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## WAYNE TO SEEK STATE HELP WITH 'MAKINGS OF FINANCIAL EMERGENCY'

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Taking an interim step before seeking an emergency financial manager, Wayne is contacting the state Office of Fiscal Responsibility for assistance.

The council took the action on a split vote Tuesday after hearing from budget consultant Vince Pastue, who said the city's general fund is clearly in

a financial emergency.

"Enterprise and service funds were used to prop up the general fund — in excess of \$3 million with revenues of \$14 million," Pastue said. "You clearly have the makings of a financial emergency."

In the current fiscal year, which will end June 30, Wayne is expected to have a \$1 million deficit — a number projected at \$3 million during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Calling the timing later than preferred, Pastue recommended that the city contact the Office of Fiscal Responsibility before Wayne asks the state to look at appointing an emergency financial manager.

"You will have a negative fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Some of your assumptions in the budget did not happen and you need to take steps to address that," Pastue said.

### Dramatic steps

Those steps would include ending the internal transfers to the general fund, Pastue said, along with employee layoffs, wage and benefit reductions and other cuts.

"You need to take pretty dramatic steps for the rest of the fiscal year. It may not be enough," Pastue said. "Long-term it will require hard decisions. You need more revenue

to make thoughtful decisions. It's pretty hopeless without more revenue. It's that bad."

To address the city's ongoing financial problems, Pastue noted the city had already gone from 165 employees to the current 80 workers.

"I can't help thinking you are in an emergency financial manager situation," Pastue said.

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Wayne-Westland firefighters battled the blaze but the building is destroyed. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Woman charged in accident that injured two people

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

An Inkster woman has been charged with drunken driving causing serious injury and other crimes following a three-vehicle accident in Wayne that injured two people.



Robinson

Meonsha Lashawna Robinson, 28, was arraigned Feb. 5 in Wayne 29th District Court on charges that included driving with a suspended license causing serious injury, driving with a suspended license and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle.

A not guilty plea was entered for Robinson. Bond was set at \$5,000/10-percent and a preliminary examination was set for Feb. 18.

The accident occurred just before 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Van Born and Second. Police said Robinson could only say that she was driving westbound on Van Born and that she didn't know how the accident happened.

After she reportedly failed

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## City looks for help creating Eloise museum

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The building known as Rowe House will soon house a new Eloise museum at Westland Historic Village Park.

Wayne County has donated materials of the former self-contained community that, over the years, served as a poor house, mental institution and hospital. But the building itself needs work before it can open as a museum.

That includes drywall, electrical work, heating and connections to water and sewer service. And once the museum opens, Westland Historical Commission member Jo Johnson expects a lot of visitors.

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## Dropped gas tank cited as cause of blaze at Westland gas station

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A gas tank dropped by a mechanic is blamed for sparking a fire that destroyed a Westland gas station Monday morning.

The Citgo gas station on the southwest corner of Ann Ar-

bor Trail and Middlebelt was fully engulfed in flames when Wayne-Westland firefighters arrived, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams said.

"They do auto repair. The mechanic was working on a vehicle," Adams said. "He was dropping a gas tank from a vehicle. There was some gaso-

line and papers on the floor. When it dropped the gas tank, it caused a spark."

The mechanic was able to get out of the garage bay after the fire ignited, Adams said, along with the station owner and a cashier. No one reported being injured. The fire has been ruled accidental.

"With the bay doors, the fire was getting plenty of oxygen and gasoline as fuel," Adams said. "Then all the stuff in the (convenience) store. It all promoted combustion."

The fire was reported at

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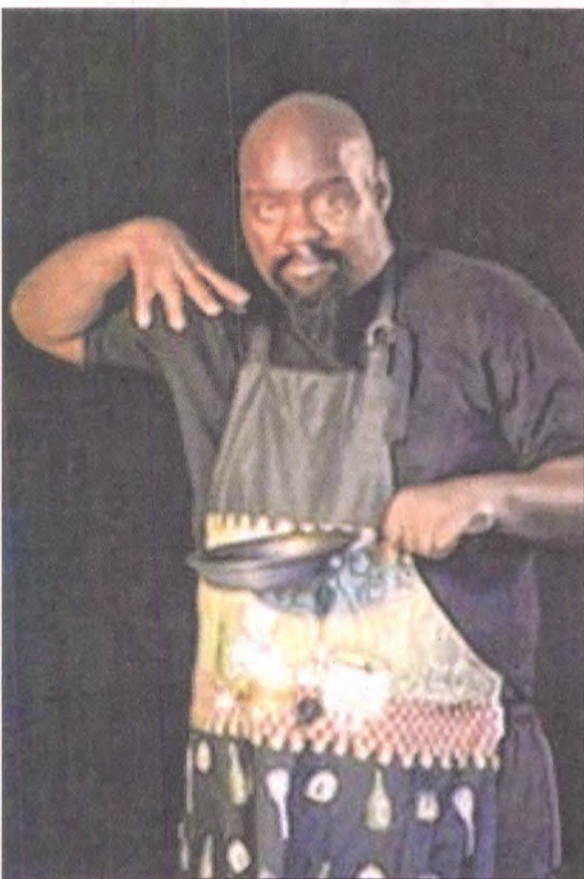
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# Geek of the Month



Eugene Payne geeks cooking. "When I was on dialysis, my doctor told me to eat healthier and lose some weight. I looked to the library to help me cook better, and healthier, for myself. I found cookbooks with healthy recipes for all of my favorite foods (Chinese, Mexican and comfort). The public computers allowed me to search for nutritional value and health information. When I get stumped on a food or another topic, the librarians and staff are a great help in locating materials that I can make sense of and use." Whatever geeks you, stop by the William P. Faust Library of Westland to find more information.

## CHARGED

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sobriety tests and had a .16 Breathalyzer — double the legal limit for drunken driving — Robinson was arrested. The officer noted she had a prior drunken driving conviction that resulted in her license plate being confiscated. A witness told police that one vehicle apparently didn't see another vehicle stopped at the

light, struck that vehicle and then attempted to change lanes rapidly pushing a third vehicle into a light pole. Two people were transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. One of those people was a passenger in Robinson's vehicle, who reported being four months pregnant.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Jan. 19 *Observer*, should have stated that Wayne-Westland school board Trustee Sally Madison voted in the affirmative for

Thomas Buckalew as vice-president, Carol Middel as secretary and Frederick Weaver as treasurer.

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## BUDGET

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Facing a decline in residential property values again this year, Pastue said that Wayne had been hit with a greater loss in property values — and as a result, reduced revenues — than most communities in southeast Michigan. "I'm not very optimistic the property taxes will rise quickly, if at all in the future," said Pastue, citing the Headlee Amendment which limits annual property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Wayne's property values and tax revenues have been declining since 2007, he said, but the city is also burdened with overwhelming legacy costs for retirees.

### Not in agreement

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and Councilman James Hawley both voted against contacting the Office of Fiscal Responsibility. "I don't agree with the process and I'm not going to vote for it. We have to come up with solutions," Hawley said. "I'm willing to work on solutions. We're wasting time going to the state for them to tell us we are in trouble."

The special council meeting was held on the heels of two Saturday meetings getting public input on the city's financial problems. Haidous also supported handling the situation locally, calling for more people to get involved and going back to the community for additional revenue.

"I don't see this as a delaying activity. We have taken a lot of steps. This is the next step," Councilman Albert Damitio said. "We need all the help we can get. If we can get guidance from the state, I'm open-minded to it."

Following the vote, Interim City Manager/ Department of Public

Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib said contacting the Office of Fiscal Responsibility doesn't mean Wayne is hiring an emergency financial manager. "It's for them (state officials) to work with us for a resolution. The city will do all it can to resolve this," he said. "We want to do this internally. We don't want to have an emergency financial manager come in from the state as an accountant to balance the books. We have to work to preserve city services."

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The Citgo station at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail burned after a spark ignited fuel from a truck that was being repaired. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## FIRE

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11:40 a.m. and flames were through the roof when firefighters arrived. Due to safety valves

and being separated from the building, the gas pumps weren't involved with the fire, Adams said.

"The pumps are detached from each other. The valves cause the gas not to flow when there is a fire," Adams said. "It's

a separate hazard. We needed lines (hoses) to protect that exposure."

The entire structure was a loss, said Adams, who estimated the loss of building and contents to be \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The Ann Arbor Trail-Middlebelt intersection

was closed entirely for a couple of hours. Firefighters were getting the Westland Department of Public Services to salt the streets due to ice buildup from water used fighting the fire.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Blood Drive

Oakwood Hospital Wayne is hosting a Red Cross-sponsored blood drive 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in conference rooms 1 and 2 of the hospital, 33155 Annapolis, west of Venoy, Wayne.

To make an appointment, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), and use sponsor code Oakhosp or call 800-RED-CROSS.

### Crop for a Cause

A 12-hour Cropping for a Cause fundraiser to benefit the IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer) Foundation will be held 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Scrapy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$35 and includes three meals, goodie bags, snacks throughout the day, make and take projects, chair massage, electric cords at every table, 50/50 raffle, quarter raffle and Tricky Tray auction with lots of prizes.

Pre-register by calling 248-426-9020. For more information, visit [scrapychiclivonia.com](http://scrapychiclivonia.com).

### Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly pasta dinner

4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert just \$6.

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

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

### School auction

St. Damian School will hold its Totally '80s Auction Saturday, March 1, at the school, 29891 Joy, east of Merriman, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served

at 7:15 p.m. The live auction will begin at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include herb chicken, roasted pork loin, pasta with pesto marinara, green beans and romaine salad.

There also will be a cash bar, including Jell-O and pudding shots. Tickets are available through the school office and the parish center. Tickets will not be available at the door.

For more information, call the school at 734-427-1680, the parish office at 734-421-6130 or visit [www.stdamianauction2014.weebly.com](http://www.stdamianauction2014.weebly.com).

## ELOISE

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"We are constantly getting calls for information about Eloise. We have three talks (about Eloise) scheduled," Johnson said. "We hope to open the Eloise Museum in spring or summer. Now that City Hall is getting done, I'd like some construction at the historic village park."

Along with work on the building, Johnson said a large parking lot will be needed.

"Lots of people will come once the museum is open. We're asking the city to help us get the museum open," Johnson said.

The Rowe House was initially moved from Canton to near the Westland Department of Public Works on Marquette by the Westland Arts Commission.

"They had it open for awhile. The roof leaked and they had to take it apart," Johnson said. "Then it was moved to our spot. It came after the Octagon House."

Nine showcases of Eloise materials have been emptied and the showcases themselves will eventually be moved to the new museum. Items attached on the wall will need to be taken down, Johnson said.

The Throwing Strikes for the Westland Historic Village Park fundraiser is set for noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at

Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford. Tickets are \$20 in advance at the historic village from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets at the door are \$25.

The ticket includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and two slices of pizza.

There will be raffles with prizes for adults and children.

Call 734-641-8181 for tickets or more information.

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# Teen club shuttered after shooting

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Canton teen club shut down Tuesday as its operator, facing a flurry of misdemeanor charges and civil infractions, cooperates with police after a 16-year-old boy was shot early Sunday during a dispute between two groups of young males.

After Dark Teen Club founder Freddy Hussein, during a telephone interview Tuesday night, issued an apology.

"I never thought it would lead to all this," he said. "I had good intentions for the community. I am really sorry that it turned out this way. I am sorry that I put the township, the police department, my community and myself through all this. I live and work in Canton. I love the community."

Hussein said he agreed to shut down the club after he spoke with police. He said his initial intention was to open a place for private teen parties. He said the business evolved after patrons started calling it a club.

### 'Cooperating'

"I am cooperating with the township and the police and everybody else," Hussein said.

As police released a surveillance video showing a crowd outside the After Dark Teen Club, local officials said the business has operated illegally since it opened in October because a license was never sought for a nightclub, but rather for a banquet hall.

"They came in and misrepresented what they were going to be about," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday night during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Amid the latest developments Tuesday, police continued their search for a gunman who shot a 16-year-old Westland boy in the thigh shortly after midnight Sunday outside the nightclub. Police have said the shooting occurred in the parking lot after bouncers escorted two opposing groups from the club.

Hussein said he has lived and worked in Canton for about 18 years. He also operates the Canton Coney Island restaurant in the same Golden Gate shopping center where the popular teen hangout

was located, on Lilley south of Joy.

### Multiple citations

Without mentioning Hussein by name, Canton Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome told township officials Tuesday night the business owner has been cited for 10 ordinance violations for operating an illegal teen club. The citations carry penalties ranging from fines and probation to misdemeanor charges punishable by 90 days in jail and \$500 fines.

"He is cooperating with police," Newsome said outside the meeting room.

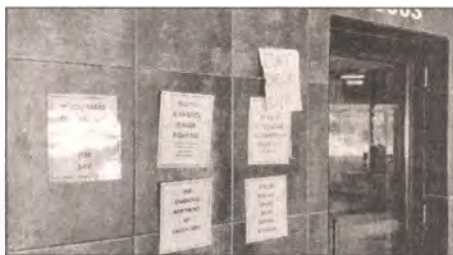
The violations center on issues such as not having a license to operate a teen club and allowing underage teens to stay inside the nightclub past midnight. The club was marketed to patrons ages 13-19, but police

have said they encountered some patrons 20 years old on the night of the shooting.

Canton police Sgt. Mike Kennedy has said the shooter is believed to have fled with a group in a van after firing a shot that sent the Westland teen to a hospital.

Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden said police arrived on the scene about two minutes after receiving the call. He said officers locked down the facility to protect patrons from potential harm and to seek out witnesses. He said police escorted the crowd out two at a time.

Newsome said Canton has six detectives and one detective sergeant assigned to the investigation. She said township authorities also have received help from the Western Wayne Criminal Response Team and



Signs taped to the wall outside the After Dark Teen Club in Canton go over most of the rules.

Michigan State Police.

### 'Highest priority'

"Our entire staff is fully committed to bringing the person or persons responsible for this life-threatening crime to justice, as swiftly as possible," Newsome said, saying the shooting has been given "the highest priority" within the Canton Police Department's staff operations division.

LaJoy, meanwhile, said Canton authorities will continue to monitor the After Dark Teen Club to ensure no further improper activity occurs.

He said Canton is continuing to review the situation.

"In reviewing the paperwork that was submitted by the business owner, it appears that the information submitted by him did not accurately reflect the intended use at the address," LaJoy said. "Part of the (township's) review will include an evaluation of what steps the township can take to ensure full compliance by business owners with township ordinances."

LaJoy said an internal review already has be-

gun to identify ways the process can be improved. He said recommended actions may be brought to the township board for approval.

The shooting happened during a club event called the Blackout Twerk Party, according to After Dark's Facebook page. According to the club's website, pat-downs and searches were routinely conducted to make sure no dangerous or illegal objects were brought into the building.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Anonymous tips may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling 800-SPEAK-UP or by sending a text to CSM at 274637. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to the arrest of a suspect.

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## Monson sworn in as newest Westland police officer

Eric Monson was sworn in as the newest Westland police officer prior to the Feb. 3 city council meeting. Monson was hired as a Police Service Aide by the Westland Police Department in January 2013, which allowed the department to train and evaluate him prior to offering him a career opportunity as a police officer. Monson has completed the Westland Police In-Service training week and has begun the field training program. Monson graduated from the Washtenaw Police Academy, where he earned his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification. Monson



The newest officer in the Westland Police Department, Eric Monson is flanked by Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild.

also has a degree in criminal justice from Washtenaw Community College. "The Westland Police Department prides itself on a tradition of hard work and professional-

ism. I am confident that Mr. Monson will be an exceptional police officer and serve our Westland community well," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Hit and run

A Dearborn Heights woman told police Feb. 4 that just before 9 a.m. her vehicle was sideswiped by a tractor trailer. The woman said she was traveling westbound on Van Born approaching Middlebelt in the right curb lane. As she slowed to make her turn, she said the truck hit her car and continued west on Van Born.

The 1999 Chevrolet Lumina was undrivable due to damage to the rear end, the officer noted. The woman told the officer she was unable to identify the truck or driver.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 1100 block of Venoy told police Feb. 7 that someone had dented her 2008 Chevrolet Impala on the front bumper, trunk and left passenger door. It was unknown when the damage occurred.

### Larceny

» On Feb. 5, a construction company employee told police that he arrived to inspect a home in the 30000 block of Barrington on behalf of a bank. He said he found the copper plumbing and the air conditioning unit had been stolen.

» The owner of a rental home in the 31000 block of Birchwood told police Feb. 6 that he arrived to find a large rock had been thrown through the glass door wall. He said the copper plumbing had been stolen and some leftover paint had been spread on the walls.

### Attempted vehicle theft

Police were called to Cherry Hill Village, 32001 Cherry Hill, about a vehicle with a broken window. Checking on the 2008 Chrysler Town and Country, the officer noticed heavy damage to the steering column and that the ignition was punched.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Colonial Village Apartments, 8181 N. Wayne Road, told police Feb. 7 that someone had broken into her 2000 Chevrolet Malibu overnight. She said the vehicle had been left locked but when she left for work found the car in disarray and realized the passenger door had been left unlocked. Various items and paperwork from the glove box were found strewn around the car. The owner reported a gym bag containing

headphones, tennis shoes and clothing was missing from the back seat. She said a second pair of shoes and other clothing was missing from the trunk. The missing items were valued at \$380.

### Break-in

On Feb. 8, a resident in the 1500 block of Susan told police he returned home to find a stranger standing outside the rear door holding what appeared to be a pry bar. The resident, 18, said he was startled and ran toward the neighbors' home.

The man was gone when police arrived and there was no sign of entry into the home. The resident said he and his mother had left about an hour before he returned and had left the rear door ajar since he didn't have a key.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 1600 block of Shoemaker told police Feb. 7 she noticed the driver's side headlight wasn't working on her 2006 Jeep Liberty. Checking, she said she found the running light/housing was missing and looked like the wires had been cut.

By LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Larceny

A laptop computer and an LCD projector valued at \$700 were reported stolen Feb. 7 from Michigan Works, 35425 Michigan Ave.

The system administrator told the officer that the equipment was last seen in the education lab Jan. 29 and discovered missing Feb. 4.

### Break in

A resident in the 35000 block of Phyllis told police Feb. 10 that someone forced open a door to his garage. Reporting missing were a compound bow in a hard case, a crossbow in a hard case, an unknown amount of Craftsman tools, a DeWalt power drill and a Makita power drill, val-

ued in excess of \$1,300.

The owner said he last checked the garage 24 hours prior to discovering the break-in. Footprints in the snow led to a neighbor's garage.

The neighbor told police she had looked out to see the footprints but there was no damage to her garage.

By LeAnne Rogers

## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Larceny from vehicle

A Garden City man reported Feb. 4 that someone stole a \$300 video camera that he left in an unzipped bag on the front seat of his unlocked 1998 Nissan parked in the lot of the 7-Eleven store at 29331 Warren Road.

The owner couldn't provide a serial number

for the camera and a store video didn't capture the incident.

### Theft

A man who resides in the 28000 block of Florence reported Feb. 6 that Capital One bank informed him that someone made four fraudulent charges on his account Jan. 23. The charges, made in Westland, to-

taled \$300.

The resident said he had not activated the card. However, the card had been activated by someone else Jan. 13.

### Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 27-year-old Inkster woman whose license was suspended at 1 a.m. Feb. 4. They stopped her for an illegal

right turn on northbound Middlebelt onto eastbound Ford.

The woman admitted that her license was suspended, police said. When the officer checked her record, he learned that the woman had an outstanding traffic warrant out of Canton Township. That department was contacted and picked up the woman.

» Garden City police arrested a 28-year-old

Garden City woman at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 after they learned that she had a suspended license and three outstanding warrants dating back to 2010 out of Dearborn Heights.

She paid the fees and was released. Dearborn Heights police said that they would cancel the warrants.

The officer stopped her for disregarding a red light at Middlebelt and Block.

» Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Redford Township man at 10 p.m. Feb. 6 after they learned that he had a suspended license and two outstanding warrants out of Dearborn Heights.

He was stopped at Ford and Shotka. Police said he had an expired registration which dated back to April 20, 2013.

By Sue Buck

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## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 3 2/3/14

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves  
21: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/21/14.  
- Appr. Barracade Backup Upgrade lease for IT: \$341.88/mo. for 36 months.  
- Intro. Budget Amendment 2013/14-05; 1st Quarter-Operating Fund & Forfeiture Fund.  
- Adopt. Ord. 248-A-76, rezone CB-4 to CB-3, PID #008-99-0003-000, NW corner of Middlebelt & Warren rds.  
22: Appr. req. for immediate study session re. Personnel issues.  
25: Appr. settlement re. Donahue v. City.  
26: Set 4/21/14 as PH date for CDBG XL, 7/1/14-6/30/15.  
27: Set 2/18/14 as PH date to review 2014-18 Parks & Rec Master Plan.  
28: Conf. appt. of S. Smith as Alt. Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/14.  
29: Appr. checklist: \$6,802,137.03.  
Mtg. adj. at 7:24 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President  
Publish: February 13, 2014

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC  
City Clerk

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## ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-76

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:  
**Section 1.** That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-3 district classification where CB-4 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 2 South, Range 9 East, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Middlebelt Road distant North 1 degree 56 minutes 50 seconds West 60 feet and South 88 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds West 60 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 2 and proceeding thence North 1 degree 56 minutes 50 seconds West along said West line 150 feet; thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds West 150 feet; thence South 1 degree 56 minutes 50 seconds East 150 feet; thence North 88 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds East along the North line of Warren Road, 150 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL NO. 56-008-99-0003-000

**Section 2.** The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 5. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 3, 2014  
EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 13, 2014  
PUBLISHED: FEBRUARY 13, 2014

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# First Step joins in One Billion Rising for Justice

On Friday, Feb. 14, First Step will join with activists around the world for One Billion Rising for Justice. The campaign will build upon the energy and momentum of Feb. 14, 2013, when 1 billion activists in 207 countries and territories came together to rise, strike and dance in the biggest mass action in human history — all designed to demand an end to violence against women and girls.

First Step is hosting an event featuring dancing, speaking out and celebrating the strength of survivors from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the First Step Karen Wilson Smithbauer Center at 4400 S. Venoy in Wayne. Activities will include inspirational readings, art, dancing and pledges for actions to end violence against women and girls.

Health coach and former Radio City Rockette Jennifer Fiandt will teach the choreography and lead participants in the inspiring dance "Break the Chain." Light refreshments will follow. Sign up for the event by contacting [tbizoe@firststep-mi.org](mailto:tbizoe@firststep-mi.org) or call 734-656-0730 for more information. This event is part of a tri-county effort with partner organizations from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, including Alternatives for Girls (Wayne County), Turning Point (Macomb County) and Haven (Oakland County). In addition to raising awareness about this important issue, the partner groups also want to demonstrate to survivors that there are many organizations in the area that will support them and help them access the resources they need.

First Step is a non-profit organization in Wayne County whose mission is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence and provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes. First Step provides free services for survivors, including temporary emergency housing, counseling, advocacy, 24-hour helpline support, transportation, transitional supportive housing, legal information children's services and prevention education. More information about First Step can be found at [www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org). To learn more about One Billion Rising for Justice First Step, call 734-656-0730 or email [info@firststep-mi.org](mailto:info@firststep-mi.org).

North Brothers Ford of Westland recently received an Environmental Stewardship Award from Keen Technical Solutions. The award came after a lighting retrofit project was completed. In total, 594,258 kilowatt-hours of energy have been saved, indirectly removing 390.3 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere each year. North Brothers Ford is also projected to save more than \$73,875 per year on electricity costs after Keen Technical Solutions replaced T-12 and HID metal halide fixtures with T-8 fluorescent fixtures.

North Brothers Ford, established in 1936, sells new Fords and used vehicles servicing metro Detroit, Westland, Garden City, Canton, Dearborn, Wayne, Taylor, Livonia, Plymouth and Redford.

Student Christine Siress sits with Sister Mary Danatha Suchyta, former Madonna University president, as she reads a valentine that was made special just for her.



## STUDENTS DELIVER VALENTINES TO NUNS AT CARE CENTER

As a way to show their appreciation for all the work the Felician Sisters do and have done, Madonna University students hand-delivered homemade Valentine's Day cards to nuns living at the St. Joseph Care Center at the Felician Sister's Central Convent in Livonia.



Sister Mary Duane Rydel gets a valentine from Raquel Robinson.

The students, all of whom live in the residence hall at Madonna University, made the cards themselves and were excited to sit down and meet the nuns, many of whom were once students, teachers and administrators at Madonna.

"It was a wonderful opportunity and a privilege to meet these sisters," said Cynthia Ralston, a gerontology student at Madonna University. "It's heart-warming to see how the sisters work together in caring for each other and I am really glad to have had this chance to be here."

Former Madonna University president, Sister Mary Danatha Suchyta, was among the group who received a valentine. Sister Danatha said she was really happy to receive the cards and to have a chance to meet the students. The students knew ahead of time that they were going to meet Madonna's past president, so they customized a special card for her.

## North Brothers honored for energy saving

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Librarian Claire Mueller does a storyboard of the tale of three billy goats. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Landon Harris gets into the story. His grandmother, Janie Brisky, brought him to storytime.



Christine Frank and 14-month-old son Asher Frank enjoy the toddler story time at the William P. Faust Public Library.

**PICK A STORY TIME**

The William P. Faust Public Library conducts several story times for children each week, including:

- » **Toddler Tales** — an interactive program for parents/caregivers and their children 18 months to 3½ years. Enjoy 30 minutes of theme-based stories, songs, signs and vocabulary building. Times are 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- » **Sleepytime story time** — close the day with stories and crafts for little dreamers ages 3-7. Children are invited to attend in their pajamas. No registration required. Siblings are welcome. The next Sleepy Time story time is 6:30-7:15 p.m. Mondays.
- » **BabyTime story time** — an interactive story time which includes stories, songs, rhymes, and games geared especially to babies up to 24 months with a caregiver. Older siblings are welcome. Story time is followed by a playtime with interactive learning toys, puzzles and music. BabyTime story time is 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesdays.
- » **Preschool story time** — designed for an independent child, age 3½-5 years old, not yet in kindergarten, who is ready to sit and listen to stories, learn rhymes, and sing songs. Story time runs approximately 30 minutes and introduces early literacy concepts. Preschool story time is 10:30-11 a.m. Fridays.
- » **Rhythm and Rock Time** — Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. It runs from 1-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. No registration needed.

Call the Youth Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information or visit [westlandlibrary.org/kids](http://westlandlibrary.org/kids). The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

# TODDLERS SHAKE IT UP AT LIBRARY'S STORY TIME

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A group of toddlers went on a bear hunt and trip-trapped over a bridge, all without leaving the warm confines of the William P. Faust Public Library on Tuesday morning.

The youngsters, along with their mothers and grandmothers were at the library's Toddlers story time, a half-hour program that introduces them to books while getting them up and moving around.

Led by Youth Associate Claire Mueller, the youngsters were encouraged to sing along to tunes like *The More We Get Together* and wiggle their toes, touch their noses, jump high and spin around.

"She really enjoys it, it's such a social thing," said Cindy James of Westland, who has been bringing granddaughter Emily Walkenbach to story time for about a year. "She actually asked to come to story time today."

James finds the teachers "very interactive." Her granddaughter's favorite parts are the mariachi band and the stickers.

"This is great, and the best part of it all is the stickers at the end," she said.

Shirley Brewer of Westland is a newcomer to story time. She's been bringing 22-month-old daughter Isabella for about a month.

"She's an only child and this is how I've been doing socialization for her," Brewer said. "I've noticed a stark difference in her interaction with other

children. Usually, she'd be crying and bolting for the door. I think she likes the colors and rugs in the children's room."

Mueller was filling in for Cari Fry and found the half-hour session a change of pace from Babytime story time she does on Wednesday mornings.

The library offers a variety of story times for children up to age 5. Each program offers stories, songs and activities. For the Toddler story time Tuesday, Mueller had the youngsters swinging and swaying and waving their hands and scarves before bringing out a bin filled with tambourines, rattles and other noisemakers.

"This was fun," she said. "They're all walk-in programs, so you never know what's going to happen."

Rachel Dedinsky has been bringing her daughter Aurora, 2½, for more than two years. She was relatively new to the area at the time, and a friend from church, Fry, suggested she bring her daughter to the program for socialization.

"We were hooked after the first day," she said. "This is our Tuesday event. She likes the music and she likes being in the band, but she really likes the stickers."

Their weekly visits to the library, however, go beyond story time.

"We usually play before or after story time," Dedinsky said. "We've made quite a few friends through story time."

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Shirley Brewer tries to get her 22-month-old daughter Isabella to clap her hands.



Youth associate librarian Claire Mueller leads the story time.

**100 BOOKS READ-A-THON**

The library's Youth Department has updated its "100 Books Every Child Should Hear Before Starting School."

As part of this program, the library is hosting a kick-off Read-a-Thon on Saturday, March 8. Local dignitaries and personalities have been invited to attend and read one or two of their favorite books from the library's "100 Books" list. Dignitaries will read at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The goal to read all 100 Books that day, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Children can come and listen to a story anytime that day and also receive a free cookie.

The library is launching the new list on March 8, along with a new initiative to encourage parents to read 1,000 books to their children before starting kindergarten. Interested parents will receive instructions and a checklist to record the books they read to their children. For each 100 books they read, their child will receive a small prize and when they complete 1,000 books, they will get a free book to keep and a certificate. If spread over a couple of years, this would equal about two books a day.

Here's an excerpt from the "soon to be published" 1000 Books Reading Log: "Don't let the end goal discourage you. Reading only three books a day brings you to the 1,000-book goal in one year. The program isn't meant to be a chore or a pressure. It's meant to be fun and rewarding — a meaningful time for your child to enjoy your distinctive voice and learn from your experience and parenting gifts."

# Ex-Wing McCarty talks rehab, hockey

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty told a crowded Laurel Manor his battle with substance abuse stemmed from the pressures and unpredictability he saw while playing in the National Hockey League.

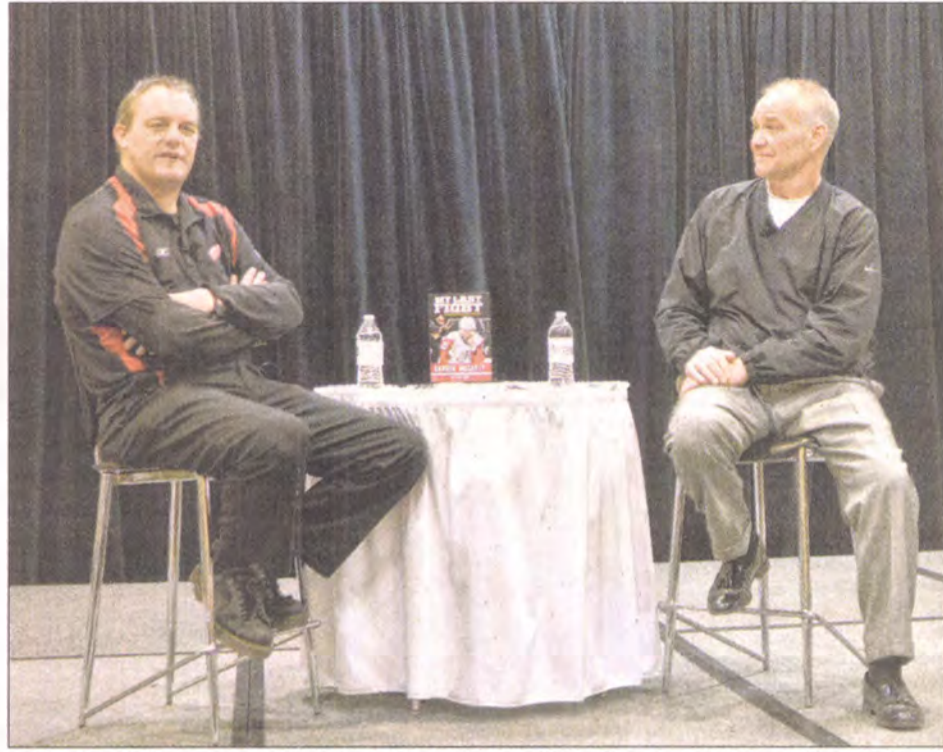
"It's tough when you go to bed thinking, 'Who am I going to fight tomorrow?' Sometimes, you can't sleep," he said. "It's a way to shut things off. It's a coping mechanism."

McCarty spoke to more than 180 people Friday at an event put on by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce to promote his recent book, *My Last Fight*. The book details his life during his time in the NHL on and off the ice, which was mostly spent in Detroit and includes stories from his battles with alcohol and substance abuse.

Audience members also came from chambers in Westland and Novi, in addition to Livonia.

McCarty, speaking to Steve Courtney of WJR-AM (950), said he never drank any alcohol from the Stanley Cup, hockey's top prize and one the Red Wings won in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008 while McCarty was on the team.

He had done some stints in rehab before, but had been clean for many years until he signed with the Calgary



Retired Red Wing Darren McCarty and broadcaster Steve Courtney sat down for a chat. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flames after the NHL lockout canceled the 2004-05 season. He said he was feeling down and found some alcohol, the first drink he had had in nearly 10 years, he said. "I remember I had a Bud Light and a little bottle of Patron tequila," he said. "That led me back to rehab."

Milford resident Nancy Lang, who works in Farmington Hills, attended the speech donning a Red Wings T-shirt and brought two copies of McCarty's book for him to sign after the presentation.

She said she read McCarty's book and

would have liked to have read more about his hockey-related stories. But learning more of his personal life during Friday's speech was a plus as well, she said.

"I thought it was a great presentation. Gives you some insight into his world," she said.

She said one of her favorite memories of McCarty was after the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1998. Her hus-

band was working on a home in McCarty's neighborhood when he saw former Wings player Kris Draper drive down the street in a convertible with the Stanley Cup in the car. Seeing the trophy "glistening in the sunlight," her husband began talking to McCarty and asked him to speak to her over the phone.

"He pulls up to Darren, and (my husband) goes, 'Oh my gosh, I have



Darren McCarty opened up about his life and career in a free-wheeling, salty, no-holds-barred conversation before the chamber of commerce crowd.

to call my wife," Lang said. "He gets on the phone and says, 'Hi, Nancy.' I just started babbling."

McCarty took some questions from those in the audience, including about where he was during the infamous limousine crash after the Red Wings won the championship in 1997 that left former Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov severely injured.

McCarty said he and his teammates were

golfing when they found out the news and drove to the site in Birmingham where it took place. The team was completely devastated, he recalled.

"I remember the (police) officer going, 'I don't know what to tell you. It was bad,'" he said. "That was the end of our Stanley Cup celebration three days later."

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Darren McCarty poses for a picture with Laura Goodman of Livonia.

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2035A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition and Exterior Renovations, Four Season Nursing Home, 8365 N. Newburgh, Parcel #021-99-0004-001, West Side of Newburgh, South of Joy, (Charles Dunn).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission



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# Shoppers camp out to buy limited edition Nikes

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Temperatures fast approaching freezing didn't deter a small group of young adults from enduring Friday night waiting to buy their pair of Nike Dunk High Premium SB "Diamond" shoes at PLUSkateboarding in the Village Mall.

Downtown Farmington store owner Rob Woelkers knew there would be a group of shoppers spending the night to be the first to buy the available 10 pair of Nike shoes on Saturday. The group was bundled up, some with snow pants and hoods and hats.

At about 11 p.m. Friday, Woelkers stopped by with warm drinks and food for those lined up outside his shop. He had planned as usual to open at 11 a.m. Saturday and suspected all of the shoes would be gone by 11:05 a.m.

But Woelkers could only imagine how cold the group was "so, I just

let them in earlier on Saturday."

Courteny Juergens, 19, of Westland, was with her brother waiting in line. Not as devoted to buying a pair of the much-in-demand Nike's as her brother, Juergens sat shivering. "I just came with him," she said.

Meanwhile, Anthony Vang, 22, of Warren, was determined to buy his pair of Dunk shoes, no matter how cold it got Friday night. "It took 10 years for these shoes to come out."

While many collect the Nike shoes, others, such as Vang, had every intention of selling his pair to make some fast cash.

PLUSkateboarding was one of only six Michigan stores that had the Nike Dunk shoes. "People have known for a year that these shoes were coming out," Woelkers said.

### A long wait

Word went out over social media and that's what prompted the group

of young adults to spend the night in anticipation of buying a pair, which cost \$189.99.

"They knew how many we had," Woelkers said. "Nike puts out really limited shoes. This was the most popular that has come out."

The shoe is a collaboration between Nike and the Diamond Clothing Co., the designers. In 2005, the rage then was over a Tiffany low-top, which at the time were then sold on eBay for some \$2,000.

"Nobody would skate with these," Woelkers said. "You would just burn through hundreds of dollars."

While most of the limited edition shoes are for men, Nike also produced some for women. "Usually, people would try to get their size," he said. "But then it comes down to what do you have (in stock)."

For those who are not skateboarders or limited edition shoe collectors, the sport has its own type of shoes. The soles



The temperature was already dropping toward zero when a group of young adults camped out late Friday night waiting to buy the limited edition Tiffany Dunk skateboarding shoes at PLUSkateboarding in the Village Mall. JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

have to grip the sandpaper on the skateboard. Regular shoes just don't work. Skateboarding

shoes typically have additional padding. "Skateboarding really beats up your feet,"

Woelkers added.

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» **Double play:** Enter by Feb. 14 and select "Double Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win a pass for two to a special showing of the 2013 Best Picture-nominated films at Imagine Novi. First winner will be selected no later

than Feb. 14 to see movies playing Feb. 14-20 (*American Hustle*, *Gravity*, *Captain Phillips*, *Dallas Buyers Club* and *Her*). The second winner will be selected by Feb. 19 for movies playing Feb. 21-27 (*Wolf of Wall Street*, *Nebraska*, *12 Years a Slave* and *Philomena*).

» **Triple play:** Enter by Feb. 26 and select "Triple Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win an Academy Awards™ Viewing and Dinner for up to four people at Star Lanes Restaurant and Sports Bar at Imagine Royal Oak. Watch the Academy Awards™ show while you dine. Prize includes a light supper, champagne toast and dessert.

Go to hometownlife.com and select the Oscar™ Contest icon located in the DON'T MISS section of the website or go to fb.com/oehometown and click the Oscar™ Contest icon.

The seven contest categories are:

» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor In a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress In a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor In a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress In a**

**Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1764B, Site Plan Approval for Truck Storage Lot, Parcel #053-99-0008-001, W Side of Newburgh Road, South of Cherry Hill Rd, Ronald Kudek



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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## A PERFECT FIT

Orin Jewelers helps Marine put ring on wife's finger before deployment

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

William Phillips, of Northville, couldn't believe it when he heard the news he had won the Forevermark diamond giveaway contest, which he entered on a whim.

And neither could the staff at Orin Jewelers, who saw this as a perfect ending to their yearlong celebration of being in business for 80 years.

"I've never won anything like this, so it was a very pleasant shock," Phillips said.

He entered the Orin Jewelers 80th anniversary diamond giveaway contest after strolling by the downtown business and seeing the entry sign for the giveaway. He signed up and this past January, on his wife's birthday no less, he picked up the ring he had always wanted to give her.

As a young U.S. Marine set to be deployed overseas soon, he couldn't afford this type of ring for his wife, Natalia, when they were engaged. Although this was an engagement ring post fact, it couldn't have played out any better for them.

"This worked out perfectly," said Orin Mazzoni Sr. "We couldn't have asked for a better winner."

Orin Jewelers is family owned and operated with two locations: in downtown Northville and Garden City. It was founded by Mazzoni, Sr. and his wife, Mary, and is currently operated by Orin Mazzoni, Jr. and his wife, Tina.

To celebrate its 80th Anniversary they held the drawing for the .80-carat Forevermark Diamond. Entry forms were collected in both store locations throughout 2013. One drawing was held from the entries collected at both locations.

As part of the prize, Orin offered to set the loose diamond as either a solitaire ring or in a pendant, winner's choice. Phillips opted for the



Northville Orin Jewelers manager Linda Mimnaugh hands Natalia and William Phillips an .80-carat diamond ring last month. The couple entered a contest for the Northville jeweler to celebrate its 80th year in business and won the Forevermark diamond ring. The couple wed this past October and William Phillips, a U.S. Marine, is deploying overseas. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ring as he had not purchased an engagement ring for Natalia prior to their marriage.

Phillips, a 2004 graduate of Northville High School, had met her in college and they dated for five years before they were married last year.

"I couldn't believe it," Natalia recalled of hearing the news.

They went to the Northville location to pick it up just weeks before Phillips was deployed. It was another big day for them.

"It's really beautiful," Natalia said as he put it on her finger next to the wedding band.

It was a perfect fit, for them and Orin Jewelers.

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Natalia Phillips wears the .80 carat Forevermark diamond ring at Northville's Orin Jewelers. She said it was "a perfect fit."

## In face of adversity, unite

I recently came across a great quote from newscaster David Brinkley that immediately became one of my favorites. It totally captures the essence of today's note:

"A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her."

We all get hit with bricks more or less often, and Brinkley offers a great reminder to put those bricks to use instead of letting them knock us down. In the face of adversity, uniting with others can also give us the opportunity to build something even greater together.

Let's lay a firm foundation — and have a sunny day!



Clarity Patton Newhouse  
A SUNNY NOTE

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### 5 Star Business Group

The 5 Star Business Group, a joint effort between Dearborn Area, Redford, Wayne and Westland Chambers of Commerce, will meet at Nick's Coney Island, 35425 W Michigan Ave., Wayne, from 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

Coffee will be provided free of charge but guests can buy breakfast.

The goal of the 5 Star Business Group is to provide members with networking opportunities with a larger group of people.

No need to RSVP. Just show up, pass out a few business cards, get a couple of new leads, and then head to work. For more information, contact the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222 or the Wayne Chamber of Commerce at 734-721-0100.

### Verizon Mobile Workshop

Attend a Verizon workshop and learn how to use your Samsung Android (TM) Smartphone beyond the basic functions 4-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Verizon store at 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

Verizon experts will show you how to use popular features to fit your lifestyle like downloading music and watching movies with Media Hub, using Mobile Hotspot, and syncing options. They will also demonstrate unique Samsung features like S Beam,

AllShare Play, troubleshooting and more.

The Verizon experts will answer your questions and show you accessories that will enhance your wireless experience so you get the most out of your device and Verizon service.

There's no charge. To register, visit [vzwworkshops.verizonwireless.com/vzwworkshops/nos/wws/inStore.action](http://vzwworkshops.verizonwireless.com/vzwworkshops/nos/wws/inStore.action).

### Queso for a Kiss

Things are getting spicy this Valentine's Day with Queso for a Kiss at Qdoba Mexican Grill. On Friday, Feb. 14, Qdoba will bring back its annual buy-one, get-one offer as it encourages guests to turn up the heat and share a kiss with a significant other, friend, family member, or willing stranger, to receive a free entree with the purchase of a Queso entree.

Participation in the Valentine's Day promotion is simple and no coupon is required — just a willing partner and a little bit of love.

The Queso for a Kiss event coincides with the launch of two new Queso flavors — Queso Diablo and Queso Verde. Inspired by its beloved 3-Cheese Queso, Qdoba launched the new Queso Diablo and Queso Verde in participating restaurants Feb. 10, for a limited-time only.

There's a Qdoba Mexican Grill at 36575 Warren Road, at Central City Parkway, Westland.

## CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On February 18th, 2014, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2008	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	RED	1C3LC46K38N133004
2003	JEEP	GR.CHEROKEE	MAROON	1J4GW48S93C545850
2004	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	BLACK	1C3EL46X54N245091
2004	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	BLUE	1C3EL46X04N212399
2001	HYUNDAI	TIBURON	RED	KMHJG25F21U243582
2003	CHEVY	MONTE CARLO	RED	2G1WW12EX39270170
1995	FORD	ECONOLINE	RED	1FTEE14N1SHA82425
1999	FORD	MUSTANG	RED	1FAFP4042XF160510
2003	DODGE	NEON	SILVER	1B3ES56C53D188267
1998	CHEVY	CAMARO	BLUE	2G1FP22K1W2148190
1998	CHEVY	LUMINA	GOLD	2G1WL52M2W9250393
1994	CHEVY	S-10	RED	1GCCS1444RK153220
1999	FORD	ESCORT	WHITE	1FAFP13P9XW231030
1993	BUICK	SKYLARK	BLUE	1G4N14N3PC295727
1992	FORD	TAURUS	BURGUNDY	1FACP53U3NG264967
1998	BUICK	LESABRE	GREEN	1G4HR52K7WH527155
1997	PONTIAC	RAND PRIX	WHITE	1G2WP52KXVF218098
1993	PONTIAC	CAMARO	RED	2G1FP22SX2GP2108692
2005	CHRYSLER	300	BLACK	2C3AA53G15H569521
2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	SILVER	1G2NF52T0YM738723
2007	CHEVY	EQUINOX	GOLD	2CNDL13F476013894

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

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan is accepting Asbestos Abatement Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services necessary to complete asbestos abatement at the following schools:

Cooper Upper Elementary  
Frost Middle School

Bid forms and specifications are available at the mandatory walkthrough. A MANDATORY pre-bid walk through is scheduled, for Monday February 17, 2014 at 10:00 am at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia, MI 48154 meet in the main lobby.

Sealed bids marked Asbestos Abatement will be received until 12:00 P.M. on the 26th day of February 2014 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Sealed bids should be addressed to the attention of Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services. The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 PM on the 26th day of February 2014 at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$22,767 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with the specifications. All bids shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner of any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board, or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. The bid will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any relationship with any Iranian company that exists between the Owner and any Employee of the bidder. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, with rationale to support such a decision.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Leo Wall at ETC Group at 734-955- 6600 or to James Muldroch, District Engineer 734-744-2500 ext, 42158.

Livonia Public Schools  
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OUR VIEWS

## Candidates must offer ways to fix problems

### Voters want answers from hopefuls

It's only February — little more than three months after the 2013 general election — and candidates are already campaigning for the 2014 election and the state and congressional seats that will open up at year's end. With any luck, this election and the slate of candidates will bring positive and long-lasting change to government.

On one hand, candidates must realize that campaigning successfully for higher office means they need public exposure to capture voter interest and, unfortunately, money to campaign.

On the other hand, it's a good bet voters are recovering from last November's election and will hold off paying much attention until they are ready to face the onslaught of a new slate of people, discussing the same issues as in previous elections.

That's why it's important as this year progresses that candidates offer potential solutions and strategies to the issues they raise. Voters have heard a lot of disagreement from both political camps — on all levels of government. It's one thing for candidates to say they agree or disagree on an issue, such as public education funding, increased road funding and job

creation. But that's just not enough. Voters want and are right to expect more. Voters want answers and solutions.

On the local front, Wayne, Westland and Garden City voters will be faced with choosing new state representatives, state senators, congressmen and school board members. In addition, school board races will be had in November, but not in the primary, for those in the Wayne-Westland and Garden City districts.

A few candidates have either filed or have expressed interest in these races. Of the candidates who have announced, most are familiar names to local residents, but none of these candidates should assume success only because they may be known quantities. Voters want hard-working candidates who go out of their way to communicate and discuss.

What frustrates voters is they want to know what a candidate is going to do about current issues and just as importantly, how much a solution is going to cost them.

For example, instead of a candidate saying they want to see increased funding for public education, it would be a breath of fresh air if a potential strategy was offered to convince the state Legislature — on both sides of the aisle — how it could be accomplished.

Voters are tired of hearing what they already know. Life has been tough for municipalities and

school districts. Roads need fixing, bridges need fixing — everyone knows that. The question is what will the slate of candidates suggest as solutions to these problems.

Way too often, voters hear from representatives on all levels of government that nothing can be fully accomplished because of the ideological schism between the Democrats and the Republicans. This conflict has eroded the opportunity for compromise. Politics and governing is all about compromise.

Yet elected officials run the risk of reprimand when they vote against their party's ideology. Political parties too often forget that candidates are elected to represent their constituents — not the political party.

The dire need for compromise and seeking commonalities between the parties must be embraced by the new slate of candidates. Voters are fed up.

It won't be easy. Any discussion with existing state legislators or county commissioners can give a candidate insight into just how difficult it is to bring ideologies and actions of the two political parties together to create beneficial change for the county and for Michigan.

But it has to be done. The public will be watching the 2014 slate of candidates at all levels of government. It's time to provide voters with the answers and the solutions they deserve to turn the tide and work together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Support appreciated

Dear supporters of The Wayne Westland Salvation Army, I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Wayne Westland Salvation Army I would like to personally thank those within the Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster and New Boston communities that have supported us in various ways this past Christmas season.

With your help, we were able to raise \$171,416 in those red kettles at various store locations, and \$28,762 in mail donations. With those resources, we were able to assist over 700 children included in 300 families with toys and food assistance for Christmas; as well as we will be able to provide needed assistance for people of our community throughout the coming year.

For those who may have dropped a dollar or more in the kettle, sent in a check, or simply dropped off a donation of toys, clothing, food or monetary, we could not have made this Christmas a success without you.

We are deeply indebted to you for your support of our programs and ministries that reach out to the hurt and needing during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Please know that your gifts are appreciated and we will continue "Doing the Most Good" with the resources given us.

Capt. Derek Rose  
Corps Officer/Pastor

### Exciting year for St. Damian

It has been an exciting year since last we gathered for our annual auction and dinner. Technology upgrades, an uptick in enrollment numbers, building improvements, an inner courtyard transformed into a green space for enjoyment and learning and a School Advisory Council begun that is truly responsive to parents' concerns.

What we do in this school all the year is about providing the best academic experience possible for our children. An experience steeped in religious values and with a sense of being in community. When confronted by God about his brother's whereabouts, Cain asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes was the answer then, and yes is the answer now. Your presence at our annual auction is proof of that community experience.

As pastor, my perspective is that we are all about building up the Kingdom

of God. It is a kingdom where we are all participants. What we do here at St. Damian can change the world for the better. Enjoy the evening, renew friendships and make new friends. Be community.

St. Damian Catholic School's annual auction, "Totally '80s," will be held on campus at 29891 Joy Road, Westland, on Saturday March 1. Advanced ticket sales only are available at: St. Damian parish office, 734-421-6130; St. Theodore parish office, 734-425-4421; Divine Savior parish office, 734-455-3620; and St. Damian School's office, 734-427-1680. No tickets will be sold at the door. Check out our auction website at [www.stdamianauction2014.weebly.com](http://www.stdamianauction2014.weebly.com). God Bless.

Rev. Patrick Casey  
Pastor

### The 'real truths'

"My name is Julie Naughton and I am the president of the Garden City Teachers' Association." I make this statement each and every time that I address the Garden City Board of Education because I am the elected spokesperson for our membership, the Garden City teachers.

To characterize the comments of others as the "voice" of the Garden City teachers is a misrepresentation of the truth. The board's forum for public comments offers every employee and every community member the opportunity to address the Board of Education on their own behalf.

First, regarding our insurance dispute, Superintendent (Michelle) Cline informed the citizens through her Open Editorial piece in January, that the union was breaking the law by attempting to bargain our preferred insurance plan, at no additional cost to the district, because we were demanding that MESSA be the policyholder (which is a prohibited subject of bargaining). I have provided her proof that the district would be the policyholder, if they instituted MESSA insurance plans, but she, to date, has refused to correct that fact to the public.

The reason our teachers prefer MESSA is simply because it is a superior product. The plan we wish to put in place will not cost the taxpayers or the district any more money than the plans that the district has illegally imposed on us. Over 98 percent of our teachers, after hearing presentations from representatives from MESSA and Gallagher

(the illegally chosen district imposed plan), preferred being covered by MESSA's benefit options.

If our family's lives are covered by a plan that the Garden City teachers find superior to the plans illegally imposed on us, and the taxpayer cost of implementing these plans is the same, why wouldn't our top administrators agree to that? That's the real issue that needs addressing! All of the other distractions that they keep putting in print through the local newspaper are just that, distractions from the facts and the truth.

Regarding the highly unpopular "reconfiguration" of our elementary schools that occurred in 2010-11, the data actually is in, but again, Superintendent Cline refuses to apprise the community of the facts. In the seven years prior to "reconfiguration," we had the exact same student enrollment. In 2003-04, our student population was 5,208 students. That was the same enrollment we had in 2009-10. During the four years we have existed under the new "reconfiguration," we have lost 680 students. This enrollment loss amounts to over \$4.7 million this year compared to the enrollment numbers from 2009-10. Is all of this due to "reconfiguration?" Probably not, but the seven prior years of no overall student loss are numbers and data that should be considered when analyzing whether "reconfiguration" has been a failure.

In closing, I don't agree with some of the discourse that spills out publicly. By "venting" it through the local papers, however, Superintendent Cline only shines a spotlight on it rather than dealing with the real truths that divide our district. The community needs to know all the facts, and since the local paper seems to be Superintendent Cline's preferred vehicle for spreading her views of the district, I felt compelled to inform the community on these important matters from the perspective of the Garden City teachers on their behalf.

Julie Naughton  
GCEA president

### Think before doing

Recently, a picture appeared on Facebook of the council, part-time city manager and city clerk and stirred much commotion among residents. The *Observer* also did two articles on the subject, one was written by Sue Buck on the front page and later an opinion from the paper on the opinion page.

Both were good articles, they were very informative and precise for the most part.

Some would look at the photo that Walker's close friend Ken Partin (who operates a small-time Internet podcast event) took and put it on Facebook. One has to ask this question: Is it as innocent as a group of old friends getting together for coffee and tea? It could be, but for Walker and council to say they didn't discuss city business is like saying it will not snow or get cold again this winter.

That would be an outright fabrication of the truth. Being in management for over 30 years, I can't recall ever getting together with co-workers or other associates of the business that the job didn't come into the conversation at one point or the other. Walker, who has been head of council going on five years, should by now have some great knowledge of the Open Meetings Act rules or should have learned something on conducting city business in public, especially since he tried before to bring Councilman Dave Fetter upon the same charges that he and council just committed openly.

Maybe I am assuming he knows what's in the Open Meetings Act? He may not be so keen on it because of his actions last year of two incidents leading the council in error on motions and decisions.

One: Pushing Mike Jones into councilman without following the proper procedures of the City Charter and Open Meetings Act. But thanks to Councilman Dave Fetter, his motions put Walker back in line to conduct the right procedures according to the letter of the law and charter.

Two: Voting in Chief of Police Bob Muery as the part-time city manager after he came in second place from the interview process that Walker wanted for picking a city manager in the first place and going against the city attorney's advice that council was breaking the state Incompatible Office Act.

It's ashamed that public officials, such as Walker, don't think the process through of public opinion knowing they are in the public eye.

But I think the key word here is think!

Al Buckner  
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

## Now is time to establish regional water authority

Without question Detroit's current financial situation and bankruptcy is an unprecedented challenge. However, this situation has created an opportunity to solve what amounts to a 40-year regional problem.

By establishing a regional water authority, we can create an independent authority that can, among other things, obtain greater stability, better manage costs and execute much needed system-wide capital im-



Robert Ficano  
GUEST COLUMNIST

provements. Additionally, establishing a regional water authority creates an opportunity for a revenue source that Detroit can use to improve its financial condition without losing ownership of its assets.

To say that we shouldn't establish a

regional water authority because it will drive up rates misses the point.

Rates are projected to increase in any event as a result of a number of operational factors. My expectation is that if a regional authority is established, rate increases will be constrained and spread over a longer period of time. My belief is that a regional water authority can provide more efficient services, ultimately at a lower cost to rate payers.

Like the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority that we created to manage Cobo, if we stop focusing on perceived obstacles and outdated beliefs, we can collectively achieve a greater good for our region, including the City of Detroit.

It wasn't so long ago that we were concerned about Detroit losing the North American International Auto Show because Cobo Center didn't have enough capacity.

There was a desire to cement the NAIAS's place as the hands-down, premiere auto show in the world. There was also a desire to maintain and grow the economic benefits that flow into the local economy.

These issues played out in a prolonged regional and statewide debate on whether to retrofit Cobo or move the auto show elsewhere.

My answer at that time was short and to the point: Let's get a deal done.

The results of the deal didn't involve tax increases, while the City of Detroit eliminated a \$15

million annual obligation and Cobo's floor space was significantly expanded. The best result: Detroit and the region got the world-class convention center we so badly needed. Additionally, the auto show remained in downtown Detroit. It is estimated that the 2014 NAIAS alone will generate nearly \$400 million for the regional economy. Downtown hotel occupancy rates are up. Nearly 100,000 visitors packed Cobo on the show's opening day, despite the brutal January weather.

None of these benefits would have been possible if we hadn't gotten past perceived obstacles, long-standing misgivings and outdated beliefs to get a deal done. We were able to accomplish what the naysayers said was impossible.

We can accomplish a similar victory by establishing a regional water authority.

The time is now to get a deal done. We cannot throw away this unique opportunity. We continue to do our due diligence by reviewing the water department's financial data to get the best deal for all our citizens, from both the suburbs and city.

I encourage our regional partners in Macomb and Oakland counties to join me in this commitment. We did what many said could not be done with Cobo. We can, and will, repeat history by establishing a regional water authority.

Robert Ficano is the Wayne County executive.

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# Mental health goes mobile with fresh ideas

**G**ov. Rick Snyder called for greater civility at the top of his recent State of the State address. The Mental Health Commission clearly took note with a thoughtful, bipartisan report and unanimous support for all recommendations.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and state Community Mental Health Director James Haveman — along with legislators from both sides of the aisle — are to be commended. Together, they produced an actionable set of recommendations that would significantly enhance both the lives and outcomes for individuals and families in our state living with mental illness, developmental or intellectual disabilities and substance abuse.

The Mental Health Commission charge is simple: "To address any gaps in the delivery of mental health services and propose new service models to strengthen the entire delivery spectrum of mental health services throughout the state of



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Michigan." The authors understand that this will require more than statistics and budget numbers; the victims are real individuals with real families. They live throughout our state. No ZIP code is excluded.

After taking time to listen to mental health professionals, patients and the family and friends that love them, the commission exceeded its charge in less than a year. Among the many highlights of the report are the following recommendations:

- » Review technology guidelines and reimbursement policies to identify the barriers to promoting innovative initiatives such as telemedicine services, improved access to appropriate treatments and early interventions regardless of location.
- » Incorporate pro-

grams to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness that can be a primary deterrent to seeking care.

» Develop collaboration between the Department of Education and the Department of Community Health to develop early intervention and best practices models to address mental health needs of students.

Additionally, the commission recommended revising Executive Order 2013-6 to extend the life of the Mental Health and Wellness Commission through 2015. This would effectively highlight the need to overcome transportation challenges for those with developmental and intellectual disabilities, mental illnesses and disorders stemming from substance abuse.

It is suggested that all these recommendations are to be viewed within the context of investment value and long-term impacts, as well as more efficient integration and coordination of services. The action-packed report can be found at:

[www.michigan.gov/documents/mentalhealth/CommissionReportFinal1212014\\_445161\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mentalhealth/CommissionReportFinal1212014_445161_7.pdf)

## Transformational change

When Snyder entered office, he called for the "reinvention" of our great state. The Mental Health Commission's report echoes that call by examining the need for better coordination of mental health care across the state.

Another sign of progress is that the bipartisan commission unanimously agreed on all recommendations listed. The commission signaled its intent to stay together to ensure the implementation of its recommendations and to seek additional ways to improve service delivery. This is exciting news for patient families and those of us that have devoted our lives to providing quality care.

I would encourage the commission to explore ways that innovative technologies can best be utilized to bring treat-

ment options out of the Dark Ages and into the 21st century.

According to Forrester Research, 2013, nearly all millennials and Generation Y consumers age 24-32 owned a mobile phone and, of these, 72 percent owned smart phones. The combination of their increased mobility and the sizable economic strain expected with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act are two of the enormous societal forces impacting delivery of outpatient mental health services and the need to examine outmoded service-delivery models.

As the demand for mental health and substance abuse treatment services increase, we need to be prepared to meet it with high-quality, cost-efficient, alternative-service delivery models and that has been an impetus for the development of BLUESPACE-counseling, LLC services.

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uals and highly effective. It provides better access, reduces stigma and provides the opportunity for early intervention. Because of its "here and now" orientation, clients feel less anxious and are more comfortable remaining in their own environment.

The question being asked by millennials is, "Do you have an app for that?" The question by consumers in general is, "Is there a quicker, faster, easier, more accessible way to get to that?" Not having a mental health mobile digital device today is the equivalent of not having a fax machine in the '80s.

We need to innovate and I am optimistic about what the future will bring.

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# Don't miss these deductions on your tax return

**N**ow that the Super Bowl is behind us and spring is nowhere in sight, many people have started to gather tax information to prepare returns.

While there is little taxpayers can do to affect a 2013 return, there are some deductions that may be helpful.

It is not too late to contribute to a tax-deductible or a Roth IRA. You have until April 15 to make an IRA contribution for 2013. If you make a contribution to a traditional IRA, you potentially can deduct the contribution off your 2013 return. Even if you're not



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eligible to make a tax-deductible IRA contribution, you may be eligible to make a Roth IRA contribution.

Roth IRAs do not give an immediate tax benefit, as will a traditional IRA. However, I generally lean toward Roth IRAs. Remember, Roth IRAs grow tax-free, not tax-deferred. At the same time, they are not subject to minimum required distributions.

A few deductions that tend to be forgotten include charitable contributions, job hunting expenses and refinancing costs.

Most of us know that if we write a check to a charity, we can deduct it. However, people sometimes forget they can deduct out-of-pocket costs incurred in order to support a charity.

For example, you drove your automobile for something like a Meals on Wheels program. You are entitled to deduct the mileage. Typically, you can deduct 14 cents a mile. Basically, whatever

out-of-pocket cost you incur while doing work for a charity is tax-deductible.

In this tough economic climate, many people have incurred expenses in their search for a job. If you itemize deductions, you can deduct job hunting costs as a miscellaneous deduction. These expenses can include such things as transportation costs, room and board if your search is out of town, employment agent fees, the cost to mail and print resumes and even cab fare.

The bottom line — job hunting expenses even if you do not get the job are

deductible. The one caveat is that these expenses are not deductible if you're looking for your first job.

Another deduction that many people miss is the points paid to refinance a mortgage. You cannot deduct all points in one year, however, you can pro-rate them over a course of a mortgage.

For example, if you paid \$4,000 in points to refinance a mortgage last year and it was a 15-year mortgage, you could deduct one-15th of that every year on your tax return.

In addition, if you've refinanced a mortgage,

which means you paid off the previous mortgage, if you were deducting points on it you can accelerate all the yet non-deducted points and deduct those.

When it comes to tax returns, every dollar saved looks better in your pocket. Take time in doing your tax return and spend a few minutes to refresh yourself on tax laws. You may be surprised how many deductions or opportunities you're missing.

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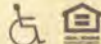
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PREP WRESTLING

## Pats send 9 grapplers to Woodhaven regional

Atienza brothers, Robertson earn district titles

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's wrestling team is starting to putting things together at the right time.

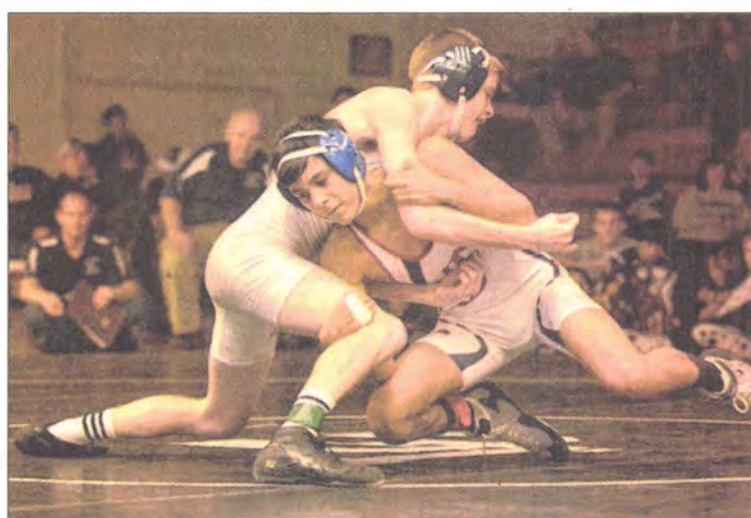
The Patriots tied a school best by getting nine regional qualifiers out of Saturday's

MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Birmingham Groves.

Three grapplers earned district titles including senior Jordan Atienza (160 pounds), who improved to 55-0; junior Nick Robertson (119), who is 38-13, along with freshman Nathan Atienza (125), who is

47-5. Also headed to Brownstown Woodhaven this Saturday for the Patriots include runner-up Nick Frazier (152), who is 39-6; third place finishers Jeremy Nelson (112), 31-21, and Josh Rettig (189), 28-12, both sopho-

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Livonia Franklin freshman Nathan Atienza (bottom) was the 125-pound individual district champion Saturday at Birmingham Groves. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Lady Trojans drop heartbreaker in OT

Dearborn pulls out 51-44 win in WWAC clash

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Madness has already begun.

With the girls state tournament still two weeks away, Livonia Clarenceville and Dearborn traded punches Monday night into overtime in a game that had a playoff feel to it.

Despite Mikala Kieling's three-point shot at the buzzer at the end of regulation to knot the game at 42-all, visiting Dearborn outscored Clarenceville 9-2 in OT and walked out of the Trojans' gym with a key 51-44 victory.

The game had first-place ramifications in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's as Dearborn improved to 11-6 overall and 8-2 in the Red Division (tied with Dearborn Heights Crestwood).

Meanwhile, the loss knocked Clarenceville (8-9, 6-4) out of contention in the WWAC Red race.

"You shoot 9-for-29 in most games and you're going to lose, so I feel very fortunate to have won this game considering what we did from the free throw line," Dearborn coach John Cialone said. "But we hung in there. The girls played tough, as tough as they had to. In the overtime, we did what we needed to do to win."

Clarenceville trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half before rallying to take the lead in the fourth quarter.

Erica Katz's basket with 2:57 remaining gave Clarenceville a 37-34 advantage, but Dearborn fought back with a mini 8-4 run and appeared to have the game sewed up following a steal and a layup by Alexa Al to make it 42-38 with only 1:15 left.

After free throw by Mia Sampson with 21.4 seconds left to cut the deficit to 42-39, each team traded turnover and the Pioneers missed the front end of a one-and-one twice.

That gave Clarenceville one last-ditch chance with 3.7 seconds left to go the length of the floor.

Coach Brady Gustafson called a timeout to set up a play and it worked to perfection.

"We designed it to actually get a screen from Erica and get 'Buck' the ball longer, but Mia ended up throwing it shorter, but it worked the same way," said Gustafson, who watched Kieling successfully launch the game-tying three-pointer from the left wing. "They (Dearborn) came up and left Mikala open and we threw the pass - basically your basic March Madness play. So one of the more exciting moments we've had this year."

But unfortunately for the Trojans, they couldn't sustain the momentum in the four-minute OT as Dearborn's Ibetsam Mustafa scored at 3:45 and

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Senior forward Erica Katz (right) had 12 points and 15 rebounds in Clarenceville's 51-44 overtime loss to Dearborn. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Stevenson succumbs to Wildcats' pressure

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson just couldn't find its way out of the forest.

The Spartans ran up against perhaps the biggest girls basketball team in the state Tuesday in host Plymouth, building a 20-13 advantage midway through third quarter.

But the host Wildcats, who shot a paltry 4-of-32 from the field in the first

half, got untracked with a 12-4 run to end the third and then outscored Stevenson 17-8 in the fourth to earn a 42-30 Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoff victory.

"I want to give Stevenson a lot of credit, that's a terrific defensive team, very well coached team, and we knew that coming in," said Plymouth coach Nick Brandon, whose team improved to 14-3 overall and will travel

Friday to face Novi in the Kensington Conference semifinals. "I thought the first half was just your basic postseason battle between two teams that really want it. Fortunately for us the second half we got a little rhythm offensively and I thought our press was a big difference."

The Wildcats also proved to be more efficient shooting the ball during the final 16 min-

utes going 10-of-22 from the floor.

One of the catalysts was 6-foot-4 senior center Shelby Cheston, who finished with 15 points and 17 rebounds.

"She finished a lot better in the second half," Brandon said. "At half we told her to stick with it and keep doing what she was doing, just stay focused and keep playing

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Stevenson's Rosie Morse (left) probes the Plymouth defense in Tuesday's KLA playoff opener. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Crusaders start out '14 season with 4-2 record

Albeit chilly, the baseball season is under way for Madonna University. The Crusaders stand 4-2 overall after splitting a doubleheader Sunday in 43-degree weather against host University of Cumberland in Williamsburg, Ky. After losing the opener, 9-2, MU starter Adam Prashad threw a three-hitter over six innings as the Crusaders took the nightcap, 3-2, at Buhl Stadium.

Prashad walked only one and struck out four before giving way to reliever Dylan Cooper, who gave up two runs but held on for the save. Thomas Daffern went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Daniel Ovesen also knocked in a run for MU. In the opener, three MU pitchers combined to give up 10 walks as Cumberland (2-2) tallied a run in the first and added five more in the second to earn the victory.

MU committed three errors as losing pitcher Tyler Schofield, the starter, allowed six runs (only one earned) in 1 1/2 innings. Alec Padilla also walked four and allowed three earned runs in his three-inning stint. Winning pitcher Kevin Schumbert held MU to one hit while walking five in five innings. Jared Martin knocked in two runs for the Patriots. Christian Holder, John

Lauro and Ryan Lech had the lone hits for MU, while Ovesen contributed an RBI. **Piechota shines** Red-shirt sophomore pitcher Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) turned in a stellar outing Saturday as MU swept a doubleheader from the University of Rio Grande (Ohio), 7-1 and 4-3, at the Tennessee Valley Invitational at Lions Field in Dayton, Tenn.

Piechota, a right-hander, went all seven innings in the opener, allowing just two hits and a walk while striking out nine. Ovesen and Daffern paced the offensive attack with two hits and two RBI apiece. In the nightcap, Ovesen went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Dee Jawad scored twice and added a hit as the Crusaders completed the sweep to drop Rio Grande to 2-6 overall.

Jake Varcie, making his debut on the mound for MU, picked up the victory as he threw the first four innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits and four walks. Holder pitched one inning of middle relief, while Cooper went two scoreless innings to pick up the save. Weather permitting, MU is scheduled to return to action Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at St. Francis (Ill.).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
 Franklin at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Novi, 7 p.m.  
**(KLAAs Playoffs-1st round)**  
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 14**  
 Annapolis at Clarencville, 7 p.m.  
 Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
 Parkway at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
 Clarencville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 14**  
 Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.  
 South or North at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Central or West, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Central or West, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
 Stevenson vs. Howell  
 at Kensington Valley I.H., 6:50 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 Ladywood vs. Mercy  
 at Joe Louis Arena, 5:30 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Waterford Unified,  
 Churchill vs. W.L. Northern  
 at Lakeland Arena, 5:30 & 8 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**(MHSAA Individual Regionals)**  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 Division 1 at Woodhaven, 10 a.m.  
 Division 1 at W.L. Northern, 10 a.m.  
 Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m.  
 Division 4 at Hudson Area, 10 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Friday, Feb. 14**  
 KLAAs South Diving

at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 KLAAs Central Diving  
 at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 KLAAs South Meet  
 at John Glenn, noon.  
 KLAAs Central Meet  
 at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
 Red at Brighton-Howell, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 KLAAs at W.L. Central, 9:30 a.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
 Catholic League Doubles  
 at Classic Lanes, 3:45 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 15**  
 KLAAs Association Tourney  
 at West Division, TBA.  
**Sunday, Feb. 16**  
 Catholic League Tournament  
 at Oak Lanes, TBA.  
**GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER**  
**(MHSAA District Tourneys)**  
**Friday, Feb. 13**  
 Division 3 at Flat Rock, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 Division 1 at Wyandotte, 10 a.m.  
 Division 1 at Troy Athens, 10 a.m.  
 Division 4 at Whitmore Lake, 4 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
 Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS**  
**Saturday, Feb. 15**  
 Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
 Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
 TBA - time to be announced.

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### MU rolls as Naubert closes in on assist mark

With his next assist, Madonna University senior Bobby Naubert will become career leader in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The 5-foot-10 point-guard from Livonia Stevenson dished out eight more Saturday and added 10 assists as the host Crusaders romped to an easy 87-41 men's basketball victory over Siena Heights. All 10 players scored as MU improved to 18-8 overall and 14-4 in the WHAC. Travis Schuba scored a team-high 14 points for MU, which shot a blister-

ing 54.7 percent from the floor (35-of-64). Others scoring in double figures for the Crusaders, who led 35-16 at halftime, included Zak Lewis (12), Salem's Tyler Stewart (11) and Donald Owens (11). Derek Lennen grabbed a team-high seven rebounds. Naubert, who will go for the assist mark (700) on Wednesday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, can also be the only player in WHAC history to reach 1,700 points, 500 rebounds and 700 assists. Siena Heights (10-16,

6-12) had nobody in double figures with Jerrel Martin leading with eight. The Saints' leading scorer, 6-foot-4 junior Christian Covile (Westland John Glenn), who was averaging 17 points per game, finished with just four points and three rebounds in 22 minutes. **Ocelots dumped** Marcellus Wilford scored a team-high 16 points and Dorian Prather (Westland John Glenn) came off the bench to add 12 Saturday as Henry Ford Community College (9-12, 4-7) won at

Schoolcraft College (11-1, 4-8) in an MCCAAs Eastern Conference matchup. Marcus Williams contributed 10 pounds and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, who pulled away in the second half after leading by just one at intermission, 26-25. Josh Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) scored a team-high 16 points for the Ocelots. Andrew Mapley chipped in with 12 points and 10 boards, while Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) added nine points and eight rebounds.

## PREP BOWLING RESULTS

**GIRLS DUAL RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 27**  
**PLYMOUTH 3**  
**Feb. 11 at Vision Lanes**  
**John Glenn scorers:** Olivia Cabildo, 233-256-489 (series); Jessica Pate, 235-215-450 (series); Julia Huren, 202-201-403 (series); Emily Dietz, 211 (game).  
**Plymouth's high scorer:** Caitlyn Webb, 246-224-47 (series).  
**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 14-0 overall, 11-0 KLAAs Central Division; Plymouth, 1-13 overall, 1-10 KLAAs Central.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 29**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 1**  
**Feb. 10 at Super Bowl**  
**John Glenn scorers:** Julia Huren, 210 (game); Emily Dietz, 204 (game); Jessica Pate, 201 (game).

**Wayne scorers:** Christina O'Harris, 162 (game); Shaelyn Wojewski, 154 (game).  
**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 13-0 overall, 10-0 KLAAs Central Division; Wayne, 6-7 overall, 4-6 KLAAs Central.  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 29**  
**CANTON 1**  
**Feb. 7 at Town 'N Country**  
**John Glenn scorers:** Julia Huren, 254-266-520 (series); Olivia Cabildo, 228-231-459 (series); Jessica Pate, 235-217-452 (series); Emily Dietz, 204-193-397 (series); Ashley Kolb, 190 (game). Regular games: 1,057-1,108-2,165 (season high game and series).  
**Canton's high scorer:** Megan Macunovich, 200-196-396 (series).  
**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 12-0 overall, 9-0 KLAAs Central Division; Canton, 6-7 overall, 4-6 KLAAs Central.

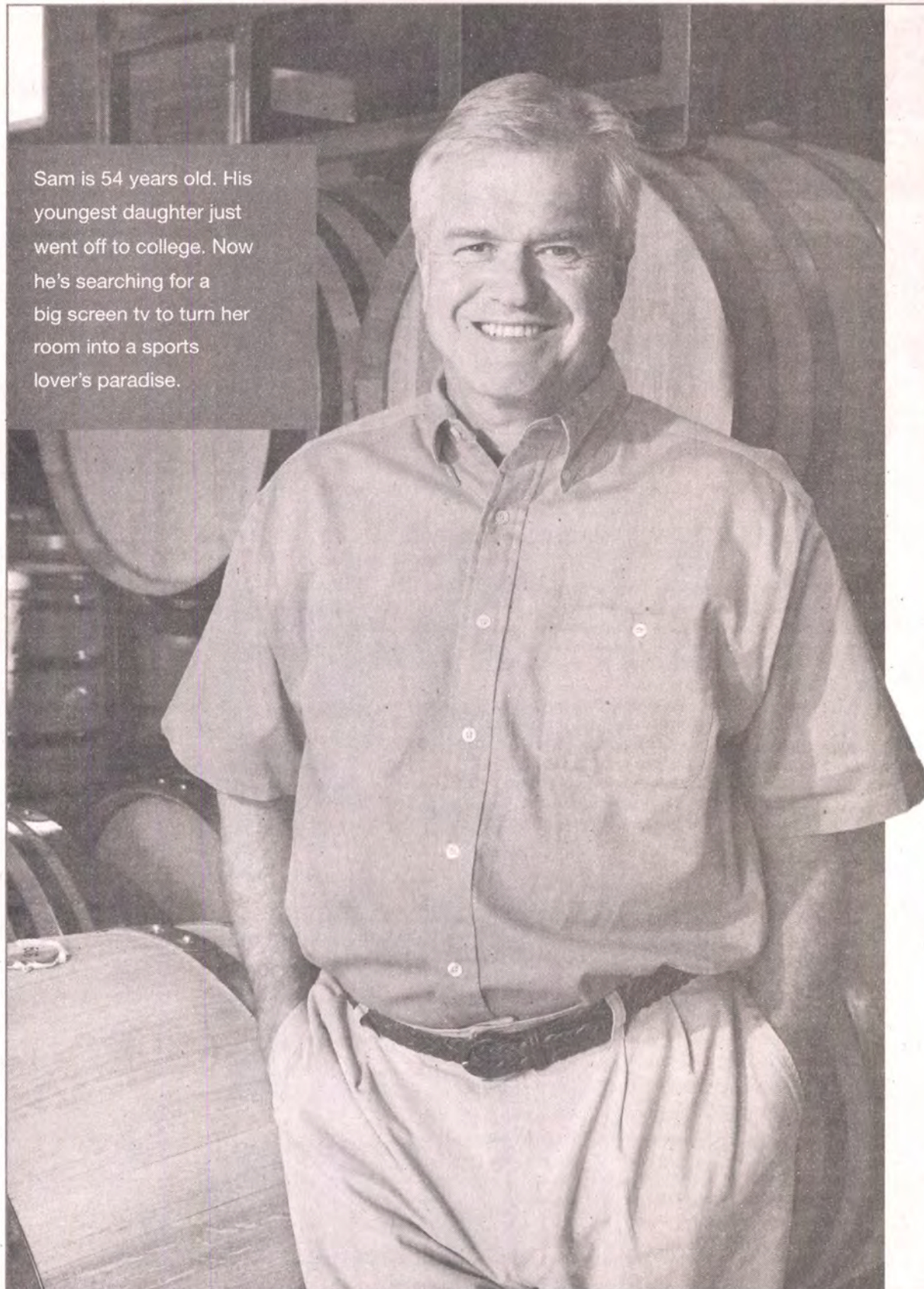
## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Berberet lifts Lady Ocelots to win

Sophomore Brianna Berberet made 6-of-7 three-point shots Saturday en route to a game-high 27 points as the host Schoolcraft College women's basketball downed Henry Ford Community College, 78-53. Berberet, a Salem High grad, also grabbed seven rebounds as the Lady Ocelots improved to 9-13 overall and 5-7 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference. Tabitha Mann (Salem) added 16 points and nine boards, while Teniece Roberts posted a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Henry Ford (1-17, 0-11),

dressed only five players with Shantel Tolbert leading the way with 16 points, while Allison Robinson chipped in with 14 points and 17 boards. Richarda Gordon also scored 14 for the Hawks, who were outrebounded 56-44 and couldn't overcome a 36-25 halftime deficit. **Saints beat Madonna** Sierra Calhoun finished with 19 points and Grace Howrigan added 16 points and 10 rebounds Saturday as Siena Heights University (20-6, 13-5) upended host Madonna University (11-14, 9-9)

in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game, 83-70. The Saints, who jumped out to a 46-30 halftime lead, also got 14 points off the bench from Alexis Knannlein and 11 points and 12 boards from Jan Jasinski. Junior guard Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored 17 points, while Rachel Melcher and Carrie Kloster added 16 and 15, respectively, for the Crusaders, who shot only 28.8 percent from the floor (19-of-66). MU committed just five turnovers, but was outrebounded by a staggering 56-30 margin.



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### ASHTON, MARTHA ANN

Age 80, passed away peacefully on February 2nd following a long struggle with cancer. Martha was a compassionate woman who had the gift of comforting and caring for her family and friends. She loved cooking, dogs (especially Kuma) and jewelry. A nurse, she worked for many years at Garden City Hospital. She joins her husband, Dick, and sons, Mark and Dale, who left this life before her. A woman of great faith, we take comfort knowing that she is now home with her Father in Heaven. Memorial donations can be made to Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia.



### BEIGHTOL ALLISON SALLY

Born April 25, 1926 in Detroit to Milton A. and Mary B. Bresler. Passed away January 23, 2014 in Rains County, Texas where she had moved to be near family after 30 years residing in Tucson, Arizona. Married to and widowed from Ernest L. Beightol Jr. with whom she had two children, Peter M. of Rochester Hills and Mary Jo Dougherty of Emory, TX. Following the loss of her husband in 1954, Ms. Beightol entered the real estate profession as a leasing agent beginning a successful 40 year career in sales, management and brokerage. She was an avid bridge player earning a life master designation and was director of duplicate bridge clubs and tournaments. She is survived by her children and four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills. Donations to Hospice or charity of donor's choice.

May you find comfort in family and friends



### FAIRCHILD, JEAN L. R.N. (NEE OLINGER)

Age 96, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home in Chicago, February 9, 2014. Jean enjoyed a 50+ year career as a nurse at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital. Beloved wife of 48 years to the late Harry Lester Fairchild; devoted mother of Wendy Sue (Jim Kriegsmann) Fairchild of Chicago and the late H. Stephen (Holly Holland) Fairchild and Richard Douglas Fairchild; loving mother-in-law of Holly Holland; proud grandmother of Derek Fairchild, Hayden (Bernadette) O'Shea, Tyler Fairchild, Miles O'Donnell, and Kyle Kriegsmann; great-grandmother of four. A springtime memorial service is being planned in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com



### HAMMER, PATRICIA ANN

Age 92, February 7, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Patricia (Dr. Arthur) Filiatrout, Elizabeth Eldridge, Judge Richard Jr. (Patricia), Mark (Diane), Christopher (Debra), Kevin (Kouhaila), Mary Claire (Michael) Kenney and Margaret Mary. Grandmother of 31, great-grandmother of 14. Sister of Louis J. McGuire. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m. and Friday 12-8 p.m. with an evening Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. In state Saturday 9 a.m. until a 10 a.m. Funeral at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to U of D Jesuit High School or the Malcolm Carron Scholarship Fund at Loyola Academy. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



### HAMMER, JOHN W. "JACK"

Age 90. February 7, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Betty Jo (nee Pauley) for 53 years. Loving father of Nancy Boyer, Mary Jo (Rick) Halleck, Tim Hammer and the late John Jr. and Jamie (Patti Billaber) Hammer. Cherished grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Virginia Tisdale. Funeral Mass Friday, February 14th, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington, MI 48336. Visitation Thursday 2-8 p.m., Rosary Service 7 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com



May you find loving comfort in your time of loss.

### IRWIN, RONALD W.

Age 78 of Brighton, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2014. Born in Pontiac on August 31, 1935, he was the son of William A. and Sarah M. (Wright) Irwin. A Brighton resident for the past eight months and formerly of Livonia, Bob was a member of the Livonia American Legion and Livonia Moose Lodge. He was a proud Korean War era U.S. Army veteran and retired draftsman for Burroughs. Beloved husband of the late Nancy M. (Belisle) Irwin who preceded him in death in December 1993. Loving father of Michele (Dave) Chojnowski of Bentonville, Arkansas and Jeannine (Mark) Neuschwander of Howell. Proud grandfather of Nathan and Monica Chojnowski and Eva, Olivia, Nicholas, John Paul, Dominic and Anthony Neuschwander. He was preceded in death by his brother Richard. Visitation Thursday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Rosary 7 p.m.) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800) with funeral mass Friday, February 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 E. Washington St. (at Fowler St.) Howell. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Pregnancy Helpline. Please visit the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



### RUCKHABER, CHARLES J., Ph.D.

Born August 31, 1931 in Gary, Indiana. Died February 11, 2014. Survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Thelma, daughters Catherine and Joan, son Jeremy (Kim), and grandchildren Mitchell, Chase and Jake. Also survived by sisters Judy Patrick and Mary Ahlgrim and brothers Jim (Sharon) Ashby and Douglas (Suzanne) Ashby. Chuck received his B.S. from Eastern Michigan University and a Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He was a long-term resident of Livonia and was employed by Livonia Public Schools as a psychologist and for many years served as chairperson of that department. He was active in the Michigan Association of School Psychologists and served one term as president. He was also an active member of Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington. Chuck was a huge U. of M. fan and attended football games for many years - he breathed maize and blue! He was a caring, loving and generous man, friendly and helpful, and a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed. Visitation will be held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI on Thursday, February 13th from 1-8 p.m. Services will be Friday, February 14th at 11 a.m. (visiting starting 10 a.m.) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI. Donations may be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington, MI 48335, or charity of your choice. www.thayer-rock.com



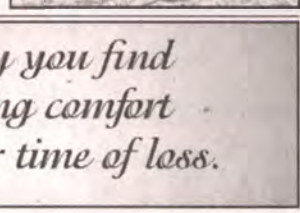
### THOMPSON WILLIAM KAISER

78, of Troy, Ohio, passed away 8 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Julie Thompson of Woodstock, IL, Michael and Kim Thompson of Lorton, VA; four daughters and sons-in-law, Monica and Norm Fortier of Fairfax, VA, Marcia and David Boyce of Louisville, KY, Mary Beth and Nabil Wehbe of Bloomfield Hills, MI, and Molly Sinanis of West Bloomfield, MI; three sisters; and eighteen grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2014 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, Ohio with Rev. Fr. James Duell officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Fisher-Cheney Funeral Home, Troy, OH. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery with a Military Graveside Service performed by the Veterans Memorial Honor Guard of Troy. Contributions may be given to the Memorial Foundation of Dayton Veterans Association in his memory. Condolences may be left for the family at fisher-cheneyfuneralhome.com

### PEARSON, MARK LLOYD

Age 56, of Houghton Lake formerly of Westland and Plymouth, died Feb. 8. Mark was a chemical engineer. He is survived by children, Jennifer of Detroit, Brennan of Minneapolis, MN and Andrew of Livonia; parents, William G. and Eileen H. of Ft. Myers Beach, FL; siblings, William A. (Peggy) of South Lyon and Jean (Moses) Pearson Williams of Huntington, NY; niece, Michelle (Chris) Costa of Hartland and nephew, Brent (Brittany) of Lake Orion. The family will receive friends 10 a.m. Friday until services at 11 a.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Assn., 648 Monroe Ave NW, Ste 004, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or to the church. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



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# Trio plays music from jolly old England at Plymouth concert series

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The three musicians who play together in Trio Fiori have performed extensively in churches.

But their repertoire goes beyond sacred songs and classical music.

"We pride ourselves on our programming. We like to do standard classical pieces but we also like to change things up, add as much pop as we can muster," said violinist Theresa Stacy of Wayne. "For the most part, we try to make it not just classical. We like to include a Latin piece that might be semi-classical. We try to include a real variety to appeal to people."

The trio, which also includes pianist Sharon Sweet of West Bloomfield and flutist Jeffrey Beyer of Oak Park, will play works by British composers, Madeline Dring, and Sir Malcom Arnold, in addition to a Beatles medley and *Rolling in the Deep* by Adele at its upcoming concert, "From England with Love," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. Suggested donation is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. The con-

cert is part of the church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space series.

"We're doing a piece by Handel. Even though he was German, he spent most of his working life in England," Stacy said. "Also, Jeffrey arranged *Mars* from *The Planets* by Gustav Holst."

"There aren't a ton of things out there that say flute, violin and piano. We have to be creative. Sometimes we use things for two flutes and a piano — a violin can play whatever a flute plays — or two violins and a piano or flute, oboe and piano. We make it work."

#### Singers, instrumentalists

The trio performs for weddings, holiday events, festivals and concert series. All of the musicians also sing. Sweet, director of music and the organist at Huntington Woods Lutheran Church, teaches vocal lessons from her home and sings with the vocal ensemble I Cantanti.

Beyer also sings with I Cantanti, as well as with the Adult Choir at Huntington Woods Lutheran Church. He performs on flute with the Beyer Trio, the Beyer-Stacy Duo, the Motor City Flute Quartet and the Michigan Flute Orchestra.

Stacy has sung with the Detroit Lutheran Singers, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir and Schola Cantorum. Both she and Beyer work for Flute World Co. in Farmington Hills.

#### Forming a trio

"I had been studying voice with Sharon and she asked me to play something on violin with her choir at church. All three of us did something together and had a great time," Stacy recalled. "She asked if we were interested in forming a trio. That was in 2008. Things snowballed from there."

"Jeff and I sang together at First Methodist Church in Royal Oak for maybe five years. We played instrumentally there as well. This year, we're mainly singing at Sharon's church. That became the home church for the trio."

The trio will perform a coffee-themed concert at the Huntington Woods church in April. Next month, it's among several groups that will play at a Bach marathon at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit.

Last year, a Taiwanese composer, Sam Wu, whom Sweet met while on vacation, wrote a piece, *Typhoon Days*, for the group. Trio Fiori played the



Trio Fiori is Theresa Stacy (left), Jeffrey Beyer, and Sharon Sweet.

piece — its world debut — in June 2013 at a Kerrytown Concert House performance in Ann Arbor.

"It was pretty cool," Stacy said.

For more on the trio, visit [triofiori.com](http://triofiori.com). For more on St. John's music series, call 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit [stjohnsplymouth.org](http://stjohnsplymouth.org).

## Show aims for the heart with romantic songs, scenes

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Friends of Paul's Players Community Theater will make Cupid work overtime this Valentine's Day weekend.

The group plans a show of romantic songs and scenes from plays, movies and musicals to raise money for the Livonia-based theater.

"For Better and/or For Worse" is the third annual midwinter fundraiser for the theater and will include a cast of 16 actors in 10 scenes about love. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 and include a dessert buffet with sweets from Elite Sweets, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Sorella's Cakes, Dunia Sweets, and Looney Baker.

"It's a whole bunch of scenes about how people love," said Patricia Hutchison, founder and director of Paul's Players. "I start with middle schoolers and the oldest person in it is 56. It's people of all ages."

"I have two talented middle schoolers doing a scene from *Oliver*. We did *Almost Maine* (last year) and there will be a couple scenes from that.



Max Tromley and Kat O'Donnell, both of Livonia, will perform a scene from *The Sound of Music* for the Paul's Players fundraiser, Feb. 15-16.

We've got some songs from *Hairspray*."

Amanda Koba of Westland, a middle school teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth — who assists Hutchison with summer theater camp — will perform a scene from *Carousel* with Jon Lenze of Fenton. Max Tromley and Kat O'Donnell, both of Livonia, will reprise their scene from *The Sound of Music*.

"Our theme this year is couples," Hutchison added. Money raised from the

weekend performances will go toward the summer theater program for youth or will buy much-needed equipment for lighting or sound.

Hutchison also is looking for singers who can act for her next production, "Some Enchanted Evening," an all-music show of Rodgers & Hammerstein songs, set for May 2-4. Call her at 248-347-4134 if interested in singing or to reserve tickets for the upcoming fundraiser.

### GET OUT! CALENDAR

#### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

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

**Location:** I-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

**Love Gone Wild:** Tickets are \$85 and include a strolling supper, desserts, a champagne welcome, two drink tickets and a presentation about the "love lives" of animals. The event runs 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the Zoo's Ford Education Center. Open to age 21 and older. Advance tickets only from [detroitzoo.org/events/love-gone-wild](http://detroitzoo.org/events/love-gone-wild) or window #1 at the Zoo.

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

#### ART & CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through March 14; open during business hours

**Location:** Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The fiber artwork of artist Cynthia Bodene is on exhibit

**Contact:** 248-473-1856

#### 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:** "Art & Invention: The Sculpture of Doug Cannell," on display through Feb. 27

**Contact:** 734-394-5300

#### LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

**Time/Date:** Through March 29; open during brew pub hours

**Location:** In the Upper Hall Gallery at

the pub, 149 Liberty, Plymouth

**Details:** "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerardo Antunez, Colin McGorey and Scott Moelich

**Contact:** 734-207-9600

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through March 1

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

**Details:** Eighth annual Member Exhibition

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

#### RUSSEL INDUSTRIAL CENTER

**Time/Date:** 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 14-15

**Location:** 1600 Clay Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Multimedia artist, Pat Oleszko and photographer Naomi Harris, are special guest artists for The Dirty Show, an annual exhibit of erotic art. Tickets are \$25-\$30

**Contact:** [dirtydetroit.com](http://dirtydetroit.com)

#### DANCE

##### DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

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

**Location:** 1526 Broadway, Detroit

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

**Contact:** 313-237-SING; 800-745-3000

##### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27

**Location:** Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** "Celebrate," the 85th annual Spring Dance Concert, features diverse program of dance works by guest artists Dwight Rhoden and Amaniya Payne, WSU faculty members Nicholas Leichter, J. M. Rebudal, and Meg Paul, adjunct faculty members Rachael Harbert and Lisa LaMarre, and select WSU student choreographers. Tickets are \$15-\$20

**Contact:** 313-577-2960; [www.bonstelle.com](http://www.bonstelle.com)

## Thought-provoking play



Barefoot Productions presents *Twilight of the Golds*, 8 p.m. Feb. 21-22, 28 and March 1 and 2 p.m. Feb. 23 and March 2, at the Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. The plot centers on Suzanne Gold, who discovers through a prenatal test that her unborn baby likely will be "different." The news forces her family to confront issues of bigotry, evolution and love. Tickets are \$20 on Feb. 22, which includes an afterglow party, and \$15 for other performances. Discussions will be held after the Feb. 21, 23 and March 2 shows. Call 734-560-1493 or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). The cast is Samantha Lowry, Livonia; David Alexander, Redford; Christine Steves, Woodhaven; Adam Dib, Dearborn; and Michael Ludlum, Northville.

## Give salads a nutritional crunch punch with pecans



### AVOCADO, GRAPEFRUIT SALAD WITH TOASTED GEORGIA PECANS

Serves: 4

#### Salad:

1-2 heads bibb lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces  
1 bunch arugula, torn into bite-sized pieces  
2 Haas avocados, ripe but firm, peeled and cubed  
2 ruby red or pink grapefruits, peeled and segmented, reserve excess juice  
½ cup toasted Georgia pecan halves (toasted in a sauté pan)  
¼ cup minced fresh parsley  
Grapefruit Vinaigrette:  
½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
½ cup red wine vinegar  
Juice from segmented grapefruit (approx 3 tablespoons)  
Fresh ground salt and black pepper to taste

On large platter arrange the lettuce and arugula. On the bed of greens arrange the avocado and grapefruit segments. Combine the ingredients for the dressing and drizzle over the entire salad. Garnish with toasted Georgia pecans. Add final garnish of minced parsley.

### MIXED GREENS WITH CURRIED CAULIFLOWER, CHIVES & GEORGIA PECANS

Serves: 4

The curry seasoning here is quite mild. If you prefer a bolder taste, add an extra 1/2 teaspoon of the curry powder.

3 cups water  
1-½ teaspoons curry powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon turmeric  
3 cups cauliflowerets  
6 cups mixed greens  
¾ cup toasted Georgia pecan halves  
1 plum tomato, seeded and finely diced  
¼ cup chopped chives or green onion  
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons prepared vinaigrette

Combine water, curry powder, salt, and turmeric; heat to boiling. Add cauliflowerets, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Drain and cool to room temperature. In large mixing bowl, combine salad greens, pecans, tomato, and chives. Toss with ¼ cup vinaigrette. Divide salad mixture among serving plates. Toss cauliflower with remaining 2 tablespoons vinaigrette, and arrange on top of each salad. Serve.

Think eating salad is healthy? Not when you add lots of cheese, bacon, croutons and a generous amount of dressing.

Carolyn O'Neil, M.S., R.D., co-author of the book, *The Dish on Eating Healthy and Being Fabulous!* recommends salads that satisfy all the senses. Georgia pecans not only add crunch to a salad, but are a good source of oleic acid, vitamin B1, calcium, potassium and zinc. A one-ounce serving of pecans contains 196 calories, 3 grams of dietary fiber and more than 19 vitamins and minerals including vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and zinc. And the American Heart Association includes Georgia pecans on its list of heart-healthy foods.

Avocado, Grapefruit Salad with Toasted Georgia pecans adds beauty and interest to your plate with healthful, colorful and crisp ingredients. Avocados are a good substitute for cheese, toasted pecans sub for the crunch of croutons and flavor hit of bacon. The vinaigrette is made with fresh grapefruit juice from the segmented grapefruit and red wine vinegar.

Georgia Pecan Confetti Quinoa includes grain, greens and vegetables. Quinoa is a delicious gluten-free grain that becomes soft like rice — but contains more protein — when cooked.

Mixed Greens with Curried Cauliflower, Chives & Georgia Pecans offers curry lovers a mild taste of the spice, combined with inflammation-fighting turmeric.

For more recipes using pecans, visit [www.georgiapekans.org](http://www.georgiapekans.org).

Courtesy of Family Features



### GEORGIA PECAN CONFETTI QUINOA

Serves: 6 half-cup servings

2 teaspoons olive oil  
½ cup diced carrots  
½ cup diced zucchini squash  
½ cup diced yellow squash  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 cups cooked quinoa (prepared to package directions)  
¼ teaspoon finely chopped rosemary leaves  
¾ cup toasted Georgia pecan halves (reserve 2 tablespoons for garnish)

Heat oil in large skillet and add carrots, zucchini, yellow squash and garlic. Cook until crisp tender. Fold in the cooked quinoa, rosemary and pecans. Season to taste with freshly ground black pepper and sea salt. Present quinoa on a large platter and garnish with additional toasted pecans.

## Bite-sized Valentine's Day treats get to the heart of the holiday

Nothing says "I love you" on Valentine's Day more than heart-shaped, homemade treats. This year, try individual treats to make each gift recipient feel extra special. You'll love the fact that they are simple to create.

"Though small in size, mini-treats deliver a big message to all of the Valentines on your list," said Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "Decorating these treats is quick and easy thanks to Candy Melts Candy — a pantry staple for any decorating project."

With a little help from Wilton, you can bake to your heart's desire this Valentine's Day.

For Valentine's Day recipes, baking tips and gift inspiration, visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

Courtesy of Family Features

### CHOCOLATE HEART PETIT FOURS

Makes about 40 mini cakes

1 cup all-purpose flour  
½ cup cocoa powder  
¼ teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, softened  
½ cup firmly-packed brown sugar  
1 egg  
½ teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
½ cup buttermilk  
½ cup peanut butter, chocolate fudge ice cream topping or cherry pie filling  
2 containers (14 ounces each) Chocolate or Vanilla Icing Glaze (optional)  
Jumbo hearts sprinkles (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare 24 cavity bite-sized heart dessert shell pan with cake release pan coating.

In large bowl, combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla extract; beat until well combined. Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk in three additions, beating until just combined. Spoon one tablespoon batter into each pan cavity.

Bake 9-11 minutes or until tops of cakes spring back when touched. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Cool completely on cooling grid.

To decorate, place cakes on cooling grid with cookie pan below. Pipe ½ teaspoon peanut butter, chocolate fudge or cherry pie filling into shell; fill only to top of cavity. If desired, warm glaze according to package instructions; carefully pour over shell and tap pan to smooth. If desired, add jumbo hearts sprinkles.











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