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Wayne City Hall roof compromised

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A smoking motor in the air handling system at Wayne City Hall may have averted a more serious situation in the city council chambers last week.

Wayne-Westland firefighters, called after city staff reported the smoke, began lifting ceiling tiles in the council chambers looking for the source. There were no flames

but firefighters spotted anoth-er problem – two failed roof trusses - and declared the council chamber unsafe.

"They noticed the south roof truss was completely broken and separated by a couple of inches," said Interim City Manager/Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib. "The north truss is deflected about eight inches but not broken.'

The weight of the winter's

record amount of snow over-loaded the roof on the City Hall building, damaging the 39.5foot long trusses, El-Gharib said.

"It was Ash Wednesday (when the motor burned), somehow we got a signal," said El-Gharib. "The snow tomorrow (Wednesday) could have brought the building down: It could have been a major catastrophe."

Belfor was contacted and

their staff shored up the trusses as a temporary fix until an engineer designs a permanent repair to the roof, he said.

"All the offices were open Monday," said El-Gharib. "This should be covered by insurance. We're not sure of the costs."

Wayne City Hall, located on Wayne Road just north of Michigan Avenue, was constructed in the 1940s as a recreation building. The council

chamber was part of a gymna-sium/roller rink. The building was remodeled in 1988.

With the council chambers not available for meetings, the council held a special meeting Tuesday in the Wayne Police Department. The regular council meeting on Tuesday, March 18, is expected to be held at the Wayne Community Center.

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Man to stand trial on assault charges

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

An elderly Westland man has been ordered to face charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm to his live-in girlfriend.

Orlando Caruso, 78, is also charged with aggravated domestic violence against Diane Labute, 71. Labute was taken to the hospital unresponsive Dec. 31 and died Jan. 13 without regaining consciousness after being removed from life support.

During the preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Williams presented testimony from Labute's daughter Denise Labute and grandson Chris



Tajah Browing, Jordan Clayborn and Matthew Hilpakka listen as Melissa Gilbert reads from her book, "Daisy and Josephine." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



topher Herman about their concerns that Labute was being abused.

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Autopsy report not yet received in assault case

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A Westland man is charged with assaulting his live-in girlfriend, who died two weeks later never having regained consciousness.

Murder charges haven't been sought against Orlando Caruso, 78, in the death of Diane Labute, 71, due to the lack of an autopsy report and cause of death from Wayne County Medical Examiner.

Police were called to Caruso's home on Chirrewa Dec. 31 after Labute was found unresponsive. She was hospitalized suffering from broken ribs, black eyes and a large wound on her back described as a rug burn or bed sore. She died Jan. 13 when she was removed from life support.

'The autopsy is currently pending. Pathologists have the prerogative based on

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GOOD TIME



Kindergarten teacher Kelley Michaels invited Melissa Gilbert to read her book to the class.

Author Melissa Gilbert shares her story with kindergartners

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

or the youngsters in Kelley Michaels' kindergarten class, the excitement was having a real author read to them. But for the teachers who gathered by the door to the classroom at Hamilton Elementary School, the thrill was seeing actress Melissa Gilbert.

"I was 9 years old when I wrote and asked for your autograph. I got a photograph back signed by everyone in the cast (of Little House on the Prairie). I still have it," teacher Heather Leavitt told Gilbert. "Did I dot my I's with

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Josephine, Melissa Gilbert's dog, wanders around the classroom greeting kids.





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DAISY

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flowers?" Gilbert asked. "You got it during my daisy phase. I stopped doing that around (age) 10 because it took too long."

Gilbert stopped by the Westland school Tuesday to read her new children's book Daisy and Josephine to the students. She also brought along Josephine, her French bull dog, who is a character in the book.

Daisy and Josephine is Gilbert's second book and her first children's book. Published by Simon & Schuster, the book tells the story of a little girl named Daisy who often travels with her father for his job. She is very

CHARGES

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Each testified about

Labute at Caruso's home

having the address until

"He (Caruso) didn't

dress. My mother told me

asked her for the address

so I could come check on

her or send the police but

Diane Labute was

breaking up her belong-

ings, smashing things in

and getting angry with

her, striking her in the

head, Denise Labute

She said she was in a

said she'd made a ter-

rible mistake moving in

with him (Caruso)," said

Denise Labute recalling

the basement of the home

"She sounded scared.

restaurant bathroom. She

upset that Caruso was

after she was hospital-

want us to have his ad-

after she moved in that

he wanted no visitors,

said Denise Labute. "I

I didn't get it.'

Breaking up

furniture

testified.

not being able to visit

on Chirrewa or even

ized.

shy and gets lonely on these trips, so her father surprises her with an endearingly peculiar puppy named Josephine who speaks French and has a penchant for dressup.

Had an idea

The book originally was the story about the real Josephine, who traveled with Gilbert while she was doing the Little House musical in 2009-10. Simon & Schuster, however, wanted her to put a little girl in the story, so she spent "months and months" thinking about how to do that.

"I had an idea," she told the youngsters. "I wrote about my daddy (Paul Gilbert), who was a famous entertainer. I even put in the on-set teacher I had when I was

young."

The book became an autobiographical adventure about her dog and herself as a little girl.

Storybook Josephine's love of fancy clothes stems from Gilbert's time on the road. One day someone put a funny hat on Josephine and pretty soon people were buying her clothes. She showed up Tuesday at Hamilton wearing a T-shirt dress with a red and black tutu.

In the book, Josephine likes things that sparkle. The youngsters and Gilbert raised their hands when Michaels asked who liked sparkles.

Who else does?" she asked. "Your teacher - I have so many pairs of sparkly shoes

Josephine wasn't shy about checking out the classroom, going under

(the birth)," said Denise

Labute. "He (Caruso)

said she was under the

weather. I demanded that

he put her on the phone.

She gurgled. He said he

couldn't take medication

on her own she needed to

With no eyewitnesses,

Williams focused on in-

account of Labute's in-

was bedridden but also

had a problem with fall-

In his statement to

police, Caruso said that

he had might have struck

consistencies in Caruso's

juries, such as saying she

was giving her pills in pudding. I said if she

go to the emergency

Inconsistencies

room.

the last time she spoke with her mother. "She told me she had talked with her landlord and was moving back to that house.'

In December, Herman said his grandmother told him that Caruso had hit her in the side of the head and in the ribs with a closed fist.

"I looked up information on domestic violence hotlines. I gave her the information when she visited," said Herman, who also recalled his grandmother asking to stay with his family temporarily until she found another place to live.

Both testified that they were suddenly unable to contact LaBute in mid-December, Herman said that uncharacteristically his grandmother hadn't spent Christmas with his family and telephone calls went straight to voicemail.

On Dec. 28, LaBute said she was at the hospital following the birth of her grandchild when Caruso called on her mother's cell phone. "I had called her

(Diane LaBute) several times. She'd never miss it

chairs and around tables and sniffing the floor. When told there could be food on the floor, Gilbert said Josephine would

find it. "We say she's barkuuming, that's the dog version of vacuuming,"

Connections

she said.

Michaels was able to get Gilbert to visit her class after meeting her last fall at a fundraiser for the daughter of her cousin's best friend. Gilbert had moved to Howell in August with her husband, actor-director Timothy Busfield, who grew up in East Lansing. The friend, a fan of Gilbert, wrote her to see if she would stop by the Love and Lauryn fundraiser to meet her daughter, who is battling can-

wrong? It's possible but the standard of proof is probably cause.

During the hearing, Lakin got into a particularly testy cross-examination of Westland Police Sgt. Randy Thivierge, the officer in charge of the case. Unhappy that the interview with Caruso had not been recorded, Lakin drew Judge Mark McConnell's ire when he offered to buy the police department a \$10 tape recorder.

"Ask a question Mr. Lakin. I'm very disappointed in you. Quit arguing. That wasn't called for. I don't care why they didn't record the interview," said McConnell.

When Caruso was interviewed at the hospital, police noted his hands were red and swollen.

"That could be indicative of someone who has committed an assault," said McConnell. "There are also inconsistent statements. There is his statement that he hit her. There is at least a factual question due to the nature of her injuries.

Caruso, free on a tether, is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment on March 21.

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and done in a thorough way. It's important that the

cer.

Gilbert did and ended up attending a girls' night after the benefit. Michaels asked if she would consider being a guest reader and waited until after Daisy and Josephine hit the bookshelves this year to have Gilbert come to Hamilton. Her visit was perfectly timed to fit in with Reading Month.

Gilbert admitted that's there are several libraries and schools chomping at the bit to have her be a guest reader. She does them as they fit into her schedule and is doing four or five this month.

Gilbert didn't have a chance to write when she was young after landing a "good fat job" playing Laura Ingalls Wilder in NBC's Little House on the Prairie for 10 years.

She had a lot of dialogue to memorize and didn't have time for anything else.

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When she finally did have the time, it was Pioneer Tale, a Memoir, an autobiography, that was released in 2009. She's following up the release of Daisy and Josephine with her third book, Prairie Cookbook and Memories, due out this fall. She also has two other children's books in the works.

"I used to dream that someday I would be an actress and a writer," she said. "I willed and wished and worked hard. It took a lot of perspiration, concentration and persistence."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Fish Fry

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is holding a fish fry 4-7 p.m. Fridays through April

The fish dinner includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. Kid's meals are also available and include nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable, slaw and a roll. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for a kid's meal. Homemade pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

The church is located at 3 Town Square, Wayne, across from the Wayne Post Office. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Trivia Night

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a Trivia Night Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 6 p.m. with play beginning promptly at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per team of four. Cost includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and six hot dogs and six chips for each team. Beverages will be available for purchase throughout the night. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and other items for purchase

Space is limited to the first 35 teams. Register at www.stsimonandjude.com/trivianight.html. For more information, send an email to stsimonandjude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436. No registration will be taken at the door.

Pancake breakfast

St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish is holding an all-you-caneat pancake and french toast breakfast 8:30-11:30 a.m

and Irish dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the church, 30055 Joy Road, Westland.

The main course will be corned beef and cabbage and roast beef. There also will be a cash bar, beer, wine, Shamrock punch and Irish coffee. There also will be Irish Step Dancing, Music and Song from Shamrock DJ Service, face painting and balloon sculpting, The cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children age 5-11. Children age 4 and under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance, not tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available at the Parish office and after Mass on March 8 and 9 Call Sue Wiska at 734-425-9569 for a table of 10 or to make special arrangements to pay and receive tickets.

Historical Society

The Wayne Historical Society Time Machine is taking off again. The destination is March 1963 Wayne, Michigan. Through the magic of color slides from the Wayne Historical Museum archives, guests travel back 49 years and see what was happening in Wayne. They'll travel west on Michigan Avenue from Merriman Road all the way to Hannan Road and see cars, restaurants, new and used car dealerships, stores, gas stations, advertisements and a few neighbors going about their lives on a bright sunny march day. Everyone is welcome to take the trip at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Wayne Historical Museum. Admission is free and doors

open at 7 p.m. The museum is at 1 Towne Square St., Wayne.





Labute during a blackout and didn't recall doing it. Defense attorney Marc Lakin argued that there wasn't enough evidence to bind Caruso over for trial on the

ing.

charges. He noted earlier medical testimony that Labute suffered from ailments that could cause falling, as well as taking strong medication like Vicodin that could affect her walk.

"We know she sustained injuries. Why are we putting it on Mr. Caruso, because he lives there?" said Lakin. "It is possible that he is a suspect or did something

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AUTOPSY

their medical expertise to obtain additional medical records," said Mary Mazur, spokesperson for the medical examiner's office.

That could include records related to Labute's injuries, toxicology and prior medical records, she said.

"We have to be very careful about the integrity of this report, especially with the possibility of criminal charges," said Mazur. "We have to make sure the decision is based on scientific facts

autopsy be done correctly, she said, for the prosecutor's office and the

family of the deceased. "A lot of things aren't

clear cut," Mazur added. Currently free and wearing a tether, Caruso entered a not guilty plea to charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and aggravated domestic violence. He is scheduled for Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment March 21.

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Sunday, March 16

Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club, the will be held in the social hall of the church is at 8200 N. Wayne Road, north of Cowan, Westland. The cost is \$3 for adults \$1.50

for children ages 2 to 10. The menu includes pancakes, french toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice.

Lunch and Learn

The topic for Garden City Hospital's next Lunch and Learn will be "What to Expect When You're Expecting." Join Dr. Chadi Haddad, and certified nurse midwives Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abbass, as they discuss how to form a foundation for a healthy pregnancy from pre-conception through each trimester" at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland.

"What to Expect When You're Expecting" is a celebration of expectant moms and a perfect event for women who are expecting or considering getting pregnant. The program is free and includes the lecture, lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes. No registration needed.

Irish Dinner

St. Damian Parish is hosting

Alumni Reunion

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association Annual all Class Reunion will be 5-10 p.m. Friday May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne.

Tickets are \$30 each before May 1 and \$35 after May 1. For more information, call Tillie VanSickle at 734-595-7806 or Sharon Scott at 734-7224651.

Divorce program

The William P. Faust Library is inviting parents and children to a special screening of the new DVD, Split: Divorce through Kids Eyes 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

Healing from a separation and divorce is not simple or quick. This program will help you see things through the eyes of your kids and help you ease them through their feelings. Jenna Zimmerman, a home-based therapist, will be the guest presenter.

Parents and children view the 30-minute DVD together and then children will go to the library's Activity Room for a group art project.

The program is for parents and children, ages 4 and up. Register at www.westlandlibrary. org/events. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, For more information, call 734-326-6123.

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Two more guilty verdicts in police corruption case

Two defendants in a Romulus police corruption case will find out their sentences after being found guilty by a Wayne County Circuit Court jury last Friday.

Court jury last Friday. Former Romulus police detective Larry Droege was found guilty of misconduct in office and neglect of duty, and Jeremy Channells was found guilty of two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. They could face sentences of up to five years in prison when they are sentenced on March 31 by Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway.

The two men are the latest defendants to be found guilty in the case. Last month, Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre, the wife of former Romulus police chief Michael St. Andre, was sentenced to 7-20 years for acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, failure to file taxes by filing a false return and receiving and conceal-ing stolen property over \$20,000.

In addition to the St. Andres, Droege and Channells, former detective sergeant Richard Balzer and former detectives Richard Landry and Donald Hopkins were charged in the case that stemmed from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit.

According to a Wayne County Prosecutor's Office press

EMU to host Michigan Collegiate Job Fair

With the Michigan job market heating up, college seniors and alumni from Michigan's two-orfour year colleges can meet with prospective employers from a variety of fields at the biannual Michigan Collegiate Job Fair.

The event, sponsored by Eastern Michigan University and supported by the Michigan Career Educator and Employer Alliance, is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The event is one of the state's largest career fairs, with more than 100 employers currently registered. Employers

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include Coca Cola, DTE Energy, Hewlett Packard, IBM, Quicken Loans, Siemens PLM Software, Thomson Reuters and various State of Michigan and U.S. Government departments and agencies.

"Many of the employers are seeking to hire entry-level candidates with degrees in business, liberal arts, technology, engineering, human services and allied health," said Ebony Jones, senior corporate relations manager at Eastern Michigan University.

Candidates can view a list of participating employers and pre-register for the event online at www.mcjf.org. The deadline to pre-register is March 19. Pre-registration fee is \$10, or \$15 with walk-in registration.

"We have continued to see an increase in the number of employers participating over the last couple of years," Jones said. "This lets us know that the economy in the State of Michigan has turned around and jobs are available, especially for candidates with degrees in technology and engineering." Last November's

event attracted 130 employers and 600 candidates.

Jones recommends that candidates dress in professional business



attire, bring several copies of their resume, and research the employers that they are interested in speaking with prior to the event.

"There also will be a ready room on site, staffed by career services professionals, who can prepare candidates prior to entering the fair," Jones said. "The ready room booths provide help with practicing handshakes, LinkedIn photos, company research, job fair success tips and wardrobe touch ups."

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> Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children member Karen McAdams (from left), treasurer Bob McAdams, Pastor Wayne Parker, president Bob Squires and secretary Pat Squires show off the plaque Merriman **Road Baptist** Church received in recognition of its help in making the 48th annual Santaland Party a huge success. UPC was invited to hold its annual Christmas party for clients and their caregivers at the church.

Movie buffs win O&E Oscar™ contest

Scott Dickey of Canton is the grand prize winner in the Observer & Eccentric Media Academy AwardsTM/OscarTM contest.

Dickey said he just followed the advice of his kids, who got him to enter after seeing an ad about the prize of the winning movie tickets.

"I just filled it out and the kids said, "Make sure you pick *Frozen*," said Dickey, who said *Frozen* was the only Oscar™ contender he saw this year. "I knew who Matthew McConaughey was, but everything else was just a guess."

Dickey won a 12month movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre.

He was among five contestants who answered seven categories and the tiebreakers correctly. He was selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

Second-place winner is Nancy Crouse of Livonia, who won four passes to any Emagine Theatre.

Winners of the Double Play promotion were Abby Goldfaden of Southfield and Teresa Allen of Livonia. Double Play winners received a pass for two to view a special showing of several Best Picture nominated films last month at Emagine Novi last month.

Visit hometownlife.com for other chances to win theater tickets and other prizes.

County announces 'Pothole Blitz' program

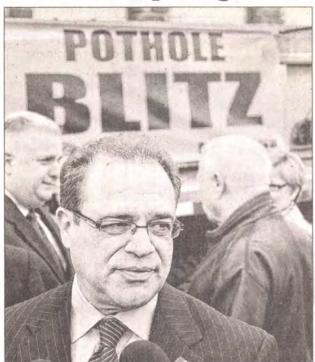
By David Veselenak Staff Writer

The brutal winter and looming I-96 shutdown through Redford and Livonia have created a need for having local roads in good shape. Several Wayne County officials are hoping a program announced Tuesday in Livonia will help make travel on alternate routes easier. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz and other local officials were on hand at the Wayne County Road Commission building on Grantland in Livonia to announce a program called "Pothole Blitz," an initia-tive designed to increase pothole repair on major

county thoroughfares in a target area of western Wayne County, including Redford and Livonia.

"I think it's no secret a lot of people's minds center around potholes," Ficano said. "Livonia and Redford, having to do with the closing of I-96, we realize that that's going to put an additional strain on surface streets. I think there's approximately 60,000 that use that (highway) between Newburgh and Telegraph where the closure's going to be."

care of potholes, especially in the target area stretching from Telegraph to I-275 and Eight Mile to I-94, which contains communities such as Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Dearborn Heights. So far, it's estimated Wayne County has filled more than 71,000 potholes this winter, one of the snowiest and coldest in Michigan history. The initiative is expected to cost about \$625,000, funds the county expects to receive through Act 51 money. Alan Helmkamp, senior assistant county executive, said the county commission's Ways and Means Committee approved the budget adjustment Tuesday for the project.



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

Still awaiting trial are Michael St. Andre, Hopkins, Blazer and Landry.

St: Andre, a 28year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise conspiracy, embezzle-ment by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/ interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

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

Their trials have been scheduled for July 7, and if convicted, they could face up to 20 years in prison.

By Sue Mason

60 seasonal workers to be hired

Under the plan, Wayne County expects to hire 60 seasonal workers earlier than usual to begin helping fill potholes. Schedules will be adjusted to maximize availability of personnel to help take

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano answers questions about the "Pothole Blitz." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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UPCOMING EVENTS **IRISH DINNER**

Time/Date: 6:00 pm Saturday, March 15

Location: St. Damian Church, 30055 Joy, Westland Details: St. Damian will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner Saturday, March 15, right after the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be Irish step dancing, music and song with the DJ, face painting and balloon sculpting. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, vegetables, desserts and beverages. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children age 5-11.

Contact: For more information, call Susan at 734-425-9569 or e-mail to tswiska@comcast.net.

TRIBUTE SHOW

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 21-22 Location: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford, Westland

Details: Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will take a trip back in time with the familiar sounds of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones and Elvis Presley. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, with appetizers at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show 8-9:30 p.m. On Sunday, doors open at 1 p.m., with appetizers at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m. and the show 3:30-5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and include dinner, soft drinks and show. A cash bar will be available.

Contact: For tickets contact Kathy at 734-216-9451. For more information, go to www.angelos 1958.com

FLEA MARKET

County, Michigan:

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Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine) Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland Details: Space is available for a flea market at Kirk of Our Savior. Space rental is \$25, which is non-refundable. Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and also a Bounce House.

Contact: Contact Sharon Garcia at 734-728-1088 or send an email to churchoffice@wowway.biz.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27

Location: Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City Details: Garden City Hospital will hold its spring American Red Cross Blood Drive in the lower level classrooms of the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building on the hospital campus. Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome Contact: Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 Location: Ss. Simon and Jude

Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland Details: Doors open at 6 p.m., with play beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per team of

four. Cost includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and six hot dogs and six chips for each team. Beverages will be available for purchase throughout the night. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and other items for purchase. Space is limited to the first 35 teams

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EDUCATION WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Contact: 734-326-0078

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10

ST. MARY

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

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

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

SENIORS **FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Centeroffers a variety of programs for older adults

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

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center. Contact: 734-419-2020

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of

Merriman, Garden City Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day. Contact: 734-793-1870

SENIOR SERVICES

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

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

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

ORGANIZATIONS FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or by e-mail at pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson

734-522-3918 WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events. Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tuesdays Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue. Details: We would love for you to be our guest to see what the Wayne Rotary is all about. Contact: Call Trish Hampton at

734 890 6934 WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help



Tribute artist and impressionist Chris Ayotte will perform two shows Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, at Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford, Westland.

you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends. Contact: For more information, call Dick at 313-534-0399.

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join us to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet are available but not mandatory. Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays. Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday

Location: 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Details: Wayne-Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For information, call Curt at 734-525-8445 or Luddie at 734-414-0034 or visit the website at westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with our volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to nonemergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

Contact: For more information, call 888-660-2007 and leave a message

EARTH ANGELS

Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/ performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9 - 16 years old, is currently looking to fill spots. There's opening for girls ages 9 - 11, with at least two years of dance experience, and boys, ages 9 - 12 with no experience needed just an interest in performing. The group delivers a high energy show made up of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lipsynching to the great Oldies music of the '50s and '60s as well as some current fare.

Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or by e-mail to eangel1986@comcast.net

Monopole and Equipment Shelter Building, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Parcel #066-01-05370-001, South Side of Cherry Hill Road, West of Venoy Road, Jonathan Crane NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1)

day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2192, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Proposed

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1685B, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Used Car Dealer, 840 N Hix Road, East Side of Hix Road, South of Ford Road, Parcel #052-99-0004-002

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 5 3/3/14

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Kehrer, Reeves

41: Adopted Ord. 248-A-77, to amend Sec. 15:3.2, 15:6.3, 15:6.9, & 15: 6.10 of Ord. 248 to provide standards & requirements for signs in accordance with the purpose of sign regulations as stated in Sec. 15:1 of Ord. 248.

- Adopted resolution to accept conveyance of donated property located on the south side of Nankin Blvd.

- Adopted resolution to accept conveyance of donated property located at 28462 Warren Rd.

- Adopted resolution to temp. re-locate Pcts. 12, 25 & 35 to Hayes School for 8/14 election only. Adopted NSP acquisition resolution for 1 property.
Adopted City of Westland "Compassionate City" Resolution.
42: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 2/17/14.

43: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. Miniature Golf Course, Sportway of Westland, 38250 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.

44: Conf. re'appt. of M. Harlow to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 2/19/18.

45: Conf. re'appt. of A. Shapero to DDA for 4 yr. term to exp. 2/19/18.

46: Appr. checklist: \$ 4,518,025.14 prepaid including prepays of 2/14/14 \$4,522,430.79.

Mtg. adj. at 7:59 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC James Godbout **Council President** City Clerk Publish: March 13, 2014.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #2054A, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Truck and Trailer Repair and Used Car Dealer Facility, 39101 Webb Drive, West Side of Webb Drive, South of Warren Road, Parcel #027-03-0033-304, Ron Kudek (Mario Sardo)

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1999	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	GOLD	1G2WJ52K9XF249475
1989	CHEVROLET	CELEBRITY	WHITE	1G1AW51W6K6234641
1996	FORD	Ranger	TAN	1FTCR14A5TPB25079
1997	DODGE	INTREPID	GREEN	2B3HD46T4VH738632
2001	AUDI	A6	GREEN	WAUED64B61N055868
2000	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	GREEN	2G1WF52E3Y9124885
2000	MAZDA	626 LX	GOLD	1YVGF22C8Y5164198
1997	SATURN	ION	TAN	1G8ZK5279VZ158360
2002	CHEVROLET	CAMARO	SILVER	2G1FP22K022157098
1974	FORD	F350	RED	F37MCU21956
2003	Chevrolet	Impala	WHITE	2G1WF52E739325987
1998	FORD	TAURUS	BLUE	1FAFP52U0WG147671
2002	FORD	WINDSTAR	BLUE	2FMZA51432BA84363
1997	PLYMOUTH	NEON	WHITE	1P3ES42C3VD250640
2002	DODGE	NEON	BLUE	1B3ES46C02D502481
,2003	BUICK	CENTURY	TAN	2G4WS52J531247350
1992	FORD	F-250	RED	1FTHX26H5NKC02545
2000	PONTIAC	MONTANA	GREEN	1GMDX03E2YD163186
2004	CHRYSLER	PACIFICA	WHITE	2C8GF68484R293776

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 11, 2014 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
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MARCH 13, 2014

Elderly woman killed in accident at Westland gas station

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Westland police are wrapping up their investigation into an accident that killed an elderly Canton woman Friday afternoon.

About 1:15 p.m., the woman, 92, was walking through the parking lot of the Speedway

gas station on the corner of Cherry Hill and Wayne Road when she was struck by a GMC Sierra pickup truck driven by a Romulus man, 72. Police were not releasing the name of the woman.

"It appears she was short - 4 feet, 9 inches - and an elderly male in a large pickup truck was maneuvering to get up to a

gas pump," Westland Police Sgt. Dan Serrano said. "He didn't see her. He made a sharp turn and ran over her." The Canton woman had

parked her car in the drugstore parking lot south of the gas station and was walking toward the gas station, Serrano said

"We don't know why she

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was going to the gas station. Her family didn't know why she was out at that time of day," Serrano said. "She only had a small change purse and a key fob with her (when the accident occurred).

Neither alcohol nor speed were factors in the accident, he said. Police were wrapping up their investigation Monday.

"It's not likely that the driver will be charged. When someone dies, we have to submit a report to the (Wayne County) prosecutor," Serrano said. "We are seeking direction from the prosecutor on whether there will be criminal charges.'

Irogers@hometownlife.com 313-222-5428

Break-in

Garden City police are investigating a burglary that was reported March 9 at Majestic Beauty Palace and Resale, 29474 Ford.

Entry was allegedly made through an unlocked front door during non-business hours. The police saw that no force was used to make that entry. Money was stolen along with some

other merchandise. The owner planned to compile a list of missing items and deliver the list to the police.

Fraud

A resident in the 28000 block of John Hauk reported March 8 that someone used his Chase Bank debit card to purchase \$225 in merchandise from the Meijer store in Lenox Township. The money was spent on

gift cards and boxer briefs. A Meijer loss prevention officer planned to review a

video of the transactions. » A Garden City woman came to the police station March 7 to report that someone used her Chase Bank credit card to charge \$212 of merchandise at the Meijer store in Monroe.

Chase Bank reimbursed her for this amount.

She said that she last used that credit card to make a \$16.16 purchase at the Walgreens store at Warren Road and Middlebelt.

» A female resident who lives in the 29000 block of Rush reported March 7 that someone fraudulently used her Master-Card issued by the Fifth Third Bank to make two purchases March 6 at the Meijer store in Walled Lake.

One purchase was for \$198 and the other purchase was for \$244.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Block reported March 6 at the police lobby that someone fraudulently opened a Verizon Wireless account in her name.

She detected this when she checked her personal credit report on Experian.

By Sue Buck

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Missing phone

A Westland woman told police March 4 that she left her cell phone in the photo copy area at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. She said she went home before she realized she'd left her phone behind.

When she returned to the library, the woman said the phone was gone and no one had turned it.

Break-in

The water heater and a shower head unit were reported stolen from a vacant home in the 1300 block of Barchester March 5. The home is owned by a bank and the theft was reported by a property company employee who went to the house.

The employee told police he didn't know when the home had last been occupied. The officer noted the home was heavily damaged inside.

Attempted break-in

The manager of the Laundry Stop, 725 S. Wayne Road, told police March 6 that when she arrived to open the business she found scratch marks on the interior jamb of the rear entry door. She said someone had attempted to pry open the door but hadn't gained entry.

There had been a call from the alarm company abut 3 a.m., she said, but police weren't called due to a false alarm a day earlier.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Bayview told police March 6 that someone had attempted to break into her home. Her son had discovered the rear door window was shattered and the wood frame was damaged. No entry was made to the home.

The screen on the rear sliding glass door was also moved and the officer noted someone had attempted to enter the home through that door, also. By LeAnne Rogers

Larceny

A two-ton air conditioning unit was reported stolen from a home in the 4400 block of Carnegie March 10. The theft was reported by an employee of a property preservation company that is working on the home.

The employee told police workers were first at the home on Feb. 19 and the air conditioning unit, valued at \$3,000, was missing. It was unclear when the unit had been stolen.

Vandalism

A window was reported broken and graffiti spray painted on a wall at Vandenberg Elementary School, 32101 Stellwagon, March 7. The damage to the broken window was estimated at \$500 and \$400 to remove the graffiti.

Suspicious person

Police were called to the Newberry Square Apart-ments, 35240 W. Michigan

Ave., about 8:30 p.m. March 8 about several disorderly people in the stairwell.

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Officers located a man, who formerly had a Farmington address but now indicated he was homeless, sleeping in a stairwell on the third floor.

The man had a cold open beer which the officer poured out. The officer noted the man appeared to be intoxicated. The man had been removed from the same stairwell by police on March 6.

The man was arrested for having open intoxicants in public and was also held on a warrant.

Vandalism

Two Wisconsin men, 39 and 23, were arrested March 9 for damaging a window and a security aluminum roll down door at Leo's Jewelry, 34900 W. Michigan Ave. Police were originally dispatched on an alarm call and discovered the damage.

Officers were able to identify the suspects from surveillance video and located the

suspects after checking local businesses. Both men were charged with vandalism.

Disorderly persons

» Police were called to Wayne Towers just after 1 a.m. March 4 about a male outside yelling and possibly intoxicated. Officers located the man and took him home.

» On March 4, police were called to White Castle, 32925 Michigan Ave., just after 5:35 a.m. about a woman, possibly intoxicated, laying in the restaurant drive-thru lane. A customer was reported to have picked up the woman and moved her out of the lane before officers arrived.

Vandalism

An employee at the Ford Wayne Assembly plant, 37625 Michigan Ave., told police March 8 that someone had damaged his vehicle and air bag while it was parked in the lot.

By LeAnne Rogers



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Square dancers stay fit, friendly

By Beth Jachman Staff Writer

Fun, friends and fitness are some of the appeal of a club that meets in Redford on Wednesday evenings

Wednesday evenings. The Star Twirlers Square Dance Club of Redford has been stepping out for 11 years and recently got a new caller, the person who calls the steps in a square dance session.

George Ferguson of Westland, who is a caller for the Shindiggers of Canton, became the club caller for Redford in January. The Star Twirlers meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Redford Community Center.

"Square dancing is the most fun you can have with seven other people that's not illegal and not immoral," Ferguson said.

A bank president, real estate broker, a garbage man and a landscaper can meet for a square dance and "once they square up everyone is equal. That makes it very comfortable and very enjoyable for everyone," Ferguson said. About 20 members strong,

About 20 members strong, Redford's club is made up of experienced dancers.

Pat Ulivi of Garden City has been square dancing for more than 30 years.

"The people are great," she said. "Square dancers are friends forever."

A resident of Garden City for 46 years, Ulick and her husband were longtime members of Garden City's Li'l Devils square dance club that lasted for 30 years before it folded.

Clubs all over

A lack of interest by young people has caused square dancing's popularity to wane, but Ulick describes the days of square dancing clubs all over metro Detroit.

"It used to be you could dance seven nights a week if you wanted," she said. Each club had its own color and members went to visit other clubs, she said.

She and her husband used to dance four nights a week and even have 45 matching outfits they used to dance in, she said.

Her husband is no longer physically able to dance, but Pat tries to stay active.

"I just truly enjoy it. It's a lot of good exercise," she said. Joe Spano of Canton has

been a member of the Redford club for many years.

"I feel it's entertainment and doing exercise at the same He used to dance two or three times a week but dances once a week now, he said. "I like the whole thing," he

said. "It's good exercise mentally and physically," Dave Hermann of Livonia said. He started square dancing in 1968 with his wife, but then took a break starting in 1980. He took it up again in 2003 after his wife died, he said.

It's not like it was years ago when you filled halls with dancers, but it's still fun, he said.

"It's good exercise and I really enjoy it and meet a lot of friends," he said.

Living social

Ferguson, who started calling as an amateur in 1995, also enjoys the social part of square dancing. A retired master electrician, he first joined a square dancing club in 1989 in Van Buren Township. He has now danced in 18 states and Canada.

"Square dancing is an extremely healthy exercise," he said. "And the emotional and social activity that we have is very enriching."

Square dancing not only exercises the body, but the mind, as well.

Square dance is a lot more organized than is apparent on the surface, Ferguson said. There are about 20 clubs in the South East Michigan Association of Square and Round Dance clubs, which is also associated with a national organization, United Square Dancers of America.

There are two types of square dancing. An earlier style was made popular in this area by Henry Ford when he introduced it to his employees, but another style called modern western square dancing started in the 1950s. "That's what's popular today," Ferguson said.

In the older style a person didn't need to know how to dance, because callers guided you through it a step at a time, but modern western dancing has 65 calls for dancers to master to learn the routine.

"Dancers need to know the call before the dance starts. It reminds me of a band at a halftime show. You have to learn the formations to put together a show," Ferguson said.

"It's not just for old people," Ulick said. "I think out west your younger people probably do it more."

"It's the best kept secret," Ferguson said. "It is still



Mary Ann Swango of Garden City promenades with dance partner Ernest Phillip of Canton at the Star Twirlers Square Dance Club held at the Redford Community Center. PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN



Caller George Ferguson of Westland keeps the square dancers moving last week at the

time," he said.

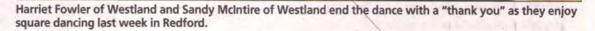
around and it is still fun."



Mary Belcher of Westland and Dave Herman of Livonia dance to hoedown music doing the left star last week at the Redford Community Center.



Tom Moxlow of Romulus and dance partner Pat Ulivi of Garden City enjoy "friendship set to music" which is the slogan of the Star Twirlers Dance Club.



Redford Community Center.

LOCAL NEWS

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Wayne-Westland Rec gives kids, parents plenty of things to do

Dads may have gotten March 29 at the commuthe better part of the deal, taking their daughters dancing, while moms spent an evening playing sports with their sons at the Wayne Community Center.

The sports night, put on by the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department, tested the moms' athletic abilities, putting them against their sons in such things as wallyball, octaball and underhand dodge ball.

There also was an opportunity to swim and ice skate and a chance to be goalie mom. The evening wrapped up with a tug-of-war between the moms and their sons.

The recreation department has more kid friendly activities planned:

» Parents who want a night out can leave the babysitting to the recreation department which is offering a Kid's Night Out 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29. The evening is for children ages 6-13 and includes swimming, games, pizza and pop. Participants must be registered by 3 p.m.

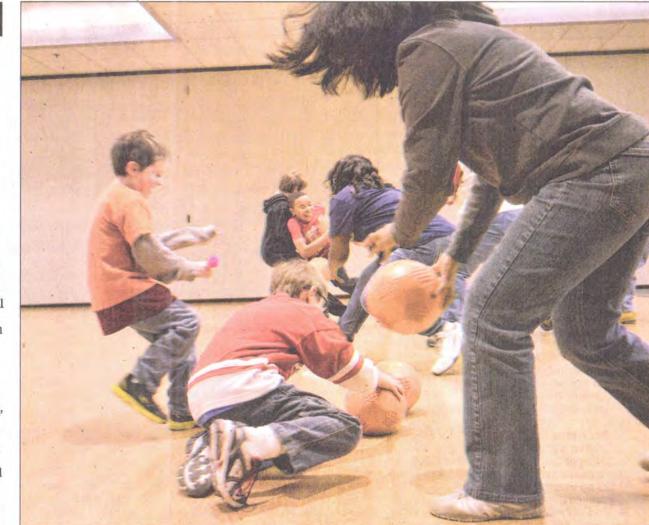
nity center. Parents or guardians are responsible for pick up and must bring a picture ID.

» The 35th annual Marshmallow Drop will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, at the Anderson ball fields in Attwood Park on Howe, south of Annapolis.

There will be three drops for walking toddlers up to age 4 and children with disabilities, ages 5-7 and ages 8-10. The event is free and is sponsored by Crosspoint Community Church. » Also on Friday, April 18, is the annual Bunny

Breakfast at the Wayne Community Center. The breakfast will be 10:30 a.m. to noon and include a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, arts and crafts and face painting. Photo packages with the Bunny will be available for purchase.

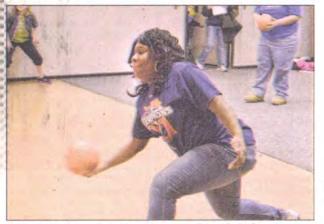
The cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for nonresidents. Tickets are on sale now at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7400



It's mayhem when moms and sons rush for the balls at the beginning of the dodgeball game.



Joseph Ogelle, 7, looks for a mom as a target. Behind Joseph are brothers Peter Farris, 5, and Connor Farris, 7.



Mom LaTasha Garner is pretty good at underhand dodgeball. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER





Angie Waldman enjoys a moment with son Mark, 10.



Michelle Mayberry and Noah O'Neil, 5, enjoy a treat after the evening.

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Free film fest

Free is the word, as Bloomfield Hills-based **MJR** Digital Cinemas announced it will offer its free Spring Children's Film Festival every Saturday and Sunday, beginning Saturday, March 15, and running through Sunday, April 6, at the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, between Warren Road and Ford, Westland.

The film fest is totally free to children age 2 and under and parents are just \$1. Advance tickets are not available, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first served basis until theater capacity.

The film line-up is: » Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) on March 15-16.

» Free Birds (PG) on March 22-23. » Walking with Dino-

saurs (PG) on March 29-30.

» Nut Job (PG) on April 5-6.

Call the theater at

734-298-6257 for show times or check online at mjrtheatres.com the Tuesday prior to the show.

Free sundaes, cones

The Dairy Queen at 3007 S. Wayne Road in Wayne is offering some super deals on its soft serve sundaes and cones. Now through Wednesday, March 19, the store is offering buy-one get one free sundaes, and will follow up with Free Cone Day on Thursday, March 20.

Owned by John and Amma Petrou, the store also is collecting donations for the Children's Miracle Network.

New nonstops

JetBlue Airways brought its service to Detroit Monday with the arrival of inaugural Flight 1137 from Boston Logan International Airport.

In addition to bringing lower fares to those traveling to and from Detroit, JetBlue also helped with an issue that



As of Monday, JetBlue Airways began providing round-trip service between Detroit and Boston three times a day.

is very important to Detroit residents - education and literacy. Following the inaugural celebration several Jet-Blue top executives and crew members worked with teachers and students to remake a library at Burns Elementary School in Detroit.

Burns is in the lowest 5 percent of the Persistently Lowest Achieving (PLA) schools in the state of Michigan. Jet-Blue will provide nearly 600 books to the school's library, which is more

books than it currently holds, as well as one book for each of the 447 students to take home. The airline's IT department also donated approximately 30 comput-ers and helped set up a computer lab.

JetBlue is New York's Hometown Airline[™] and a leading carrier in Boston, Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood, Los Angeles/ Long Beach, Orlando and San Juan. JetBlue carries more than 30 million customers a year to 84 cities in the U.S., Car-

ibbean and Latin America with an average of 800 daily flights.

With JetBlue, all seats are assigned, all fares are one-way, an overnight stay is never required and the first checked bag is free (subject to weight and size limits and exceptions for itineraries including flights marketed or operated by other airlines).

Flights from Boston depart at 7:30 a.m., 4:55 p.m., and 7:36 p.m., and arrive in Detroit at 9:45 a.m., 7:09 p.m., and 9:49

p.m., respectively. From Detroit, flights depart at 6:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7:45 p.m., and arrive in Boston at 8:05 a.m., 12:24 p.m., and 9:40 p.m.

The new service is JetBlue's 52nd nonstop route out of Boston, and brings the airline's total daily Boston departures to 128. For more information, visit JetBlue-.com.

Alaska Airlines also is bringing nonstop daily service from Seattle to Detroit starting Sept. 4. The routes will be operated with Boeing 737 aircraft. Alaska Airlines flies to more destinations from Seattle than any other carrier, including 21 cities east of the Rocky Mountains.

Alaska Airlines, a subsidiary of Alaska Air Group (NYSE: ALK), together with its partner regional airlines, serves nearly 100 cities through an expansive network in Alaska, the Lower 48, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico. For reservations, visit www.alaskaair.com.

Oakwood to change Wayne hospital's name



Oakwood Healthcare is changing the name of Oakwood Annapolis Hopsital to Oakwood Hospital-Wayne to reinforce the organization's reputation as a leading healthcare provider in southeastern Michigan.

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital is becoming Oakwood Hospital-Wayne with name changes being instituted by Oakwood Healthcare.

The change reinforces Oakwood's reputation as a leading health care provider in southeastern Michigan. The names have been changed for all four of its acute-care hospitals to reflect the strength of the Oakwood brand.

The name changes, effective this month, include Oakwood Hospital-Dearborn, formerly Oakwood Hospital and

Medical Center, and Oakwood Hospital-Taylor, formerly Oakwood Heritage Hospital. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will become Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and **Oakwood Southshore** Medical Center will be renamed Oakwood Hospital-Southshore. Those changes are expected later this year

"Oakwood is well known for providing uniquely personalized patient care at all of our facilities," stated Brian M. Connolly, Oakwood president and CEO. "When someone steps into any Oakwood hospital, clinic or facility, they can be assured of receiving the same great experience no matter where they go. The new hospital names confirm that commitment to systemwide quality and service.

The name change is consistent with the naming of the more than four dozen Oakwood health care centers located throughout metro Detroit and continues the branding strategy that originated with an advertising campaign that launched in 2012. It also reflects the "One Oakwood" concept promoted through the implementation of the OakCare electronic medical records system last year.

The renaming also

provides an opportunity to make signage more consistent across the system, enhance the overall visibility of Oakwood in the region, strengthen Oakwood brand preference against competitors and promote a consistent, high-quality patient experience across the Oakwood Healthcare System.

'Feedback we received from the community indicated that the Oakwood name was synonymous with quality and preference," said Connolly. "We're very proud of that and we want that to be the standard at all of our facilities.



A GANNETT COMPANY

Vellardita assumes Westland Chamber marketing, membership duties

Longtime member and volunteer Mary Vellardita has become part of the Westland Chamber of Commerce staff.

Vellardita had served on the Board of Directors since 2005 and was the vice chair of marketing and membership for several years and a Chamber Ambassador. In addition to recruit-

ing new members, Vellardita will focus her efforts on developing marketing programs and working with existing members to help grow their businesses

"I'm a people person," said Vellardita. "I love getting out and meeting new people. My extensive experience with sales and marketing make this job a perfect fit for me.

Vellardita, who was named Westland Business Person of the Year in 2004, has been a Westland Rotary Club member for more than 10 years. Her dedication to

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Westland and many hours of volunteer service earned her the Westland Observer's 2011 First Citizen award.

In her previous position, Vellardita did marketing and graphic design work as a partner in a Westland business, C & M Printing and Imaging for more than 17 years.

'I have worked with Mary for almost 15 years. She has had many volunteer positions with the chamber as she is always willing to help out," said chamber CEO Brookellen Swope. "She has been one

of those people that I could always count on. I'm excited to have Mary officially on staff. She has been a 'Chamber Cheerleader' for years now, which is why she is a perfect fit for the Membership and Marketing

"In the short time that she has been on staff, she has recruited new members and began promoting our member marketing services. Her excitement for the chamber is contagious, which will only help our chamber grow," Swope added.

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Vellardita is now handling the marketing membership duties at the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Mary

position.'

Treat others like you want to be treated



it's very important. Even though we can't control other people's behavior, we can always control our own, and everyone benefits when we take the high road.

So no matter what thunderstorms you run into, bring your own sunshine - and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. **James Matthew Barrie**

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Angela Hospice holds annual Laughter Lifts You Up fundraiser

Everyone loves to laugh, but if you need an excuse to do a lot of laughing, how about a ladies night out to help hospice patients and their families? You can laugh and support a good cause at Angela Hospice's annual Laughter Lifts You Up event, Thursday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"This is our biggest event of the year," said Mary Beth Moning, exec-utive director at not-forprofit Angela Hospice. 'It's really a lot of fun for all the women who attend and many come year after year with their sisters or girlfriends but it's also a great way for people to support Angela Hospice and the patients in our care."

One of those patients is Westland resident Debbie McKitrick, who has been with Angela Hospice for more than a year and knows what hospice can offer those with a terminal diagnosis.

"Hospice is probably the best thing you can do," McKitrick said. She's facing lung cancer and liver cancer and was told she had about three to six month to live. Now a year and a half later, she says Angela Hospice has given her her life back.

"Hospice isn't there to help you die," McKitrick

said, "they're there to help you have a quality life. Since I've been with hospice, my health has gotten better. They have gotten me on medications that keep me in control and I have got energy and strength that I never had before. I'm actually going to Curves now and working out."

In addition to the physical care she has gotten to manage her pain and symptoms, McKitrick has been impressed with the resources and counseling her hospice nurse and social worker have provided as well.

"They've built me up to make me the person I am today," she said. Events like Laughter

Lifts You Up help fund these programs, including the non-reimbursed services that Angela Hospice provides, such as grief counseling and prenatal hospice care.

Laughter Lifts You Up has become so popular with the community that an 11:30 a.m. luncheon show was added this year in addition to the 6 p.m. dinner show. Both shows will feature Lynn Trefzger, an award-winning comedian and premier entertainer for Disney Cruise Lines, among others.

'We're very excited to have Lynn Trefzger as our comedian," said Lar-



Celebrating a ladies night out for a good cause at last year's Laughter Lifts You Up are (from left) Monica Marini of Dearborn Heights, Michelle Buchanan of Livonia and Janice Tosto of Canton.

ry Kralowski, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "Her comedic style is unique and would appeal to everyone."

In addition to the comedy show, guests will be treated to a gourmet entrée and dessert, plus complimentary wine,

beer and soda bar. A raffle and shopping at "Angela's Boutique" will add to the experience. For tickets to Laughter Lifts You Up, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call Kralowski at 734-953-6045. Tickets are \$50 each.

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-77

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 15:3.2, 15:6.3, 15:6.9 AND 15:6.10 OF WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248 TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSE OF SIGN REGULATIONS AS STATED IN SECTION 15:1 OF ORDINANCE 248.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsections (a), (d) and (m) of Section 15:3.2 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows:

"15:3.2 Prohibited Signs

The following signs shall not be permitted, erected, or maintained in any district:

a. Signs which incorporate any flashing or moving lights, or exposed incandescent light bulbs, except as specifically permitted. This prohibition shall not apply to LED or electronic display signs with static messages or images, as specifically authorized in this ordinance, provided that they meet the rate of change and maximum luminescence requirements of this ordinance.

d. Any sign which has any visible moving part, visible revolving parts or visible mechanical movement of any description or other apparent visible movement achieved by electrical, electronic, or mechanical means, including intermittent electrical pulsations, or by action of normal wind current. This prohibition shall not apply to LED or electronic display signs with static messages or images, as specifically authorized in this ordinance, provided that they meet the rate of change and maximum luminescence requirements of this ordinance.

m. Any outdoor advertising sign or billboard; however, this section shall not apply to billboards or outdoor advertising signs lawfully in existence at the time this ordinance becomes effective, as such signs may be maintained and repaired to continue their useful life, nor to those specific signs which are expressly allowed by the district regulations contained in this Ordinance. The maintenance and repair of an existing billboard may include upgrade to an LED or electronic display sign provided that: (1) the sign shall contain only static messages or images; (2) the rate of change between 2 static messages or images shall not exceed more than 1 change per 6 seconds; (3) each change shall be complete in 1 second or less; (4) the sign shall possess and utilize automatic dimming capabilities so that the maximum luminescence level is not more than 0.3 foot candles over ambient light levels measured at a distance of 150 feet for those sign faces less than or equal to 300 square feet, measured at a distance of 200 feet for those sign faces greater than 300 square feet but less than or equal to 378 square feet, measured at a distance of 250 feet for those sign faces greater than 378 square feet and less than 672 square feet, and measured at a distance of 350 feet for those sign faces equal to or greater than 672 square feet.; and (5) the sign shall be configured to default to a static display in the event of mechanical failure.

Section 2. That all other subsections of Section 15:3.2 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That Section 15:6.3 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows

"15:6.3 Ground Signs

a. For shopping centers in single ownership or under unified control, or individual uses with a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet, one (1) additional on-premise ground sign on each street frontage, other than those regulated in Section 15:6.2 above, shall be permitted, subject to the following controls:

(1) Area: The gross area in square feet permitted for the additional sign on a zoning lot shall not exceed one-half (1/2) square foot for each lineal foot of frontage of such zoning lot, or a total of one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less. Up to 75% of the allowable gross area of the sign may be used for an LED or electronic display, provided such display complies with subsection c, below.

(2) Setback: Such sign shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front lot line of such center or individual use. For each five (5) feet of sign setback in excess of the ten (10) foot minimum, the allowable sign height of such sign may be increased by ten (10) percent of the maximum permitted below

(3) Height: Signs shall have a two (2) foot brick or masonry base, and no sign shall project higher than fourteen (14) feet above curb level.

(4) Distance from Other Permitted Signs: Such sign shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from any other permitted sign on the zoning lot and fifty (50) feet from any existing freestanding or ground sign on an adjacent zoning lot.

b. For individual uses, one additional on-premise ground sign on each street frontage, other than those regulated in Section 15:6.2 above will be permitted, subject to the following controls:

(1) Area: The gross area in square feet permitted for the additional sign on a zoning lot shall not exceed onethird (1/3) square foot for each lineal foot of frontage of such zoning lot, or a total of forty eight (48) square feet, whichever is less. Up to 75% of the allowable gross area of the sign may be used for an LED or electronic display, provided such display complies with subsection c, below.

(2) Setback: Such signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front lot line of such individual use. For each five (5) feet of sign setbacks in excess of the 10-foot minimum, the allowable sign height of such sign may be increased by ten (10) percent of the maximum permitted below.

(3) Height: Signs shall have a two (2) foot brick or masonry base, and no sign shall project higher than eight (8) feet above curb level

(4) Distance from Other Permitted Signs: Such sign shall be located at least thirty-five (35) feet from any other permitted sign on the zoning lot and thirty-five (35) feet from any existing freestanding or ground sign on an adjacent zoning lot.

c. The LED or electronic display portion of a sign authorized in this section shall meet the following requirements: (1) the sign shall contain only static messages or images; (2) the rate of change between 2 static messages or images shall not exceed more than 1 change per 6 seconds; (3) each change shall be complete in 1 second or less; (4) the sign shall and utilize automatic dimming capabilities so that the maximum luminescence level is not more than 0.3 foot candles over ambient light levels measured at a distance of 150 feet; and (5) the sign shall be configured to default to a static display in the event of mechanical failure."

anton bartender Hool garners world title

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Andy Hool knows the old adage, "Practice makes perfect.'

And he may have proven it last week when he claimed the TGI Fridays World Championship of bartending at the restaurant chain's world competition in Dallas.

Hool, who has been chasing the prize for a few years now, finally claimed it.

"A lot of hard work and determination finally paid off," said Hool, known by the professional name of Andy Bro. "It was amazing.'

Hool, a seven-year TGI Fridays veteran who has been tending bar nearly six years, beat out 11 other bartenders from around the world to capture the crown. The contestants competed in categories including bar knowledge, compulsory and speed performances and a freestyle showcase.

Hool, making his third trip to the finals, said he'd built a comfort level with the various "tools of

the trade" in the months leading up to the competition, and his familiarity with TGI Fridays equipment really helped him settle in when he got to Dallas.

"I use every tool TGI Fridays wants me to use," Hool said. "When I got to the competition, I was comfortable with everything. People are creatures of habit, and that worked for me."

Hool, a former Livonia resident, now lives in Canton with his 5-yearold daughter, Payton. He attended St. Michael School in Livonia and is a graduate of Catholic Central, then in Redford but now located in Novi. His parents, Gerald and Elizabeth Hool, still live in Livonia.

Hool said once he got into the competition, he tried to react to things like it was a normal, everyday shift at the Canton TGI Fridays. It wasn't easy.

"I tried to just treat it like it was a normal shift," Hool said. "It's hard to do, because obviously you're going to feel the extra pressure."



Andy "Bro" Hool hoists the championship trophy - a giant propeller — after winning the TGI Fridays World Bartending Championship in Dallas last week.

Section 4. That Section 15:6.9 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows

"15:6.9 Gasoline Service Station Signs

Gasoline service stations may only display the following special signs which are deemed customary and necessary to their respective business:

a. Numbers: One (1) customary lettering or other insignia on a gasoline pump containing the brand of gasoline sold, lead warning sign, and any other sign required by law. Two (2) non-illuminated double-faced signs per gasoline pump island may be placed for the purpose of displaying gasoline or other commodity prices and for designating "Attendant Served" or "Self Served." One (1) double-face combination identification sign and gasoline price sign shall be permitted in front facing the street. The number of wall-mounted on-premise signs on the building shall be determined by the Planning Director, in accordance with the maximum allowable gross area of these signs. No portable or temporary signs are permitted.

b. Areas: The signs on the pump shall not exceed three (3) square feet on each pump. The non-illuminated doublefaced signs on the pump island shall not exceed four (4) square feet for each sign. The combined identification sign and gasoline price sign shall not exceed a total of forty eight (48) square feet, which includes the border map, background frame, etc., as a regular shaped envelope. Up to 50% of the allowable gross area of the combined identification sign and gasoline price sign may be used for an LED or electronic display, provided such display complies with subsection c of Section 15:6.3 of this ordinance. The total gross area of the wall-mounted identification or business signs on the building cannot exceed one-half (1/2) square foot for each lineal foot of lot frontage, the maximum total area not to exceed seventy (70) square feet as a regular shaped envelope.

c. Location: The pump signs and the pump island signs shall be placed at or on their respective locations. The doublefaced front combined identification sign and gasoline price sign shall be placed back from the property line so the edge of both signs will not encroach over the street right-of-way line. The wall-mounted identification or business signs shall not project more than eighteen (18) inches from the face of the wall of the building.

d. Height: The bottom of the pump island signs shall not exceed a maximum height of two (2) feet above the pumps The combined identification and gasoline price sign shall have a two (2) foot brick or masonry base, and such sign shall project no higher than eight (8) feet above curb level. The top of the wall-mounted identification or business sign on the building shall not exceed the requirements for any other wall-mounted signs, as indicated under Commercial District Signs of this Article of this Ordinance.

e. Set Back: The combined identification and gasoline price sign shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front lot line of the parcel or lot of the individual use.

f. Secondary Uses: In the event that a gasoline service station also contains a secondary use within the structure, a second ground sign is allowed on the zoning lot. This second ground sign may not exceed twenty four (24) square feet in size. In height, this sign shall have a two (2) foot brick or masonry base, and such sign shall project no higher than eight (8) feet above curb level. This sign shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front lot line of the parcel or zoning lot.

Section 5. That Section 15:6.10 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows

"15:6.10 Temporary Signs or Banners Advertising a Grand Opening or Special Event

a. A business shall be allowed up to three (3) temporary signs or banners for a grand opening or special event for a period of not more than seven (7) consecutive days, and no more than two (2) separate occurrences per calendar year.

b. The signs or banners may be wall mounted or mounted to the ground. If the temporary signs or banners are mounted on the ground, they shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the front lot line of the zoning lot of the business.

c. The size of any temporary sign or banner shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet.

d. All temporary signs and banners shall be professionally constructed and shall be securely attached to the ground or the building.

e. A fee in the amount provided for in the Westland City Code, Chapter 46, Section 46-1(7) shall apply."

Section 6. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 8. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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OUR VIEWS

Beware of scams during tax season

April 15 isn't the only day during tax season that your wallet can feel a sting.

Scam artists are making the rounds heading into tax time. Police departments recently alerted the media to a fraud in which a caller might tell residents that he or she is from the Internal Revenue Service and claims that a debt must be remedied at once. Targets are typically directed to pay with a preloaded credit card or wire transfer.

Say what you will about the IRS, but it doesn't operate that way. This scummy scam preys on unfounded fears about getting in trouble with the government. This is more Uncle Scam than Uncle Sam.

According to the IRS, here are some red flags to recognize if you get such a call: » Scammers use fake names and IRS badge

» Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names to identify themselves.

» Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.

Nobody likes to be scammed. Keep yourself in the know and prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims to fraud. » Scammers spoof an IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

» Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

» Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

» After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or de-

partment of state, and the caller ID supports their claim.

Very sophisticated in some respects, and very misleading at the same time. Your tax filings are due April 15, no sooner, and here is some more advice from the IRS about how to respond to these sorts of calls:

» If you owe or think you owe the IRS some money, call the agency at 800-829-1040. The employees at that line can help you with a payment issue.

» If you know you don't owe taxes or have

What do you think?



The construction equipment is already on site in preparation for the closing of I-96 from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia in April for reconstruction. With the closing of the entire freeway, motorists will have to find alternate routes. Do you have a game plan to avoid the traffic congestion? Let us know. 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 PHOTOG-RAPHER

LETTERS

Water bill like a joke

Paying the water bill in Garden City is like a joke I once heard ...

A hotel guest is charged \$100 for a safe. When she questions why, she didn't use it. The manager replies, it was there. She tells that manager that she is charging him \$150 for sex. He says, we didn't have sex. She says, that's your fault, I was there. I think this analogy is appropriate in more ways then one.

Skip Wehrle Garden City

Teen consequences

Recent Free Press reporting offers views of the student/security guard assault at a Detroit high school. The following is a narrative of editorial comments and attorney statements regarding the incident:

"His (the student's) violent response was an unwarranted and dangerous escalation of the situation." (Removal of a hoodie.) This country's salvation is an adherence to the rule of law. The first lesson is clear: Actions have consequences.

Consequences are one thing, but brutal, unforgiving consequences are far too typical in our criminal justice system. In a just world, though, he ought to be given a chance to prove he can be mature enough to learn from his mistakes.

mistakes. The student's attorney stated he has no prior contact with the

system. He is extremely remorseful, but he is ready to more forward. It certainly is our position that Mr. Campbell should not be criminalized.

SEND US YOUR VIEWS

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

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Email: smason@hometownlife.com.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.

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

reinstated before the expiration of 180 school days after the date of expulsion."

Yes, actions do have consequences.

Jim Brenner Redford

Hit for inaction

The Michigan Senate recently passed a supplemental bill that, among other things, would transfer \$100 million for road maintenance. Even though this is just a transfer of funds and other projects shelved, it will be welcomed by the county and local agencies that have been short-changed the past four years.

Six Republican senators voted "no" on the \$360 million bill, among them Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Why, you ask, would he do that? Well, here's the answer in a nutshell.

Last fall, after failing to stop the Medicaid expansion, he led the charge to not give that law immediate effect Several news sources warned at the time that our state treasury would take a multimillion-dollar hit because of this inaction. Well, the hit is here. The above supplemental bill includes \$73.3 million to pay for Colbeck's and the tea party's antics. I can only surmise that with the election looming, Colbeck doesn't want the voters to see, in black and white, how much it cost us for him to please that front organization, "Americans for Prosperity (for the Rich). How many roads could be repaired or how many police officers, firefighters or teachers hired with that \$73.3 million? We will never know. But you can bet your last dollar on this: If even one paragraph of the Medicaid expansion bill would have enriched the Koch Brothers, the DeVos family or other billionaires who fund the Tea Party, it would have taken effect before the gavel fell.

James Huddleston

Canton

All People Matter

March is national social work month. This year's theme is All People Matter. It makes me proud to be a social worker. All People Matter is the core

All People Matter is the core value of my profession. My training has taught me to challenge oppression and help individuals and families realize their full potential. Often there is a stigma attached to the title of "social worker." People associate it with professionals who must take children-at-risk away from their families. Actually, social workers serve as experts in many important areas such as: EAP (employee assistance programs), gerontology, addiction rehabilitation, community development, legislation and social policy, education, poverty, food access. mental

no reason to think that you owe any taxes for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above — call and report the incident to the U.S. Treasury Department inspector general for tax administration at 800-366-4484.

» If you've been targeted by this scam, contact the Federal Trade Commission and use its FTC Complaint Assistant at http:// www.ftc.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Nobody likes to pay income taxes. Nobody likes to be scammed. Keep yourself in the know and prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims to fraud.

- A Gannett Michigan editorial



Police departments recently alerted the media to a fraud in which a caller might tell residents that he or she is from the Internal Revenue Service and claims that a debt must be remedied at once.

OBSERVER

Sue Mason, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising The Detroit Public Schools has taken an initial step and the student has been suspended.

However, Michigan law is very clear regarding future action. In part Section 380.1311a of the Michigan School Code reads as follows:

"If a pupil commits a physical assault at school against a person employed by or engaged as a volunteer or contractor by the school board, the School Board shall expel the pupil from the school district permanently, subject to possible reinstatement.

"The individual may initiate a petition for reinstatement at any time after the expiration of 150 school days after the date if expulsion.

"The individual shall not be

OUR VIEW

health and LGBT rights. Professionals must abide by a strict code of ethics or they lose their license.

Jane Addams, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and former Congressman Ron Dellums are all social workers. Across the globe, we not only believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect, we work to make it so. American social work profession has a commitment to improving conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. "Social work is the profession that does the front line work when other professions stand back," said Dr. Maxine Thomas, director of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

We do this work because all people matter.

Colleen Crossey, M.S.W.

Time is right to strip R-word from Michigan laws

Last week, the Michigan House of Representatives unanimously approved House Bill 5351 as part of an eight-bill package which, if approved, would eliminate the word "retarded" from Michigan statute and replace it with scientific and appropriate language.

The House vote came Wednesday, March 5, which just happened to be the Spread the Word to End the Word national day of awareness. For six years, Special Olympics has been asking people to take the pledge to stop using the R-word and its variations.

Spread the Word to End the Word is an ongoing effort to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)" which started out as a replacement for such degrading ones as moron, imbecile and idiot. It is now has become just as dehumanizing, hurtful and offensive.

According to the website, www.R-word.org, the R-word has become "a common taunt used to make fun of others." It's used to denote behavior that is clumsy, hapless and even hopeless, but "whether intentional or not, the word conjures up a painful stereotype of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, sponsored the bill. A volunteer with Special Olympics, he was surprised to find that is this day and age, "the state of Michigan refers to those who have intellectual disabilities with such insensitive and antiquated language" in its laws. His bill would delete the men-

His bill would delete the mentally retarded references from the statute dealing with intermediate school districts and replace the term with developmentally disabled. Knezek believes that eliminating this derogatory term in state laws "is a tremendous step toward addressing the stigma associated with developmental disabilities in our society."

As a society, we still have a lot to do to eliminate such offensive language from our vocabulary. We are offended to hear the Nword and should be to hear the R-word. Taking the pledge is as much about ending its use as telling people with intellectually disabilities you are part of our group.

That's why it's good to see that Knezek's bill passed unanimously in the House and we're confident the bill will receive a similar reception in the Senate. It's change whose time has come.

Hindu Temple's free health fair lauded

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

The Hindu Temple of Canton, moving to save lives by detecting health threats and early disease, has announced a free two-day health fair to help area residents who might forgo or delay medical care, often because they can't afford it.

Jatin Desai, a health fair organizer, said the Hindu Temple hopes to reach beyond its site on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center to draw a diverse group of people to the event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 6 and April 27

"Hinduism is a way of living and we believe the more we help our community, the more healthy our society will be down the road," De-sai said. "This is open to all walks of life, regardless of faith.

The Hindu Temple has paired with Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI, for the 12th annual event.

"They have the same mission as us," Desai said. "They want to make sure that the community can be a beneficiary of early detection of any health issues."

As many as 60-70 doctors are expected to become involved in the health fair, open to residents in Canton and beyond.

Don Hazaert, director of Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, a coalition of healthrelated organizations, lauded the Hindu Tem-



The Hindu Temple of Canton is ready for its annual free health fair, which in the past has drawn large crowds. SUMAN RAVAL

ple's efforts.

"It's a terrific program that communities are going to need for some time to come," Hazaert said, despite the phasing in of efforts such as the Affordable Care Act. "While there's plenty of good news on the health care front, programs like this are important and should be embraced by their communities."

For the April 6 event, the Hindu Temple has confirmed it will accept only the first 350 people who sign up by March 31 by stopping at the temple or going to www.the hindutemple.org or

www.mapiusa.org, Desai said.

For that three-hour session, patients are asked to fast after midnight because medical personnel plan to draw blood to screen for a complete blood count, cholesterol, prostate health and blood sugar

levels that, if elevated, can lead to diabetes. Minimum age for the blood test is 18.

For the April 27 health fair, patients who had their blood drawn during the first session are asked to return to obtain their results and get medical advice from doctors.

"We want to help them learn how they can change their lifestyle to make it better for them," Desai said.

No prior registration is necessary for the April 27 session. Desai said anyone is welcome to attend and get their blood pressure and hearing tested.

Moreover, visitors will be able to speak with primary care physicians and specialists in cardiology, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, rheumatology, dentistry, gastroenterology, podiatry, endocrinology, nutrition, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology,

physical therapy and internal medicine.

Visitors are asked to bring their current prescriptions and any medical records they might have. Information booths also are planned with pharmacists and recommendations for nutrition and lifestyle improvements.

When the Hindu Temple of Canton organized its first community health fair more than a decade ago, Desai said it had humble beginnings with around 100 visitors - a number that had quadrupled by last year.

Desai commended Oakwood Hospital-Wayne for being a consistent partner, saying is has been "a major contributor in terms of resources for this health fair.

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Be on guard against tax fraud schemes



very year at this time, the IRS publishes its top tax fraud schemes.

It is important to keep in mind that, ultimately, you are responsible for what ends up on your tax return. You can't use the excuse that a professional prepared your return. The bottom line is, you signed your return and you are responsible.

If you take deductions you're not entitled to, the IRS can assess you the additional tax along with interest and penalties.

One scam the IRS says is increasing is scam-mers who call pretending to be representatives from the IRS. They tell people that they are either entitled to a large refund or that they owe money.

The goal is to steal money or obtain your sensitive financial information. These callers tend to be aggressive and often call more than once. In addition, when they call they are able to make the caller ID display IRS.

Know that the IRS will initially contact you through the mail. Therefore, if you get a call from someone claiming they're from the IRS, hang up, because it is a scam.

Scammers don't just call, they also send emails claiming the IRS needs information in order to process your return. Once again, this is an attempt to steal sensitive financial information. The emails look legitimate, but they are not. If you get an email from the IRS, delete it.

Posing as tax preparers

In addition, many scammers pose as tax preparers. They say that by having them complete your return, you're going to get a much larger refund and will be able to take advantage of certain deductions. They charge you excessive fees to do vour return and the end result is that the IRS denies your deductions. You are potentially left paying the tax, along with interest and penalties.

It is important to have only those professionals with credentials and integrity prepare your return.

The last scam that I want to highlight, and one that I've mentioned in the past, is people who create bogus charitable organizations. They use names that sound similar to reputable charities and they solicit money either through email or phone calls.

It's important to watch out for these scam artists. If you are affected by them, your hardearned money won't go to charity and the IRS will deny your charitable deduction.

There are many more scams that relate to taxes. The bottom line is, keep your guard up at all times. Remember this simple rule: If something sounds too good to be true, it is.

If you hire a professional to prepare your return, make sure it is someone who will stand by his/her work. Good luck.

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Tom and Bridie Flynn are the grand marshals for the Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local couple serving as grand marshals of St. Patrick's Day parade

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

When it comes to celebrating their Irish heritage, Tom and Bridie Flynn get involved with any activity or group they can. That's why the Livonia couple says they weren't surprised when they were named grand marshals of the 2014 Detroit St. Patrick's Day parade this upcoming weekend.

"We've been very, very involved," Bridie Flynn said. "And that's why we were selected. I think we've been at every activity, you name it. We've been all over."

The couple, who have lived in Livonia for several decades, were named grand marshals of the parade back in October. In recent weeks, the two have been all over Metro Detroit, appearing at events such as a fundraiser with Detroit mayThey received a commendation last week from the Livonia City Council, during which they wore their sashes and medals displaying their honors.

"On behalf of the City of Livonia, we wish to extend our congratulations to both of you for being named the grand marshals for the 56th annual St. Patrick's Day parade and for generously giving of your time and talents to preserve the strong Irish heritage in Detroit," said council president Maureen Miller Brosnan during the presentation.

Both full-blooded Irish

The Flynns moved to Livonia from Dearborn when their family expanded with children. Both are full-blooded Irish, with Bridie immigrating to the United States from Ireland's County Mayo when she becoming a stay-at-home mother and getting involved with the PTA, while Tom Flynn worked as a physical education teacher for Livonia Public Schools before retiring.

The parade, put on by the United Irish Societies, begins at noon Sunday and runs along Michigan Avenue from Sixth Street to 14h Street in Detroit. It attracts several thousand people, something the Flynns admire, especially seeing lots of families in the crowd.

"That's what's nice about the parade every year; it's a family affair," Bridie Flynn said. "The last two years, we've had a lot of spectators."

The couple will continue on with activities throughout the weekend to St. Patrick's Day Monday where they plan on attending Mass at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in the Corktown

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or and Livonia native Mike Duggan earlier this week.

"We've been pretty busy in a lot of communities," Bridie Flynn said. "We just run into so many people."

The two have been involved with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Motor City Irish Festival, among other groups. was 17. She received her citizenship several years after she came to Detroit.

"It was really an opportunity," she said. "It took me a while to get acclimated to the United States with the accent and everything."

Bridie Flynn worked for advertising agency Campbell Ewald for several years before neighborhood in Detroit.

Tom Flynn said it's been worth all the running around to interact with so many people.

"There's probably not much we haven't done," Tom Flynn said. "You meet a lot of nice people."

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Westland girl selected for pageant

Westland resident

Marcella Puia, 5, has

been chosen as a

state finalist in the

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The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4-18 who compete in five age divisions. Marcella attends

Wildwood Elementary School and is a student at the Dance Academy in Westland.

Her parents are Mircia and Leontina Puia. She has a sister Megan and brother Mircia Jr.



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Veterans services focus of informational meeting

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Area veterans can get information about benefits and services available through Wayne County on Tuesday, March 25, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

The league and the Westland Veterans Association are hosting the meeting which will run 5-9 p.m. UAW Local 900 has donated refreshments for the meeting.

"This is a no closeddoor event. Veterans have complained that they get to a certain point getting information and then are told that we can't help you," said Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "This will be a pilot program."

During the program, veterans will be able to get a Wayne County veterans identification card, which LeBlanc said has become very popular. The card provides various discounts for veterans.

"I hope that veterans and their spouses will come to the program. There is no charge," he said. "We have a flier that will be soon delivered. I think it is going to be a great event."

There will be no political speeches at the veterans services programs, LeBlanc said, but added politicians were welcome to donate gift cards that can be used for door prizes.

Anyone wanting more information about the veterans services program can call LeBlanc's office at 313-224-8855.

The Wayne-Ford Civic League is located on Wayne Road just south of Ford in Westland.

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PREP BOYS SWIMMING

State champ Arakelian grateful to teammates

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Stevenson senior breaks pair of MHSAA records

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Despite winning two individual state titles Saturday, the team always comes first for Livonia Stevenson swimmer Nick Arakelian.

The senior went out with a

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

bang in the Division 1 boys finals held at Saginaw Valley State University as he set an all-class MHSAA record in the 200-yard individual medley (1:47.47) and broke his own state mark while defending his title in the 500 freestyle (4:24.84).

In the process, Arakelian also helped make it possible for Stevenson to record its highest team finish in school



Rice's 345.

Arakelian "It was a great day," said Arakelian, who eclipsed the 200 IM mark of 1:47.86 set last season by Josh Ehrman of Saline. "Man, a lot of emotions. Everybody was excited. My teammates and I are very passionate about what we do. We spent the whole season having fun and working hard. It all came together for us and it paid off big."

In the 200 IM, Arakelian fended off a challenge from Novi Detroit Catholic Central junior Jack Walsh, who was clocked in 1:48.54, to earn first place. But in the 500 freestyle, Arakelian dominated, winning by more than 10 seconds over Zeeland's Micah De Jonge (4:35.02), while breaking his own Division 1 record of 4:27.05. (The all-class mark is 4:20.71).

"The 200 IM, I definitely hit my mark there," Arakelian said. "That was the one that I

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Stevenson pools its efforts for state runner-up finish

Rice swimmers capture MHSAA Division 1 crown

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

There hasn't been a better day of boys swimming for Livonia Stevenson than Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 state finals, held at Saginaw Valley State University.

The Spartans, scoring 202 points, left University Center with the state runner-up trophy. Birmingham Brother Rice captured its first crown since 2007 with 345 points.

Stevenson posted 11 different all-state (top eight) performances along with six new school records to top last year's third-place team finish in Division 1.

While Rice was the runaway champion, second place became a battle between Stevenson, third-place Holland West Ottawa (191) and fourth-place Ann Arbor Pioneer (185).

"I was probably the most proud of a swim team that I've ever been," Stevenson 14-year coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "Overjoyed, maybe. It was an up-and-down competition and we were still able to come out on top, which is a true testament to those boys and how well they trained and how well they were able to stick together. When adversity showed its face, they were able to rebound and still come out on top, which is the key to the game of life, I guess."



Stevenson's Grant McNamara (bottom) and teammate Tom O'Donohue (top), swimming in Friday's prelims, placed sixth and eighth, respectively, in the Division 1 100 breaststroke finals. IM RIFLICK

Senior Nick Arakelian was again the catalyst for Stevenson as he broke an MHSAA all-class record in the 200-yard individual medley (1:47.47) and

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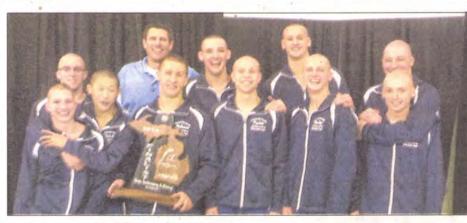
broke his own Division 1 record in the 500 freestyle (4:24.84).

Stevenson also posted a second-place finish in two of the meet's three relay events.

The all-senior quartet of Parker Belmore, Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki and Jake Goeddeke clocked 1:34.54 in the 200 medley relay (to Rice's 1:32.77).

Meanwhile, the foursome of Arakelian, Belmore, Goeddeke

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The Livonia Stevenson boys swim team, coached by Jeff Shoemaker, proudly displays its MHSAA Division 1 runner-up team trophy.

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL FINALS

Five Livonia gymnasts garner all-state honors

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Livonia produced nine different all-state performances (top 10) during Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 Gymnastics Individual Finals held at Plymouth High School.

Livonia Blue freshman Jess Weak placed eighth in the all-around (34.875), including a tie for third on the uneven parallel bars (8.85). Meanwhile, Livonia Blue sophomore Bri Rhoad tied for fourth on floor exercise and added a fifth on the uneven bars (8.75).

Sophomore Emily Chatterjee added an eighth on the uneven bars (8.65) along with tie for 10th on the balance beam (8.925).

"I am a very proud coach this season," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "My gymnasts came out strong on Saturday and did what they have been doing all season. Jess came out strong as a freshman and I'm very proud of her.

"Bri started out rough, but came through at the end and finished strong. Chatterjee came into the meet having fun and finished with a fun and medaling beam routine."

Yet another top performer for Livonia Blue was senior captain Jillian Zafarana, who placed fourth on the balance beam (9.175).

"Jillian, being a senior and first time at the state meet, came out and nailed her beam routine like I have never seen before," Broomfield said. "It was a very proud moment for her and I was glad I was able to share it with her."

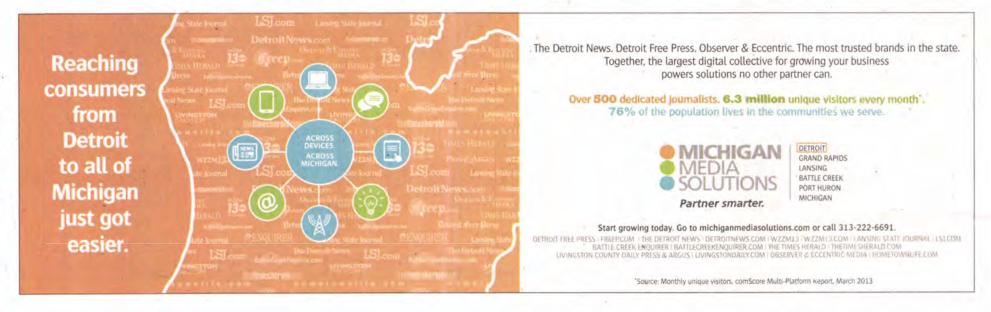
Livonia Red sophomore Marissa McVey also enjoyed success, with a tie for fourth on floor (9.075) and a tie for seventh on vault (9.05).

This is the first time McVey placed at the individual state meet after qualifying in the all-around as a freshman.

"Marissa had a great per-

formance on Saturday," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She was struggling with a back injury most of the season. However, determination pushed her through. Marissa shows great focus in her gymnastics and Saturday was a great example of this. I'm very proud as a coach and excited to see what next season brings for this young lady."

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Modano's No. 9 jersey goes to rafters

Dallas Stars retire Westland native's number

By Kevin Allen Gannett News Service

The Dallas Stars honored the greatest American-born forward in NHL history Saturday night when Westland native Mike Modano's No. 9 jersey was officially retired.

Any declaration of an athlete being called the "best" usually inspires much debate.

But it's difficult to argue against Modano's status as America's top forward because he retired as the NHL's American-born record-holder in goals and points. He also won a Stanley Cup, helped the U.S. win the 1996 World Cup and was a major offensive force (six goals, four assists) when the U.S. won the silver

medal at the 2002 Olympics. The 1988 first pick overall of the 1988 NHL Draft by the Minnesota North Stars, Modano finished his 22-year career as the NHL's highest-scoring American player. He tallied 561 goals and 1,374 points with Minnesota, Dallas and Detroit (2011)

Modano, 43, is an executive

with the Stars, a U.S. Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Olympian.

Modano was a majestic player, a magnificent skater, a 6-3 center who seemed to zip across the ice at the speed of light. With his jersey flapping in his jet wash, Modano could make plays at incredibly high rates of speed.

Defensemen always gave Modano space, out of fear that he would roar around them like they were an orange cone on the I-9 Modano Express Lane. His acceleration was world class. Sometimes, it seemed as if Modano's skates weren't even touching the ice.

Even after turning 40, Modano could still thunder up the ice like he was Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the backstretch at Daytona.

Modano could also thread a pass through a mail slot or hammer the puck at 100 mph. There was always a "wow" factor to his game. He had 20 or more goals for 16 of the first 18 NHL seasons.

It's appropriate that the Modano No. 9 ceremony came



Westland native Mike Modano waves to the crowd Saturday night at the American Airlines Center in Dallas after his No. 9 jersey was retired by the NHL team. GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

before a game against the Minnesota Wild. Modano started his career with the Minnesota North Stars.

The franchise was moved to Dallas, where Modano's sex appeal, charm and skill were important to selling the game to Texans.

Modano was never an overly physical player. But he proved his toughness even before he reached the NHL. It's been almost forgotten now

that Modano moved away from his Westland home and Livonia Franklin High classmates to play in the roughand-tumble Western Hockey League. He did it because he wanted to prove he could handle whatever was thrown his way

Some might try to argue Brett Hull as the top American forward, but he was actually born and trained in Canada. Certainly Joe Mullen de-



Mike Modano is now an executive with Dallas Stars. GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

serves consideration because he reached 500 goals first. Pat LaFontaine and Jeremy Roenick have to be mentioned. Keith Tkachuk and Bill Guerin changed Team USA's international status because of the fearless way they played.

But none of them could match the production and panache exhibited by Modano.

Livonia-Westland Observer Sports Editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 **BOYS SWIM FINALS**

March 7-8 at Saginaw Valley St. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother

Rice, 345 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 202; 3. Holland West Ottawa, 191; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 185; 5. Bloomfield 'Hills, 136; 6. (tie) Saline and Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 126 each; 8. Zeeland, 108; 8. South Lyon Unified, 94; 10. Rockford, 81; 32. Livonia Churchill, 3 (32 schools).

FINAL AREA RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Mark Blinstrub, Drew Grady, Gust Kouvaris, Bradford Jones), 1:32.77; 2. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jake Goeddeke), 1:34.54.

200 freestyle: 1. Tabahn Afrik (West Ottawa), 1:38.18; 27. Matt LaPorte (Stevenson), 1:48.34; 31. Alex Lee (Stevenson), 1:49.13.

200 individual medley: 1. Arakelian (Steven-son), 1:47.47 (all class MHSAA record); 25. Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:01.78.

50 freestyle: 1. Joe Krause (Rice), 20.63; 4. Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson), 21.21; 7. Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson), 21.68.

1-meter diving: 1. Jake Herremans (Rockford), 458.00 points; 14. Ethan Burke (Churchill), 338.90. 100 butterfly: 1. Cameron Craig (Monroe), 48.82; 17. Belmore (Stevenson), 53.39; 24. Bielicki (Stevenson), 54.30.

100 freestyle: 1. Afrik (West Ottawa), 43.90 (Division 1 record); 6. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 46.74; 27. Lee (Stevenson), 49.60.

500 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (Stevenson), 4:24.84 (Division 1 record); 12. LaPorte (Stevenson), 4:41.75. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Krause, bobby Powrie, Jack Kennedy, Jones), 1:25.10.

100 backstroke: 1. Jack Walsh (Detroit CC), 49.08; 6. Belmore (Stevenson), 52.61; 7. Goeddeke (Stevenson), 53.02.

100 breaststroke: 1. John Schihl (Bloomfield Hills), 55.39; 6. Grant McNamara (Stevenson), 58.32; 8. Tom O'Donohue (Stevenson), 58.58.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Kouvaris, Powrie, Blinstrub, Krause), 3:02.06 (MHSAA all class record); 2. Stevenson (Arakelian, Belmore, Goeddeke, O'Dowd), 3:06.92.

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was worried about. I wasn't too worried about being able to break my state record from last year in the 500 (freestyle). But I did have that all-class record in the 200 (IM) in mind. It (the 500 freestyle) just didn't work out. I was on pace at 250 (yards), but without a race there, it was really hard to keep that pace."

Arakelian, who also helped the Spartans to second-place finishes in the 200 medley (1:34.54) and 400 freestyle (3:06.92) relays, migrated to the Stevenson program his junior season after concentrating solely on training with the Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford.

And the most decorated boys swimmer in Stevenson history would be first to tell you he loved the team concept

"The biggest thing I'm going to miss about swimming for my high school is - bar none - my team," he said. "I absolutely love those guys. Everybody going fast like that

... it's a product of the whole team, not just one person. There's always someone to push you in practice. There's always somebody to make a tough situation more lighthearted and fun. I love those guys. They're like a bunch of brothers.



Stevenson senior Nick Arakelian broke his own MHSAA Division 1 record in the 500-yard freestyle Saturday at Saginaw Valley State. JIM BIELICKI

being a supporter of other Stevenson sports as he was frequently seen at football, basketball and volleyball events,

"I'll definitely miss that," said Arakelian, who will join his sister Caroline and swim next year at Queens (N.C.) University. "It's a ton of fun, all those experiences. It's been good."

Arakelian will continue to

lian will begin prepping again for the USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals in Irvine, Calif.

Arakelian broke three individual school records Saturday, including a lead-leg 100 freestyle split of 45.63 in the 400 freestyle relay, which also happened to be another team record (along with the 200 medley relay).

Stevenson coach Jeff Shoe-

500 (freestyle) and broke an all-class record in the 200 IM, which means he's the fastest (high school athlete) in Michigan ever in that event," Shoemaker said. "That's a pretty big testimony right there. That is truly remarkable."

And despite all his individual accolades, Arakelian loves to share the limelight with his teammates.

"They're great guys," he

Arakelian also embraced

be in a taper mode as he heads off Sunday to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the National Club Swimming Association Junior Nationals.

And after taking a break following the NCSAs, Arakemaker, who just finished his 14th season, calls Arakelian a "once in a career" swimmer.

"I've had some good swimmers and I will continue to have good swimmers, but he broke his own record in the

said. "This sport has been good to me. Just real happy with how everything turned out.'

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but we've been there before. We'll come back. We always have.'

Meanwhile, the Spartans came away with a total of six school records, with Arakelian figuring in five, including the 200 IM (1:47.47), 500 freestyle (4:24.84) and 100 freestyle (45.63) and the 200 medley (1:34.54) and 500 freestyle (3:06.76 in Friday's prelims) relays.

O'Dowd also set the school record in the 50 freestyle with a prelim clocking of 21.17

When asked to sum up his 2014 senior class, Shoemaker had nothing but high praise.

"It's the whole bunch of them," he said. "They're all remarkable performers. They're going to be sorely missed by the team and by me. They all get along together. They're all self-motivated, self-disciplined and just great kids. I can't tell you how many compliments I got from teams, coaches and people about how well they behave and how respectful they are. It's just a good group of kids."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL PREP GYMNASTICS FINALS MEET RESULTS March 8 at Plymouth H.S. **DIVISION 1**

Vault: 1. Rachel Hogan (Grand Ledge), 9.725; uneven bars: 1. Hogan (Grand Ledge), 9.75; balance beam: 1. Maddie Toal (Canton), 9.725; floor exercise: 1. Christina Shabet (Troy), 9.7; all-around: 1. Shabet (Troy), 38.675.

DIVISION 2

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.475; 7 (tie) Marissa McVey (Livonia Red), 9.05; 16. (tie) Alex Zukowski (Livonia Blue), 8.95; 24. Caite McDougall (Blue), 8.9; 26. (tie) Julia Twigg (Red), 8.85; 36. (tie) Jess Weak (Blue), 8.65; 41. (tie) Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.5; 46. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.25.

Balance beam: 1. Hailey Hodgson (Canton), 9.375; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 9.175; 10. (tie) Chatterjee (Blue), 8.925; 16. McDougall (Blue), 8.7; 24. Weak (Blue), 8.5; 30. (tie) Rhoad (Blue), 8.15.

Uneven bars: 1. Jennifer Gmeiner (Grosse Pointe United), 8.925; 3. (tie) Weak (Blue), 8.85; 5. Rhoad (Blue), 8.75; 8. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.65; 31. (tie) Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.0.

Floor exercise: 1. Meredith Jonik (Farmington), 9.225; 4. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and McVey (Red), 9.075; 20. (tie) Weak (Blue), 8.875; 27. Chatterjee (Blue), 8.8.

All-around: 1. Cassidy Terhorst (Grand Rapids Forest Hills), 36.40; 8. Weak (Blue), 34.875; 11. Chatterjee (Blue), 34.625; 15. Rhoad (Blue), 34.475.

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and sophomore Jackson O'Dowd went 3:06.92 in the 400 freestyle relay (to Rice's all-class mark of 3:02.06).

The Spartans still managed to take second in the team standings despite a hiccup in Friday's 200 freestyle relay preliminaries, when they were disqualified for a false start.

We knew were were going to push that relay to get top eight and try to go for first runner-up," Shoemaker said. "I'm going to take blame because I told the kids to push their starts and I think one of them pushed it too much. We really didn't need to it at that time, but we did. We still were able to get second place with a DQ in a relay, which doesn't happen very often.'

Among the other Spartans swimmers producing points were O'Dowd, fourth, 50 freestyle (21.21) and sixth, 100 freestyle (46.74); Belmore, sixth, 100 backstroke (52.61); senior Grant McNamara, sixth, 100 breaststroke (58.32);



Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker (left) and assistant Doug Buckler (right) react to Nick Arakelian's all-class record swim in the 200 IM. JIM BIELICKI

Goeddeke, seventh, 50 freestyle (21.68) and 100 backstroke (53.02); senior Tom O'Donuhue, eighth, 100 breaststroke (58.58); and junior Matt LaPorte, 12th, 500 freestyle (4:41.75).

Three-quarters of Stevenson's state meet squad, including 200 freestyle relay member Michael Chen, will

graduate this year.

That leaves O'Dowd, La-Porte and Alex Lee, another individual state qualifier and sprint freestyle relay member, as the lone holdovers for next season.

"I'll have three guys back that are really solid," the Ste-venson coach said. "We're going to be hurting a little bit,

Lightning finishes 8-0

The Livonia YMCA Lightning, a girls under-13 select soccer team coach by Sarah Daoust, Dana Millis and Gene Boyce, recently finished 8-0 during the Indoor Winter II Futsal.

Team members include: Niki Berridge, Sydney Boyce, Abby Daoust, Jasmine Edwards, Jenna Harper, Sydney Millis, Addison Mussen, Nivene Razkallah, Alex Thomas and Lauren Wilson.

Livonia pom clinic

The Livonia Middle School pom team will stage a clinic for girls in grades 5-8 who are Livonia Public Schools district residents from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia.

Included in the \$25 cost is a T-shirt. Participants will learn basics and a pom routine taught by currently Livonia Pom team members.

For more information or to

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obtain a registration form, email Andrea at Livoniapom@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-Amer-ican 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 \$40 per person. For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Livonia pom tryouts

The Livonia Middle School Pom team will stage open

tryouts for girls in grades 4-7, who attend Livonia Public Schools, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 27-28, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

The tryout fee is \$10 (payable the first day). For more information, or to

obtain a registration form, email Andrea at Livoniapom@gmail.com.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

It's a waiting game: Weather becomes issue for MU

Crusaders could off for at least two more weeks

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

After a 10-game trip to Florida, the Madonna University baseball team is looking to get a big break back home from Mother Nature - dependent upon when spring actually does arrive.

The Crusaders capped their road swing Saturday with a 10-6 victory over Trinity (Ill.) International in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational held at Lakeland's Bonny Park.

But with only a slight thaw in sight and yet another snow storm looming in lieu of an extremely harsh winter, MU may not be able to resume play anytime soon until field conditions improve.

"Obviously, you can't be snow covered and play, but the other big issue is frost," MU coach Greg Haeger said. "I looked at the 10-day forecast this morning (Monday) and we're still going below freezing at night. I would say a minimum of two weeks before we play on our field and it could be a lot longer. Mother Nature wins. We just have to be ready when Mother Nature tells us."

Madonna's next scheduled game is Tuesday, March 18, in Mount Pleasant against Central Michigan before launching the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play with a doubleheader Wednesday, March 19, against Concordia at Ilitch Ballpark.

The Crusaders, now 13-7 overall, ended their eight-day stay with a 14-hit attack to beat Trinity, which slipped to 0-3.

"Every time you play, you have a chance to learn about your team," Haeger said. "This team, being so young, we're learning something every day."

Livonia Churchill's Ben Matigian, John Lauro and Thomas Daffern all went 3for-4 in the victory.

Matigian scored two runs, while Lauro and Daffern each added an RBI. Zach Tallman also contributed two hits and three RBI, while Ryan Lech also drove in a run.

Matigian, a red-shirt sophomore outfielder, sat out his freshman year and made only nine plate appearances last year, going 1-for-9.

"He's been swinging the bat very well," Haeger said. "He's a tough out right now and we started playing him in the outfield. We've been moving him around between center and left field. He's really been a great surprise this year. The kid has worked awfully hard and deserves what he's gotten this year so far. He's done a great job.'

MU used six different pitchers with starter Alex Padilla (2-0) - who went the first five innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits and five walks earning the victory.

Padilla struck out four before giving way to Dane Staples, who gave up two earned runs on three hits in his only inning of work.

Dylan Cooper and Dan Stoney (Canton) then each pitched a scoreless inning before Tyler Schofield came on in the ninth, only to give up one earned run on three hits. Travis Schuba



Red-shirt sophomore outfielder Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) has been a pleasant surprise at the plate this spring for the Madonna baseball team. MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

came on to get the final out to pick up his first save of the season.

Losing pitcher Nick Robinson gave up eight earned runs on 13 hits in six innings of work.

Tony Guidone (2-for-3, RBI) and Cameron Stanley (2-for-4, RBI) paced the Trojans' offense.

Through the first 20 games, MU sports an overall team batting average of .281, with Daffern (.409), Lauro (.379), Taylor Grzelakowski (.371) and Matigian (.333) leading the way

Grzelakowski, who was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week after hitting .579, has a team-high 12 RBI, while Lauro and Daffern have 10 and nine, respectively.

Sophomore red-shirt Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) is 2-2 and has pitched a team-high 26 innings. The right-hander

owns with a team-best 1.38 ERA and 18 strikeouts.

Adam Prashad is 2-1 with a 1.46 ERA in 24% innings. The Crusaders' overall team ERA is 3.23.

Freshman Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), meanwhile, was scratched from the lineup after throwing two scoreless innings in the team's 6-2 win March 1 over Hannibal-LaGrange (Mo.) in the Florida opener.

"We're still not exactly sure may have happened to him," Haeger said of the 6-foot-4 right-hander. "The trainers looked at him today (Monday) and we should get some word on him by the end of the week. It's his right arm. We're thinking he pulled a muscle in his forearm, near his elbow, but it doesn't seem like the worstcase scenario with UCL. We're thinking it may have been his elbow, but we won't know until he goes through the medical



procedure, sees the doctors, gets the MRIs and everything else that goes on." Meanwhile, the Crusaders will continue

indoor workouts until the weather finally cooperates.

"We've already started to do things a little differently," Haeger said. "We've never done this before, but we're going to use this time Tuesday and Wednesday with the kids to have mid-season meetings, then we'll get back to full practice Thursday and Friday. The only thing you can do is to prepare five days out. We'll watch the Weather Channel, talk to the coaches and look for other opportunities as well.

MU also uses Total Sports in Wixom, an indoor facility.

"We've had that relationship with them many years with the owners and Stu Rose (MU assistant coach), who is on the baseball side of it," Heager said. "Having access to that facility is a huge asset for us. We accomplish as much as we can with our gym in terms of keeping the pitchers ready and running our hitters through drills, and using live pitching. We use Total Sports when we need to use a defensive day. We'll also use our (MU turf) soccer field. And as soon as we get rain showers, then warms up again, hopefully the soccer field becomes usable in terms of getting outside work in and it keeps us close to campus.'

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats rally to crush Rocks

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

Salem's Cole twins were on a mission to start Monday's Class A boys basketball regional semifinal against Grand Blanc at Linden High School.

Just 10 seconds into the matchup of KLAA teams, Brady Cole drained a trey from the left wing to open up the game's scoring. By the time the quarter was half over, senior guards Brady and Connor Cole each had two triples to their credit as Salem was off and running, 15-4.

Yet although that healthy lead enabled Salem to maintain the edge all the way into the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to survive the Bobcats' swelling tide of intense speed and pressure all over the floor. That tide ultimately drowned the Rocks, 53-52.

Bobcats post players such as 6-6 senior Jaylin Blake (12 points) and 6-1 senior Alexander Brackett. It was Brackett who scored with 8.5 seconds left to give Grand Blanc (21-2) the victory.

Brackett (15 points) actually got the rebound of his initial miss and put a second shot up for the winner as the Rocks could not get the defensive board that probably would have clinched the win.

Although rebounding totals were even (Salem actually outboarded Grand Blanc 30-29), the Bobcats tallied 18 offensive boards which proved crucial. Salem's top rebounder was junior forward Tyler Brooks, with nine.

"Everybody always seems

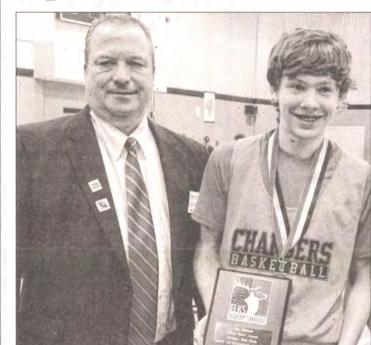
build leads of 17-11 after one frame and 30-25 at halftime.

"They sparked us real well, especially early in the game," Brodie said. "When those guards (Bobcats) are playing like that and they're playing with that much pressure on the entire game, they just keep coming in waves. The Coles did a good job of handling that pressure for the most part."

The Rocks built a 45-33 edge with 1:15 to go in the third following a putback by junior forward Allante Wheeler (seven points).

Grand Blanc, however, scored just before the horn on a field goal by Tre'von Avery (seven points) to cut the deficit to nine points going into the final stanza.

Top Elks shooter



"It was a fragile lead all night, it wasn't like we had a command of the game at all," longtime Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Their pressure was non-stop, it was relentless and it eventually wore us down

"The officials let the guys play and there was a lot of body contact, we just didn't handle it very well late in the game. We lost our composure a little bit."

Not helping matters were little things that added up bigtime at the end of the night. Salem (17-6) made just 10-of-20 free throw attempts and committed 29 turnovers (compared to 16 by Grand Blanc).

The Rocks also missed several uncontested layups and could not box out big, physical to remember the last part of the game," Brodie said. "There's a lot of offensive rebounds we gave up during the game, we didn't shoot very well from the free throw line. I think we were 50 percent. We missed some easy layups inside.

"But you always remember that last play or two when you throw the ball away under severe pressure in crunch time. We were playing in enemy territory. This was definitely Grand Blanc's home gym, it was just tough to even communicate with the kids during that game.'

The win moved the Bobcats into Wednesday's regional final against Howell.

Salem's early surge quieted the large crowd of Grand Blanc fans, at least for a while.

Connor Cole and Brady Cole registered 24 and 12 points, respectively, helping Salem

Cards sign Staples

In the fourth, the Bobcats ratcheted up their game even more with plenty of loud encouragement from their fans.

Still, Salem had a 48-44 lead with just over five minutes left following Brady Cole's layup.

Then came a Brandon Brackett trey, followed by a Salem turnover and a missed lavup. Some 30 seconds later, Grand Blanc overtook the Rocks for the first time (49-48) on two free throws by Nicholas Randle.

Grand Blanc subsequently lost possession by stepping on the base line, giving Salem a glorious chance to prevail. The Rocks, however, had trouble advancing the ball down to the other end of the floor and finally threw it out of bounds.

There was just 20 seconds left with Salem still in front when the Bobcats started what turned out to be their winning sequence.



Westland John Glenn senior Hannah Staples (third from left) recently signed an NAIA letter of intent to play volleyball at Concordia University. Staples was a first-team all-Observer pick this season who lifted the Rockets to a Class A district title. She is also a two-time all-Kensington Lakes Activities and all-region selection. On

hand for the signing (from left) was John Glenn coach Krista DePoy, Concordia head coach Karen Graves and Cardinals assistant coach Ryan Mortensen. "Playing club volleyball with some of the girls already on the team will help in my college adjustment," said Staples, a two-time Glenn MVP. "I look forward to getting at Con-cordia and working hard physically and mentally." Added DePoy: "Hannah has instincts that are not taught, they are God-given. Her passing and defense are amazing. For her size, she also can play a big role as an outside hitter. Coming from a coaching family, Hannah is so mentally tough and listens and learns so quickly."



Nick Vanderveen (right), an eighth-grader at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, captured the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw agegroup state title Feb. 22 in Grand Rapids. Vanderveen, who also took first overall, will compete at the regional level Saturday in Indiana against other state champions from Indiana as well as Ohio. On hand to present Vanderveen with the award is Elks Hoop Shoot director Craig Goulding (left).

COLLEGE MEN'S TENNIS

Livonian Cole nets spot on all-decade for NCAC

The North Coast Athletic Conference announced that Allegheny (Pa.) College senior Patrick Cole (Livonia) has been selected to the 30th anniversary NCAC men's tennis all-decade team.

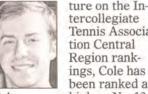
Cole, the only active player to be named to the list, has been a mainstay at top-flight singles for the Gators since his arrival in Meadville, when he was named NCAC Newcomer of the Year in 2011.

Selected for his singles prowess, Cole has been recognized as an all-NCAC first team selection in each of his first three seasons for the Blue and Gold, posting a combined record of 46-10 in dual matches throughout his career. All but five of those matches have come in the No. 1 singles position.

His overall record for the Gators in singles has been 69-18.

Cole, a graduate of the University of Detroit-Jesuit High School, holds multiple Allegheny records, including the program mark for combined victories in a season with 44, and is tied for singleseason doubles victories with 22.

Cole currently sits second on the all-time Allegheny doubles wins list, along with ranking third on the all-time singles list. A prominent fix-



tercollegiate Tennis Association Central Region rankings, Cole has been ranked as high as No. 13 during his soph-

Cole

omore year. Cole has also won four NCAC Athlete of the Week Awards during his career.

A leader off the court for the Gators, Cole has served as a captain since his sophomore campaign and has also been an active part of the Allegheny Student Athlete Advisory Committee, currently serving as its president. He also was the 2013 Central Region winner of the ITA Arthur Ashe Jr. Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship and has earned a pair of ITA Scholar Athlete plaudits.

The NCAC is celebrating its 30th season by selecting all-decade teams in nearly every championship sport. Athletes from the first 10 years of play were selected in 1993, while players who competed from 1993-2002 were named to the 20th anniversary all-decade team. All current head coaches, as well as select administrators and former coaches, were asked to vote on the 30th anniversary squad.

LOCAL SPORTS

Falcons win title

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Kim Petras would be especially proud of her son Jason, a sophomore forward on the Farmington High School hockey team, and all of the Falcons today.

Jason scored both goals and played a major role in Farmington winning the Division 3 state championship Saturday afternoon with a 2-1 victory over Sault Sainte Marie at Compuware Arena

The win was an emotional event in itself, but it was made even more so because the team had dedicated its season to Kim Petras, a staunch supporter of the program who succumbed to cancer last month after a threeyear battle with the disease

"Jason has been a warrior and a catalyst for this hockey team from that point," Farmington coach Bill Newton said as he fought back tears in the postgame meeting with the press.

"We have a motto on our website and in our locker room that we're hashtag-kim-strong. Kim was Jason's mom. She was an educator; she was a beautiful woman. She fought to the very end.

"For this young man to come out here today and score two goals and help us win a state championship, I can't be more proud of him.

"(Kim) was looking after him. She was looking after us from that day we lost her."

Newton revealed he, too, has been waging a personal battle with colon cancer, creating a special bond for life between him and the young Petras, he said

"I thought it was im-



The Farmington players celebrate their victory in the Division 3 state final Saturday at Compuware Arena. DOUG BARGERSTOCK

portant that you know what this young man has done in the month since he lost his mom," Newton said, adding he is in re-mission and doing well. "He and that guy beside him (senior goalie John Lethemon) have carried this team on the backs.

"Johnny (has done so) in a whole different way. But it's just a beautiful story what this young man has been able to do under the circumstances.

The state championship is the first in hockey for the Falcons (21-10) and the first MHSAAsponsored championship for a Farmington-only team.

Falcons first to score once more

The Falcons, who made their first appearance in a final game,

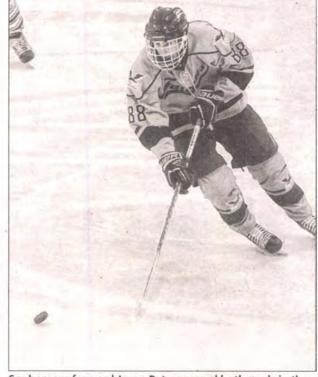
were on the scoreboard just 38 seconds into it when Petras redirected a shot by senior Roman Firestone from the blue line

"In every single playoff game to get here, we scored the first goal, so we knew we had to get off to a good start," Petras said.

"I give credit to my teammates and my linemates. They got it to the net and made things happen. I was just there to put it in."

As they did Friday in a semifinal win, the Falcons took the play to the Blue Devils early and made it 2-0 late in the first period.

Petras scored his third goal in two days on another redirect with 3:44 remaining. Drake Cole shot the puck in and Petras was in the right spot again with a good sense



Sophomore forward Jason Petras scored both goals in the 2-1 victory. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of timing.

"Coach always tells us to go hard to the net and finish," Petras said when asked about his knack for being able to see a flying puck, get his stick on it and redirect it.

"It's just some handeye coordination. I tipped helped," he said. "I know she was with me through the whole thing.

"She's my No. 1 fan and I know she had a lot to do with how I played the last couple games."

In a near replay of the previous game, Farmington was on the defensive

booster, knowing if I do let one in we still have the lead and the boys are going to be going hard (to stay on top).

Student support

Like the previous day, loud cheers of "Johnny! Johnny!" and even chants of "MVP! MVP!" thundered forth from the Farmington student section whenever Lethemon made a save.

"It's great that they're all rooting for me," he said. "It's a great confidence-booster, but I just try to zone all the noise out and just stick to my game."

The Blue Devils (25-3-2) copied the Falcons at the start of the second period and scored their lone goal in the first minute after just 18 seconds of play.

Chase Gamelin fired a shot to the left post and Blake Mastaw put the rebound - one of the few the Soo was able to get into the open right side.

Otherwise, Lethemon gave another superb demonstration of goaltending and blanked the Blue Devils as he had the other five playoff opponents.

"We don't score a lot of goals, but we can play with a one-goal lead because of our goalie," Newton said. "It's huge for us. We're not a comefrom-behind kind of team

"We had some nice chances to get more and so did they. For some reason, someone is looking after us. If we score two, we can win."

Solid on defense

The Soo had its biggest shots-on-goal advantage in the third period (8-2), but most were from a distance and not the result of traffic in front of the net.

Lethemon made many big saves, however, and Farmington defensemen Firestone, Grant Newton, Austin Meltzer, Richard Lantz and Brian Jonik were efficient at clearing the puck to preserve the tenuous 2-1 lead.

"I don't think there's anybody in Michigan



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it down; the goalie didn't see it. But a lot of credit goes to my linemates. I'm just there in the right spot at the right time."

A special assist

Senior Nick Heffron also got an assist on the second goal and, though it won't appear in the official statistics, Petras would give another assist for all three of his goals.

"The whole team just played amazingly and my mom watching down on me - that definitely

for much of the second and third periods, but the Falcons had their ace guarding the net - Lethemon.

As was the case in most games, the Falcons were outshot by Sault Ste. Marie, 30-22, but the final tally was a lot closer than

many other games. "(The 2-0 lead) takes the pressure off me," Lethemon said. "Every single game in the tournament, we scored first and that's huge for me. "It's a big confidenceexcept the 19 guys on this team, the coaches, the trainers and the parents who believed we could do this, but we knew all along (the Falcons could win the state title)," Lethemon said.

"We're so proud of the student body and the administration that sup ported the team so well," Newton said, citing the two-day attendance. "We have a great administration, a great faculty, a great student body - and they love this team."

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-06 March 4, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Damitio, Rowe, Manit, Rhaesa. MEMBERS ABSENT: Hawley, Henley. Moment of silence was held for Gary Pride and Ellen Snell. PRESENTATION: by Amy Malmer and Susan Stefanski from SEMCOG. A Public Hearing was held for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. APPROVED: minutes of the regular meeting of February 18; first reading of Ordinance amendments to Chapter 882: Blight Regulations for Commercial Areas-Inoperable vehicles with changes; appointment of David Steinhauer to DDA until Dec. 2018; Ed Marman to Library Board until Feb. 2019; 4th year contract with Frank's Landscaping for Mich. Ave. mowing; budget amendment of discontinuing Retired Lives Medical Coverage; one year contract with Reaction Direct for marketing; consent calendar; recessed to Closed Session at 9:52 p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 11:25 p.m. TABLED: 2nd year contract with the Frank's Landscaping for DDA Streetscape maint.; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 11:25 p.m. Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BLITHE SPIRIT

Schoolcraft College produces fast-paced comedy

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will end its theater season with laughter when it stages Noel Coward's comedy, Blithe Spirit, for three weekends beginning March 21-22.

"I love the play. It's hyster-ical with the confusion of who is talking to whom," said James Hartman, theater professor and director.

Blithe Spirit, written in 1941, centers on Charles Condomine, a novelist who hopes to gather material for his next book by holding a seance at his home. Instead, he ends up being haunted by the ghost of his first wife, Elvira, who accidentally appears during the seance. Only Condomine can see Elvira, who continually tries to ruin his marriage to his second wife, Ruth, who can't see or hear her.

Hartman said he thought about giving the play a more contemporary spin but decided it was unnecessary.

"Noel Coward has done a beautiful job. There are a few references in it that younger people may not be familiar with. But I think it plays well (set in) the '40s, which is the period we're doing it in. I've not updated it at all.

"Holding a seance is timely, that can happen in any period. And the idea of a spirit coming back by accident I think is hysterical. I think all the fun stuff plays well without any updating.



Cynthia Szczesny plays Madame Arcati and Tommy Patrick Ryan is Charles in Schoolcraft College's upcoming production of Blithe Spirit.

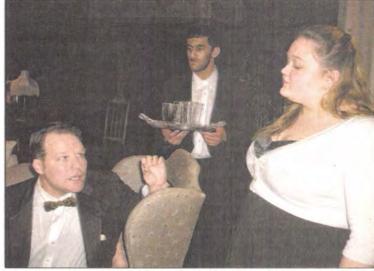
He changed one character in the play from a maid to a butler, a role played by Sean Thomas, a Schoolcraft student and Northville resident. Elizabeth Tumminello of Walled Lake plays Ruth and Kristen Campbell of Canton plays Mrs. Bradman. Tommy Patrick Ryan of Wayne, who played Polonius in Schoolcraft's pro-duction of Hamlet last year, takes on the lead role of Charles Condomine. Franz Margitza of Dearborn, as Dr. Bradman, Ronya Rose Mallad of Canton, as Elvira and Cynthia Szczesny of Dearborn, as Madam Arcati, round out the cast.

Crew members are Schoolcraft students Kyle Lepore of Dearborn, stage manager;

Loren Thomas Thrun of Garden City, lighting board operator; Heather Hicks of Clinton Township, sound board operator; and Bridget Coletta of Livonia, props manager.

Hartman designed the set, lighting, costumes, and the program, in addition to directing the play. Hartman staged Blithe Spirit at Schoolcraft for the first time in 2002.

"The advantage is having different insight as the director," he said, explaining why he repeats some plays. "Each time you do it there are different actors and a different set, yet it's the same words. It's exciting to re-stage something I staged years before." He doesn't recall specific blocking or the cast from his 2002



Tommy Patrick Ryan (seated) plays Charles, Sean Thomas is Edward and Elizabeth Tumminello is Ruth in Blithe Spirit.

show, but remembers "the excitement of the play.

Two intermissions will sep-arate the play's three acts. Hartman said he keeps the story "moving" to add to the humor and keep the audience's attention.

"I've made it very physical. There are few times the actors sit or stand in one position for very long," he said. "The way the lines are written, they have a certain tempo or rhythm built in. How much you tighten it depends on the production. I help the audience to focus by the way I block it."

Blithe Spirit is at 8 p.m. March21-22, 28-29 and April 4-5. The first two weekends include dinner, which starts at

6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The menu in-cludes a salad of butter lettuce, caramelized sweet onion crouton, marinated tomato, and red wine vinaigrette; country-style braised Swiss steak; sweet potato-roast garlic gratin; buttered beans and pearl onions; baked apple dumpling with gingered caramel sauce; and coffee or tea. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$27. Tickets for the play only, April 4-5 are \$15. Call 734-462-4596 from 8:30 a.m. to p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Tickets also are available at the campus bookstore.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

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

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

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

Contact: 248-541-5717 **ART & CRAFTS**

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through March



Zoe Stirrett, and Natalie Parkinson, both of Canton, in Spotlight on Youth's Snow White

Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exh Contact: 734-926-4128 DANCE

GET OUT! CALENDAR



Works by fiber artist Cynthia Bodene, like this piece, What a Little Rain Can Do, are on exhibit through March 14 at City Gallery

May

in Livonia.

Location: The JWH Center lymout

Christopher Mark Jones performs

March 22 at Trinity House Theatre

mouth

Details: Matthew Ball, "The Boogie Woogie Kid," plays a free family-friendly concert Contact: 734-453-0750 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, March 19

Location: In the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: This music faculty concert features Gerardo Ascheri on piano, Paul Michalsen on trumpet, and Barton Polot on piano. Donations at the door help fund scholarships

Contact: 734-462-4403 SELIGMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

in Farmington Hills.

Details: Saving Mr. Banks,

admission \$3

14; open during business nours 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 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 of Canton

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 artmaking 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.

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15

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

Details: Michigan Five: Choreographer Showcase will highlight outstanding and creative dance from University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Hope College, . Tickets are \$27; \$22 for Jewish Community Center members

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

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tues-day-Saturday, 1 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18-23

Location: 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

Details: Heartbeat of Home, is a new music and dance spectacular created by the producers and director of Riverdance; tickets are \$35-\$85

Contact: 800-982-2787; broadwayindetroit.com 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.musichall.org FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 14-15, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sun-day, March 16, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Coming up: American Hus tle, 7 p.m. Friday, March 21 and Thursday, March 27, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23; The Nut Job, p.m. Friday, March 28 and Thursday, April 3, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30; The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10

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 Coming up: Singin' in the Rain, 8 p.m. March 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 29, \$5; Ben Hur, 8 p.m. April 11 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 12, \$5; Three Stooges Film Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, \$6 admission includes Whoops, I'm An Indian, Grips, Grunts and Groans, Flat Foot Stooges, Cookoo Cavaliers, In The Sweet Pie and Pie and Squareheads of the Round Table

Contact: 313-537-2560 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

for the Arts, munity 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 admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com for additional information 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: \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780 JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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 d'oeuvres

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

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, March 16

Location: 223 S. Main, Ply-

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Location: 22305 W. 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents pianist Peter Serkin with the Orion String Quartet on Saturday and Serkin in a solo concert Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$24 available at www.chambermusicdetroit.org Contact: 248-855-6070

Check out telescopes, planetarium at upcoming show

The Ford Astronomy Club will hold its annual Astronomy Show and Swap Meet, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Admission is \$5. Children under 15 are free. Speakers will include:

» 10 a.m., "Beginning Astrophotography" by Clay Kessler, owner of Telescope Support Systems in Plymouth.

» 11:15 a.m., "Astronomy Potpourri" by Norb Vance, from the University of Michigan Planetarium

» 12:30 p.m. "Starting off Right in Astronomy (and, how to buy that first telescope)" by Tom Trusock, a science teacher from Bad Axe.

» 2 p.m., "Time-Lapse Astrophotography" by Axel Mellinger, an associate professor of astronomy at Central Michigan University.

Don Kaser of the Michigan Science Center will present planetarium shows at 10 a.m., 11 a.m,. noon and 2 p.m.

Vendors and hobbyists will sell a variety of astronomical equipment.

For more information, visit www.fordastronomyclub.com.

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Bring family ogether with

athering family and friends around the breakfast table is a great way to make new memories. These breakfast recipes are full of flavor and are easy to prepare, giving you more time to enjoy a delicious meal with your loved ones.

Breakfast Tortilla Cups can be made ahead and baked when you want. Corn bread with Spicy Sausage and Red Peppers is a colorful accompaniment complemented nicely with Sausage Breakfast Skillet with Sauteed Tomatoes & Basil. Mini Quiches are bite-sized delicacies prepared in advance and served at room temperature.

For more delicious reasons to eat breakfast, visit www.johnsonville.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



SAUSAGE **BREAKFAST SKILLET** WITH SAUTÉED **TOMATOES & BASIL**

Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Serves 2-4

1 package (12 ounces) **Johnsonville Original Recipe**

BREAKFAST TORTILLA CUPS

Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time: 18 minutes

1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast

Serves 12

Sausage Links 9 flour tortillas (6 inches), at room temperature (thicker, home-style tortillas work best)

CORNBREAD WITH SPICY SAUSAGE AND **RED PEPPERS**

Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Serves 8

1 package (12 ounces) **Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast** Sausage Links cup yellow corns

MINI QUICHES

Prep time: 25 minutes Cook time: 16 minutes Servings: 24

1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Maple or Original **Pork and Chicken Breakfast** Sausage Links

40 whole wheat crackers, crushed (about 2 cups crumbs)

- 2 medium red skinned potatoes, (about¾ pounds) cut
- into very thin wedges 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, dried or fresh
- 1/2 pint grape tomatoes, (about a cup)
- 1/2 cup Gouda cheese, shredded
- 2 to 4 large eggs, fried, scrambled or poached ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- salt and pepper, to taste

In a bowl combine thin-sliced potato' wedges, onion slices, rosemary and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Toss together. Use half the package of sausages (about 7 links). In a 10- to 12-inch skillet over medium heat, add potato mixture and cook for 5 minutes, turning the potatoes occasionally so that they start to brown on both sides. Add the sausages to the pan and continue cooking alongside the potatoes, another 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally to evenly brown the ingredients in the pan. Add the tomatoes, stir to combine and heat through allowing the tomatoes to brown slightly and burst, about 3 minutes.

With a spatula carefully push ingredients to the sides of the pan leaving a space in the center to fry or scramble your eggs just the way you like them. Remove from heat and sprinkle your egg skillet with shredded Gouda cheese and fresh basil.

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican blend cheese 6 eggs 1/2 cup milk 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper % cup finely chopped cilantro % teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper Salsa

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into small pieces and set aside.

Coat muffin pan and both sides of tortillas with cooking spray. Cut tortillas into quarters. Arrange three tortilla pieces in each muffin cup, overlapping to fit. Press tortillas gently and firmly into muffin pan. Tortillas should stick up higher than muffin cup sides.

Arrange half of the cheese in tortilla-lined muffin cups. Top with sausage and the remaining cheese. In a bowl, combine the eggs, milk, bell pepper, cilantro, salt and pepper. Carefully pour into cups. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until eggs are set. Serve with salsa.

% cup all-purpose flour 2 tablespoons sugar 1 tablespoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 eggs 1 cup milk 1/4 cup butter, melted ¹/₄ cup chopped red bell pepper ¹/₂ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Remove sausage links from casings. Use kitchen scissors to cut the casings. In a skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In a bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

In another bowl combine the eggs, milk and butter; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the sausage, red bell pepper and cheese. Pour into a greased 8-inchsquare baking pan. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm.

cup grated Parmes 1 package (12 ounces) frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained

- and chopped 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 12 eggs or 3 cups liquid egg whites or egg substitute ½ teaspoon salt

1/1 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into ¼-inch pieces and set aside.

In a bowl, combine cracker crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle into the bottom of 24 muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Divide sausage evenly among the muffin cups. Top with the broccoli, corn and cheese. Combine the eggs, salt and pepper; carefully pour into muffin cups

Bake for 16-20 minutes or until eggs are set. Let stand for 2 minutes before removing from pans.





Corned beef

Westland ---- Ss Simon and Jude Parish will get into the holiday spirit with a St. Patrick's Day sandwich dinner, 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the church, 32500 Palmer. Reuben sandwiches will be \$7, corned beef sandwiches will be \$6. All meals come with chips, cole slaw, drink and dessert. A

kids' meal also will be available for \$4 and will include a grilled cheese, chips, dessert, and drink. For more information, contact Kathy Hansen at khansen8907@sbcglobal.net or 734-716-4436.

Fish dinners

Wayne — Friday Fish Fry isn't just for Catholic churches. The First United Methodist

CITY BITES

Church of Wayne also offers a Lenten fish dinner, 4-7 p.m. Friday through April 11, at 3 Town Square, Wayne. Meal choices are baked or fried fish, with baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. Kids' meals include nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable slaw and a roll. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for kids' meal. Home-

made pies also are available for \$1 a slice; 734-721-4801.

Tea time

Plymouth --- TranquiliTea, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, will hold its third annual "Harney Tea Affair," noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Harney & Sons Fine Teas is a New Yorkbased team company that sells approximately 300 different

teas. TranquiliTea will offer a variety of its teas - from herbal to green to black - for tasting. Patrons may sample the variety for free and anyone who buys something at the event, will get chance to sample Harney & Sons' "Paris" brand tea. A raffle also will be held for a selection of Harney's cinnamon spice tea. Call 734-459-9686 for more information.

LOCAL NEWS

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Church

Church

Location: 29667 Wentworth,

at the church's Woodhaven

available from TSA, AAA 1-C

Older Americans Act.

Redford; Room 202

Contact: 734-261-9000;

www.woodhaven-retire-

» Detroit World Outreach

Location: 23800 W. Chicago,

Details: Addiction No More

offers support for addictive

alcohol, overeating, gambling.

» Farmington Hills Baptist

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

January, July and August

Farmington Hills

fourth Thursday

Garden City

Tuesday of the month except

Location: 28301 Middlebelt,

Details: Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group

» Merriman Road Baptist

Location: 2055 Merriman,

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia

Contact: www.metrofibro-

questions at 734-981-2519

support group meets; donations

group.com; or call Ruthann with

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and

Contact: 248-433-1011

between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

behavior problems, drugs,

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Details: Adult day care program

Retirement Community. Funding

MARCH BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 29 Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$13 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual. Bethany is an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit. It provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths Contact: 248-988-0454

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: Congregation 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 \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for B'nai Moshe members and their quests

Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimoshe.org12:45 p.m.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29

Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: A full orchestra and the combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Vivaldi's Gloria. The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday March 30, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Free admission Contact: 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 14

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Roses in December is a film about Jean Donovan, a lay missioner who, along with three American nuns, was murdered in December 1980 in El Salvador. The film chronicles her life from her affluent childhood in Connecticut to her decision to volunteer with the Maryknolls in El Salvador, to her tragic death. The film follows the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. Coming up: The Faces of Poverty on March 21 ntact 734-72

GRIEFSHARE Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16

mourningministry.net

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: This 13-week, nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook Contact: pastor Roger Wright at

313-682-7491

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through April 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory'

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Worship followed by a light lunch

Contact: 734-522-6830

LENTEN SOUP, DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. soup dinner; 7:15 p.m. video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, March 18, 25, April 1 and April 8 Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" will be co-led by Pastors Bob Hoey and Allen Kannapell

Contact: 734-425-2800

LENTEN VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16

Location: Ss. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights Details: The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this second of five Lenten services. The homilist will be the Rev. John Wehling, pastor of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia

Coming up: The third vespers service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield

Contact: 734-422-0278; paschabooks@sbcglobal.net

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Venoy, north of Warren Road, Westland

RELIGION CALENDAR

person's life and relationships held with God and others. Includes Contact: 248-374-5920

> FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: The Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills **Details:** Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships. receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is

conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, **Farmington Hills**

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

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Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily



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16, 2014

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

ALLCORN, JAMES R.

of West Bloomfield, suddenly on March 9, 2014, at age 82. Loving husband of the late Barbara. Dear father of Robin Connell of Ann Arbor, Ronald (Karen) Allcorn of Waterford and Robert (the late Kari) Allcorn of Georgia. Also survived by his grandchildren Jim Allcorn, Chelsea (Andrew) Kirby, Ryan and Jor-dan Allcorn along with his brother Larry (Iris) Allcorn. Jim was a Korean War Veteran serving in the US Navy. He owned and operated Bloomfield Kitchens from 1978 until 2000 when he joined his son at Cabinet Creations of Waterford. A service celebrating Jim's life will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at COATS FUNERAL HOME-WATERFORD. Then the family will continue to receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.CoatsFuner alHome.com/Obituaries

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& friends

BURNS, DEAN Beloved husband, Stepfather, and best friend. A private service will be held on Sunday, March

VESPERMAN, PATRICIA GAIL

Born March 11, 1941, passed away December 11, 2013 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan. Pat enjoyed nature and was a talented seamstress which she enjoyed doing with every free minute of her time. She will be greatly missed by all of those that knew her. Survived by daughters Susan Zeits, and Dee Dee (Adam) Gorski, son William (Pearl), sister Debbie (Mark) Oswalt. Grandmother of Mark, Antoinette, Delaney and Lilley. Also survived by brothers and sisters and several nieces and nephews. A private service will be held at a later date.



suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207;

www.livoniastmichael.org SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 23

guide

Location: St. Genevieve, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Meet the principal and teachers, tour the classrooms, learn about clubs and extracurricular activities, and hear firsthand from parents and students about the school. School offers 3- and 4-year-old preshool, young 5s and grades K-8 Contact: 734-425-4420

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Meditative readings, music and art

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3p.m. Sat-

Location: Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Far-

Details: Guest speaker, Carolyn

Bira of Holy Cross-Flushing, will

Me Who I Am?" Dexter High

School Chamber Quintet is the

musical entertainment. Cost is

\$25, which includes a continen-

Registration forms are available

online at www.christoursavio-

tal breakfast and box lunch.

r.org or call the church

Contact: 734-522-6830

FAMILY EASTER

p.m. Saturday, April 12

Time/Date: Register at 12:45

Location: Faith Community

Details: Family Easter cele-

bration includes an egg hunt,

games and crafts for children,10

and under, along with the Easter

story. Bring a basket to collect

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island,

Contact: John Shulenberger at

21200 Haggerty, Northville

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-

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Contact: 734-464-1222

urday, March 29

GRIEF SUPPORT

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

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-261-1455; good-

Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word," began March 2 Contact: 734-425-0260

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through April 10

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and lust may affect a

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Location: Six Mile and Beech

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Catholic author and

Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Learner's Bible study is

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome. Contact: The facilitator at

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church**

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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REALTORS GLAD TO SHAKE HANDS, GET LEADS AT CANTON EXPO

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The Canton Home Improvement Expo gave local Realtors a chance to meet and greet March 1-2 at the Summit.

Reaching out to customers. as well as the bankers who attended, was Keller Williams Realty's John Gitre, a Canton resident who sells in the Novi-Northville area. He's been in the business 10 years.

"Great," Gitre said of business. "Sales are up, home prices are up. You can't really ask for a better market at this time.

Interest rates remain relatively low, Gitre added. He's lived in Michigan his entire life and was able to ride out the recession.

"Our economy is cyclical," he said. "People pulled back." They were worried about further job cuts and weren't spending. In 2011, he saw the Michi-

gan economy and housing market start a rebound. "They felt more secure. That major weight's been lifted off their shoulders," said Gitre, who's online at www.johngitre.com.

His buyers rarely choose fixer-uppers. Gitre agreed school systems are key, but "it is up to your child." He asks clients where they work, and where family and friends live.

"You have to approach every buyer differently," he said. It was his first year at the

Home Improvement Expo, under sponsorship of Canton Township, the Canton Cham-



Realtors, bankers and many other home pros were present at the annual Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit March 1-2.

ber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

"I plan on being back here next year," he said, adding, "One thing I like about real estate, you're always learning. I find it an interesting industry to be in."

He's glad there are fewer short sales and foreclosed homes now, and noted even those tend to be in solid shape. "A smart seller will fix up their house, do the minor things," Gitre added.

Realtor Marie LaGrow's with Remerica Hometown in Plymouth Township, and a Canton resident. She and husband Denny, a Realtor with

whom she works, also had a table at the expo.

Marie LaGrow has 17 years in the field. "Things were touch and go for everybody, but they are starting to come back," she said. She agreed 2011 was when the market began to improve.

"It's very good for all of us," she said, adding home values are coming up some. "So now's the time to buy, especially if you're moving up."

The LaGrows sell throughout Wayne, Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and even have a Boston, Mass., customer on an estate sale. "It makes it so much easier," Marie LaGrow said of technology

enabling them to expand ser-

vices. "We're flexible now." "The baby boomers want to downsize," she said of current customers, also with young families seeking bigger quarters. "There is a lot of demand," she said, and good deals.

"Hard work" got them through the recession. "But we did it. It's on the way up," she said. She has a variety of customers at Remerica Hometown and hears from them on the couple's website, www.LaGrows.com.

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"It all depends on what their needs are," she said.

Robert Meisner Senior status documents

Q. We are on the board of a senior community under the exceptions to the Fair Housing Act, and we asked our members to complete an age verification form and provide a copy of a Driver's License. In the past, we have filled out an affidavit of compliance which asked for a signature under penalty of law. I thought this fulfilled our requirements to maintain our senior status. What do you think?

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A: An affidavit satisfies the requirement, but so does a driver's license. By their nature, senior communities engage in permissible discrimination. Such discrimination is allowed by the federal government under the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 which is overseen by HUD. To meet the age verification requirements the following documents are deemed reliable by HUD; birth certificate; driver's license; passports; immigration card; military I.D.; and any other local, state, federal or international documentation so long as the document contains information regarding the age of the individual.

Q: Our condominium association decided on a plan to renovate the whole complex except for one building. It levied an additional assessment against all unit owners of all of the buildings except the one building where no work was going to be done. Two years later, the unit owners in that building requested renovations and after receiving bids, the Association assessed each building unit owner in that building over and above the amount that had been assessed against the other co-owners in the

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 21-25, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16321 Birwood Ave 17969 Kinross Ave 15701 Kirkshire Ave 22200 Orchard Way 32525 Plumwood St 32055 Sheridan Dr 30300 Woodhaven Ln **BINGHAM FARMS** 30725 Ivy Glen Ct BIRMINGHAM 1917 Cole St 1596 Hazel St

1250 Marymar Ln 557 Newburne Pointe 2434 Parcells Cir 1338 S Carillon Ct 310 S Cranbrook Cross Rd \$255,000 1834 Spring Grove Rd \$294,000 204 Woodedge Dr \$175,000 5175 Woodlands Dr **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** \$215,000 \$380,000 1771 Applebrook Dr \$250,000 5460 Bridge Trl E \$419,000 3535 Car Dr 215 E Wise Rd \$320,000 2813 Greenlawn Ave 8493 Hummingbird \$189,000 5675 Lancaster Ln 2650 Old Sherwood Ct \$252,000

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309 N Eton St	\$92,000	2334 Palmetto	\$190,000	505 S Main St	\$237,000	23339 Sawgrass Ct S	\$360,000
315 N Eton St # A	\$92,000	9557 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000	1290 Yellowstone Valley	\$255,000	58709 Swing Beam Ct	\$79,000
909 Pierce St	\$735,000	6180 Turnberry Dr	\$235,000	Dr	SAME STATIS	SOUTHFIELD	
685 Southfield Rd	\$533,000	FARMINGTON		NORTHVILLE		507 Fifth St	\$135,000
240 W Lincoln St	\$212,000	35624 Briar Ridge Ln	\$193,000	20912 E Glen Haven Cir	\$85,000	27300 Berkshire Dr	\$127,000
1685 W Lincoln St	\$290,000	24041 Farmington Rd	\$240,000	42171 Gladwin St	\$132,000	21771 Frazer Ave	\$20,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		23350 Woodhaven Ct	\$300,000	51120 Park Place Dr	\$579,000	18115 Magnolia Ave	\$100,000
2076 Devonshire Rd	\$185,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		42159 Pellston Dr	\$130,000	28555 River Crest Dr	\$190,000
5395 Hickory Bnd	\$190,000	29624 Ardmore Dr	\$390,000	42129 Roscommon St	\$95,000	27140 Selkirk St	\$141,000
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4446 Tanbark St	\$500,000	36837 Chesapeake Rd	\$205,000	28318 Carlton Way Dr	\$168,000	24 Wildrose Dr	\$255,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		32241 Farmersville Rd	\$160,000	28358 Clymer Dr	\$87,000		
6631 Castle Dr	\$200,000	25977 Kilreigh Dr	\$183,000	50413 Drakes Bay Dr	\$672,000		
2043 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000	30169 Kingsway Dr	\$288,000	24316 Jamestowne Rd	\$205,000		

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 11-15, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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40581 Blythefield Ln 50458 Burr St 338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr 44941 Coachman Ct 4149 Cornerstone Dr 434 Country Club Ln 45491 Glengarry Blvd 4148 Hunters Cir W 2041 N Arbor Way Dr 45425 Plum Holw 7523 Pointe Dr 42427 Saltz Rd 46941 Sherstone Dr 4052 Sherwood Cir 738 Sorel Dr 46871 Torrey Hill Ct 1768 Tradition Dr 47617 Vistas Circle Dr N 43539 W Arbor Way Dr GARDEN CITY

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\$370,000	14236 Marshall Dr	\$184,000
\$385,000	11430 San Jose	\$89,000
\$286,000	9167 Seminole	\$60,000
\$223,000	26611 Student	\$50,000
\$700,000	17454 Sumner	\$70,000
\$410,000	24543 W Chicago	\$29,000
\$155,000	15525 Woodbine	\$51,000
\$127,000	WAYNE	
\$393,000	5036 Gloria St	\$25,000
\$131,000	WESTLAND	
	7527 Arcola St	\$100,000
\$199,000	7660 August Ave	\$100,000
\$243,000	32505 Avondale St	\$106,000
\$165,000	33405 Bendon Ct	\$20,000
\$59,000	33405 Bendon Ct	\$22,000
\$129,000	38605 Canyon Dr	\$116,000
\$83,000	2116 Ellsworth St	\$18,000
\$375,000	34418 Florence St	\$114,000
\$333,000	30305 Ledgecliff Ave	\$135,000
	8218 N Grace St	\$160,000
\$59,000	37108 Norene St	\$115,000
\$36,000	32677 Steinhauer St	\$75,000
\$54,000	1598 Surrey Hts	\$85,000
\$75,000	7886 Terri Dr	\$100,000
\$76,000	7610 Woodview St	\$37,000

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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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