
44925 Coachman Ct	\$148,000	29480 Meadow Ln	\$70,000	43005 Ambridge Ct	\$330,000
5285 Denton Rd	\$85,000	30721 Pierce St	\$84,000	47544 Arbor Trl	\$363,000
41531 Glade Rd	\$166,000	LIVONIA		18919 Bella Vista Ct	\$752,000
41410 Hanford Rd	\$145,000	31447 Alabama Ct	\$155,000	16698 Dover Dr	\$156,000
147 Kings Way	\$175,000	33028 Barkley St	\$187,000	49197 Freestone Dr	\$466,000
697 Merrimac Rd	\$176,000	14219 Brentwood St	\$140,000	483 Grace St	\$210,000
47643 Ormskirk Dr	\$133,000	37514 Bristol Ct	\$280,000	49145 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$122,000
43646 Ryegate St	\$205,000	29552 Clarita St	\$45,000	19250 Meadowbrook Rd	\$390,000
1779 Steeplechase Rd	\$89,000	18501 Deering St	\$60,000	48878 Stoneridge Dr	\$1,000,000
		17587 Edgewood St	\$240,000	PLYMOUTH	
		18712 Flamingo Blvd	\$142,000	11393 Cedar Ln	\$152,000
		34087 Gable Dr	\$262,000	12124 Chandler Dr	\$425,000
		15985 Huff St	\$232,000	13400 Hidden Creek Dr	\$260,000
		20682 Laurel Ct	\$378,000	11449 N Ridge Rd	\$805,000
		14925 Marsha St	\$155,000	143 S Union St	\$192,000
		31600 Myrna St	\$275,000	9477 Winterset Cir	\$299,000

9155 Arnold	\$64,000	20447 Delaware Ave	\$53,000
10000 Dixie	\$83,000	17694 Gaylord	\$72,000
11442 Lucerne	\$75,000	18836 Negaunee	\$37,000
16982 Wakenden	\$78,000	WAYNE	
31622 Filmore St	\$59,000	6827 Apache Trl	\$85,000
34947 Glenwood Rd	\$30,000	36803 Canyon Dr	\$178,000
WESTLAND		841 Fairlane St	\$85,000
6827 Apache Trl	\$85,000	30744 Gladys Ave	\$99,000
36803 Canyon Dr	\$178,000	31037 Gladys Ave	\$124,000
841 Fairlane St	\$85,000	733 Ravencrest Ln	\$103,000
30744 Gladys Ave	\$99,000	38290 Warner Farms Dr	\$70,000
31037 Gladys Ave	\$124,000	38531 Watson Cir	\$174,000
733 Ravencrest Ln	\$103,000		
38290 Warner Farms Dr	\$70,000		
38531 Watson Cir	\$174,000		

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminars on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP at National Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvalue-realty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. each third Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091.

NOTICE TO BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS CABLE CUSTOMERS

This notice is to inform our Bright House Networks customers of upcoming changes to their cable programming lineup.

From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with GOLF TV, MLB Extra Innings, MLB Network, MLB Strike Zone, Music Choice (MC), NHL Center Ice, NHL Network and Youto remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreement with YES Network expires on January 31, 2014 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Additionally, our agreement with Outdoor Channel expires on February 28, 2014 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

On or after March 1, 2014, the following channels will be relocated:
 NBC Sports Network from channel 74 to channel 34
 NBC Sports Network HD from channel 274 to channel 234

On or after March 3, 2014, Military Channel will rebrand to American Heroes Channel and continue to appear on the following channels:
 American Heroes Channel Channel 148
 American Heroes Channel HD Channel 348

On or after March 31, 2014, the following Bright House Networks products, services and equipment will change names:
 • Digital Tier / Digital Basic Tier will be renamed to **Premier TV Service**
 • Turbo will be renamed to **Lightning 30**
 • Converter will be renamed to **Standard Box**
 • HD Converter will be renamed to **HD Box**
 • Combo will be renamed to **Bundle**
 • Navigator will be renamed to **Digital Guide**

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

On or after January 31, 2014, the following services will be added to the SDV system:
 TVG Network Sports Pass Channel 557
 Wilson Cricket HD Sports Pass Channel 649

These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

For more information, please call 1-877-885-8318 or visit our website at brighthouse.com

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Appliances

WASHER/DRYER: Moving, must sell! Like new, Estate by Whirlpool, \$375. 734-417-6235

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