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Fire damages popular restaurant

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

The investigation into a fire that damaged a popular West-land restaurant Tuesday morn-

ing is continuing.
Wayne-Westland firefighters were called to the Village Place Coney Island shortly before noon when smoke was

reported coming from the rear of the building. "The fire was in the attic space — there was no fire in the main restaurant area,"

Wayne-Westland Fire Chief

Michael Reddy said. "I would

estimate the building is 50 percent damaged at least."

Located on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, the restaurant was actually closed when the fire was reported. Reddy said some type of problem had been reported through an alarm and a fire suppression company employee reported the fire.

He (the employee) was working on the hood ducts. When he showed up, smoke was coming from the back of the building," Reddy said.

Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams said the ongoing investigation into the fire is looking at the HVAC system and some housekeeping issues.

"There are some questions that need to be answered," Adams said.

An A-frame building, the Village Place is known to regulars as the Blue Roof due to its bright blue metal roof.

Firefighters, on scene until about 6 p.m., were forced to cut holes in the roof to finally extinguish the smoldering fire underneath it.

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A firefighter chops a hole in the roof around a vent to allow water to reach the fire that damaged an estimated 50 percent of the popular Village Place Coney Island. PHOTO BY SUE MASON

1969 FORD MUSTANG MACH 1

He turns eBay purchase into his dream car

> By Sue Mason Staff Writer

ore than two decades ago, Don DiRezze promised himself he would get another 1969 Ford Mustang after having to sell one that he had. And he did.

Sitting inside the garage at Modern Classics in Westland, his new beauty — a 1969 Acapulco blue Ford Mustang Mach 1— is detailed and polished and ready to make its debut at this weekend's Detroit Autorama.

'It was my first car when I was 15, my dad bought one and restored it," said the Westland resident. "Unfortunately, I had to get rid of it. But I said I'd get another, and I did."

DiRezze found his dream car on eBay and had it brought by trailer to Michigan from Kentucky. The paint looked good but "everything else was bad." He made the decision to restore it and has been working with Bill Foucart at Modern Classics to turn update the muscle car.

"The guy selling it did the cosmetics to turn it over," DiRezze said. "It was in rough shape. If you got un-derneath it, you could look up and see the steering wheel. I decided to do it

Doing it right

The restoration began last July and included replacing a large portion of the floor boards. It was no easy feat, since the body had to be brought back in line without damaging the paint job, according to Fou-

"That was the first thing we did," Foucart said. "There was a lot of banging, hammering and grinding going on. It was loud.

In addition to the Rousch engine, the car has a Heidts super ride sus-pension in the front end and a Heidts

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Don DiRezze adjusts the brightness of the LED headlamps on his 1969 Ford Mustang. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Don DiRezze's 1969 Mustang is ready for this weekend's Autorama.



W-W board special meeting to discuss search

The Wayne-Westland school board will have a one-item agenda when it meets Thursday, March 6, in special session: the superintendent search process.

The board will meet at 6

p.m. in the board meeting room at the district's administrative offices.

The board will determine how it wants to go forward in conducting a search for a new superintendent. Current Superintendent Greg Baracy announced in December his plans to retire at the end of his contract, which expires July 1. Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in the district's history. He has been Wayne-Westland's top administrator for 17 years.

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School construction forces shift of voting precincts

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Westland residents who usually cast their ballots at Cooper School will have a temporary precinct for the August primary election.

Voters in Westland Pre-cincts 12, 25 and 35 will temporarily vote at Hayes School, 30600 Louise, due to construction taking place at Cooper, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

Voters in the Livonia Public School District, including Westland residents, approved a bond issue to fund building improvements at the district's K-12

school buildings.
Beginning this summer and continuing through the summer of 2018, various schools will be closed to complete the renovations.

"Cooper School will be closed this summer. All of those residents (affected) will get temporary voter registration cards in the mail," Westland City Clerk

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Man ordered to stand trial for shooting at officer

By LeAnne Rogers

Chasing a fleeing suspect through a field, a Romulus Police officer testified last Thursday that he feared for his life when the man suddenly turned to point a gun at him.

"I'm not sure where he pulled the gun from, I hadn't seen anything in his hands," Officer Darryl Nippes said. "He pointed the gun back behind him. He told me 'You best back up.' I drew my service weapon and fired."

Nippes testified during the Westland 18th District Court preliminary examination for Allante Jones, 24, of Ypsilanti, who is facing multiple charges stemming from the incident.

The Feb. 1 incident began about 5:45 p.m. when Nippes and a second officer working road patrol spotted a van driving without headlights near Ecorse and Van Born in Romu-

"I turned around to stop them to tell them to turn on their headlights – it was getting dark," Nippes said. "Once I was behind the van, I noticed it had no license plate."

The van eventually pulled over for police on Middlebelt, north Van Born, in Westland. As he talked with the unlicensed female driver, identified by police as an Ypsilanti woman and Jones' girlfriend, Nippes said he could smell burnt marijuana coming from the van.

'We chased him'

The other officer was on the passenger side of the van, Nippes said, talking to Jones. "My partner asked

the passenger to step out of the vehicle. I saw his (Jones') arm disappear (from view) quickly as if he was running," Nippes said. "We chased him. He ran to the sidewalk and north on Middlebelt. Then he ran off the sidewalk. Once he got past the fence of a

home, he turned northwest through an open

Telling Jones to stop as they ran through the field, Nippes testified that he hadn't pulled out his weapon until seeing

Jones with a gun. Jones cried out and fell to the ground after being shot in the right index finger, Nippes said. Unable to recall how many shots he had fired, Nippes said it was later determined that seven rounds were shot from his 40-caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun.

Once Jones was wounded, Nippes said he stayed back with his gun pointed at Jones until his partner arrived to handcuff him.

"I stood back because I couldn't see the gun," Nippes said, adding the weapon was found on the ground near Jones' foot. "I thought he was going to shoot and try to kill me. It happened very quick-

Five charges

Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered Jones bound over for trial on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, felonious assault, felony firearm, marijuana possession and resisting police. His Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for March 6.

Defense attorney Gerald Evelyn asked for a reduction in the \$50,000 cash bond for Jones, who has been jailed since his arrest, or release on a tether.

'He has a significant medical issue from being shot. He is in a great deal of discomfort. He needs surgery to remove the bullet," Evelyn said. "The proto-cols of the Wayne County Jail are not consistent with health."

Cicirelli decided against making an adjustment in the bond set for Jones, but agreed to refer him to Pretrial Screening Services.

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City handles complaints about icy roads, potholes

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

No one disputes it's been a brutal winter, and that includes lots of complaints about roads whether snow and ice or potholes.

Westland Mayor Wil-

liam Wild and staff, including department heads, members of the police and fire departments, took to the city streets at 8 a.m. last Friday to identify streets needing attention. By 9 a.m., Wild said that information was provided to the Department of Public Service for immediate action.

"We are continuously getting reports to streets that are still icy and unsafe," Wild said. "Throughout the week

we've been trying to handle it on a complaintby-complaint basis. We needed to do it systematically."

For the sweep on Friday morning, the city is divided into 26 sections and 26 city staff members, including Wild, drove Westland's entire 211 miles.

"We made note of any icy streets, snowed-in vehicles and potholes. We had 10 salt trucks ready to roll back through those areas at 9 a.m.," Wild said. "If there are vehicles snowed in or that need to be moved, we walked up to the house. We dealt with abandoned vehicles.

With temperatures climbing a bit over the weekend, Wild said DPS crews worked on identified unsafe areas on city streets.

The Mayor's Office and clerical staff at Westland DPS were overwhelmed with complaints about road conditions last week, Wild said. That included one street, Caledonia Court in Norwayne, being featured on television due to its iced-over condi-

"It appears the street got missed (by DPS). It's a constant struggle with the sheer size of the city," Wild said. "If we are getting six inches of snow and start in the north end, there will be two inches more on the streets by the time we are in the south end."

The north end of the Westland and Norwayne

generated complaints about ice and snow while the rest of the city complained more about pot-

holes, Wild said. Each year, DPS hones its snow response but Wild noted there really hasn't been such a se-

vere winter in decades. "In snow emergencies we focused on major streets. We had three snow emergencies and maybe needed another one," Wild said. "We need to get back into the neighborhoods."

The city is also working on gravel roads which rutted during the brief thaw and now are being graded, he said.

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FIRE

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Wayne Road was initially closed as firefighters battled the blaze, forcing traffic to divert to side streets.

Village Place owner Viktor Berisaj was in Chicago on Monday and said he heard about the fire around 11 a.m.

"I got a phone call this morning that an alarm went off," Berisaj said. "They weren't sure what it was, but evacuated the place. They got everyone out and called 9-1-1.

Photos that were posted on Twitter showed flames at one point coming from several areas of the roof at the rear of the restaurant, which has been open for 10 years.

"It is one of the best known and best restaurants in Westland," said Berisaj, who also owns the Country Grill on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill. "That's our bread and butter."

Berisaj was on his way back to Westland, having checked out of his hotel after hearing about the blaze

"This is going to be the longest trip," he said.

Staff Writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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Wayne City Hall evacuated due to smoke in council chambers

Wayne City Hall was evacuated Wednesday after smoke was reported coming from a heat duct in the council chambers. The smoke was re-

ported about 10:30 a.m. Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal John Adams was on scene.

"I got on a ladder and popped a couple of ceiling tiles. There wasn't

smoke," Adams said. "We're investigating the HVAC system and a possible belt burning."

The Department of Public Works staff, which is familiar with the HVAC system, was working to locate the sources of the smoke.

Some City Hall staff members were sent home after being evacu-

SEARCH

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The meeting follows a January workshop in which Donna Oser of the Michigan Association of School Boards recommended the board consider a national search, saying that a school district the size of Wayne-Westland is going to attract a "more sophisticated pool of candidates.

However, board Trustee John Goci has suggested that the board consider delaying appointment of a permanent superintendent until after the November school board election.

Four seats held by Goci, board President Shawna Walker, Secretary Carol Middel and appointed Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin will be filled in the election. Walker, in an inter-

view last month, said the special meeting will be to discuss what was brought up at the work-

shop.
"There were questions about an interim superintendent and, if we decide to go forward, how we will do it and what search firm we will pick," Walker said.

"We need to get the

preliminaries out of the way. We as a board need to have a search. It's important that we get started.' Oser has indicated

that a superintendent search could take 14-15 weeks to complete. Wayne-Westland's

administrative offices are at 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

- By Sue Mason

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Eileen DeHart Schoof said. "Then we will mail out cards for November letting them know they are moving back (to

Cooper School)."

There will be some cost involved due to the mailings, but Schoof said that couldn't be avoided. Three additional

rooms will be made available for the primary election, Schoof said, so that the two precincts

that already vote at Cooper won't be crowded.

At present, the schedule for other school renovation projects isn't known but Schoof said those closures will need to be addressed in the future.

State and county races

will be on the ballot this year, including U.S. senator, governor and Wayne County executive and commissioner.

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CAR

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four-bar setup in the back. DiRezze added halo headlamps to give "a modern look to an old car." The interior is stock but is connected to LED modern lighted gauges.

"It looks fast, but it's just standard," DiRezze said. "It's all the way different than when it was stock."

Foucart will have a booth at Autorama that will be flanked by Di-Rezze's Mustang and a 1937 red Ford Cabriolet owned by Bill Anders of Canton. Given permission by his wife to buy a car, he bought the most expensive one from Foucart. While attention was focused on the Mustang last week, Anders was in the back of the garage at Modern Classics, detailing his car for Automara.

Foucart lets owners come in and help with their cars. It lets them "get to know a lot about their cars," he said.

Got a home

DiRezze already has a spaced cleared out for the car and covered with indoor-outdoor carpet.

"Yeah, it's got a home, and yeah, it feels good to have it," he said. Hindsight is 20/20, and

DiRezze admits if he had to do it over again, he would want to see the car in person. 'It was on my bucket

list, it was something I wanted to do," DiRezze said. "The reason I brought the car here to Modern Classics was because I knew Bill would do it right. He has integrity."

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GOING TO THE SHOW

The 62nd annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama roars into Cobo Hall on Friday, March 7. Billed as America's greatest hot rod show, it will feature not only hot rods and custom cars but live appearances by the "King of NASCAR" Richard Petty and his son, racing legend Kyle Petty. Adding excitement to this year's Autorama is the thunderous opening, with a live outdoor fire-up of Bob Motz's Flame Throwing Semi Truck at 11:45 a.m. Friday at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue in front of Cobo Hall.

The entire lower level of Cobo Center will be devoted to the popular Detroit Autorama Extreme, featuring more than 200 traditional rods, customs and bobber bikes inspired by the 1950s. A show within a show, Autorama Extreme fills the entire 100,000 square feet of the lower

level of Cobo's Michigan Hall. Additional features of the 62nd Annual Detroit Autorama include: the Cavalcade of Customs; a 10-car exhibit of specially invited '50 customs, The Fintastic Fins; a 10-car handpicked collection of beautiful super finned custom cars; and the Autorama Preservation Award Winner - the Clarence "Slick" Patterson '39 Ford Convertible Custom presented by Steele Rubber Products. Hours will be noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9. At the gate admission is \$19 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12, and free for those 5 years and under. Discount tickets are \$17 and \$4 and are available at O'Reilly

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Paczki power: Bakery serves up special Fat Tuesday treat

By Sue Buck Staff Writer

The Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe on Warren, west of Inkster, usually opens daily at 6 a.m. On Fat Tuesday, March 4, also known as paczki Day, the doors opened at

Manager Louis Simovski, hard at work preparing for the busy day, looked out and saw eager people in line and decided to open early.

"They saw our lights on, so I said why not open?" he said.

Simovski expected the bakery to make a record 1,000 paczkis for Fat Tuesday, a record for the bakery, which has been in business for more than 25 years.

It was first-come, first-served for the peo-ple who came early. The bakery ran out of paczkis about 11 a.m. and started the baking process all over again. Nobody seemed to mind the wait and some people made a second trip to the bakery to purchase additional filled pastry favorites.

"It was much more than we anticipated," Simovski said. "People love them. I'm proud to

The bakery also supplies paczkis to local grocery stores like Value Center on Six Mile in Livonia and Joyview Market on Joy in Red-

Though the bake shop offered 10 different kinds of paczkis that day, there was only one kind for Angelo Palmiri, a Dearborn Heights resident. He wanted custard.

"I've been coming here at least for 20 years," said Palmiri, who waited patiently on an inside bench.



Violet Todorovski hands a dozen paczkis to Todd Kelly of Inkster. PHOTOS BY SUE MASON

Mike and Flo Gdowski of Wayne waited for their customary favor-

"We get the custard and the raspberry," Mike Gdowski said. "We have been coming here a lot. We come in at least once a month to pick up doughnuts. They have the best doughnuts here.'

Todd Kelley came to the bakery on the recommendation of a friend.

"A guy at work told me about this place," Kelley said. "I don't live far away."

Kelley had gone to grocery stores before to buy paczkis until he found out about this bakery. There was a noticeable difference.

Tessa and father Joseph Weglarz, Garden City residents, had their

favorites, too. "I wanted the cherry ones," Tessa Weglarz

said. Joseph Weglarz said



A steady stream of people came and went at the Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe on Warren Road in Garden City. At times, the lines were out the door.

that he has been coming to the bakery since 1991, when he moved to the

Each paczki is a result of long hours of hard work where each pastry is rolled out and allowed to rise twice. It is then fried, filled with fruit and topped with powdered sugar. The recipe never changes.

"We never change the team that is winning,' Simovski said.

The bakery also offers the old Polish traditional prune filling along with others.

"We have all kinds," Simovski said.

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Tessa and Joseph Weglarz of Garden City wait patiently in line for their favorite paczkis.



Mike Gdowski brought his mother, Flo, to the Garden City bakery. They're Wayne residents.

Wayne man charged with assaulting family member

A Wayne man is facing four felony charges, including assault with intent to commit murder, for allegedly attacking a family member with a handgun.

Scott Lane, 40, was arraigned Tuesday in Wayne 29th District Court on that charge along with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault and felony firearm, A not guilty plea was entered before Judge Laura Mack.

Wayne Police were

By LeAnne Rogers

Staff Writer

A familiar Ford Road

landmark, the pirate ship

at Sportway, will be get-

The Westland City

Council has approved a

grades at the business,

which includes two mini

"The original golf

course was a large pirate ship on which you played several holes," owner

Gerald Danielewicz said.

"People liked it but it's

starting to show its age.

We're adding amenities

to bring it up to date."

site plan to allow up-

ting a new look.

golf courses.



Franklin early March 3 in response to a call that a woman, whose rela-

home on

tionship to Lane wasn't provided, had been beaten with a handgun.

The woman was reported to have suffered bruises, bumps and a serious laceration to the head. Police said she sought her own medical treatment.

Upgrades for Sportway mini

golf course approved

The new pirate ship

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Along with redeveloping

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for a gazebo on the west

There are also plans

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much more attractive,"

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Located at 38250 Ford

old one, Danielewicz

er to Ford Road.

he said.

When police arrived, Lane and the woman were both at the home. Based on their investigation, police arrested Lane.

A search warrant was executed at the home and a handgun identified as being used in the alleged assault was located in a gun safe at the home, police said.

Lane is being held in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond. A preliminary examination has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, before Mack.

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plan for Sportway, which

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Westland Council

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District coffee hour canceled for March

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On the Northern Front

Relatives seek out information about 'Detroit's Own' Polar Bears

> By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Michael Grobbel was in his element, talking about the 5,000 U.S. Army soldiers who fought the Bolshevik Red Army on Russian soil during the Russian Civil War in 1918-19, but it was what came after his talk Tuesday evening at the Wayne Public Library that got him excited.

"Now, let's have a look at uniform," Grobbel said, inviting Canton resident Earle Chorbagian to bring up the uniform and dog tags his father Artin wore as a member of the "Detroit's Own" Polar Bears

"My father was wounded really bad by a dumb-dumb bullet," Chorbagian said.
"They're illegal, but they used them. It shattered his forearm and it took him several years to recover."

Many in the audience had a connection to the Polar Bears, a name the men adopted aboard ship on their way home from Russia. They crafted shoulder patches, depicting a white bear on a blue background and stitched them on their uniforms.

"This is one of the early ones that they cut out," Grobbel said, looking at the patch on Chrobagian's uniform. "It's among one of the first ones. This uniform is in remarkably good shape."

Artin Chorbagian was 15 and away at school when Turkish soldiers entered his Armenian village and killed his parents. He was on his own and had to run. Over the course of the next 15 years, he was in Alexandria, Egypt, was a gaucho in Argentina and a cook in Brazil, where he heard he could get U.S. citizenship if he went to the U.S. and joined the Army.

He did that and ended up in the 85th Division that was sent by President Woodrow Wilson to Russia under the pretext of keeping Allied military supplies from falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks and rescuing a stranded Czech legion needed to fight on the Eastern Front.

'Abbreviated' training

The division received "abbreviated" training at Fort Custer near Battle Creek and was sent to England, where 5,000 troops of the 339th Infantry and support units - the 310th Engineers, the 337th Field Hospital and the 337th Ambulance Company - were issued Russian weapons and equipment and sailed for Archangel, a Russian port on the White Sea, 600 miles north of Moscow and 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle. They became the American North Russia Expeditionary Force, which arrived in Russia in September 1918.

"My grandfather was drafted in mid-June and arrived in Battle Creek on June 30," Grobbel said. "The division was sent out on July 14. On July 17, Wilson signed an order sending a limited number of troops to northern Russia."

The group was made up primarily of men from Michigan; the first song the Polar Bears heard as they pulled into port was *Hail to the Victors*, Grobbel said.

Grobbel's grandfather Clement was in the 339th Company.

pany.

"Everyone that followed the 339th started calling them 'Detroit's Own," Grobbel said. "When the war was over, people started circulating petitions to bring them home. They raised enough of a ruck-us that it was ordered to withdraw them at the earliest possible moment. They set sail for home in June 1919 and arrived in Detroit on July 3,

For the expeditionary force, which included British, French and Canadian troops and (White) Russian loyalists, the first major battle took place Armistice Day – Nov. 11, 1918 – along the Dvina River. There were other battles at Ninja Gora and Visorka Gora



Polar Bear Memorial president Mike Grobbel shows off a uniform that belonged to Earle Chorbagian's father Artin. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Wayne residents (from left) Cynthia Gordon, Dee and Kerran Ryan check out dog tags from Artin Chorbagian, who fought in Russia as part of the Polar Bears division.



Mike Grobbel brought the Linnemann Entrenching Spade that was recovered in 2008 by Alexevy Suhanovsky.

in January 1919, when the Bolsheviks began to push back. In Russia, there were only two season for fighting – the dead of winter, when everything was frozen, and sum-

"It wasn't a very pleasant place, but it got more pleasant when things froze," Grobbel said.

said.

In a letter home, Grobbel's grandfather wrote, "This life is not bad. It's like hunting rabbits on a bigger scale."

Another letter pointed out that "the war may be over in France, but it's not over in the wilds of Russia. This isn't the western front. It hardly has no front at all."

front at all.' In all, 82 Polar Bears were killed and 24 were wounded. Sixty-eight died of fever and disease and nine of accidental cause. They weren't able to bring all of their dead back. However, those buried in church courtyards in Archangel were disinterred and returned to the United States. They laid in state for a week. In 1929, a search party was sent to Russia and recovered the remains of 59 Polar Bears. Another two dozen remain buried in the forests of northern Russia, Grobbel said.

Inner ring

Those Polar Bears who died in combat are buried in an inner ring around the Polar Bear Memorial monument at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Chorbagian's father is buried just outside that inner ring

ng. The "Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Association was founded in 1922 because many of the soldiers who served, like Artin Chorbagian, were foreign-born and not eligible for veterans organizations like the VFW and American Legion. Each Memorial Day, a ceremony was held at the monument. The tradition continues today with the help of the association, but few people attend.

In 2001, Grobbel was contacted via the Internet by a Russian named Alexevy Suhanovsky. A Russian Civil War buff, his hobby is taking a metal detector and scouring the forest where the Polar Bears fought. He has unearthed unexploded artillery shells fired on the Railroad Front 91 years ago, a roll of barbed wire, grenades, bullet casings and a portion of a trench shovel that Suhanovsky found in 2008 and sent to Grobbel as a souvenir.

Grobbel as a souvenir.

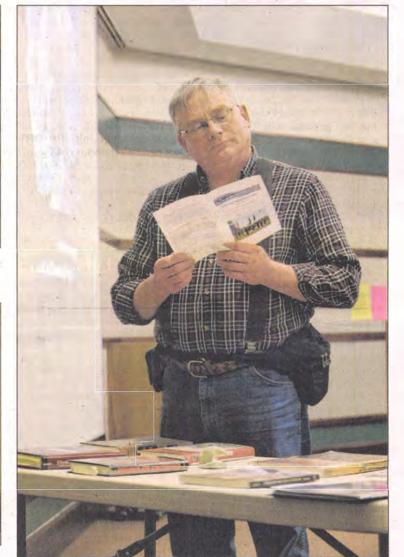
After the war, Artin Chorbagian recuperated in a hospital in Chicago. That's where he met his wife, a high school student visiting the wounded. He was in his 30s; she was 18.

"When he got his citizenship, he decided he wanted an American name, so he picked Harry," Chorbagian said. "He died in 1946.

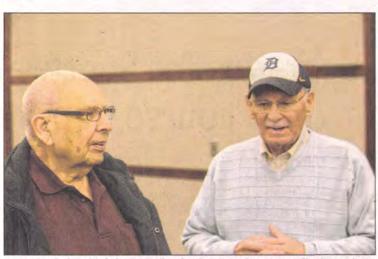
"He lived long enough to see two of his sons survive World War II."

Larry Hoelscher of Canton came with Chorbagian to the program. His father Edward served in Russia with the 310th Engineers.

0th Engineers. "He said once that he was



Joe Horvath of Wayne looks at the information about the Russian Civil



Larry Hoelscher (right) and Earle Chorbagian of Canton talk about their fathers, who saw action in the Russian Civil War during 1918-19.

supposed to get the Silver Star and never got it," Hoelscher said. "I Googled it and found that he did (earn) it, but never got the medal. I think I'll get the medal for my kids."

Renee Washburn of Wayne was there to find out more about the division that her grandfather had served in at the end of World War I. He came from Canada.

"My grandfather was in the 310th, but he didn't talk about it," she said. "He's been gone many, many years, but my dad would go the reunions as a kid."

Doing research

Plymouth resident Heather Connor came to do research. Her grandfather Thomas Connor was in the Polar Bears, although she doesn't know which unit. She brought along a photograph of him in his uniform.

"I know he was assigned to the Polar Bears, but the rest is a mystery," she said. "The family story is that he broke his leg in England. The rumor is he was playing baseball and Babe Ruth before he was (famous) struck him out and broke his leg.

"I don't know if he made it to Russia, I don't know if he was reassigned."

Connor, who grew up in Westland, is glad she attended the presentation.

"It's so nice to meet other people who are connected to the Polar Bears and get a wealth of information," she said.

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Keir retires from police dept.

After 22 years of service, Westland Police Sgt. Darin Keir has retired.

Keir served the Westland Police Department as a Patrol Supervisor, Special Investigations Officer, SWAT team member and a motor cycle officer.

"Darin's police and tactical experience has been a huge asset to our department and will be greatly missed," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.



Westland Police Sgt. Darin Keir (left) with Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. Keir recently retired after 22 years with the department.

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Larceny

» A resident in the 33000 block of Beechnut told police Feb. 25 that he had been out of the country Jan. 22-Feb. 18 and returned to find his air conditioning unit had been stolen. The air conditioning unit, valued at \$2,700, was the only thing reported missing. No entry had been made to the

» On Feb. 28, a construction company employee told police he arrived to work on a vacant home in the 5700 block of North Globe to find the front door open. He said the water heater, furnace and air conditioning unit had been stolen.

Break-in

On Feb. 26, a resident of an apartment at 6605 Lakeview Blvd. told police that she had arrived home to find her front door had been forced open. Nothing was reported stolen.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A resident of an apartment at 6509 Lakeview Blvd. told police Feb. 27 that a Nintendo 3DS XL with two games, valued at \$260, had been stolen Dec. 4. The resident said she had ordered the items but never received a delivery.

After contacting the store, she said she was told the items had been delivered by UPS. She said the store replaced the

Dine and dash

Police were called to the Village Place Coney Island, 449 N. Wayne Road, just before 1:30 a.m. Feb. 28 about four men who ran out without paying for their food.

The waitress said two of the men went outside while two had remained in the restaurant. The two men inside told the waitress the other men were outside smoking. Then the other two men were reported to have run outside and all four got into a car, then drove

The check was for \$35.

On Feb. 28, a Livonia woman told police that she was shopping at Kroger, 36430 Ford, when someone stole her wallet from her purse. She said she didn't notice the wallet missing until she went to pay at the cash register.

Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Glen told police Feb. 28 that someone had pelted the house and garage with eggs overnight. Due to the weather, the owner said she had not been able to completely clean up the mess and assess any damage.

Vandalism

On March 1, a resident of the Robert Thomas Terrace Apartments, 31686 Kara Lane,

told police that just before 9 p.m. she was in her living room when she heard glass break. She said she saw three subjects running through the parking lot. The glass door appeared to have been damaged by a BB gun.

Attempted break-in

A resident of an apartment at 6515 Yale told police March 2 that she returned from a short trip to the store to find the front door to her apartment had been damaged. The upper deadbolt and door jamb were intact. She said she thought someone had tried to break into her unit.

Vandalism

The rear passenger was reported smashed on a 2011 Chevrolet Cruze on March 3 while it was parked in the driveway of a home in the 39000 block of Randolph.

By LeAnne Rogers

Hit and run

Police were called to Village Bar, 35234 Michigan Ave., just after 1 a.m. Feb. 22 after two vehicles were reported to have been hit by a Dodge Ram

A Westland woman told police she was standing about 20 feet from her Buick Park Avenue when a man entered the truck and backed up, colliding with her car and a Ford Escort. The male driver and male passenger reportedly left the scene but the witness got a license plate number.

The vehicle was registered to a Wayne woman. No one was at her residence initially. Officers returned about 6:45 a.m. to find the registered owner and the male suspect looking at the vehicle in the driveway.

The male reportedly told police he didn't remember backing into any vehicles. When the damage to the truck was pointed out, the man told police his buddy had been

driving.

When the officer said the buddy needed to come to the address immediately or the truck would be towed, the man admitted he had been the driver, police said. He was ticketed for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and

improper backing up.
The Buick Park Avenue was reported to have a dent and scratches on the driver's side rear quarter panel. The Ford Escort, registered to a Detroit man, was reported to have a broken headlight, a dent above the headlight and a bent hood. The Dodge Ram pick-up was reported to have several small scratches.

Larceny

The manager of Rite Aid, 35101 E. Michigan Ave., told police March 3 she was walking to the receiving area of the store when an alarm went off. Entering the receiving area, she said she found the emergency exit button pushed and

the rear emergency door slightly open.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Checking the store surveillance system, she said she saw a male exit carrying two large clear plastic bags containing returnable cans. She said the bags each contain about \$35 worth of redeemed cans.

Suspicious circumstances

Westland woman told police she attempted to meet friends at U.S. 12 Bar, 34824 W. Michigan Ave., around 12:30 a.m. March 2. When her friends weren't there, she said she

The woman said there was a man outside the bar smoking and drinking a beer. The woman said she hurried to her car, got in and locked the doors. The man walked out and tried to open her passenger door, she said.

The man apologized and backed away, she said, adding she was unsure if he was intoxicated or confused. The woman told the officer she

hadn't immediately contacted police because she was frightened and just wanted to go home.

Larceny

On March 2, an employee of Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., told police someone stole her phone while she was working. She added she replaced the phone and only wanted the sim card returned.

Stolen vehicle

A 7-foot by 14-foot enclosed Timberwolf trailer containing a gold 1984 Honda Gold Wing motorcycle was reported stolen Feb. 27 from American

Wing, 32640 W. Michigan Ave. The owner told police the trailer was last seen in the parking lot his business shares with Canton Pools on Feb. 26. The trailer was valued at \$5,000. The motorcycle, owned by a Dearborn man, was valued at \$3,500.

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Classics dealership a mini auto show

> By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Vanguard Motor Sales is sending two classics to Autorama, the annual show of hot rods and tricked-out cars and trucks that opens Friday at Cobo Center in Detroit.

But the dealership in Plymouth Township could have a mini Autorama in its showroom on Keel Street, where more than 100 classic and customized cars and trucks are on display while mechanics, detail workers, test drivers and the sales force bustle about.

Vanguard is a 10-yearold dealership that moved to the township from Novi about three years ago and has been gaining speed ever since, said Jim Athens, who co-owns the company with Tom Photsios. Vanthan 20 people, including eight full-time mechanics, inspects potential purchases all over the country and ships cars

all over the world. We've all built cars ourselves," test driver and jack-of-all-trades Greg Payne said. "All of us are car guys." Payne added that he had just returned from Oklahoma, where he spent several days looking at cars, but decided none was up to Vanguard's standards.

Eye for cars

Of the average of 225 vehicles that are inspected by Vanguard each month, Athens noted, only 15 to 17 are purchased. The company owns all of its inventory - there are no consignment sales.

"It takes an eye. That's why we have all car guys here," Payne said. Though the company will sometimes take on a minor project, most of the vehicles it buys

are restorations still in top shape, he said.

Vanguard's specialties are the American muscle car and domestic classics that have been turned into muscle cars through extensive customization. It also keeps a market for high-end older models, Payne said, but a restored family car from the 1960s or '70s wouldn't fit the bill.

For this year's 62nd Detroit Autorama, Vanguard picked out a heavily customized 1954 Ford pickup truck and a restored 1968 Chevrolet Camaro. Vanguard has sent vehicles to several past Autoramas.

The truck was restored over about eight years by NASCAR driver Greg Biffle and a relative of the former owner. It has a custom 351-cubic-inch engine, a custom four-speed transmission and many other updated and customized mechanical features. It is painted in black cherry and has polished oak planks



This 1968 Camaro RS, restored about two years ago, is being prepped for Autorama at Vanguard Motor Sales in Plymouth Township. Autorama opens Friday at Cobo Center in

in the truck bed.

The truck was built by a bunch of NASCAR mechanics," Payne said.

Detroit heritage

The two-toned Camaro, in burgundy and black, also with a lot of customized mechanical features, came out of Colorado and was restored in Arizona. Save for a custom steering wheel, the interior, Payne said, was restored to original Camaro specifi-

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cations - one could have found an interior just like it in the showroom 46 years ago.

Athens, the Vanguard co-owner, said he owned a mortgage company for 17 years, but remained a car guy at heart and became active full time in Vanguard just a few years ago. He sees the company as a keeper of Detroit heritage.

'We're stewards of these cars. These cars are part of the Motor

City, Detroit," Athens said. "It's in our DNA."

Autorama, featuring about 1,000 vehicles, is Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9, at Cobo Center in Detroit. Tickets are available at the gate; discount tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. For more information, call 248-373-1700 or visit www.autorama.com.

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Ladies Night Out

Designer Duds n Infant Treasures in Westland is hosting its monthly Ladies Day Out Networking and Vendor Event from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the store, located at 815 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

The free event for friends, family, associates and fellow mommies who don't get "out much" provides the chance to grab a bite, meet new friends and

There will be raffle items from each vendor and a 50/50 drawing at

the end of the event. Each person that stops in will get one free ticket for a raffle item.

The vendors include: Rita Gorski Van Scyoc; Cookie Lee, Melanie Brown; 31 Bags, Jennifer Shepardson Ganzberger; Pure Romance, Dana Fortier; Grace Adelle, Beth Klenczar; Jamberry Nails, Sherry Hattley: Paparazzi, Kendra Grier; Heaven's Best, Coleen Mackey Giza-Audritsh Billings; Scentsy, Jennifer Guess; Origami Owl, Lisa Creedon Elliott; It Works, Renee Barba-Hopkins; Advocare, Kathryn Strong; Innutra, Joyce Woods Jabro; Tastefully Simple, Melin-

da Eberhart, and Mary Kay.

New directors

St. Mary Mercy has named David Timm and Michaeline Raczka as directors at the Livonia hospital.

Timm is the new director of Facilities/Plant Operations at St. Mary Mercy. He comes to the position with more than 27 years of experience in facility engineering, most recently serving as the director of facilities, engineering and construction at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Raczka, director of Community Outreach,



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As director of Community Outreach, Raczka's daily functions include planning and coordinating Community Health and Community Benefit activities internally and externally. She also provides oversight to the Diabetes Outpatient Services.

Certification seminar

The Michigan Women's Business Council invites women business owners to learn what it means to be certified as a Women's Business Enterprise. If you have a product or service that you would like to market to American corporations, here is your chance to explore certification.

The seminar will be offered from 9-11 a.m. Monday, April 21, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Livonia. It costs \$25 per person.

In the seminar, attendees will learn about: » The certification

process. » How to complete the application package.

» How to become part of a national database of certified women business enterprises.

» The benefit of being certified.

» Other resources available for small busi-

The Michigan Women's Business Council is the Michigan certifying partner of the Women's **Business Enterprise** National Council (WBENC), a national, certifying body recog-nized by major American corporations. The Michigan Women's Business Council is a program of the Center for Empowerment and Economic De-

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Co-op Services team olunteers for banana duty

How long does it take to peel and repackage 1,700 pounds of frozen bananas into 3-pound

Six members from Livonia-based Co-op Services Credit Union's marketing department reported it takes three

They were among a team of 20 volunteers who completed this unique assignment for Forgotten Harvest - the Detroit area non-profit that rescues surplus, prepared and perishable food and distributes to emergency food provid-ers to help feed the hun-

Once repackaged, the bananas are distributed to local churches, food pantries and other locations to be used for breads, smoothies, pudding and other food prep-

"We learned that seventeen hundred pounds is a lot of bananas. It was a fun task that will help benefit so many people in our community," said Bryan Feldpausch, Co-op Services' marketing



Volunteering at Forgotten Harvest are members of Co-op Services Credit Union's marketing department, from left, Jeremy Cybulski, Kathy Hurt, Bryan Feldpausch, Nicole Baker, Beverly Outland and Jennifer Shelton.

coordinator. "I don't think we set a Guinness Book of World Records, though Forgotten Harvest is setting records every day with its outreach.'

Forgotten Harvest services Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, and is currently the nation's largest food rescue organization. The organization relies almost completely on volunteers, including representatives from local businesses like Co-op Ser-

"Forgotten Harvest's mission supports the credit union philosophy of 'people helping peo-ple'," said Lisa Fawcett, vice president of marketing for Co-op Services Credit Union. "This was our second year to participate, and we look forward to making this an annual event.'

EMU to offer new nurse practitioner option on Livonia campus

Eastern Michigan University's School of Nursing will soon offer a new option within its master's degree in nursing program to meet the growing need for advanced nursing professionals in the health care

The new clinical track is a two-year program that specifically prepares primary care, adult-gerontology nurse practitioners.

"In today's health care environment, nurse practitioners are in high demand," said Laurie Blondy, associate director of graduate programs and faculty development at Eastern Michigan. "This program was developed in direct response to requests from our students and nurses in the

community.' The program is geared toward experienced nurses who work and want to advance their career.

The first 10 students will begin in Fall 2014. Classes typically will meet one night a week at the EMU-Livonia campus, 38777 Six Mile Road, west of the I-275 free-

way.
The School of Nursing will accept applications until March 15 for the fall 2014 start. A second cohort begins in Winter

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Materials needed to get started

Keep this as a checklist of the items you will need to file your return. The IRS recommends keeping all tax-related documents for three years, in case of an audit. Tracking income-related documents can help you take full advantage of deductions available to

» A copy of last year's tax return

» Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children

» All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms from all employers

» Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099

» Form 1099-G showing any state refunds » Unemployment

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Volunteer income tax assistance

There are 13,000 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites nationwide that offer free help to people earning \$52,000 or less. Search "VITA" on IRS.gov for a nearby site. Tax Counseling for the Elderly, operated by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, offers free help with priority assistance to people age 60 and older. Find a Tax-Aide site at AARP.org or call 888-227-7660. Some VI-TA/TCE sites even offer Free File.

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EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT: **HOW TO GET IT** RIGHT

No tax benefit offers a greater lifeline to working families than the Earned Income Tax Credit. But putting this credit to work can be complex. The IRS has upgraded its EITC Assistant on IRS.gov to make it easier than ever to determine if you are qualified and how much you may receive. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

» You must have a Social Security number and have earned an income.

» The maximum credit for 2013 tax returns is \$6,044 for workers with three or more qualifying children. » Eligibility for the EITC is determined based on a number of factors, including earnings, filing status and eligible children. Workers without qualifying children may b eligible for a smaller credit amount. You can learn more at

www.irs.gov/eitc and use the EITC Assistant or ask your tax professional. If you are eligible for EITC, you also qualify for free tax help at VITA sites nationwide or for Free File at www.irs.gov/freefile.

improvement projects



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know it's hard to believe but spring is right around the corner. One thing that happens every spring is people decide to do a variety of home improvement projects.

One of the first things to decide when planning a home improvement project, even before you select your contractor, is how to pay for it. Whether you are going to pay cash or finance the project, know what you're going to do up front. How you are going to pay for the project will help a bud-get and avoid overspending.

Even though interest rates are low (so borrowing costs are low) I have no problem with someone paying cash for a home improvement project. Particularly, for those people who are sitting on cash in CDs and money market accounts. After all, if you're getting 1 percent or less on your CD and to finance the home improvement is 4-5 percent, the economics are such that it makes sense to pay cash.

Those who don't have the cash to pay for the home improvements must obtain financing. The key to remember is that not all financing is the same. Interest rates differ dramatically and tax deductiibility of interest is also something to consider.

There are many financing avenues to pursue. The first is to use a charge card which I believe is the worst option. Not only will you pay the highest rate of interest, 18.5 percent or more, but it is also not tax deductible. If you have to finance using a charge card, then you should probably not do the home improvement.

Retirement accounts

Another option is a loan from your 401(k) plan or a similar retirement account. As a general rule, I'm not a

fan of these types of loans

I believe retirement accounts are sacred and should not be touched other than for retirement. In addition, there is a tax cost. The interest that you pay is not tax deductible and even though the interest you pay goes into your account, eventually when the money comes out of the 401(k) plan, it will be taxed to

Also at many companies, if you have a loan on your retirement account you can no longer contribute to that account until the loan is paid off. You miss the opportunity to save for your retirement and any potential employer matches.

Another option, and the one that I think is most viable, is a home equity loan. A home equity loan will typically have a lower interest rate and upfront charges. In addition, the interest is tax deductible. Not everyone qualifies for a home equity loan, so before you decide on your home improvement project determine if you qual-

Finance packages

Many home improvement companies also offer a variety of financing packages for their customers. Some of these packages are very favorable while others are not. The key is to look at the interest, any upfront costs and whether the interest is tax deductible. Just because it is a home improvement loan does not make it tax deduct-

Doing home improvement is something that can increase the quality of your life. However, having the wrong financing can cause all sorts of problems. So, if a home improvement project is on tap for spring, do the research and determine how you will pay for it. Good luck.

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

assetmanagement.com.

Maple-sugaring program offers sweet time

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for the entire family March 15 and 22

Bundle up and join park naturalists for the annual maple-sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville, where a historic "sugar bush" still exists.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual treetapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pan-cakes with the "real thing" afterward.

"The maple-sugaring program is another example of the diversity of activities available to the public through Wayne County Parks," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "I encourage everyone to see, taste and experience the maple-sugaring program

first-hand. The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap during this time of year. The freezing nights and warm sunny days create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.



People need to dress for weather conditions for the Wayne County Parks maple-sugaring program March 15 and 22.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. Register for either March 15 or March 22 and choose a start time of 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon.

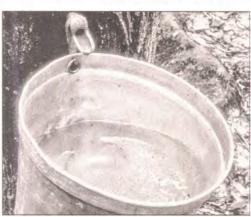
Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy.

All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person

for non-Wayne County residents.

Advance registration and prepayment is required at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, or by phone at 734-261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted.

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OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

Sticks and stones

Name casts a pall on changes happening in Norwayne

It goes without saying that this has been one bru-tally long winter, and it looks like it's not even close to being over. Since the first flakes started falling in November to the five inches dropped on us last Saturday night, it's been one snowstorm after another. It has been a season that has expanded our command of the English language to include "polar vor-

Not a day goes by without a news report on a street that's an icy mess, sometimes due in part to broken water mains. While much of that news has come out of the City of Detroit, there have been a few from the suburbs, including one about the residents of Caledonia Court in Westland's Norwayne Subdivision. Residents complained to a TV crew that their street was the only one in the area that hadn't been plowed, leaving the neighborhood to cope with a road icy enough to slide a metal pot down

It's unfortunate that those residents felt such a disconnect with the city, choosing to use TV to air their problem when a call to city hall most likely would have gotten a more immediate response. What's even more unfortunate was their insinuation that they didn't receive the same service as other neighborhoods in Westland due to where they live.

What is the disheartening is how residents used the word "shack" town in describing their Norwayne neighborhood. It's a label Norwayne has had for many years and the connotation denigrates the community and the people who live there. It also degrades the efforts of residents like Hank Johnson, Brenda Hubbard and Judy McKinney who are working hard to make Norwayne a better place.

Norwayne has had challenges. Built for defense workers and returning veterans after World War II, its tidy neighborhoods of the 1950s-1960s fell into disrepair in later years, with many of the quads and duplexes turned into rental units. Many residents are low income and rely on support from area agencies

But Norwayne is changing, thanks to the efforts of people such as Johnson, Hubbard and McKinney who are working hard to make it a place they hope will one day be a destination for people looking for a place to call home.

The city also has focused on cleaning up the community, using federal Neighborhood Stabilization Funds to remove blighted property and renovate existing homes and along the way has fostered a relationship with the construction technology program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center to help build new homes.

And residents such as Johnson, Hubbard and Mc-Kinney have pitched in, organizing a Norwayne Community Citizens Council and a Neighborhood Watch Program and starting a Norwayne Community garden. They have changed the name of Dorsey Park to Liberator Park to honor the community's connection to the Willow Run Bomber Plant where many residents worked building B-24 Liberator bombers.

The community also took a major step forward last year when it earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

The residents of Caledonia Court may have felt they'd been forgotten by the city - Mayor William Wild has admitted that it appears city plows missed the court — but it wasn't the only street in need of

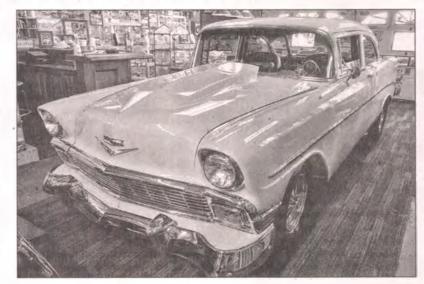
The city received numerous complaints, and in an unprecedented step to address them, Wild and his administrative staff took the streets last Friday to identify the areas most in need of work. The information was relayed to the Department of Public Service, which sent out crews to clear streets and fill potholes.

Unfortunately, the TV crew wasn't around to report on that.

Norwayne has a wonderful history, and more can be found on the "You Know You're from Norwayne If ..." Facebook page that Johnson set up. In less than a year, it has amassed more than 600 members, who are sharing photos and memories about growing up in the community. It also includes information and event announcements, including the 6 p.m. March 10 meeting about this year's community garden.

We have no control over things like the weather but we do have control over what we say and do. It's time to shelve the negative comments about Norwayne. It's time to treat Norwayne and its residents with respect.

What do you think?



Car buffs will head to Autorama at Cobo Hall this weekend to see 1,000 chopped, channeled and superpainted hot rods and custom cars on display, including this 1956 Chevy 210 owned by Livonia resident David Henwood. What is your favorite car of all time? Email your response to smason@hometownlife.com by noon Monday and it may appear as a letter to the editor in next Thursday's paper. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.) BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS

Take care of pets

This is a letter to my friends

and neighbors, My name is Dan and my dog is Daisy. I live on Barton Street. Daisy and I go for walks everyday. We have made many friends.

Most of the time it's an enjoyable walk. But sometimes people's dogs are in the front year unleashed. When I see a strange dog coming at me, I don't know what it will do. A sudden shock could be bad for my heart. It just takes a split second for something bad to happen.

I don't want any children or dogs hurt. My dog is a gift from God. I know you feel the same way, so let's take care of our pets people.

Dan Stoner Garden City

What momentum?

I have one question to ask Mayor Randy Walker? What momentum are you bragging about in your yearly, boring, half-truth, State of the City.

At the downturn of the economy our house values drop 50-75 percent, which caused less tax revenue for the city. But under Walker's weak leadership and lack of leadership knowledge, the city had to react in a drastic fashion, downsizing with layoffs of more than 100 city employees, cutting city services and outsourcing to save money.

Then when that was not enough, Walker lead council to add other burdens upon the good residents in forms of "special assessments" and other taxes lighting assessments, raised water rates 10 percent every year, a most expensive 3.5 pe cent police/fire safety millage. Recently added was another burden, an increased water/sewer rate to 52 percent of the residents who were low-end water users, while giving all businesses huge discounts on their water rates

We lost a lot of good residents due to high taxes and high water rates and declining housing value when the economy turned bad. Remember we are also paying off a 20-year \$15 million lawsuit bond that adds \$100 to our taxes. We still have six-plus years bal-

ance to pay. But Walker likes to brag he is a people mayor, a veteran and loves Garden City and its residents. This kind of love we can do without. He disrespected a decorated Vietnam vet last year by tossing him out of a council meeting, disrespected senior citizens, who are upstanding pillars of the community, degrading them publicly

But the biggest factor that is facing our city is the legacy cost that this leadership is ignoring.

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Walker has no plan to offset the cost of the future unfunded lega-cy cost of over \$140,000,000 and increasing by over \$700,000 every year. The upcoming five city contracts will cost us thousands of dollars and add to our legacy

For Walker to say that the city is rebounding fast or it has mo-mentum is as untrue as to say that Garden City is like Candy Land. Garden City is no longer the city it was five-seven years ago. I realize that the economy hurt our city just like it did other cities, but due to the lack of true leadership we have a dim future until we get someone that has a vision, that has the knowledge to enact upon that vision. With Walker, we have neither. Garden City deserves better.

Al Buckner

Garden City Fixing roads 'not on

agenda' Michigan roads, don't you just love 'em? Anyone driving or riding on our roads will be screaming "NO" to that question. Too bad funding for our roads was not on Gov. Snyder's agenda when he took office three years ago as he gave businesses a huge tax cut. Too bad he failed at leading the State Legislature last year to find funding for our roads. Too bad for all of us that now have to endure disastrous driving conditions made worse by a bad winter on roads not properly maintained.

Michigan is now ranked 50th of 50, dead last in spending per capita on roads.

The last several years I have been making twice-a-year driv-ing trips to Florida and have always found better roads in every state I travel, no matter the route, and less expensive gas.

Snyder proposed increasing taxes on gas (making prices even higher) and doubling our vehicle registration fees. He claimed those who use the roads should pay for the roads. Businesses need roads, too. Roads for their clients and customers, to bring them supplies and to get to and from their businesses? Our food and consumer goods come to us over the roads and travelers and tourists use the roads. We all use

the roads, it is not possible to live in this state and not benefit or suffer (like we are now) from the condition of the roads.

The Republicans in the legislature would not follow Snyder on his plan. Perhaps they wanted to wait for the next Lame Duck session, after the next election, to push through such a voter-unfriendly plan.

How many more years will the voters give Snyder to properly fund our roads?

What's you answer?

Chuck Tindall

Caring for the 'little man'

The hope of raising the federal minimum wages is at a standstill. The Obama administration and the Democratic party want to raise it to \$10.10 per hour and fast food companies, large retail corporations, and the Republican party want to keep it at \$7.35 per hour.

The Republicans tell us that if it is raised, unemployment will increase because employers will discharge many of their employees. Apparently they assume that because of the low wages, employers are retaining many more employees than they actually need. For instance, instead of an employee at a fast-food company doing the work of two employees, he/she could be doing the work of three employees. At that rate, spread over the establishment, a substantial number could be discharged and unemployment would increase.

While the Republican party has never offered a plan for reducing unemployment and blocked all efforts of the administration to do so, at least it is trying to keep from making it worse. In fact, consistent with its philosophy, that low wages are good for the country, I am surprised it has not offered the lowering of the federal minimum wage as a cure for unemployment. Then employers might increase their hiring irrespective of whether they needed more employees or not. It would show the Republicans really cared for the little man.

Irene Piccone Northville

GUEST COLUMNIST .

SEMCOG envisions a greener infrastructure in our region



Joe Neussendorfer GUEST

he Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, under the capable leadership of chair Joan Gebhardt,

just announced a comprehensive report: The Region's Green Infrastructure Vision.

The voices of key stakeholder groups and the general public helped shape the direction for this vision. I was fortunate to be one of the in-person visioning session participants at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. As a participant from Livonia, I helped in map-

ping green infrastructure priorities. Results of this intensive outreach revealed that the public highly values protecting and enhancing the top three elements: natural areas, biking/ hiking trails and trees along roads and downtown areas.

In terms of specific targets of opportunity to increase green infrastructure (trees, bioswales and other vegetation) SEMCOG reports the priority locations are along rivers and lakes, on major roadways and on vacant property. The visioning sessions each produced maps that identified current and potential future green infrastructure targets of opportunity. These maps will be combined to form a regional map of green infrastructure priorities for south-east Michigan.

The winter 2014 issue of Semscope contains comprehensive information on the vision, including best practices reports from several communities. Readers may want to request a copy of this publication to learn more about the initiative. Requests should be made to the SEMCOG website: www.semcog.org.

In a related initiative, there is a new rating program that will further sustainability of public and private horizontal green infrastructure projects covering water, wastewater treatment plants and stormwater runoffs. It is like the LEED program for buildings, but designed for horizontal

green infrastructure projects. It is called "Envision" and is a collaboration effort of Harvard University's Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and three leading infrastructure organizations: the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Council of Engineering Companies and the American Public Works Association. Readers may obtain more information by visiting the Envision website: www.sustainableinfrastruc

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Art restoration's her passion, life work

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The new movie The Monuments Men shows heroes of World War II who protected and preserved artwork for the Allies. Jennifer Lis is too young to have been part of that proud history, but shares their tradition.

Lis grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from Mercy High School in 1996. The Novi resident studied fine arts and art history as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

"I was doing some research and found out about art restoration,' said Lis, 35, who now owns Lis Art Conservation & Restoration Services on Grand River in

She returned to school at Queens University in

Kingston, Ontario, for her master's degree. Lis noted Queens is one of only four universities teaching art restoration in North America.

She needed to learn chemistry, including how solvents work, for restoration. A fellowship in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Intermuseum Conservation Association followed graduate school, then four years with the Mackinac State Historic

Her largest task in that four years was the Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum pieces on the island, including Native American artifacts as well as paintings. Lis began to do private work at that time.

People may inherit a piece or wish to have it restored for loved ones. "It gives me a great deal of joy to see how excited they are" when work is restored, she said. "It really is a payoff for

She handled a painting a client's greatgrandmother did on the Oregon Trail. Another painting is in The Henry Ford collection in Dear-

She likes to do her own realistic paintings of botanicals "when I have time, which is rare." Lis discovered it took time to learn the business side, something she now has a handle on.

"Most people don't quite know what it is,' she said of art restoration. "Photos are really the easiest way to show people what I do.'

They'll then ask her a lot of questions. Lis noted there are few conservators in Michigan: "People have been so happy

DETAILS

Lis Art Conservation and Restoration Services is at 40100 Grand River, Building D, Novi. Phone 248-957-8611. Its website is www.artsconservationres toration.com. The business owner requests appointments and can't accommodate walk-ins.

they've found me." Work she and her team do includes varnish removal, surface cleaning, tear repair, paint loss repair, water damage restoration, lining restoration and more.

She doesn't do appraisals and said clients usually visit for senti-mental reasons, because work is damaged or they're buyers/sellers in the business.

Lis emphasizes not trying to do restoration yourself, as significant



Jennifer Lis works at cleaning up an oil painting from the late 1800s at her Novi business. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

damage can result. "You want to find someone who's an expert in their field," said Lis, who studied art at Mercy High as well as Notre Dame.

And what about The Monuments Men movie?

"We think it'll be really informative to people who don't know this field exists," she said.

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Library looks for Good Kids, Good Citizens

n an effort to promote good citizenship, the Wayne Public Library has, for more than 15 years, partnered with the Wayne Civitan Club to

sponsor the Good Kids, Good Citizens, Good Community program. This program works to recognize youth in grades 4 and up who serve as positive role

models or have made significant contributions to our community.

We look forward to honoring more young people this spring. We are asking for your

help in identifying those individuals deserving of this award. Some examples of good citizenship include doing volunteer work, performing good deeds,

and promoting ethical behavior. If you know a young person in grade 4-12 that you would like to nominate for a good citizenship award, con-tact the Wayne Public Library.

All recipients of this award will be formally recognized at a recep-tion at the library in May. Those selected to receive the award will have their photograph and their nomination information displayed in the library lobby during the month of April. The Civitans also donate a book for every Good Kid award winner (of the Good Kid's choosing) to the library.

For more information, please call the Wayne Public Library at 734-721-7832.

The 2013 Good Kids, Good Citizens, Good Community award winners were:

» Hannah Boyd, Saleaha Davis, Taylor Festerman, Angela Fisher, Sarah Hayes, Amy Hoch, Marcus Jordan, Yasmin Lopez, Megan Macek, Kiera Matiska, Mirian Mendoza, Kushi Patel, Tammy Spadacini, Dymon Taylor, Samantha Tillman, Frank Toarmina, Judy Ward, Matthew Wedlake, Shemarr Wes-

The Wayne Civitans Club has been a great supporter of the Wayne Public Library. Not only do they host this award but they host the Halloween Tea in October, a spring children's program, contribute to the Summer Reading Program, and much more. The library staff is very grateful for all that the Civitans do to promote and support the Wayne Public Li-

brary. New in the Children's Department:

Each year the American Library Association selects a few outstanding books to receive the Newbery Medal, Caldecott Medal and the Coretta Scott King awards.

» The Newbery Medal is awarded to an author for their contribution to American children's literature; this year Flora & Ulysses: the Illustrated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo received the award.

» The Caldecott Medal is for the artist of the most distinguished children's picture book; this year's winner is Locomotive, illustrated by Brian Floca.

» "The Coretta Scott King awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values" (ala.org). Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me, illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Daniel Beaty, was selected

for the Coretta Scott King illustrator award and P.S. Be Eleven writ-ten by Rita Williams-Garcia, received the author award.

All of these awardwinning books and previous year's award winners are located in a special section in the children's department and are available for checkout. Stop by the youth reference desk for more information.

The children's department recently received the Elaine R. Irving Friends Award through the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society. This grant provided the funding for a new collection of picture book and CD kits. The kits are now on display in the children's department near the story time room. Make sure to stop by the children's department to check out our new kits.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Story time, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 - The multi-age story time is for the whole family. Join us for stories, rhymes, movement, and crafts intended to engage children and caregivers. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Approximately 30 minutes long. Registration is required; contact the Children's Department to sign up.

Library Kids Club, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 -The Library Kids Club on Wednesday nights will highlight different books through games, crafts, read-aloud, and other fun activities. The club is recommended for children age 7 and up. Parents will be requested to stay for Kids Club as parent participation may be necessary for some of the activities. Registration is required for this free program. Contact the Children's Department

to sign up.
20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit by Michael Haus-er, 6:30 p.m. March 19 Michael Hauser is a favorite presenter at the Wayne Public Library. He always brings a plethora of memorabilia that attendees can browse and recall personal memories of downtown Detroit. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring this program. It is a free program, but call the library at 734-721-7832, ext. 630, to reserve a seat.

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Brandon becomes top grappling Rocket

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

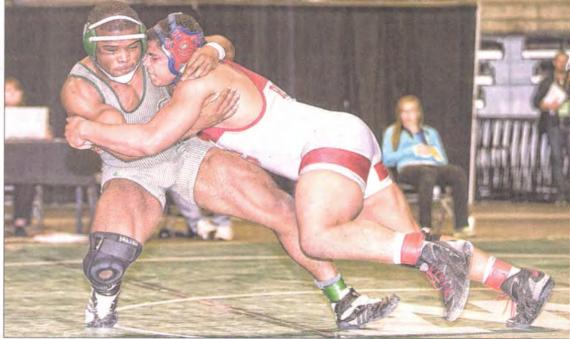
It was redemption day for Westland John Glenn wrestler Jordon Brandon.

The senior became the school's sixth individual state champion Saturday when he decisioned Waterford Kettering's Matt Okaiye for the MHSAA Division 1 215-pound title, 3-1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Brandon, who ended his season at 54-2 overall, also erased the bitter memory of losing a controversial 5-4 overtime decision last year to Temperance Bedford's Brandon Sunday in the 215-pound final. (In that match, Brandon was penalized a point for stalling with less than 10 seconds remaining which forced the OT.)

Brandon's reaction following the win over Okaiye was understandable and filled with relief

"I feel a lot better than last year, a lot better," Brandon said. "I wrestled a lot over the summer, a lot. I practiced hard, drilled hard. I ran semi-hard, but I hate running. I did what I



John Glenn's Jordon Brandon (right) goes for the takedown in Saturday's Division 1 215-pound final against Waterford Kettering's Matt Okaiye. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

had to do."

In his quest to return to the 215-pound finals, Brandon scored a first-round 11-3 major decision Thursday over Davison's Jake Ellis.

On Friday, Brandon scored two more major decisions to reach the finals including a 13-5 second-round victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central's James Russell followed by a 17-5 semifinal victory over Oxford's Ben Line.

Okaiye came into the match

with a 40-1 record with his only setback coming Feb. 1 against Brandon in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Tournament, 5-3.

Tournament, 5-3.
Brandon explained his strategy following the win.

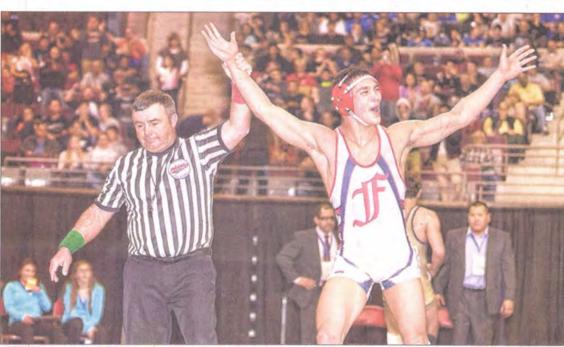
"Just stop his double-leg," the Glenn grappler said. "I thought I was going to score more on him, but I was fine with it. I was staying in good position (down the stretch). He was working the edge, but I was forcing him out. I was happy (with the 3-1 win)."

Nobody was more pleased with Brandon's victory than Bill Polk.

"What a weight lifted," the Glenn coach said. "He (Brandon) deserved every bit of that and it doesn't always work out that way. We're happy it did after last year's debacle.

"I really feel he should be a two-timer, but that motivated him from that day forward to today. He worked his tail off and he deserved every bit of it."

Plymouth-Canton Observer Sports Editor Tim Smith contributed to this story



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (right) is all smiles after winning the Division 1 160-pound championship Saturday

Pats' Atienza shoots to front of his class

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Despite a few anxious moments, it was mission accomplished Saturday for Livonia Franklin wrestler Jordan Atienza.

The senior now holds the distinction of being the school's first-ever state champion after capturing the 160-pound class in the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Finals held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Atienza, who went 58-0 last year before being upended in the 152-pound weight class final by Clarkston's Nick Vandemeer, winds up this season 64-1 overall.

"Man, I'm just the happiest guy," said Atienza, who decisioned Grand Haven's Dakota Juarez 10-5 in the finals. "You know this is bigger than me. It's for my school, for my community. I'm just happy to be a part of it."

As expected, Atienza breezed through the first three

rounds starting Thursday with a pin of Bay City Central's Davon Jackson in 2:46. On Friday, he followed with two more victories including a 21-5 technical fall against Brighton's Beau Moorer along with a 13-5 major decision in the semifinals over Macomb Dakota's Jake Johnson.

Meanwhile, Juarez came into final as a co-favorite with an unbeaten record of 41-0.

In the championship match, all went according to plan for Atienza until he suffered an

"He (Juarez) was a little rough on my shoulder, I didn't think he needed to do that, but it worked out," Atienza said. "I just kept torquing on it. I knew I only had about a minute left and I'd be a state champ, so I figured I'd tough it out. I'm the happiest guy in the world right now, nothing could bring me

The injury, however, became a concern as the match was drawing to a close, but Atienza shrugged it off.

"He (Atienza) got his arm cranked pretty good, but he shrugged it off," coach Dave Chiola said. "It would have taken more than that to stop that match for him. I was worried, don't get me wrong. I mean, when you have a 9-4 lead, you don't want to end up with an injury. But it was a little tweak, he's been wres-

tling with those all year."
And Atienza would not be denied.

"You know what, ever since one year ago today he's been on a mission to get back here," Chiola said. "The amount of work he put in ..."

work he put in ..."
Atienza's only blemish on
the season was a 7-6 loss to
Davison's Jordan Cooks in the
Division 1 Team Finals, Feb. 21,
in Battle Creek. Cooks was a
third-place finisher Saturday
at 171. Both wrestlers had

moved up to 189 for that match. But that one loss proved to

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Glenn's Dietz seizes the day, rules 'state'

Teammate Huren 2nd as Rockets place 4 in Final 8

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

If you think the Westland John Glenn girls bowling team couldn't top themselves following Friday's runner-up finish in the MHSAA Division 1 team competition ... think

In Saturday's singles event held at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, the Rockets made it practically their own intrasquad match as four individual state qualifiers all reached the quarterfinals with two of their sophomores squaring off for the coveted

And when the final pin fell it was Emily Dietz defeating teammate Julia Huren for the title, 396-366.

Dietz, who rolled a twogame set of 194-202 to Huren's 177-189, became the first girls bowler in school history to earn an individual singles title. (In 2011, Glenn's Jordan Hornes captured the boys singles crown).

In the semifinals, Dietz rolled a 259-221-480 to oust Howell's Victoria Clawson, who rolled a 224-221-445. Huren, meanwhile, shot 211-279-490 to eliminate Nicole Mikaelian of Macomb Dakota, who recorded a 234-215-440.

In the quarterfinals, it was another Glenn matchup with Huren ousting junior Olivia Cabildo, 432-375, while Dietz defeated Renee Spicuzza of Sterling Heights Stevenson by a mere two pins, 391-389. Glenn junior Jessica Pate

also reached the final eight before falling to Clawson by just two pins as well, 412-410.

"Other than if our four girls were in four different brackets they would have all made it through the quarters," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "To have two of

Rockets place 4 in Final 8
them in the finals is huge."
In the six-game qualifying

block, which cuts the field down from 60 to 16 for elimination match play, Dietz was the lowest qualifier among the Glenn contingent. Her six-game total was 1,258, including a high game of 238.

"You get hot for a tournament and that's what happened," Cabildo said. "Emily Dietz – during the season – her average was around 182 and she takes 'states' today. It's amazing. Even in our team event yesterday (Friday) she did really well in the finals. It's anybody's ballgame when it comes to a one-day tournament – it real-

ly is – and she came through."
Huren, scoring a 1,339,
was second only behind Farmington freshman Candyce
Bradley (1,357) in the qualifiying block.

"Julia Huren did the same thing," Cabildo said. "She shot 288 (high game) today." Olivia Cabildo was seventh

Olivia Cabildo was seventh going into the round of 16 with a 1,295 highlighted by a pair of 243 games, while Pate finished ninth with a 1,265, including a 244.

In the round of 16, Dietz downed Elizabeth Ireland of Utica Eisenhower, 418-409, while Huren toppled Samantha Gainor of Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse North, 504-348.

Cabildo defeated Allison Morris of Ann Arbor Huron (395-381), while Pate stopped Juliana Zaccarella of Monroe, 389-384.

And with two in the finals and four in the final eight, Ralph Cabildo couldn't ask for a better weekend other than winning Friday's team title, which went to Davison for the third straight year.

These kids, really honest-See BOWLING, Page B4

Stevenson icers frozen in regional final

Trenton denies defending state champs in 2nd OT, 3-2

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's bid to repeat as MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey champion hit an unexpected pothole in Saturday's regional final at Wyandotte's Yack Arena.

The Spartans were unable to overcome a curious penalty called during the second overtime as Trenton's Mitchell Galea tallied the game-winner with 2:31 remaining in the second sudden death overtime to give the Trojans a dramatic 3-2 victory.

Trenton, which improved to 24-4-1 overall, also captured its

quarterfinal Tuesday at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena with a 6-2 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Stevenson, meanwhile, ends its season with a 21-6 record. After the two teams played

to a 2-2 draw after three periods and 51 minutes of regulation time, Trenton came out storming during the first 8minute OT shooting the Spartans 7-1.

Stevenson got a power play chance just 54 seconds into the second OT, but Trenton successfully fought it off.

The Spartans then were assessed back-to-back penalties just 18 seconds apart with

Ray Chartier Jr. going off for holding with 4:05 left followed by a controversial slashing call against Tyler Irvine after the senior forward broke free on a dash to the net, only to be denied by Trenton netminder Nick Ramirez on the initial shot.

But unable to put on the brakes, while trying to bat home the rebound attempt in the air, Irvine was whistled for a slashing infraction putting two key Spartan players in the box.

box.
"The explanation was any time you make contact with goalie with the stick, even when the puck is right there, he (the official) said it's a pen-

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Westland John Glenn sophomore Emily Dietz claimed the MHSAA Division 1 girls bowling singles title Saturday after defeating teammate Julia Huren. RALPH CABILDO

Liggett icers elude Blazers in 2 OTs

Upset-minded Livonia Ladywood nearly pulled off the upset of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs Sunday against host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett as the No. 7-seeded Blazers took No. 2-seed Knights to double-overtime before falling, 4-3, at McCann Arena.

Ladywood ends its season at 8-14-1 overall, while Liggett advanced to Wednesday's semifinal with a 19-4 record.

The Blazers did all their scoring during the second period to take a 3-2 lead as freshman Katie Hayward scored twice, while freshman Claire Doyle added another. Hayward assisted on

Doyle's goal, while junior Jackie Kristofik and senior Sarah Doyle assisted on Hayward's second goal. Hayward's first goal was unassisted. She finished the season with a team-best 36 goals and 13

Liggett tied the game at 3-all with 5:43 left in the third period and added the game-winner after scrum in front of the Ladywood net with 5:21 remaining in the second

It was the final game for seniors Abby Pelon, Sabrina Alafita, Rachel Fradette and Sarah Doyle, who helped the Blazers close out the season with an 8-6-1 run to go along with a Catholic League title.

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alty," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "I don't know, I'd have to check on that. That was the explanation we got."

And with a five-onthree advantage for almost 1:47, the Trojans were not going to be denied as Galea went top-shelf from pointblank range off a set-up from teammate Andrew Sawyer.

'It was just a tough way to go down with a five-on-three situation against a team like Trenton in overtime," Mitchell said. "And with two of our top penalty killers (Irvine and Chartier) out, it doesn't help.

Ironically, it was almost a year ago in the same regional final that Stevenson ousted Trenton, a school with a long history of success and state titles (12).

"It was a tremendous game, two really strong teams," said Trenton coach Mike Turner, who has an MHSAA record 602 wins to go along with nine state titles himself. "It's tough to have it decided this way, but I'm sure glad it was on our side.

"I think we have a pretty good team that plays against good competition all season. We were ready to play hard, and we weren't

"I couldn't be more proud of the guys. It's a tough way for the season to come to a close. It stinks."

DAVID MITCHELL, Stevenson coach

going to quit. We have a lot of seniors here. This team (Stevenson) knocked us out last year (4-1) and they wanted a chance to play in the second week.

In between periods, Turner reminded his team to keep things simple.

'It was going to take a quick shot," the Trenton coach said. "Don't try and hold the puck too long. Try and get puck to net and by their defensemen. We were kind of getting stripped early trying to make a play or so before it. I just said, 'Get the puck below the defensemen and outwork them in the corners.

Trenton opened the scoring at 7:20 of the first period on Phil Pugliese's shot from just beyond the left circle off assists from Quinn Preston and Aaron Arturi. But Stevenson senior Dominic Lutz answered on a power play at 11:38 of the same period from Devin Kelly and Cole Christie

Lutz then clanged a

shot off the crossbar with 49 seconds left in the first period as the two teams went into the dressing room tied at 1-1. It was also the Spartans' best period as they outshot Trenton,

And just 1:14 into the second, Arturi scored on a breakaway, going top shelf to make it 2-1 with Preston drawing the assist.

Trenton's lead, however, didn't last long as Lutz notched his second of the night just 11 seconds later off assists from Kelly and Alec Allen to knot the count at 2-all.

The score remained that way through the remainder of the second period and through 17 minutes of the third with each team failing to capitalize on a power play chance. The big stop for Ste-

venson came at 25 seconds of the third when goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum robbed Justin Dunn on a break-

In the high-flying and up-and-down game, Stevenson had the edge in shots through regulation, 37-35. But that all changed with the first OT as Trenton seemed to get a boost of

"I said to our guys that we needed to get more pucks to the net," Mitchell said. "We didn't do a good job in the first overtime.'

Rozenbaum, a junior,

sparkled throughout the game and finished with 44 saves, while Ramirez stopped 43of-45 Stevenson shots.

"How much good can you say about the way Andrew Rozenbaum was tonight?" Mitchell said. "He absolutely gave us a chance to win it the entire game. He was outstanding. To watch a kid grow like that throughout the vear and then really grow up tonight ... he gave us a chance to win and that's all we could ask for him. It just wasn't meant to be tonight.'

Despite the loss, Mitchell was pleased with his team's effort.

"I'm the most proud a coach could be of his players," he said. "Our guys battled, competed. Hats off to Trenton. They are a class organization and a class act. I couldn't be more proud of the guys. It's a tough way for the season to come to a close. It stinks.'

And although the Trojans couldn't convert on their first three power play chances, converted on their fourth.

"That was huge," Turner said. "We were bound and determined to get the thing done. Fortunately for us ... we got it done.'

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball signup

The Wayne Baseball Association is staging a one-day registration from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Mark Chevrolet, 33200 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Registration fees are: \$25, Parent Helper (ages 3-4) and Shetland (5-6); \$30 Pinto (7-8); \$55, Mustang (8-10) and Bronco (11-12); to be determined, Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-18).

For more information, call Trish Hampton of Mark Chevrolet at 734-722-9100 or email trish@markchevrolet.com.

Girls AAU hoops

Tryouts for the 2014 Girls AAU Capital Hooperz (grades 7-11) will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

The \$20 tryout fee will also cover an AAU membership card.

For more information, call Matt McCowan at 248-761-9201 or email Mmcowan54@gmail.com.

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Girls softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers fundamentals girls softball camp (grades three-10) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, at the high school fieldhouse, 8900 Newburgh.

All participants must be preregistered. The cost is \$35. Each girl should bring a glove, gym shoes and bat.

For more information, call Churchill girls softball coach Steve Gentilia at 734-776-1716 or email Churchillsoftball@gmail.com.

CHS Hall of Fame

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

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

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

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

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

Women's golfers

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

Nonresidents are encouraged to join the 20-week league.

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

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2014 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 10, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, located on the second floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Friday, March 14, 2014.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014 by 12:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

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Matthew Miller

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Franklin pulls district surprise vs. Churchill, 46-44

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Monday's Class A district boys basketball opener at Livonia Franklin proved you can throw the regular season records completely out the win-

The host Patriots, who went 4-16 during the regular season, including lopsided losses of 67-41 and 63-44 to rival Livonia Churchill, pulled out a stunning 46-44 triumph over the Chargers.

Senior guard Adam Monroe, who finished with 16 points along with senior forward Nick Guest, nailed a pair of free throws with only 4.6 seconds remaining to break a 44-all deadlock and give Franklin the victory and a spot in Wednesday's semifinal against 5-15 Livonia Stevenson.

'We're always an underdog and we came in with that same mentality," Monroe said. "I'm a senior right now and I know we have other seniors on the team. We wanted it so much. That's all we've been working for all year ... districts. Glad we got it done.

Churchill, which finished 10-11 on the year, got a gamehigh 18 points from sophomore guard Joan Andoni, while senior guard Donte Jackson chipped in with 12.

The final 1:22 proved to be frenetic with Guest and Monroe hitting big three-pointers for the Patriots, while Churchill countered with key triples from Jackson and Jon Hovermale. Sandwiched in between was a layup from Mark Leja (following a steal).

Hovermale's long triple from the left wing with only 15 seconds remaining made it 44-44, but Monroe got the ball down the floor and was fouled by Shakur Lockett with just under five seconds left.

And Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault had all the confidence in his senior guard.

"He's our top free throw shooter obviously and had had that streak where he almost got the record," Rheault said.
"Absolutely Adam should have the ball in his hands at all times. I liked the defense at the end. All three seniors really stepped up. For Guest, who is an outstanding shooter, and for Nick Mardeusz to give us 10 points, and all the effort ... really proud of the seniors."

Andoni, the sharpshooting Churchill sophomore, tallied 14 first-half points as he went 5-for-6 from the field, including two triples.

But the 6-1 guard had limited access to the ball during the second half and got off only four shots, while making

"We made subtle adjustments," Rheault said. "I wouldn't say we keyed on him. It was definitely the subject at halftime. No major adjustments, just a better effort. We were getting outrebounded in that third quarter, too. That was a concern."

Franklin, controlling the tempo, led 24-20 at halftime, but Churchill pulled even at 31-all to start the final quarter.

"Slow the game down, poise," Monroe said. "That was our biggest thing. They (Churchill) run a lot of traps and they're good on their traps. Coach (Reault) said, 'Slow it down, make the easy pass,' just get it done that way, and that's what we did."

Churchill made 17-of-40 shots from the floor, while Franklin was 17-of 39. The Patriots had just nine turnovers, while Churchill had just

The Chargers suffered a blow early in the game when starting junior guard Jalen Davis went down with an injury and never returned to the

"He collided knees, hurt his knee, so he was done for the rest of the game," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We got to be able to overcome that. We've been overcoming adversity all year. We need other guys to come through. As a team collectively we didn't step up when we needed to. It's a tough loss all the way around. From the coaches to the players - we like this team - and they liked each other. We didn't want it to end this way. Frank-lin did the little things and that's what it came down to."

And while trailing during the fourth quarter, Churchill had five fouls to give as Franklin patiently worked the ball. And it seemed every time Churchill got close, Franklin would come up with a clutch bucket.

"They locked down on Joan

the second half, so someone else has to step up," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He (Andoni) was working to get open, but credit them, he couldn't get open. Someone else had to step up. Donte (Jackson) tried, but we struggled scoring in the second half. Late in the year we've been like that. We need the whole team to step up and score. It's just been one guy. We missed

some easy shots, then it carries over to the defense. And before you know it, the game is

As Monroe dribbled up the floor for the final possession, he drew contact just over half-

"Nobody could guard Adam all night," Solak said. "We knew he was going to take the ball to the basket and Shakur is our best on-the-ball defender. He's as good as we have. He just got over aggressive and used his hands. That's going to get called every time, especially that far from the basket. It's a mental mistake, but the game was lost well before that.

And Monroe confidently and calmed drilled home both free throws. Churchill then tried a last-ditch desperation shot, but came up short.

"I've been the technical free throw shooter all year, so I was the guy," Monroe said. "All through my career I wanted to be that guy on the free throw line. I got it in my hands. They fouled me. I've working all year for it and that's exactly what I wanted. I'm glad I got the opportunity to knock them

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Stevenson's Abby Knoph (left) picks up her dribble guarded by King's Micaela Kelly during Tuesday's Class

No. 1 King does in Stevenson

Regional final looms vs. No. 3 Mercy

Livonia Stevenson quickly found out why the Class A girls basketball regional tournament at Farmington High is undoubtedly the toughest in the state.

After No. 3-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy upended No. 2 and two-time state runner-up Grosse Pointe South in the opener of the doubleheader before a packed house, 73-60, the Spartans had the monumental task of facing

top-ranked Detroit King. And it didn't go well Tuesday night for the Spartans, who couldn't handle King's full-court pressure and fell

Unlike last year's matchup when Stevenson hung with the Crusaders for most of four quarters in a 50-36 regional setback, this time it was all King, which improved its overall record to 22-1 overall.

"We didn't play good all the time, but we played good in spots," King coach William Winfield said, "But I thought we did a good job of rebounding the ball. I was satisfied with that."

Stevenson committed 12 first-quarter turnovers and trailed 15-4. And the Crusaders' relentless defensive pressure didn't stop during the second quarter as King built a

34-10 halftime lead. "I think one of the things is that they're so long," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, whose team committed 28 turnovers on the night. "I told the girls yesterday at practice, 'You can't pass over them, you're either going to have to put the ball down or fake and bounce pass. They're kids, so what are you going to do? The first three times they pressed us we tried to throw over their

hands." King couldn't miss during the third quarter, going 12of-16 from the floor en route to a 29-6 surge while invoking a running clock when lead

drew past 40 points. DePaul University signee Martè Grays, a 6-foot-1 senior, led all scorers with 21 points, while sophomore guard Micaela Kelly added 12.

"We knew they had one or

two ball handlers, and we tried to exploit that," King coach William Winfield said of Stevenson. "And that was the difference tonight, by the mere fact we jumped on them early. The first quarter was the dagger, then.'

Seniors Charlesann Roy, Kyra Johnson and Rosemary Morse each tallied six for the Spartans, who finished 14-9 overall.

The loss marked the final game for five other Stevenson seniors including Rachel Wilkinson, Amy Freed, Abby Knoph, Chidinma Nwankwo and Olivia Wright.

"They're all in there crying, but they like being to-gether," the Stevenson coach said. "They like want to go to another practice. I'm sure there are teams that want it to be over at this point, but this one wasn't.

"I've had a few of those girls since they were freshman. They played varsity for four years like Charlie (Roy) and Rachel (Wilkinson). And I've had a couple for three years, even my own daughter (Abigail). I feel for them because they're a great group of

Trojans collapse down stretch vs. RU, 57-43

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

It may have taken 20 games, but the Redford Union boys basketball team finally showed what it's truly made of Monday night.

And not a moment too soon. Trailing by seven points midway through the third quarter of their win-or-gohome Class B district opener against host Livonia Clarenceville, the Panthers closed out the contest with the poise and grit of a 16-3 team - not the 3-16 team they were coming in – to post a convincing 57-43 win.

RU advanced to Wednesday's semifinal Clarenceville against Detroit Community, while the Trojans' season ended with a 7-14 record. (The other semifinal pits Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts.)

The Panthers' stars were senior Jacob McKiddie and junior Jerrime Koger, who combined for 14 of their 29 points in the fourth quarter. But RU's unquestioned catalyst was reserve guard Omar Butler, who sparked a thirdquarter uprising with seven points in eight minutes after not leaving the bench in the

first half. Showing no signs of nerves or rust, Butler deposited two game-tying buckets in the momentum-swinging third quarter - a deep-corner triple at the 4:12 mark to knot the game at 28-all, and a lane-splitting drive with 26 seconds remaining to even the ledger at

McKiddie's steal and layup with 8.4 ticks left in the third stanza gave the Panthers a 33-31 lead that they would never relinquish.

Lutheran High Westland

Monday's Class D district boys

answer for Novi Franklin Road Christian's Scott McSweeney as the 6-foot-8 senior poured in

a game-high 48 points to propel

free throws, also got help from

McSweeney, who made 16-18

the host Warriors to a 90-80

basketball opener, but had no

made a gallant comeback in

"Tonight was the first time all season that this team played a full game together," said RU coach Randall Taylor. "That was the difference, and something that I've been stressing all year - playing together."

When asked for his team's biggest Achilles' heel, Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson hinted at the Trojans' desire.

"We got out-worked, especially in the second half," said Johnson, whose team split two regular-season games with RU. "They seemed to have a little more fire, a little more want.

"Every time we've played that team over the past five seasons, they have come out and worked hard. They always have a couple nice offensive players, but their strength is that they go for 32 minutes, and we didn't tonight." The Trojans' two main scor-

ing threats during the regular season – senior Kimari Dooley and junior Jermell Johnson were stymied most of the night by the Panthers' hustling manto-man defense. Dooley scored just eight points on 2-of-16 shooting while Johnson, who was plagued by foul trouble most of the night, netted 10.

Junior Carlon Davis did a nice job of picking up the slack, registering a game-high 13 points for the Trojans.

McKiddie finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead RU, which pulled away in the final quarter. Koger scored 13 points and, just as importantly, blanketed Dooley for most of the night on defense.

Clarenceville turned the ball over twice as much as RU, 22-11. The Panthers were 23of-36 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 11-of-22.

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Franklin Road's McSweeney

nets 48 points vs. Warriors

Upset bid falls short for MU men's cagers

Madonna University's postseason men's basketball hopes went up in smoke during the final nine minutes of Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinal against top seed Cornerstone.

Wes Hudson, who led all scorers with a game-high 26 points, nailed two free throws with 8:11 to go to put the Golden Eagles ahead to stay, 68-67, and host Cornerstone ended the game on a 22-9 run to eliminate MU, 90-76, at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Free throws told the tale as Cornerstone made 30-of-38 on the day (78.9 percent), including 14-of-17 by Hudson.

Ben Lanning, who was 10-of-16 from the floor, chipped in with 24 points, while Jake Plite and Travis Wells contributed 14 and 12, respectively, for the WHAC regular season champs, who improved to 28-4 overall.

Madonna, unable to hold a 46-37 halftime advantage, finishes the season at 20-13 overall.

Senior NAIA All-America point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) ended his illustrious MU career with a team-high 18 points, while fellow senior guard Travis Schuba chipped in with 16.

Senior forwards Matt Jenkins and Derek Lennen each finished with 10, while sophomore Jeff Schmitz came off the bench to score nine.

MU racked up a total of 26 fouls, with four players collecting four each. Meanwhile, Cornerstone had just 16 total

The Crusaders made 12of-15 free throws and were 10-of-21 from the three-point range, but it wasn't enough.

The WHAC's top two teams have already punched their tickets to the upcoming NAIA National Championship Tournament. MOTT 105, SCHOOLCRAFT (MEN) 55:

Marcus Johnson scored 22 points and Malik Albert added 21 Tuesday to lift host Flint Mott Community College (25-5) to an NJCAA Division II District 10 men's quarterfinal win over Schoolcraft College

(14-15).
Ruston Hayward added 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Jamal Reynolds came off the bench
to score 12 for the Bears, who led 53-22 at halftime
and shot 59.4 percent from the floor for the game.
Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) scored 15 for
the Ocaletts who committed 15 turnovers. MACOMB 69, SCHOOLCRAFT (WOMEN) 53: Tiara Malone tallied 21 points and Billie Grant added 12 Tuesday as host Macomb Community College (21-6) rolled to an NJCAA Division II District Conege (21-9) rolled to an NYLAA Division II District H quarterfinal win over Schoolcraft College (11-18). Brianna Berberet (Salem) and Jessica Parry tallied 13 and 11, respectively, for the Lady Ocelots. Tabitha Mann (Salem) also tallied nine.

Austin Hearns, who added 17 points. Franklin Road led 40-35 at halftime, but outscored the Warriors 29-11 in the third period to take what appeared to be a commanding 69-46

first-round victory.

advantage. Lutheran Westland (13-8) whittled the deficit down to seven with only two minutes to go, but couldn't get any closer.

Nick Flanery led Lutheran Westland with 23 points and eight assists, while P.J. Gusè added 19. Jake Davenport and Brent Croft contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

Franklin Road (10-13) made 27-of-40 free throws, while Lutheran Westland hit 18-of-26.

"During a four-minute stretch in the third quarter we

were unable to make the stops on defense that we needed,' Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "We dug ourselves too deep a hole going into the fourth. Regardless, my guys were resilient. They kept chipping away and chipping away and made a game of it.

"I'm really proud of this team for the way they battled all year. The seniors should be proud of the way they took charge of this team.

TRILLIUM 51, HURON VALLEY 41: Senior foward Ryan Schaffer scored 34 points and pulled down eight rebounds in his final game, but Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-12) fell to Taylor Trillium Academy (10-6) came away with the Class D district victory Monday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Kristen Ofen scored 20, while Barrly Robb and Kristen Oden scored 20, while Hardy Robb and

Kristen Oden scored 20, while Hardy Robb and Jermaine Johnson added 14 and 10, respectively, for the Wildcats, who led 31-27 at halftime and 57-36 after three quarters. Jordan Rundstadler added eight for the Hawks, who were outrebounded 39-20. "Our guys fought pretty hard, but in the end they were more athletic than we were," HVL coach Jim Ott said. "They had a lot of second chance opportunities. Your not gripn to win many cames when your." Your not going to win many games when your opponent shoots 45 of their 50 shots in the paint, and then shoot 54 percent overall from the floor." TRUMAN 66, WAYNE 43: University of Detroit

Mercy signee Aaron Foster-Smith was a one-man wrecking crew Monday leading Taylor Truman (19-2) to a Class A district triumph over Wayne Memorial (4-16) at Belleville.

(4-16) at Belleville.

The 6-7 Foster-Smith scored a game-high 31 points for Truman, which led 36-23 at halftime.

"He can shoot it outside, he goes inside, he blocks shots, gets put-backs ... he had a field day," Wayne coach Mike Schuette said of Foster-Smith.

Brian Williams and Aaron Journey tallied 14 and 12

points, respectively, for the Zebras

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Livonia Blue gains at-large state qualifying bid

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The color turned up Blue this time when it comes to Livonia girls gymnastics for the MHSAA team finals.

Last year it was Livonia Red that finished fourth at the Plymouth regional and garnered the lone at-large bid as the 13th qualifier with the highest score with a 140.95.

And on Saturday at the same regional, Livonia Blue is headed to Friday's team finals also at Plymouth - after scoring a 140.45 en route to

Regional champion Canton (147.65), runner-up Plymouth (142.25) and third-place finisher Grosse Pointe United (141.15) also gobbled up the automatic bids. Livonia Red, meanwhile, took sixth with a 134.075.

Livonia Blue posted 11 individual qualifying performances in Division 2.

Sophomore Bri Rhoad, who was third in the all-around (35.7), won the uneven bars (8.925), took third on the balance beam (9.1) and added a fourth on floor exercise (9.125).

Freshman Jess Weak, who tied for fourth in the all-around (34.775), was runner-up on bars (8.8) and tied for seventh on floor (9.025).

Emily Chatterjee, sixth in the all-around (34.55), qualified with a fifth on beam (8.8) and a sixth on floor (9.05).

Other Blue state qualifiers included: Caitlyn McDougall, who placed fourth on beam (8.825) and tied for eight on vault (8.9); Alex Zukowski, tied for sixth, vault (8.95); and Jillian Zafarana, seventh, beam

Zukowski and McDougall finished ninth and 10th in the all-around with scores of 34.275 and 34.175, respectively.

Meanwhile, Livonia Red qualified in four events for Saturday's individual finals led by Marissa McVey, who placed seventh in the all-around (34.475), including a tie for seventh on floor (9.025) and a tie for eighth on vault (8.9). She will be joined by Julia Twigg, who tied for sixth on vault (8.95) and Jackie Dziurgot, who took eighth on bars (8.25).

The team finals are 2 p.m. Friday and the individual finals are 2 p.m. Saturday, both at Plymouth. MHSAA REGIONAL

GIRLS GYMNASTICS March 1 at Plymouth TEAM STANDINGS (top 4 qualify for

state finals): 1. Canton, 147.65 points; 2. Plymouth, 142.25; 3. Grosse Pointe Unified, 141.15; 4. Livonia Blue, 140.45; 5. Saline, 134.25; 6. Livonia Red, 134.075; 7. Salem, 127.95; 8. Northville, 126.975; 9. Fecumseh, 120.175; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 59.900; 11. Adrian, 39.400; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 32.175. DIVISION 1 RESULTS

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Vault: 1. Melissa Green (Canton), 9.575; uneven
bars: 1. Isabelle Nguyen (GPU), 9.525; balance
beam: 1. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 9.625; floor
exercise: 1. Green (Canton), 9.6; all-around: 1.

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DIVISION 2 RESULTS (top 8 state qualifiers)

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.35; 6. (tie) Julia Twigg (Red) and Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.95 each; 8. (tie) Marissa McVey (Red) and Caitlyn McDougall (Blue), 8.9 each; uneven bars: 1. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.95; 2. Jess Weak (Blue), 8.8; 8. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.25; balance beam: 1. Katie Salanga (Ply.), 9.625; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 9.1; 4. McDougall (Blue), 8.825); 7. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.7; floor exercise: 1. Lucas (Canton), 9.225; 4. Rhoad (Blue), 9.125; 6. Chatterjee (Blue), 9.05; 7. (tie) McVey (Red) and Weak (Blue), 9.025 each; all-around: 1. Lucas (Canton), 35.825; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 35.7; 6. Chatterjee (Blue), 34.55; 7. McVey (Red), 34.475.

Warriors' Francis earns runner-up finish in D4

Glenn duo, Wayne's Mauldin also grab D1 All-State honors

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

State champions Jordon Brandon of Westland John Glenn and Jordan Atienza of Livonia Franklin may have stolen the headlines, but there were several other noteworthy area performers at the MHSAA individual wrestling finals held Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

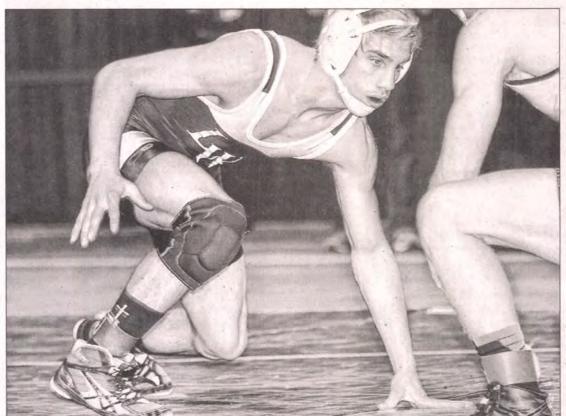
Not to be outdone was Lu-theran High senior Zachary Francis, who earned runnerup honors in the Division 4 at 145 pounds.

Francis made his way to the finals opening with a firstround pin (3:42) Thursday against Pigeon Laker's Mauricio Diaz-Reyes. On Friday, Francis decisioned Springport's Zeth Caudill in the second round, 12-6, followed by a 4-2 semifinal victory over Darren Decker of Carson City-Crystal.

But Hudson Area's J.D. Waters proved to be more than a formidable opponent, as he improved to 49-10 with a pin in 0:51 seconds over Fran-

Francis, who missed the first half of the season with an injury, finished the year 20-4 overall.

"His semifinal match against Decker from Carson City is the best I've ever seen one of my kids wrestle," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said. "He was solid

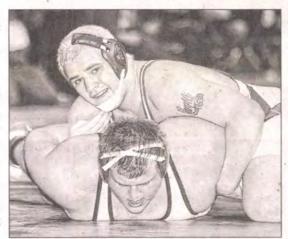


Lutheran High Westland senior Zach Francis (left) made it all the way to the finals of the 145-pound class in Division 4. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

thought he was out for the season with a broken hand. He has had an amazing four years. Waters from Hudson in the finals showed why he is the returning state champ.'

Meanwhile, John Glenn had two other wrestlers earned all-state (top eight) honors led by freshman John Siemasz, who placed third at 103 to finish 55-4 overall, along with Kevin Huynh, took fourth at 125 to finish 51-6.

Wayne Memorial senior Aaron Mauldin (285) also posted a fifth-place finish to go out



Wayne Memorial senior Aaron Mauldin (top) garnered a fifth in the 285-pound Division 1 weight class. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

ATIENZA

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be only a small sacrifice for

Atienza. "It takes some luck, you can't get hurt, you can't get upset any time throughout the year," Chiola said. "Jordan challenged himself. We did a scrimmage against Woodhaven, he bumped up to 189 to wrestle (Derek) Hillman (state runner-up at 189). We went to team 'states' and he bumped up to wrestle Cooks with a undefeated record. I don't know any kid at his age that would have done that, put his undefeated record on the line to wrestle Jordan Cooks.

"The team didn't need him, we were getting blown out in the dual meet, but he didn't care. He wanted to get a good match in before 'states' and he



Franklin's Jordan Atienza (left) decisioned Grand Haven's Dakota Jurarez for the Division 1 160-pound individual title on Saturday. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

took a loss. But I think it helped him here because he knew what he needed to do. And he worked so hard. He worked every day. We have practice every day, tournaments on Saturday. He would practice on Sunday, too. He never took a day off. He put so much pressure on himself. You couldn't stop him from doing that.

And the reward was being the school's first state wrestling champion in the 52-year history of the school.

Franklin also had one other state placer. It Jordan's younger brother Nathan, a freshman, who took eighth in the 125-pound class to end his season at 55-10.

"It was a big year for the program and Jordan's brought us a long way," Chiola said. "We had a good program, but he's put us up another notch. We never won a regional championship. He's a helluva team leader. He's the best team leader in any sport I've ever seen - ever - at any school I've ever coached or witnessed. The kids follow him like the Pied Piper. He has their total respect because he leads by example and the things he does on the mat."

Plymouth-Canton Observer Sports Editor Tim Smith contributed to this

BOWLING

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ly, love to bowl and I'm lucky to be there," the Glenn coach said. "We could practice every day and they're going to be there. That's how they are. And the practice paid off, it just really did. All of our bowlers, the five that we have (including Ashley Kolb), are so super dedicated. It's not like they come into the season and expect to get a lot done. Before the season they're taking lessons from professionals and stuff like that. They come out prepared and we go from there. And they're talented definitely."

Division 1 boys

Grandville's Josh Kukla captured the Division 1 boys

Utica's Andrew Venturini was the top qualifier with a

title at Sunnybrook Lanes with a 470-384 victory over Hudsonville's Alex Stillwill.

six-game total of 1,450. Wayne Memorial senior Kody Wojewski (1,330) and John Glenn junior Nick Bell (1,325) took 12th and 13th in the qualifying block to reach the round of 16.

Kukla eliminated Bell, 513-404, while Clarkston's Jacob Kersten down Wojewski, 474-450.

Bell's high game on the day was 257, while Wojewski posted a 264.

Division 2 girls

Livonia Ladywood seniors Veronica Estiogoy (1,022) and Sabine Hutter (971) finished 36th and 42nd, respectively, in the Division 2 girls singles qualifying block Saturday at Century Lanes in Waterford.

Estigoy posted a high game of 227, while Hutter, the regional champion, posted a 202.

Division 3 boys

Livonia Clarenceville freshman Samuel Moore wound up 36th in the Division 3 boys singles qualifying block with a 1,076 total, including a high game of 223.

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KNIGHTS VICTORIOUS



The '02 Livonia Knight emerged first in the Irish South Bend (Ind.) Cup Pee Wee A Silver 01-02 Division, capped by a 6-1 victory Feb. 17 in the finals over the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Arctic Foxes. The Knights avenged a loss to the Foxes after going 3-1 in round-robin play. Victories were recorded against the Trenton Blades, KV Raiders and West Kent Hawks. Team members include (lower row, from left) Garrett Sibley, Jack Coleman; (second row, from left) Addison Eilers, Eli Ross, Ian Kimble, Evan Estes, Michael Mancina, Luc Ores, Paul Clark; (third row, from left) Henry Shymanski, Donovan Young, Jacob Cox, Kyle Fugedi, Ayden Adamic, Zach York, Ryan Kerr, Nick Olsen; (top row, from left) assistant coaches Brent Reid and Dave Cox, head coach Eric Olsen and assistant coach Roger Labby. The team manager is Heather Szymanski (not pictured). The forward line of Adamic, Olsen and Clark were named tournament MVPs.

Florida tour: Crusaders off to 8-3 start

Crampton, Keuvelaar lead way for MU softball squad

It's been a productive spring trip thus far for the Madonna University women's softball team.

The Crusaders, playing 11 games over the first five days, are off to an 8-3 start following a 9-0 victory Tuesday morning over Concordia University (Ill.) in a game played at Chain of Lakes Park in Titusville, Fla.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton improved to 5-1 with a five-inning perfect game. She struck out 13 and did not walk a batter. The junior has 57 strikeouts in 35 innings and a 0.26 earned run average.

Caitlyn Keuvelaar, the Crusaders' top hitter on the spring trip, went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Myklan Kish added two hits and three RBI.

Keuvelaar is hitting .419 with one homer and 10 RBI.

Earlier in the day, MU routed Oakland City (Ind.) in five innings as Erin Combs (2-2) threw a five-hitter with Kristen Drabek going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

On Monday, MU played three times and went 3-0 starting with a sweep of a double-header against Concordia (Minn.), 13-2 (in five innings) and 5-0.

Erin Mayes went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Morgan Kaiser and Kayla Rebain (Plymouth) each added two hits to five Combs, who throw a five-

In Game Two of the twinbill, Carlee Meek picked up her first win of the year throwing a

four-hitter.

Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) knocked in two runs, while Emma Cook added

two hits. MU also downed Oakland City, 4-0, to complete the hat trick as Crampton threw a four-hitter to go along with 14

strikeouts and only one walk. Kasey Trierweiler, Mayes and Drabek each collected two hits in the win.

On Sunday, MU split a doubleheader with host Embry-Riddle (Fla.), winning the opener, 2-1, while losing the night-cap, 2-1.

Madonna also split on Saturday, with host Warner (Fla.) University taking the first game, 6-0, while falling 5-4 in nine innings in the second game.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS CLASS A

at LIVONIA FRANKLIN Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 10 at Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Western Interna-

tional district champion.) at BELLEVILLE

Friday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Monday, March 10 at Saline vs. Lincoln Park district champi-

CLASS B at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Friday, March 7: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 10 at Flat Rock vs. Dearborn Divine Child district champion.)

BOYS SWIMMING (MHSAA Championships) Friday-Saturday, March 7-8

Div. 1 at Saginaw Valley St., noon. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** (MHSAA Championships) Friday, March 7

Team finals at Plymouth, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8

(MHSAA Championships) Individual finals at Plymouth, noon.

Musician plays his 'world blues fusion'

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Peter Harper is ready to jam, Aboriginal-style.

"It's a piece of wood with a hole in it," said Harper, de-scribing the didgeridoo, an indigenous Australian woodwind instrument he sometimes plays on stage with his blues band, Harper and the Midwest Kind Band. "I was in Australia and a guy there played the didgeridoo. We were doing a blues jam and he brought it around. A didgeridoo is only one note, whatever you play you can't go far with it. But I thought, wow, I love the sound. I rushed back home to put didgeridoo in some of my songs'

Harper, who composes songs, sings, and plays harmonica, took the didgeridoo player on tour with his band for a year and then spent six months learning to play the instrument. He'll have it on hand when Harper and the Midwest Kind Band perform in the Blues@The Elks series, 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is \$5 at the

"I love the sound. It has a beautiful drone that's opposite of the harmonica, which is harsh. It's got that warm drone," Harper said. "I still like to rip it up on the harmonica. That is my first baby, but the didgeridoo added to our repertoire.'

From Australia to U.S.

Harper was born in England and at age 11 moved with his family to Australia, before landing in Grass Lake, west of Ann Arbor, after his first American tour in 1996. He grew up listening to blues,



Peter Harper includes sounds from the Australian instrument, the didgeridoo, in some of the blues music he

rock and Motown sounds.

"I got into things like Led Zeppelin, Cream. I loved Muddy Waters, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. I loved the hell out of Motown."

He played trombone and euphonium at school, and easily learned to play the harmon-

"All I wanted to do was play in a band. Outside of school I met up with guys who were older than me. They had a

wonderful understanding of music. We started playing and I was 18 when I had my first band. I loved it.

"I started writing my own material. I never wanted to do covers. I studied music. If you have a love of something, you should understand what you're doing," he said, adding that his knowledge of music structure has enabled him to arrange his

In Australia, Harper per-

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formed on more than 1,500 commercials for film, radio and television. His harmonica performance has been featured on film sound tracks including Lightening Jack, Elephant Boy, and Kuta. He has performed with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, The Beijing Orchestra and has opened for Van Morrison, Canned Heat, John Mayall and

television reality series, Dog The Bounty Hunter. He has recorded six CDs.

Touring the U.S.

"I was playing in Melbourne in my band and a guy from GM was a big fan of ours. His home was in Detroit. He said, 'You guys should come to Detroit. You guys would be awesome. He gave us his vehicle and we did our first (U.S.) tour pulling a U-Haul around. It was tough. There was no GPS then and we were just using maps. What an experience. We learned so much touring across the coun-

In Detroit, Harper met R.J. Spangler, blues/jazz drummer and a co-founder of the Sun Messengers. The pair often jammed together at Metro Detroit clubs.

"Around that time it was jumping here. You had the Soup Kitchen Saloon and Fifth Avenue Billiards. There were so many places to play here. We thought it was awesome."

He and his wife, Bobbi, settled in Michigan because "the people are the most nor-mal" of any state in the U.S., Harper said.

"Î love Michigan. We get a couple of months of nasty weather, but it's part of the excitement. I love the four

In addition to performing, Harper and his wife, offer workshops in Aboriginal music, art and culture, including didgeridoo. They'll bring their "Australian Didge-ucation" program to the Baldwin Library in Birmingham on July

For more on Blues@The Elks email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com or call 734-453-1780. For more on Harper and Midwest Kind, see www.harper.biz.

ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

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

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

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

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; opening reception, 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 7; runs through March 29

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters" shows works by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor, Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia and Natalie Estep

Call for entries: Submissions due 5 p.m. April 12 for "West of Center," an all-media show that will run June 6-28. Robert Schefman, Foundations Department chair and associate professor at the College for Creative Studies, will jury the show. Cash prizes will be awarded. Applications at www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org

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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15 and 22

Location: Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Details: In this free art-making workshop, families choose one or both projects - a 3D window screen or a mosaic decorated box — inspired by the marble window screens and tile mosaics as seen in the exhibition Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, on view at the museum through May 4. Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exhibit Contact: 734-926-4128

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 10-11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth Details: 5 Women Wearing the Same Dress offers roles for five women,

approximately age 28 Contact: justgobarefoot.com

portraying ages 21-37 and one man,

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan

Details: Gallim Dance, a New Yorkbased contemporary dance company, performs original work by Andrea Miller. Tickets are \$37 and \$32 for center members

Coming up: Michigan Five: Choreographer Showcase will highlight outstanding and creative dance from University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Hope College, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Tickets are \$27; \$22 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theber-

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit Details: "(313) to the (212) A Detroit/ New York Choreography Expo" is a dance showcase with works by seven choreographers and dancers from New York City and Detroit; tickets \$20

Contact: 313-887-8501; www.mus-

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 7 and Thursday, March 13, 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 8-9 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Ply-

Details: The Hobbit: The Desolation of

Smaug, admission \$3 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 15

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: The Lady Eve; \$5 Contact: 313-537-2560

SENATE THEATER

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., film screens 8 p.m., Saturday, March 8

Location: 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit Details: Chicago, the 2002 musical film starring Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere; \$5

Contact: 313-894-4100

MUSIC

AMC/GDR THEATERS Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 26

Location: AMCLivonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia; GDR Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Elton John: The Million Dollar Piano, captures John's performance live from The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. Tickets \$14-\$15

Contact: www.FathomEvents.com **BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774

N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Alex and Maggie Zakim, the featured performers on March 15, will perform a mix of American and Irish traditional songs. John Delle-Monache hosts. Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresi-

dent@aol.com for additional informa-

others. Several of his songs

have been featured on the

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16 Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi perform klezmer music; tickets \$13, \$10 for Jewish Community Center members Contact: 248-661-1900

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: Harper and Midwest Kind performs on March 11; \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 7-8 Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington

Details: Blackthorn band performs, with Tim O'Shea. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students. Buy tickets at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, by calling 248-473-1848 or by visiting recreg.fhgov.com Contact: 248-473-1856

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: Dave Bennett Quartet with Bennett on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass, performs March 25; \$10 donation at the door includes hors

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9

Location: First Methodist Church, 45201 N Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The symphony and Plymouth Oratorio Society perform together in this "The Ives of March" concert. They will perform Dvorak's TeDeum and the choruses from Carmina Burana. Tickets are \$30; seniors, 65 and over, pay \$25 and studentswith ID pay \$10. Available online at www.michiganphil.org Contact: 734-451-2112

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Drive South, March 7; Krista Detor, March 13; Kitty Donohoe, March 14; The Potters Field, March 15; Khalid Hanifi, March 21; Christopher Mark Jones with Steve D'Angelo, March 22; John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley, March 23; Nathan Bell, March 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit Details: The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus will perform Brundi-bar. This family-friendly children's opera, sung in English, tells the story of a brother and sister who join forces with a sparrow, cat and dog to outwit the evil organ grinder, Brundibár. It was performed 55 times by children of the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Holocaust survivor Ela Stein Weissberger played the Cat and will speak to the audience about how art and music inspired her hope for survival. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children, 17 and younger

Contact: 313-237-7464 or michiganop-

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road,

Details: Musical version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves is a light and humorous take on the Grimm classic. Tickets are \$15, available from www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, by phone at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460; or at the box office one hour before the show

Contact: soy@mi.rr.com

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday,

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: Canton's senior acting troupe presents The Geezer Game, about a group of over-the-hill friends who are challenged to a charity touch football game against a much younger team. Tickets, \$11-\$15, available at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

Contact: 734-394-5300



Andrea Miller is artistic director of Gallim Dance, which will perform March 12 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, West Bloomfield.

CELEBRATE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

WITH CLASSIC BREAD, BEEF RECIPES

hether you're Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a time for Celtic celebrations, so try your luck with a classic like Irish Soda Bread, a popular Irish recipe with a hint of sweetness from cinnamon and

"Irish Soda Bread gets its name from the fact that it uses baking soda instead of yeast, which means making it is really as simple as mixing the ingredients together and baking it," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "It's perfect warmed up for an Irish-themed breakfast or dinner and it makes a great hostess gift for St. Paddy's Day parties."

To make Irish Soda Bread muffins, divide dough among 12 greased muffin cups. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Pair the bread with other hearty St. Patrick's Day classics, such as Shepherd's Pie or Corned Beef and Cabbage. Top the meal off with Leprechaun Lemonade and Paddy's Pudding.

Find more St. Patrick's Day ideas and recipes at www.McCormick.com, www.Facebook.com/McCormick-Spices and www.Pinterest.com/mccormickspices.

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IRISH SODA BREAD

Makes 16 servings

2½ cups flour 1/2 cup sugar

2 teaspoons McCormick caraway seed

1½ teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon McCormick cinnamon, ground

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup raisins or currants

11/4 cups buttermilk

2 eggs

1/2 teaspoon McCormick pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 9-inch round cake pan. Mix flour, sugar, caraway seed, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Stir in raisins. Mix buttermilk, eggs and vanilla in medium bowl; stir into dry ingredients. Spread in prepared pan.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.



SHEPHERD'S PIE

Serves 6

1 pound ground beef 1 package McCormick Brown Gravy Mix or 1 package of onion gravy mix

4 servings instant mashed potatoes

2 cups frozen peas and carrots, thawed Parsley flakes, optional

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Brown ground beef in large nonstick skillet on mediumhigh heat. Drain fat.

2. Mix Gravy Mix and water in small bowl. Pour over beef. Bring to boil. Add peas and carrots. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Transfer meat mixture to 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes.

3. Bake 30 minutes or until gravy bubbles and potatoes are slightly browned. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

1 corned beef brisket, trimmed (3 pounds)

1 small onion, quartered 2 tablespoons McCormick Mixed Pickling Spice

8 small red potatoes 2 cups baby carrots or 8 carrots, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 small head cabbage, cored and cut into 8 wedges

2 tablespoons butter, melted 1 teaspoon parsley flakes

1. Place brisket in 6-quart saucepot or Dutch oven. Cover with about 2 quarts

water. Add onion, pickling spice and garlic; cover.

2. Bring just to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 2 hours. (Do not boil.) Add potatoes and carrots; simmer 30 minutes longer. Add cabbage; simmer 15 minutes longer. Remove brisket and vegetables from saucepot.

3. Slice brisket across the grain. Mix butter and parsley; brush on vegetables

PADDY'S PUDDING

Makes 16 1/2-cup servings

3 1/2 cups cold milk

1 teaspoon green food color

2 packages (4-serving size each) vanilla instant pudding

1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped

topping, thawed 1 package (18 ounces) chocolate sandwich cookies, coarsely crushed

1. Pour milk into large bowl. Stir in food color. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes. Gently stir in whipped topping.

2. Layer crushed cookies and pudding mixture in 3-quart bowl, beginning and ending with crushed cookies.

3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Garnish as desired with shamrock

LEPRECHAUN LEMONADE

6 cups prepared lemonade 3/4 teaspoon McCormick

Raspberry Extract 22 1/2 drops green food color

1. Mix all ingredients in pitcher. 2. Serve over ice in beverage glasses.



Donation to MS Society

Metro Detroit -- Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group, which includes stores in Plymouth and Farmington, this month will donate \$5 from the sale of each Orange Citrus Blossom arrangement to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Orange Citrus Blossom is a fresh fruit arrangement including orange slices, strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe, and honeydew, with optional chocolate-dipped

"We thought it was a great

way to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, particularly since it is in line with our own proactive year-round community outreach," said Vikki Hardy Brown, president of the Metro Detroit Group. Throughout the year, the Metro Detroit Group donates extra fruit to area food pantries, including Forgotten Harvest.

Bamboo leaf wrapping

Farmington Hills — — Zhong Shu Temple's monthly vegetarian cooking class will focus on bamboo leaf-wrapped dumplings, a traditional Chinese

CITY BITES

delicacy called Zong Zi. The dumplings are made with sweet rice, brown rice, azuki bean, with a stuffing of vege-tarian ground "meat," black mushroom, wood ear, taro root, pumpkin, red date and chestnut. Participants may take home a maximum six dumplings, at \$3 each. They must reserve them in advance by emailing to michigantemple@yahoo.com. The class starts at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Temple, 23845 Middle-

Maurice Salad and more

Plymouth -- Phyllis Barkey will talk about dining at Hudson's department store during the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual "Mad Hatter Tea," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the museum, 155 S. Main. Barkey's interest and appreciation for Hudson's was rekindled in 2011 when she wrote an article for a magazine publication about Hudson's Mezzanine Tea Room. She's currently working on a Hudson's cookbook. Her presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea

with a twist — signature fare from the Hudson's menu, including Maurice Salad and Cheese Bread. The museum also will serve its "Mary's Blend" tea, a combination of almond and cherry flavors. Guests may wear their craziest hat to be eligible for a door prize. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers, if purchased by March 7; after that date, add \$5 to the price. Buy tickets at the museum or visit www.plymouthhistory.org

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421 CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 Location: Congrega-

tion B'nai Moshe, 6600 Drake, West Bloomfield Details: Violinist Kara Fenyo Bahcall and Pianist Noemi Maczelka will perform works by Hungarian Jewish composer Karoly Goldmark. A kosher desseert reception follows. Tickets are

Moshe members and their guests Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimoshe.org

\$12 in advance, \$15 at the

door and \$10 for B'nai

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 10

through April 14 Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer leads a class that includes aerobic movements for warm-up, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, followed by yoga-oriented strength and stretch work, abdominal and back exercises and final cool down. \$42 for six weeks

Contact: 734-455-5910 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

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

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church,

11441 Hubbard, Livonia Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization cofounded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. ministry's website or the church

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net **GUEST SPEAKER**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6 Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights

Details: Al Kresta, author/host of the radio show, Kresta in the Afternoon on AM 990 WDEO,

will talk. Contact: 313-274-4500



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COURTNEY,

DONALD E.

Age 87, March 1, 2014 of West-

land. Beloved husband of Bever-

Westland.

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ANDERSON, JANICE L.

March 1, 2014. Age 65, of Canton. Beloved wife of Loren E. Dearest mother of Timothy (Melinda), Anthony, Amy and the late Laura (Trevor). Dear sister of Vicky (Robert), Kay, and Karyl (Charles). Loving grandmother of Jamie, Erica (Jimmy), Michael, and A.J. (Leandra) and great-grandmother of three. Me-morial gathering Saturday 10 a.m. From the L.J Griffin Funer-al Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley Rd.) until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, American Heart Association, Heartmini.org. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the

BULL, MARY H.

Age 83, born on February 6,

passed away on March 1, 2014

in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Loving wife of Jack Bull for 60 years. Beloved mother of John

Terri Klochko) Bull Jr, Nancy

(Aron) Lorenz, James (Denise) Bull, and Molly (Brady) Phillips.

Cherished grandmother of Jared

Phillips, Emmet Phillips, Madi-

son Lorenz, Jean Klochko-Bull, Grace Klochko-Bull and John R. Bull III. Mary graduated from the University of Michigan at the

age of 20 with a major in mathe-

matics. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at U of M. Mary and Jack have

been lifelong members of Pine

Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake. Mary was a Life Member of the Women's District Golf

of the Women's District Golf Association of Michigan where she had many close friends and

friendly competitors. Mary was an accomplished athlete, enjoy-

ing tennis, swimming and skiing

in addition to golf. She succeed-

ed in passing this competitive spirit to all of her children and

grandchildren. Mary often de-scribed herself as "...100 lbs. of

fun!" Mary and Jack were avid

travelers and were long-time members of the Nomads Travel

Group and enjoyed trips all over

the world. Mary was a member

of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian

Church, where she taught Sunday school. She will be greatly missed by all. Family will re-

ceive friends and family at a Cel-

ebration of Life Memorial Serv-

ice on Friday March 7, 2014 beginning at 11:00am at Kirk In

the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

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GADE, MARJOEY C. 83, of Livonia, passed

March 3, 2014. Born in Hopkins, Minnesota, daughter of the late Henry and Clara Pokorny. Loving wife of the late Reidar. Cherished mother of Lisa (Jay) Asquini, Peter (Cindie), Marcus (Wendy) and Desiree Gade. Be-loved grandmother of Lina (Todd) Roeser, Carl Asquini, Amanda, and Alexis Gade and great-grandmother of Kate Monroe Roeser. Dear sister of Roger and Jeanne Pokorny and the late Henry and Arlene Pokorny of Hopkins, MN, and sister-in-law of Inger Gade Karlsen of Sandefjord, Norway. Special aunt to many nephews and nie-ces. Named First Citizen of Livonia in 1981 for her numerous charitable and volunteer activities, MarJoey gave her love and time unselfishly, always putting family and friends first. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.



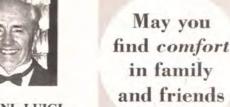
MARTINI, LUIGI

ly and the late Phyllis. Loving father of Carol Courtney and Lea Anne (Charles) Gothard. Proud grandfather of Gregory Gothard and Nicholas (Sarah) Gothard. Great-grandfather of Rachel Gothard. Dear brother of Irvin "Junior" Courtney Visitation
Friday 3-8 p.m. at Vermeulen
Funeral Home, 980 N.
Newburgh Rd. (between Ford Long-time resident of Farmington Hills, joined our Father in heaven on February 9 after 93 won-derful years of life ... filled with and Cherry Hill), Westland. In state Saturday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Fair Hahard work, laughter, and endless love and support to his extended family and friends. He was preven Baptist Church, 34850 Marceded in death by his cherished wife, Christine, in 2009, after 68 Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanyears of marriage, and his sister, Mary Collica, of Royal Oak. He is survived by his daughter, ti. Memorial Contributions may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Jeanette, son Ronald (Beckie), six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren. Luigi was born on August 24, 1920 in Castelliri,

Italy, to Emilio and Veneranda Martini. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in the Detroit area when he was 7-years-old. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as part of the Army Medical Corps, 100th Infantry, Battle of Bulge, European theater. Family was Luigi's life and he worked so hard to provide for them. He spent 35-plus years working for Ford Motor Company at the Rouge River complex while also owning a party store. Luigi could fix just about anything, and after retiring, even spent several years as a "Maintenance Manager" of a local office building. Luigi was a founding member of St. Fabian's Catholic Church, as well as an avid dancer, traveler, and member of the 9-hole Friday morning club up until last year. He loved getting the entire family together, whether it be to cruise the Caribbean or make his homemade linguine or gnocchi! The loving legacy of Luigi Martini will live on in every life he touched. A Memorial Service in celebration of Luigi's life will be held March 15 at St. Fabian's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, dona-tions can be made to Mercy

Home Care & Hospice, 1111 W.

Long Lake Rd, Troy, MI 48098.



SEOG, DOROTHY BELLE BURK

Age 93, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on March 2, 2014 at Addington Place of Northville, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Vincent Seog in 1993; her son, Bruce Howard Seog in 2013; her grandson, William Joseph Seog in 2008; by her brother, Harley "Bur" Burk; and her sister, Wathena May Miller. Surviving are her children, William E. Seog (Wanda), Greg O. Seog, Mark A. Seog, Donna L. Clayton (Joseph Donald), Lori L. Seog; and her loving niece, Wathena Jane (Janie) Ferris. She is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A visitation with the family will be held at Generations Funeral 29550 Grand River Services, Avenue, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, (248) 246-9200 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014. We will miss our mother, friend, and confidant. In lieu of flowers, donaions may be made to Seasons Hospice at 27355 John R. Road, Madison Heights, 48071, or on-line at:

www.seasonsfoundation.org





MARGARET E.

Age 94, died at Estabrooks Havencrest in White Lake, MI, on January 29, 2014, after a long illness. Beloved mother of Ka-thryn (Marlborough, MA) and William (Milford, MI), she was a long time resident of Farmington Hills, MI, where she substitute taught at Farmington's High schools and Jr. high schools for over 20 years (1961 to 1985).

Born Margaret Estelle Wolfinger in Hagerstown, MD, May 18, 1919, she was the daughter of D. Angle Wolfinger, past Dis-trict Attorney, Washington trict Attorney, Washington County, MD, and Edna (Shilling)

Wolfinger, a homemaker.

Margaret graduated from the University of Maryland, (B.S. in Physical Education), where she met her husband of 56 years, Harry B. Weaver, (B.S. Engineering). Harry passed away in 2002.

Margaret taught PE in Silver Springs and Baltimore, MD school systems for 13 years, and especially loved coaching girls' basketball and field hockey.

Margaret was an avid golfer, gardener and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She had many other hobbies including bridge, sewing and playing piano.

In addition to her two children, Kathryn and Bill (Wanda), she is survived by grandchildren Allison Weaver Atkinson, Troy Weaver, Dana Weaver and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, on March 8, 2014, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church (Youth Ministry), 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334; Detroit Public Television,

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INDUSTRY KUDOS FOCUS ON ISSUES ADVOCACY

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit's Government Affairs Committee was recently honored by BOMA International at the 2014 annual Winter Business Meeting and National Issues Conference in Washington, D.C.

During the Board of Governors meeting at the conference, BOMA International recognized BOMA local and state associations for their excellence in grassroots and issues advocacy through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program, popularly known as the "Govies." BO-MA/Metro Detroit was recognized in the category of Outstanding Single Government Issue for its work in defending the constitutionality of a Michi-

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Paul Magy is the BOMA/Metro Detroit president.

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gan state law passed in 2012 that protects commercial real estate loans. In a unanimous decision, the threejudge Michigan Court of Appeals in April 2012 ruled that a lender can only

recover the real estate that was mortgaged if a loan goes into default, and may not seek to recover a borrower's personal assets.

The decision in this important case has very significant national ramifications with billions of dollars at stake for the commercial real estate industry around the country. Each year, BOMA International's State Government Affairs Committee acknowledges the work of BOMA local association volunteers in advocacy and education through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program. Awards are bestowed in three categories: Outstanding Government Affairs Committee; Single Government Affairs Issue; and Single Government Affairs Program/Seminar.

For additional information on the BOMA/ Metro Detroit Government Affairs Committee, contact Janet Langlois at jlanglois@bomadet.org or visit www.bomadet.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/ Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commer-

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cial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadet.org.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 4-8, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

\$183,000
\$358,000
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9210 Newburgh Rd
18562 Norwich Rd
32672 Oakley St
18591 Parklane St
31540 Pembroke St
33732 Pickford St
16241 Ronnie Ln
16208 Southampton St
36321 St Andrews Dr
29620 Wentworth St
28960 Westfield St
18508 Whitby St
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270,000	19405 Fry Rd
200,000	17069 Lochmoor Ct
\$80,000	326 Pennell St
190,000	46209 Pinehurst Dr
180,000	50054 Teton Ridge Rd
\$90,000	49785 Waterstone Estates
174,000	Cir
139,000	17019 White Haven Dr
260,000	PLYMOUTH
332,000	348 Arthur St
\$38,000	46700 Barrington Ct
\$73,000	45885 Denise Dr
110,000	11320 Eastside Dr
136,000	44558 Erik Pass
400,000	10828 Fellows Creek Dr
198,000	642 Forest Ave
125,000	47671 Katherine Ct
127,000	40728 Newport Dr
180,000	13971 Oakland Ct
160,000	49866 Pointe Xing
157,000	373 Red Ryder Dr
190,000	9041 S Main St
218,000	1347 W Ann Arbor Trl
\$40,000	12401 Woodlands Ct
180,000	REDFORD
\$80,000	13021 Columbia
145,000	25525 Deborah
	9312 Dixie
557,000	19905 Fox

20469 Kinloch

9968 Marion

19376 Macarthur

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\$582,000	9968 Marion	\$41,000
\$660,000	16641 Negaunee	\$117,000
\$160,000	24422 Orangelawn	\$40,000
\$324,000	14996 Salem	\$75,000
\$246,000	14394 San Jose	\$45,000
\$185,000	14009 Sarasota	\$80,000
\$545,000	WAYNE	
\$703,000	4802 Biddle St	\$90,000
\$550,000	35624 Brush St	\$22,000
	38100 Laurenwood St	\$135,000
\$275,000	4869 Moore St	\$63,000
	3036 Rivers Edge Dr	\$76,000
\$422,000	WESTLAND	
\$345,000	1751 Ackley Ave	\$95,000
\$310,000	7416 August Ave	\$106,000
\$96,000	32612 Avondale St	\$54,000
\$212,000	33718 Avondale St	\$118,000
\$480,000	32209 Birchwood St	\$111,000
\$330,000	33713 Chief Ln	\$112,000
\$730,000	37504 Colonial Dr	\$65,000
\$82,000	33443 Fernwood St	\$77,000
\$400,000	35125 Hazelwood St	\$72,000
\$155,000	8614 Ingram St	\$118,000
\$265,000	474 N John Hix St	\$46,000
\$148,000	525 Ravencrest Ln	\$113,000
\$815,000	1556 S Dowling St	\$96,000
\$418,000	1350 S John Hix St	\$109,000
	38388 Saint Joe Dr	\$83,000
\$54,000	773 Summerfield Dr	\$185,000
\$95,000	31810 Tuscola Ct	\$32,000
\$72,000	6223 Twin Oaks	\$130,000

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Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers, who sell new condominiums, have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?

A: I presume that what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construc-



tion defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer as well as the single entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project want a release from the association of any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the coowners. While I think that is improper, purchasers of condominiums from these developers working through single entity LLCs will nev-er know about the quality of construction that has occurred, particularly when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowl-edge of the litigation history of developers in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Q: Can you give me an update on the development of commercial property in the downtown San Diego area as I am thinking about investing.

A: There are a number of mixed use residential high rises that are being developed including a major development near Seaport Village. There will, of course, be ancillary developments and the residential/ commercial community continues to thrive with more residents attempting to get into the downtown area. The rents are extremely high and the sales price of residential structures as well as commercial space continues to rise. There is viously a limited amount of space near the harbor area and the city continues to be concerned about the obstruction of views by residents with respect to any new construction.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95. plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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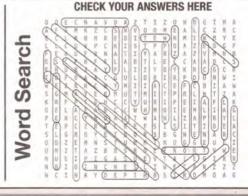
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