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## Merucci tapped to be Wayne city manager

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Current Lincoln Park City Manager Joseph Merucci has been selected as the new Wayne city manager.

Following a 90-minute public interview Saturday morning, the council voted unanimously to have Personnel Director Mathew Muhlolland begin negotiations with Merucci on an employment agreement. The entire council would then review the proposed

agreement.

"I just met with him (Merucci) on specific ideas for the contract. I will take that back to the council to see their feelings," Muhlolland said. "I hope we can get this together in a few weeks. I think six weeks is a realistic time frame before he would start."

Council members initially voted to go into closed session following the interview. Instead, it became a short break after it was realized the closed session couldn't be held since it wasn't

included with the posted meeting agenda.

Overall, council members had positive reaction to Merucci's 28 years working in local government and his responses to their questions.

### New ideas, insights

Merucci served as assistant city manager in Garden City in the early 1980s and subsequently served as city manager in Pleasant Ridge, Clawson and Fowlerville before going to Lincoln

Park in April 2013.

"I think he was open to us. He has new ideas and insights," Wayne Councilman Albert Damitio said.

"I was encouraged by his answers and openness. I appreciated his experience and knowledge level," Wayne Councilman James Henley said.

Merucci has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's

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## A PAIR OF WINGS



Mayor William Wild poses with Red Wings veteran Darren McCarty after the fifth annual Wild Wings vs. the Red Wings Alumni game Friday Night at the Mike Modano Ice Arena. The event raised \$45,000 for the arena named after Westland native and NHL star Mike Modano. For the story and more photos, see Page A6. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

## Main Street supporters looking for vibrant downtown Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

No empty storefronts or businesses, small niche businesses, coffee shops and restaurants with outdoor seating, a vibrant river walk — those were some of the wish list items Wayne residents would like to see in their downtown.

A crowd of residents — almost all raised their hands when asked who lived in Wayne — gathered to provide input for the Main Street Program.

"This is an opportunity for you to be the visionary," said Norma Ramirez de Miess, a senior program officer with the National Main Street Center. "You own this community."

With Wayne being accepted at the Main Street Select Level, technical support will be provided and a requirement is having a full-time local Main Street manager. However, de Miess said it is the local effort and

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Working at the Hope Clinic in Westland are clinic coordinator Ann Marie Peterson (left), registered nurse Joyce Phillips and office manager Cheryl McIntosh.

## Westland clinic provides hope for the uninsured

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Retired from Oakwood Hospital, Joyce Phillips still puts her skills as a registered nurse to good use.

Since 2008, she has spent Tuesdays volunteering at the Hope Clinic in Westland, which treats uninsured patients.

"I do it because people need it. It's the need," said Phillips, a Belleville resident. "Our philosophy is Christian-based. I'm a Christian. It's important

that I do what I can for those who can't do for themselves. Christ said you are doing it for him (when you aid others)."

Based in Ypsilanti, the Hope Clinic is a non-profit, non-denominational, Christian-based organization providing medical, dental and social services. The local clinic, which had originally been hosted by a church, opened in 2007.

"Our assistant medical director Jean Horak lived Downriver and would

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## Facebook post gets probationer another visit to court

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A woman on probation for drunken driving would have gotten away with drinking if she hadn't boasted about passing a random Breathalyzer test on Facebook, police said.

The woman was among more than 200 high-risk probationers who were brought in randomly for testing over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. She passed her test, but then reportedly posted on Facebook, "Buzz killer for me, I had to breathe (sic) this morning and I drank yesterday but I passed thank god lol my dumba\*\*."

The Westland Police saw the post, which alerted the probation department.

"We ordered her to come in for a little more thorough test. She didn't show," Probation Officer Eric Lange said. "She has a show cause hearing on April for failure to report for probation. She actually passed and got away with it. Hopefully, this will send a message to others."

"We use this program as an incentive for our probationers to stay away from alcohol," Judge Mark McConnell said. "This is a perfect example that reflects how the law enforcement community is always watching."

The probation department has been bringing probationers in for alcohol testing around holidays like Thanksgiving, but changed it up for

St. Patrick's Day. Probationers were brought in randomly during the weekend, on St. Patrick's Day, and the morning after for PB's that were administered by the probation staff. Some probationers were tested once, others multiple times.

All of the probationers who reported registered negative for alcohol, Lange said. There were 20 no-shows.

"We tried to make it different. We don't want to be predictable," Lange said. "We tested those we felt were at a higher risk of drinking. It was more of a deterrent. Our goal is to prevent anymore from happening by taking alcohol out of the equation."

Probationers who missed the testing without a valid excuse and the woman who posted on Facebook face a show cause hearing in front of their presiding judge to address their violation. They face the possibility of jail time, additional work program, increased testing, additional fines or having their probation term modified.

"The court has found that random tests are a deterrent because the person does not know if and/or when a test will be required," Judge Sandra Cicirelli said. "It is amazing to me that people still do not realize that post on Facebook and other social media are public."

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# Jaycees hold annual Easter Egg Scramble

## Easter Egg Scramble

The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the 17th annual Easter Egg Scramble on April 12 at Jaycee Park at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland.

The Easter Egg Scramble is targeted toward children age 14 and under from the Westland community and is broken up into age groups. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. for the 1 p.m. scramble.

In addition to the scramble, the first 100 kids will receive a Kid Care ID Kit donated by local business.

The Jaycees have also invited the friends of the MI Animal Rescue

Group to come out with some of their adoptable animals.

There is no cost for the annual Easter egg hunt, but the Jaycees are asking the community to bring something from the Rescue Group's Wish List — cat litter, canned dog food, canned cat food and dry cat food. For a complete list, visit [www.fmar1.org](http://www.fmar1.org). Those who bring an item will be given an extra ticket toward the main prize.

The Westland Jaycees are a local organization dedicated to training young leaders through community service. For more information on the Westland Jaycees, call 734-858-4811 or visit [westlandjaycees.org](http://westlandjaycees.org).

## Marshmallow Drops

The 35th annual Wayne 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.

Join Wayne County Parks as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Marshmallow Drop. A blizzard of 20,000 marshmallows will fill the sky as they tumble from the Easter Bunny's helicopter.

The Marshmallow Drop takes place at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills Park in Westland. Nankin Mills is located at the corner of Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Feel free to bring your own bag/basket but only one marshmallow is needed to receive a prize. The Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

## Bunny Brunch

Also on Friday, April 18, is the annual Bunny Breakfast at the Wayne Community Center. The breakfast will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and include pancakes, sau-



The Westland Jaycees will sponsor the 17th annual Easter Egg Scramble on April 12 at Jaycee Park at the corner of Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. FILE PHOTO

sage, 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 non-

residents. Tickets are on sale now at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7400.

# Glenn students work on Korean War USO dance

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Last year, the cafeteria of John Glenn High School was transformed into a dance hall. The music and the dancing and even the honored guests came dressed for the occasion, a World War II USO-style dance.

The school will be doing that again this year with history teacher Michele Anderson and her students remembering those who served in the Korean Conflict. Dubbed as Remembering the Forgotten War, the dance will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.

"Last year's event turned out to be such a great project with the students and veterans coming together, you could see the bond," Anderson said. "The students came back with great feedback. They've stopped me in the hallway and asked if I'm doing the war dance."

"Even the feedback from the community has been positive," she added.

Students are doing oral histories with Korean War veterans and producing posters about the veterans and war effort that will be displayed outside the dance hall. They have already completed eight-nine interviews, and Anderson believes that by the time the dance takes place they will have spoken to 10-12 veterans. The problem is getting the veterans to call back.

## Finding veterans

The students lined up their contacts at last year's dance. Veterans who came to the dance last year were asked to sign in, indicating which conflict they were in and if they would be interested in being interviewed. If they answered yes, they were asked to supply a phone number.

One of the veterans Anderson is waiting to hear from is Dottie Witt of Westland who came dressed as a Rosie the Riveter although her service was during the Korean War.

Last year, Anderson used a \$6,545 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council to fund the project. This year, she has gotten support from VFW posts in Northville, Redford, Lincoln Park, Detroit and Carleton. John Glenn Principal David Ingham also is



Working on propaganda posters were: Austin Parsons (from left), Norman's Market; Steven Gray, Bray's Hamburgers; and Kristina Browder, a victory garden.

helping in covering the cost of the event.

Sandra Borieo of Westland, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Detroit VFW Post 4553, has again helped get the word out to veterans group about the project which brought Anderson several accolades. She was the VFW Teacher of the Year for Post 4553 and District 4 in 2013 and the Gov. John B. Swainson Award from the Michigan Historical Commission for outstanding contributions to preserving Michigan's history.

She again was District 4 Teacher of the Year this year and added Michigan VFW Teacher of the Year to her list awards and is waiting to hear if she won the VFW's national honor.

With the groundwork laid in 2013, this year's event will have a similar feel. The high school band and choir are learning music of the 1950s to perform at the dance, and the school's JROTC cadets and students in the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's culinary arts students also will be involved.

Matt Walch will be back for a special performance for guests, and there will even be Bob Hope and Elvis impersonators. Last year's

swing dancers also are brushing up on 1950s' dance steps.

"They already know their stuff," said Anderson. "They've already contacted me to see if it's OK to come back. They will probably be wearing their parents' uniforms."

## Looking ahead

Anderson said veterans from around the tri-county area plan on attending, including folks from Detroit, Southfield, Lincoln Park, Northville and Carleton. Many are from the posts that have helped fund the event.

Anderson has already talked to Ingham about next year.

"If this one goes as well as last year, we'll do one for Vietnam veterans next year," she said. "I've actually putting the paperwork for another grant that could get us \$2,000 in the first round and an opportunity for more if passed on for further consideration."

Korean veterans interested in being part of the oral history project can call Anderson at 734-419-2300 and leave her a message or send her an email at [andersonm@wvcsd.net](mailto:andersonm@wvcsd.net).

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## USO KOREAN WAR DANCE

Remembering the Forgotten War  
**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.  
**Location:** John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, west of Wayne Road.  
**Details:** Students will honor those who served during the Korean War at a USO-style dance. The event will feature music by the John Glenn High School band, food prepared by the culinary arts department at William D. Ford Career Technical Center and a special performance by Matt Walch. Linda Lee of the Edwards and Lee Show on WYCD-99.5FM will be the emcee. The event is free and open to all Korean War veterans.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Michele Anderson at 734-419-2300 and leave a message.



Michael Tadjewski (left) and Xavier Edwards made posters focusing on industry during the war, including the Warren tank plant.



James Emerson (left) displays a poster created by Haley Arai while Jeanel Fuller holds the poster she created for Walter Dowdy, a Korean War veteran.

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## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

## Damaged pipe

It's unclear what exactly caused the quarter-inch hole over the sink in the men's bathroom at the Wendy's restaurant at 123 N. Inkster on March 21.

What is clear is that it sprung a leak and the Garden City Police were called about 3:30 p.m. to investigate the destruction of property.

Employees thought that the hole might have been caused by a bullet or a gunshot. They also thought that they heard something metallic sounding during the afternoon.

Although the responding police officer observed a hole in the water pipe, he couldn't see any projectile lodged in the wood behind the pipe.

The manager planned to review the surveillance tape.

## Stolen car

A woman who went to a beauty shop at 28485 Warren Road reported March 21 that her 2006 Ford Focus was missing from the lot when she returned about 1½ hours later. The woman said that she had permission from another family member to drive the vehicle.

## Fraud

A resident in the 28000 block of Florence reported

March 22 that when he tried to file his income tax return with H & R Block, he learned that one had already been filed using his Social Security number and that a refund had already also been sent.

H & R Block advised the resident to file a police report with the Garden City police about the incident.

» A Garden City man came to the police station March 24 to report that someone opened a fraudulent phone account in his name.

He found out about this when he went to the A T & T phone store in Westland to add another phone line to his account. The employee there said that he couldn't do that because he owed \$1,820 on his other account. The employee said that the fraudulent account was opened in June 2013.

The resident said he doesn't have a second account. He reported that this is the second time a fraudulent phone account was opened in his name.

## Theft

A resident in the 30000 block of Bock reported March 24 that someone stole her entire bag of pills that was sitting on her kitchen table.

The bag contained morphine, Dilaudid, Oxycodone, Vicodin and Valium.

By Sue Buck

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

## Suspicious circumstances

Just before 5 p.m. March 23, a resident in the 30000 block of Steinhauer told police he had found two dead stray cats in his backyard. He said both cats had been decapitated. The man told police it didn't look like another animal could have been responsible and he didn't know where the cats came from. He had disposed of the cats before calling police.

## Attempted break-in

A resident in the 32000 block of Grandview told police March 19 that at about 8:40 p.m. she was home alone watching television when she heard someone pounding on her side door. She said she went to check but didn't see anyone.

Then she said she heard someone kicking her rear patio door. When she looked outside, she said she saw two men dressed in black standing at the door.

The woman said she screamed and ran to the front of the home to call police. She also had called her son-in-law who came over and checked the area. No suspects or damage was found.

## Larceny

A radio was reported stolen from a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer parked at Red Holman GMC, 35110 Ford, March 20. The security guard told police he had checked all the vehicles

when he started his shift at 5:40 p.m. When he checked again at 2:40 a.m., he said he found the vehicle open and the radio gone with the dashboard damaged.

## Dog shot

A resident in the 2800 block of Batavia Court told police March 20 that he let his dog out into the fenced backyard just before 11:30 a.m. A few minutes later, he said he heard the dog yelp.

When he brought the dog inside, he said he found a circular wound on her abdomen consistent with a pellet gun shot. He said he didn't see anyone in the area or hear any shots.

## Hit and run

On March 20, a Canton man told police that someone struck his 2006 GMC, causing front end damage, while it was parked in the 37000 block of Orchard Circle on March 18.

## Fraud

A resident of Hunters West Apartments, 6515 Yale, told police March 20 that he had started receiving bills from Verizon Wireless in February for phones he hadn't purchased. The officer noted there were five phones that appeared never to have been used.

The resident said his former roommate had the same thing happen. The resident was asking for police report so he

would not have to pay a nearly \$2,100 phone bill.

## Break-in

On March 21, a Westland man told police that someone had stolen the copper plumbing from a rental home he owns in the 31000 block of Barrington. He said he had last been at the home on March 16.

The copper plumbing to the air conditioning unit was reported stolen and the parts from the unit were stripped.

## Vandalism

A Westland woman told police March 21 that just after 7 p.m. she had stopped at the intersection of Grand Traverse and Darwin when an SUV coming from the opposite direction blocked her path. There were three women in the SUV, she said.

One woman got out the passenger door, she said, then threw a glass bottle at the woman which struck the passenger side windshield cracking it. The women fled and the woman said she lost sight of it as she tried to follow. She told police she didn't recognize the three women.

## Vandalism

A resident at Green Wood Villa Apartments, 7600 Nankin Court, told police March 22 that someone had broken a window on her 2002 Buick Century.

By LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

## Larceny

A Wayne woman told police March 18 that she lost two credit cards and a debit card while shopping at Walgreens pharmacy, 32742 Michigan Ave. Unauthorized purchases were reported at the store March 16 and also at Wendy's restaurant in Wayne. The total charged was \$65.30.

The woman said the cards must have fallen from her pocket while she was shopping. Once her credit union alerted

her to possibly fraudulent activity, she said she checked her bank statements and found the charges.

One of the fraudulent charges was recorded on Walgreens security video and showed an unknown woman making a purchase.

## Vandalism

» On March 18, a resident in the 5400 block of Howe told police she was watching television just before 8 p.m. when she heard glass breaking. She

said she found her bedroom window had been broken.

Checking outside, the resident said she found a wooden handled shovel on the ground directly below the broken window. The damage was estimated at \$350.

About 10 minutes later, police were called to the 34000 block of Stellwagen about a group of juveniles who were walking down the street and had just broken a window at a home.

The homeowner told police

she was sitting on her bed when the window was broken. The damage was estimated at \$200.

A witness told police he saw the suspects walking northbound on Fourth Street and one pulled on a basketball hoop in the 34000 block of Currier, possibly breaking it. As the group of five-six young males continued up the street, the witness said he didn't see them break a window.

When he heard a scream, the witness said he ran out of

the house and saw the group of males. The witness said one of the males turned and screamed that he had broken the window. The suspects ran followed by the witness.

## Larceny from a vehicle

On March 19, a resident in the 3400 block of Elizabeth told police a GPS unit and cell phone charger, valued at \$165, were stolen from her unlocked vehicle overnight.

By LeAnne Rogers

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# Charity hockey game raises \$45,000 for Modano Arena

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The final score may not have favored the Wild Wings but the annual charity game against the Red Wing Alumni will benefit Mike Modano Arena.

"I think this was our best one yet. We've been raising money for the locker room project (at the arena)," Westland Mayor William Wild SAID. "We will take a look at that and see if we can't do the project this summer."

This was the fifth year for the charity hockey game, which raised \$45,000 for improvements to Modano Arena — that's about \$110,000 raised over four years. The first year a donation was made to Central City Park. This year's total is about \$20,000 more than has been raised in earlier hockey games.

The donations this year included a \$10,000 check from the Mike Modano Foundation. Modano's parents Mike and Karen presented the check and did a ceremonial puck drop before the game started.

Former Red Wings Darren McCarty and John Ogrodnick were among the alumni players participating in the game. Former NHLer Sergei Samsonov, also a former Detroit Viper player, playing for the alumni had a hat trick. The Red Wings Alumni won the game 11-5.

In past years, the Wild Wings team featured more city staff as players.

"This year I tried to get more guys who play regularly to make it a more competitive game," Wild SAID.

Brian Anderson, CFO for the city's insurer, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, was the Wild Wings MVP with two goals, Wild said.

For those who couldn't make the game or would like to see it again, watch for it to be shown on WLND. State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, former Westland Parks and Recreation director, and Ryan Wooley of 97.1 the Ticket radio provide the commentary.

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Detroit Red Wings Alumni John Ogrodnick and Luke Wild, son of Westland Mayor William Wild, wait for Mike and Karen Modano to drop the puck. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Mikey McPherson of Livonia cheers on the players at the Wild Wings vs. the Red Wings Alumni game Friday night at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland.



Westland Wild Wings player Stephen Glabb scored in Friday night's charity game.



Cody Moskalik of Westland (left) and Liam Kerr of Commerce pose for a picture with the Gordon Chevrolet mascot, "Gordy."



Westland Mayor William Wild accepts a check for \$10,000 from Mike and Karen Modano, parents of NHL star Mike Modano, a Westland native and arena namesake.

A local favorite, Red Wing Alum Jimmy Carson hasn't lost his speed as he flies around the ice Friday night.



Both teams pose for a group photo after the Wild Wings lost 11-5 to the Red Wings Alumni.

# Club holds annual Friends of NRA banquet

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

With the entire banquet floor available, Bob Haviland is looking for the largest crowd ever at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's annual Friends of the NRA banquet next week.

This is the sixth year the organization has put on the banquet to benefit the NRA Foundation. After three sellout years at the clubhouse on Napier Road in Plymouth Township, the organization moved to Fox Hills. The switch has allowed the event to grow and raise more money, 50 percent of which is returned to the state through grants.

"We started out at our club and we knew the best we could do was 160-165 people," said Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "We sold out for three years, but we didn't make a lot of money. The first year we were at Fox Hills we did \$22,000 on the banquet and did another \$3,000 in another raffle. Last year we raised more money, just over \$32,000. That's a new record for us. Each year we keep growing."

The banquet will be Friday, April 4, at the Fox Hills. Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and silent auction items. Games start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. In addition to live auction, there will be special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a firearm.

### Another sellout

Haviland is expecting another sellout with 285 of the 320 tickets already sold. They can be purchased in advance through April 2. No tickets will be available at the door.

Auction and raffle items include gift certificates for breakfast, lunch and dinner, sports memorabilia, charters, golf outings, hunting trips, select pistols, rifles and shotguns and florists. There also will be a

ladies table with jewelry, shooting apparel and accessories geared toward female enthusiasts. There also will be periodic raffles of popular firearms.

"We'll have the standard NRA items and Red Wings memorabilia; we're hoping to get some Detroit Tigers items," Haviland said. "We have a lot of good prizes in the raffles and auctions and stuff is still coming in."

Two items that were popular last year — a hot air balloon ride and a portrait by Helen Yancy of Plymouth — will be among the auction items.

"The portrait by Helen Yancy is kind of an interesting one," Haviland said. "It can be anything you want. Last year's winner had a portrait done with his dog. It turned out nice."

The club also will have a variety of games, including a new one called Gonopoly. Played like Monopoly, participants buy rolls of the dice and move around the game board. They have the chance to win free rolls and bonuses like tickets for the raffles and a gun drawing only for those who play the game.

The banquet is a month earlier than in previous years, giving the club access to the entire banquet year. It's also allowed for the relocation of the silent auction table, making it visible to everyone in the room.

"People can watch what's going on with the items they're interested in," Haviland said. "I think it's a good change and will create a little interest."

### Main fund-raiser

The banquet is the club's main fundraising event for the partnership with the NRA Foundation in 2009. The club has earned the foundation's High Caliber Club designation that past two years by raising more than \$25,000 each year. The next level is High Caliber over \$50,000. Haviland doesn't think the club will hit that amount this year; it will be more like \$35,000-\$40,000. Fifty percent of the money raised at



Among the activities the WWCCA offers is Air Gun Fun Shoots for youth on its air gun range.

Friends banquet around Michigan return to the state to support public shooting programs for youth and women and range development. The WWCCA has received more than \$30,000 in grants.

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in Westland and moved to its current location — 80 acres of land at Napier Road in Plymouth Township — in 1965. Its members hail from Wayne County communities such as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford and as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.



The WWCCA is offering a Gal N Gun instructional clinic for women on Saturday, July 19 and Sept. 20.

The Fox Hills old and Banquet Center is at 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth. For more information

about tickets, contact Nancy Garneau at 734-259-3341 or Bob Haviland at 734-516-7921.

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## IRS issues phone scam warning



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service issued a warning to beware of the largest-ever phone scam now targeting taxpayers.

According to the IRS, scammers are contacting taxpayers claiming to be from the IRS and telling them that they owe money and they must pay their tax liability with either a prepaid debit card or a wire transfer.

These lowlifes threaten taxpayers who refuse to pay, with arrest, loss of their driver's license and in some cases their businesses.

I recently wrote about tax scams but I want to revisit the issue in light of the IRS warning.

It is important to know that the IRS initially contacts someone by letter — not by phone. If you get a call from someone who says they are from the IRS, particularly from someone who is aggressive and threatening, hang up. The call is bogus.

Even if the caller ID information says the IRS and even if they know the last four digits of your Social Security Number, hang up. These lowlifes generally don't stop at one call. They've been known to call twice to

increase their credibility. Don't fall for it — just hang up.

However, if you do receive a letter from the IRS, you need to take action and respond accordingly. One of the worst things that you can do in dealing with the IRS is to ignore them.

Do not automatically assume that the IRS is correct and pay any liability that it claims you owe. However, you do need to respond. If it turns out that the IRS is correct and that you do owe money, even if you can't afford to pay it you need to respond. If you ignore the situation, it will only get worse.

The IRS has a variety of payment programs and in certain situations they will even forgive the debt. However, to take advantage of any of these programs you must respond in a timely fashion.

I could write a column every week on new scams. There is no way to protect ourselves 100 percent but we can put up barriers to make it more difficult. Staying aware and asking questions will help.

Good luck.

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## Westland mall adds two major retailers to lineup

Westland Shopping Center will be welcoming two new major tenants to its lineup of nationally recognized retailers on the heels of a third recently approved by the Westland City Council, ULTA Beauty.

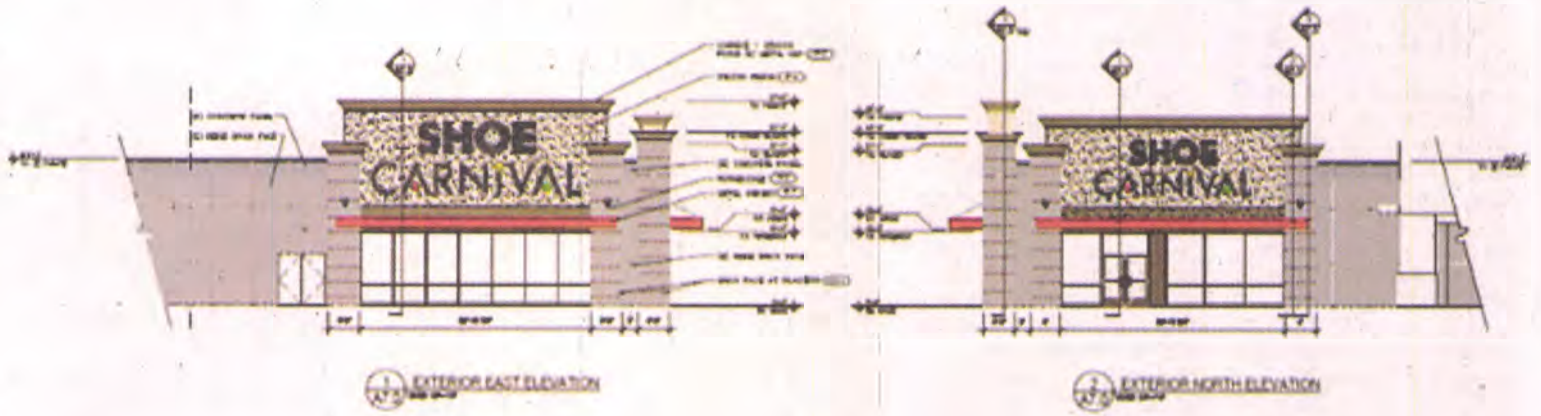
The two new projects, Charming Charlie and Shoe Carnival, will result in nearly \$1.2 million in additional investment in the Westland Shopping Center with an investment amount of \$750,000 by Shoe Carnival and \$400,000 by Charming Charlie. Each will be creating new exterior entrances with new facade improvements highlighting their tenant spaces outside the mall's exterior as well as within the interior of the mall structure.

The Charming Charlie will be located just east of the Kohl's store in the former Griffin Grill location. The current store exterior will be demolished and a 611-square foot storefront and vestibule entrance will be constructed in its place.

The Shoe Carnival will be located at the former H&R Block location between Kohl's and Macy's and will occupy three current lease spaces within the mall.

These additions of prominent national retail chains will be another shot in the arm for Westland's Shop and Dine District and exemplifies the continual collaborative efforts of the City and Westland Shopping Center in marketing the city's vital commercial center, Mayor William Wild said.

While an exact date has not been set for the grand open-



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ing of either store, the renovations are expected to begin soon with Charming Charlie and Shoe Carnival occupying their spaces as soon as the renovations are complete.

Also undergoing upgrades is the Four Seasons Nursing Home, a multi-care, 180-bed nursing home located on the west side of Newburgh, just south of Joy Road. The extensive building renovation as part of the facility's continued re-investment in its Westland facility.

The project, recently approved by Westland City Council, includes a 1,122-square-foot canopy addition over the front entrance to the existing building as well as a new cultured stone veneer to the overall front of the building.

Phased site improvements are included in the overall plan that will bring the investment amount for this



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project to nearly \$1 million as well and highlights the con-

tinued growth and investment in housing and care facilities

for Westland's senior population.

## Pure Michigan brings DREAMJOB to Ford Field in June

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation will bring the state's largest ever matchmaking summit to

Ford Field in Detroit on June 13. Pure Michigan DREAMJOB will bring Michigan employers with

job openings together with skilled and talented people from across the state and around the country. Many of the

state's leading businesses looking to meet with job candidates will use the innovative matchmaking format.

"Talent is one of Michigan's most valuable advantages for growing businesses and Pure Michigan DREAMJOB will bring together both companies and jobseekers to build their futures here," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "It will be the knowledge, skills and hard work of our workforce that separate Michigan from others in a competitive global marketplace. This is a showcase opportunity for all that makes Michigan a great place to live, work, build a business and enjoy our unique quality of life."

More than 80 Michigan employers from across the state will seek to fill more than 800 positions through an innovative matchmaking format that pairs qualified candidates with available job openings. Each employer will be stationed in its own booth for walk-ups and will have private space for interviews with candidates who have been pre-screened for the invitation-only matchup.

MEDC teams will

work with participating employers to pre-qualify applicants for a series of 20-minute interviews throughout the day. Once approved, candidates will receive their interview schedules. The all-day event will also include information about living in Michigan, tours of downtown work spaces, networking reception and an opportunity to attend a Tigers game.

A comprehensive national advertising campaign, along with coordinated efforts with universities, associations and other talent resources will be mounted to attract resumes from qualified candidates. Jobs will be posted to an event-specific web portal to be announced in coming weeks where candidates will be able to view and apply for one or more positions.

"Talent is the new currency in economic development and the surest way to grow our economy," said Michael Finney, president and CEO of MEDC. "Pure Michigan DREAMJOB is an innovative way to match the talent needs of Michigan companies with people who can provide experience, capabilities and energies companies

require to succeed.

At the same time, it means new job opportunities for our people who can bring highly valued talents to many of the best names in Michigan business."

Participating companies include Quicken Loans, Whirlpool, Bosch, Lear, Delphi, Nissan, McCann Erickson, Roush, and Microsoft. These and other companies are seeking candidates for positions in a wide range of fields, including but not limited to: engineering, design, project management, supply chain management, finance, operations, sales, marketing and software development.

Pure Michigan is a brand representing business, talent and tourism initiatives across Michigan. These efforts are driven by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the state's marketing arm and lead advocate for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Michigan's economy.

For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit [michiganbusiness.org](http://michiganbusiness.org).

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### BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

#### Employers fair

Community Living Services will host a Community Participation Event for employers from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Detroit/Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Expressway.

The agency is seeking to open doors for employment and community connections for people with disabilities. There are disabled people seeking jobs in such areas as child care, clerical, custodial, flower shops, health/beauty, hospitals, food service, garden, grocery, hotels, landscaping/nursery, pet care, retail and schools.

For more information, contact Tiffany Devon at [tdevon@comliveserv.com](mailto:tdevon@comliveserv.com) or call 734-722-7185. Online registration is at [www.comliveserv.com/](http://www.comliveserv.com/)

[cpe2014.html](http://cpe2014.html).

#### Free dental care

University of Michigan School of Dentistry is again holding Give Kids a Smile, a charitable one-day event in which the first 100 kids ages 5-14, preferably without dental insurance, will receive free dental care. Available services include dental cleanings, X-rays, sealants, fillings and extractions.

Give Kids a Smile will be held at University of Michigan School of Dentistry, located at 1011 N. University Ave, Ann Arbor, and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Doors will open shortly before registration begins, and close once capacity is reached. Be sure to arrive early, as space is

limited to the first 100 children.

Free parking will be available at the Fletcher Parking Structure, which is connected to the school.

GKAS is made possible by the hundreds of volunteers, which include students and facility members of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, as well as member dentists of the Washtenaw District Dental Society.

Dental disease is almost entirely preventable. The goal of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry's GKAS event is to help prevent dental disease from occurring and to treat dental disease that has already taken place. For more information, visit [www.umgivekidsasmile.org](http://www.umgivekidsasmile.org).



# Kids to learn about farm life at Maybury day camp

Maybury Farm has openings for its 2014 summer Day Camp for Kids.

The program, which is open to children 6-11 years old, offers a variety of activities that are designed to be both educational and fun. Campers will enjoy learning all about farm animals, including grooming, feeding and walking them. Children will also take nature hikes, play games, build crafts, and learn team building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in everyday life.

Camp hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from July 9 through Aug. 22. The cost is \$55 per camper per day or \$145 per week. Kids can sign up for one day or join us for a whole week.

The Northville Community Foundation operates Maybury Farm, a historic farm located at 50165 Eight Mile (just west of the Maybury State Park entrance) in Northville Township.

To register children for the camp, call 248-374-0200. Space is limited.

To learn more about



Children will learn about farm life at Maybury Farm's summer Day Camp for Kids.

the summer day camp or Maybury Farm, contact Jessica Striegle, the Northville Community Foundation events and fundraising manager, 248-374-0200 or ncfman-

ager@gmail.com. You can also visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) or [www.facebook.com/maybury.farm](http://www.facebook.com/maybury.farm).

# St. Raphael Preschool makes Grandma Rachel's day

The preschool students at St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City spread cheer during a visit to Marywood Nursing Home in Livonia earlier this month.

They arranged the visit to spend the afternoon with their "Grand" friend, Rachel Hund, a long-time Garden City resident and parishioner of St. Raphael Catholic Church.

St. Raphael Catholic School has a program that reaches out to the senior citizens in the area. Each class at the school is paired up with a senior citizen from the parish. Throughout the year, the students write letters, make pictures and reach out in various ways to their "Grand" friend. When possible, the seniors write back or visit.

Ninety-five-year-old "Grandma" Rachel, as the preschoolers call her, has come to visit the preschoolers on several occasions during the school year. They, in turn, wanted to do something special for her to help her celebrate her ½ birthday. So they showed up with party hats, cupcakes, juice boxes, and a special "princess" crown for the birthday girl. Grandma Rachel



Youngsters, who came wearing party hats, sing their version of "Happy Birthday" to Rachel Hund.



St. Raphael preschoolers strike a birthday pose with their "Grand" friend, Rachel Hund.

seemed thrilled to have the pint-sized visitors. After they sang a special preschool version of *Happy Birthday*, including cha-cha-chas, Grandma Rachel said that she had never had a half-birthday party before.

The preschoolers also made a "Happy Birthday" book for Grandma Rachel. They were as

excited to share their pages with her as she was to see them.

One resident commented that it was probably the best medicine she could have received that day. The children were happy to be there for Grandma Rachel. They did what they could to make her feel like a "birthday princess."

# Schoolcraft posts Dean's List for fall semester

Each semester Schoolcraft College recognizes students for high academic achievement by naming them to the Dean's List. The minimum requirements for recognition are completion of 12 or more credits during the semester and a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Named to the Schoolcraft College Fall 2013 Dean's List were:

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## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-08 March 18, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Hawley, Damitio, Henley, Monit, Rhaesa. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rowe. APPROVED: minutes of the regular meeting of March 4 and special meeting of March 11; second reading of Ordinance amendments to Chapter 882: Blight Regulations for Commercial Areas-Inoperable vehicles; appointment of Mohamed Saad, DDS to DDA until Dec. 2018; lot split for Jack Demmer Ford; 2nd year contract with Frank's Landscaping for DDA Streetscape maint.; Parks and Rec. Master Plan; alternative # 2 for the future of the Community Center; purchase of 8 tasters from Mich. Taser Dist. For \$10,903.72 to be paid from Drug Forfeiture Fund; direct City Attorney to draft milage language and PA 33 amendments; consent calendar. Adjoined at 11:00 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

## CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 882 BLIGHT REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AREAS:

Chapter 882 Blight Regulations for Commercial Areas

Chapter 882.02 DEFINITIONS

882.02 (d) Inoperable vehicle means a motor vehicle that is not capable of being started and properly operated on a highway, a vehicle with invalid plates or that is not currently registered, or a vehicle missing parts necessary for its function. An inoperable vehicle includes vehicles being stored at repair facilities that are being dismantled and used for its parts.

Chapter 882.03 BLIGHT OR BLIGHTING FACTORS

882.03 (j) In any area zoned or used for commercial purposes, the keeping and storing of inoperable vehicles for more than 45 days. Except properly licensed Materials Recovery Facilities.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: March 18, 2014  
Published: March 27, 2014  
Effective: March 28, 2014

Matthew Miller  
City Clerk

## OUR VIEWS



The ice rink will be closed but Ted D'Pulos Aquatic Area will remain open at the Wayne Community Center in a cost saving measure approved by the city council last week. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

## Swift action needed to deal with Wayne's budget woes

In a letter to the editor, Tom Jenkins complains that Wayne residents weren't able to make an informed decision on the city's ballot questions that, if approved, would have set up an Act 345 retirement fund for police and fire and levy of up to 7 mills for 10 years to fund it. Jenkins blames it on the fact that city officials did not provide a Plan B — what would happen if it wasn't improved.

He is correct in a way. Residents weren't told that the city wouldn't make a more than \$500,000 contribution to the pension fund this year or hear about the closing of the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center, the senior services department and over half the facilities in the Wayne Community Center.

They didn't hear about them because the decisions made of late relate to the city's current budget deficit which has ballooned to over \$1 million. The Act 345 ballot questions were directed at addressing what at the time was a projected \$2 million deficit in fiscal 2014-2015. That number has now increased to \$3.5 million. Add that with the current \$1 million deficit and it's apparent why the council is now looking at such drastic cuts.

At the time, the city council decided to place the questions on the ballot, residents were told that the only areas left to cut to costs were in the police and fire departments. Setting up the police and fire pension fund and approving the millage would have freed up more than \$2 million in the general fund to maintain services. Residents weren't swayed and said no.

Part of the problem was indecisiveness on the part of the city council. City officials aren't to blame for the city's fiscal crisis; a poor economy and plummeting property values are. But they have been slow to respond to it. They wavered on asking residents for the pension fund language and millage and appeared hesitant to state clearly what could happen if they were turned down. Residents weren't receptive to the proposals. Even though property values and the taxes they pay have declined, residents questioned the impact once property values start to rebound.

Residents shouldn't be shocked at what is happening. The city is obligated to operate with a balanced budget. The cuts are necessary; however, it is the end of March, and the council has just begun to address the problem. The council must get the city's house in order this fiscal year and approve a balanced budget for 2014-2015 by June 30. Unfortunately, that doesn't leave much time to do due diligence on proposals like HYPE Athletics taking over operation of the community center or the Wayne Hockey Association and a third party operating the ice arena.

Plan B is happening now, and residents need to decide what they want and be a part of the decision. Showing up at next week's council meeting to complain isn't the answer. This isn't about avoiding an emergency manager, receivership or bankruptcy, this is about living within your means. The city cannot carry a deficit, and cuts have to be made, whether they're determined by city officials or state officials. They will be painful at best, but if everyone pulls together, Wayne may come out of its fiscal crisis stronger and better able to serve the needs of its residents.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Eliminating judges is the wrong move for Wayne County



State Rep. Phil Cavanagh

It was a dark day in Lansing last Thursday, March 20. Yet again, Detroit and Wayne County have fallen victim to the ignorance and arrogance of Lansing politicians. Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court will lose four judges and Detroit's 36th District Court will lose one judge thanks to a series of bills that were passed in the House.

The bill to eliminate four judges from Wayne County's 3rd Circuit came out of The Judicial Resource Recommendations, issued every other year from the Supreme Court Administrator's Office. Unfortunately, the SCAO only considers the docket of the court and fails to take into consideration the reality of the judicial system in Wayne County and Detroit.

The SCAO claims that a reduced number of cases on the docket means there is a decreased need for judges. However, I don't think anyone is under any delusions that there has been a real reduction in crime in Wayne County. If there appears to be fewer cases on the docket, this is because of the gross lack of funding for police officers and the prosecutor's office. When we have fewer officers on the street and fewer resources going to the

prosecutor's office, it becomes increasingly difficult to process cases to the point of reaching a court docket.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has stated numerous times in her ongoing battle to procure the funds that are constitutionally mandated to operate this core function of government that without proper resources, her office is unable to process warrants. Known criminals are free to roam the streets because there simply aren't enough people to arrest and prosecute them. This is a disgrace in Wayne County. Not only is this shameful lack of funding allowing criminals to walk free, but now Wayne County is losing four judges because of it.

When this bill was in the House Judiciary Committee, I offered amendments to try to save these judges from the chopping block. Despite my efforts to educate my colleagues on the error of this bill, my amendments were voted down along party lines. When this bill cutting judges in Wayne County reached the House floor, I again attempted to explain to my fellow legislators that this is wrong for Wayne County. I offered amendments to try to save at least two judges and, when that was gavelled down, I tried to save one judge from elimination. House leadership announced that these amendments had failed mere seconds after I offered them, hardly allowing for any real consideration of the amendments. Of course, no roll-call vote was tak-

en. I could not vote for the removal of much-needed judges in Wayne County, so I voted no on this bill.

While I had been fighting for months to save Wayne County judges, the move to eliminate a judge position from Detroit's overburdened 36th District Court was an unexpected blow. This is a particularly insulting move from the House, as judicial positions in Van Buren County and Pontiac were restored. It is hard to fathom the ignorance of these legislators in deciding that Detroit and Wayne County can afford to lose judges. These are the busiest courts in the nation. I offered an amendment to restore the judge position in the 36th District Court, but that was also shot down.

I am saddened and disappointed by the passage of these bills. They do nothing to ensure the safety of citizens in Wayne County or Detroit. Instead, these bills will place an even heavier burden on the already overworked and underfunded judicial system in Wayne County and Detroit.

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## LETTERS

### Why a surprise?

I am puzzled why the city of Westland's pension board trustees are surprised there is a short-fall in the pensions which can be corrected with a 2½-mill (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation) property tax increase.

A councilman last week said it was due to the decrease in property values and an under-performing market. While the real estate market took a big hit in 2007 and is only recently on the upswing, pension board members should have realized that there was a real estate decline about 10 years ago and the more recent downtown should not have come as a surprise.

Technically the stock market has been improving annually since early 2009. Even the bond market has seen major increases up until several months ago. Most investors, individual and institutional, realize that certain investments, including real estate, do not increase annually without interruption and so they plan accordingly.

Leonard Pogor  
Westland

### Be at council meeting

The City Council of the City of Wayne has voted to close the Wayne Recreation Center Ice Arena on May 5, 2014.

The Wayne Banquet Center situated on a hilltop overlooking Goudy Park along the banks of the Lower River Rouge will also be closed.

The entire Senior Department

will be shuttered up as well.

A local hockey association has offered to present a plan to keep the Ice Arena open that will lead to the operation of the arena at no cost to the city government.

A company by the name of HYPE Athletics has been invited to put in a proposal to take over the full operation of the recreation center. Their successful activities in the cities of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights indicate that they can do it. City Council members want to wash their hands of it.

Either or both of these two organizations will make positive and effective use of the recreation center for the good of the citizens, businesses and local government in the City of Wayne.

Either or both of these two organizations will ensure that our senior citizens are not abandoned. They will help to ensure that talented skaters — that is American girls and boys and young American men and women — will not be turned out onto the streets to fend for themselves.

If the facilities are closed they will not generate any income but will still cost money to maintain. Won't you attend the April 1, 2014, City Council meeting?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Informed decision

By failing to have a Plan B that was known to the voters in Wayne, they were not allowed to make an informed decision when they voted last November. We'll never know what the outcome of

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that election might have been.

Dearborn Heights was presented with a similar situation, declining property values and the resultant loss of revenue, not to mention state elimination of funds re. The council and the mayor requested a millage to help the city make it through. They made sure by the use of town hall meetings throughout the city that the public was well aware of what the specific consequences were going to be, if the millage (Plan A) did not pass. It did pass.

The voters of Wayne never really knew what they were voting for when they voted against the millage. Could that have been the case in Wayne, too?

Tom Jenkins  
Wayne

## EDITORIAL

# Free college is idea worth pursuing

Before we assess its viability, let's take a moment to appreciate the premise of the pay-it-forward tuition plan: The chance to attend college for free.

The idea bears a resonance that is nearly deafening — to students burdened with the soaring cost of college tuition and student-loan debt and parents who often share that liability.

Nothing is free, of course. But a plan introduced in the Michigan Legislature proposes to change the way students and parents pay for college education in a way that could be considered revolutionary.

Its author, state Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, wants students to attend college without paying its costs until they graduate. They

must agree to pay part of their postgraduate income to a special fund that covers college costs for other students.

The formula would be five years for each year they attend college. University grads would pay 4 percent of their income for 20 years. Community college grads would pay 2 percent for 10 years.

"The goal is to remove every financial barrier to higher education," Knezek said.

If his idea works, it could deliver a tremendous measure of relief to students and their families. College cost increases since 2000 have consistently surpassed the inflation rate. The average student's debt load was \$29,400 in 2012.

At least 20 states are exploring pay-it-forward, but Michigan would be the first to give it a try. The pilot plan would set up a \$2 million fund for 200 students, whose annual household income is below \$250,000.

A leading challenge, though, is buy-in. A graduate who lands a job with a six-figure income might pass on the program because he or she would repay far more than a graduate who earns significantly less.

If it's approved, the pilot program would have to work out such problems.

But its appeal is difficult to overstate. With it, the cost of a college would receive tangible relief.



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# Seedlings Braille Books real winner in bowling benefit

Another 3,000 high-quality, low-cost braille books will be made available to blind children around the world, following a bowling event Saturday benefiting Livonia-based Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

The 27th annual Bowling for Braille Books raised "right around \$30,000, with more coming in," Therese Vick, community outreach coordinator for the Livonia-based nonprofit, said Tuesday. Every \$10 raised makes another braille book possible.

The bowling event, held at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, is Seedlings' biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's event, with more than 140 bowlers filling all but one lane of the bowling alley, raised about the same amount as last year's.

The event is special not only because of the great cause it benefits, but because of who participates. That includes blind bowlers — "kids who grew up reading our books," Vick said — and local businesses participating in friendly rivalries, such as the *Observer* newspaper and FridayMusings.

The *Observer* team beat the Musings team for the first time in three years Saturday, after *Observer* team members Brianna Palarchio of Commerce, Bill Walker of Plymouth and Jim Jimmerson of Northville bowled games of 300, 297 and 278, respectively. Susan Rosiek, executive editor/publisher of O&E Media, and Karen Smith, community editor of the

Livonia and Redford editions, took turns bowling as the fourth member of the *Observer* team.

"From the first frame it was clear that they were out for revenge," Bill Joyner of FridayMusings wrote in his semi-weekly newsletter emailed to subscribers on Tuesday.

Joyner described the experience as humbling, but noted, "The real winners were the worldwide fans of Seedlings, circulating their braille books in 75 countries and all 50 states, raising over \$30,000. This will provide another 3,000 books."

Vick said more than 40 volunteers helped to make the event possible. "The event was fantastic. It was so nice to see everybody having such a happy time," she said.

Palarchio and Walker both won trophies for high games. Top fundraisers were Tiffany Taylor of Farmington, Jonathan McGrail of Warren and Jim Kidd and Gretchen Alaniz, both of Livonia. Winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were Brian Wolverton of Canton and Karen Weingarden of Milford.

Seedlings' next fundraiser is the Summer of Giving event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Fleming's Steakhouse in Livonia. Tickets are \$50 each and include an array of select wines and an assortment of appetizers. Only 60 tickets are available.

Contact Seedlings at info@seedlings.org or call 734-427-8552.



The *Observer* team swept the competition against Friday Musings. From left are Karen Smith, Brianna Palarchio, Bill Walker, Jim Jimmerson and Susan Rosiek. Palarchio bowled a high game of 300, Walker a 297 and Jimmerson a 278. Smith and Rosiek alternated as the fourth member of the team.



"It was a clean sweep. I'm willing to acknowledge that for the first time in three years," said Bill Joyner, left, whose FridayMusings team lost to the *Observer* team. The Musings team also included Kathy Ventitelli of Southfield, Dave Morrow of Garden City and Karen Weingarden of Milford, right.



Joe Derdelakos of Conti Painters; Gretchen Alaniz, a Schoolcraft College trustee and Seedlings board member; Kathy Hoen of Community Alliance Credit Union; and Brian Wolverton of Livonia Family YMCA formed a solid team, but still fell short in the friendly competition.

## Arbor Hospice social workers offer advice to caregivers

Social workers who specialize in healthcare are an important advocate for patients and families. They are instrumental in explaining health care resources and policies, assist in finding additional support and offer guidance for how to cope with various issues that may arise during an illness.

Social workers are an invaluable part of the Arbor Hospice team and provide enormous amount of support to patients and families at the end of life.

"We go to a patient's home with a plan for the visit, but often times that plan goes out the door when we walk in," said Zoe Burroughs, Arbor Hospice social worker. "We never know what the family will need that day. Something may have just happened that makes the patient or caregiver upset. It is our job to meet the patient and family wherever they are and offer support on whatever they need."

"Sometimes it is education, other times it is validation and sometimes caregivers need extra help — they are burned out," Burroughs added.

Arbor Hospice social workers are experts in providing care, compassion and support for patients and caregivers experiencing advanced illness or the end of life. In honor of Social Work Month, Arbor Hospice social workers offer the following advice for caregivers.

» Keep track of your feelings. Advanced illness and the end of life can be frightening and overwhelming for both the patient and family. Many people find it helpful to keep a journal or record their emotions through art. This provides an outlet for your pain, grief or frustrations.

» Share your feelings with the people close to you. Remember that you are not alone. Millions of people care for a loved one and they have experienced similar feelings. Sharing your emotions does not make you a burden to someone else. You are entitled to every

emotion you have. Do not be afraid to share them with the people you trust.

» Join a support group. Talking with someone who has had a similar experience can be very beneficial. Many disease-specific associations, such as the Alzheimer's Association, offer caregiver support groups. You may also find support groups through a local Area on Aging Association, Adult Well-Being Association or Veteran's Affairs. If you cannot leave your home for a support group because your loved one depends on you, consider joining a virtual support group. There are many websites where you can chat with others who are going through the same thing.

» If you are working and caring for a loved one, talk to your employer. Caregivers should let their managers know that they are caring for a loved one and discuss their needs related to care giving. Make it known that you are committed to your job and want to find ways to remain productive. There may be options, such as different work hours or the ability to work from home.

» Know your rights. Consult human resources about what you are entitled to under the law. The Family Medical Leave Act requires large employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid time off with job protection when workers must care for a sick or injured family member.

» Develop ritual care giving techniques. Care giving tasks, such as helping your loved one in and out of bed, should be ritualized. Establishing rituals that you and your loved one can follow will ensure the best possible care. It will also help your loved one know what to expect and how something is going to happen. Visit the resource section of arborhospice.org for how-to care giving videos and tip sheets.

» Create an atmosphere comfortable for your loved one. Often times, the person with a

serious illness has a bed in the family's living room, or a room on the first floor, near a bathroom. While this may be ideal for helping someone move about, it can be very distressing for your loved one. Keep in mind that your loved one may not sleep well if there is noise around him or her, if the television runs continuously or if someone is talking. Make sure your loved one is in a place where he or she can keep his or her dignity and have some quiet.

» Understand the difference between listening and talking. Take the time to really listen to your loved one. What does he or she want? If you are doing all the talking, you are not uncovering his or her real needs or desires.

» Organize help. Determine which of your loved one's needs you can or want to handle on your own, and which needs you could use help with. Ask family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, professional caregivers or members of your church for help. Even if you find help from one or two people, they can make a difference. This will give you an opportunity to focus on yourself.

» Forgive yourself for any bad days and give yourself a fresh start the next day. Understand that you are not going to be able to do everything, or solve every problem, or solve every error. Remember everything you do right, and learn from your mistakes. Care giving is hard. Any support you are giving is making a difference.

This year marks the 30th year Arbor Hospice has helped families focus on what matters most by addressing the fears and symptoms most commonly associated with end of life. Since 1984, Arbor Hospice has been committed to providing quality, compassionate care to those experiencing life-limiting illnesses throughout southeast Michigan.

As a patient and family support service, Arbor Hospice's 200 end-of-life specialists and more than 300 volunteers keep the patient comfortable, teach the family to pro-

vide care and offer emotional and spiritual support. For more information, visit [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org) or call

888-992-2273.

Arbor Hospice serves a seven-county service area and has offices in Ann Arbor, Monroe,

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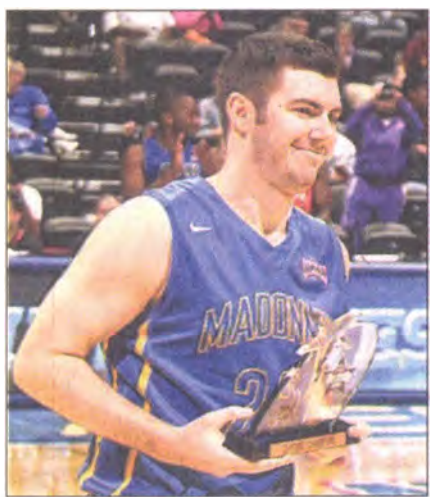
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Madonna University's Travis Schuba captured the 3-point shooting contest at 2014 NAIA Men's Division I Basketball National Championship held Saturday at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. CREATIVE IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY

## Three-ball: Crusaders' Schuba top marksman

Madonna senior guard  
wins NAIA 3-point event

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Travis Schuba made a living during his high school and college basketball career shooting three-pointers.

And to nobody's surprise, the Madonna University senior guard was the winner of the inaugural NABC-NAIA Men's Basketball 3-Point Contest on Saturday afternoon at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

The event, presented by Rawlings, was staged in conjunction with the 2014 Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship.

Schuba tallied 21 points in each round of competition to edge Xavier Roberson of Our Lady of the Lake (Tex.) in the final round, who registered 18 points in the championship round. He advanced to the finals along with Roberson, who had the top score in the first round with 22 points (while Schuba also qualified with 21).

Schuba and Roberson were joined in the contest by Danny Rudeen of Morningside (Ia.) and Talib Uqadah from Arizona Christian.

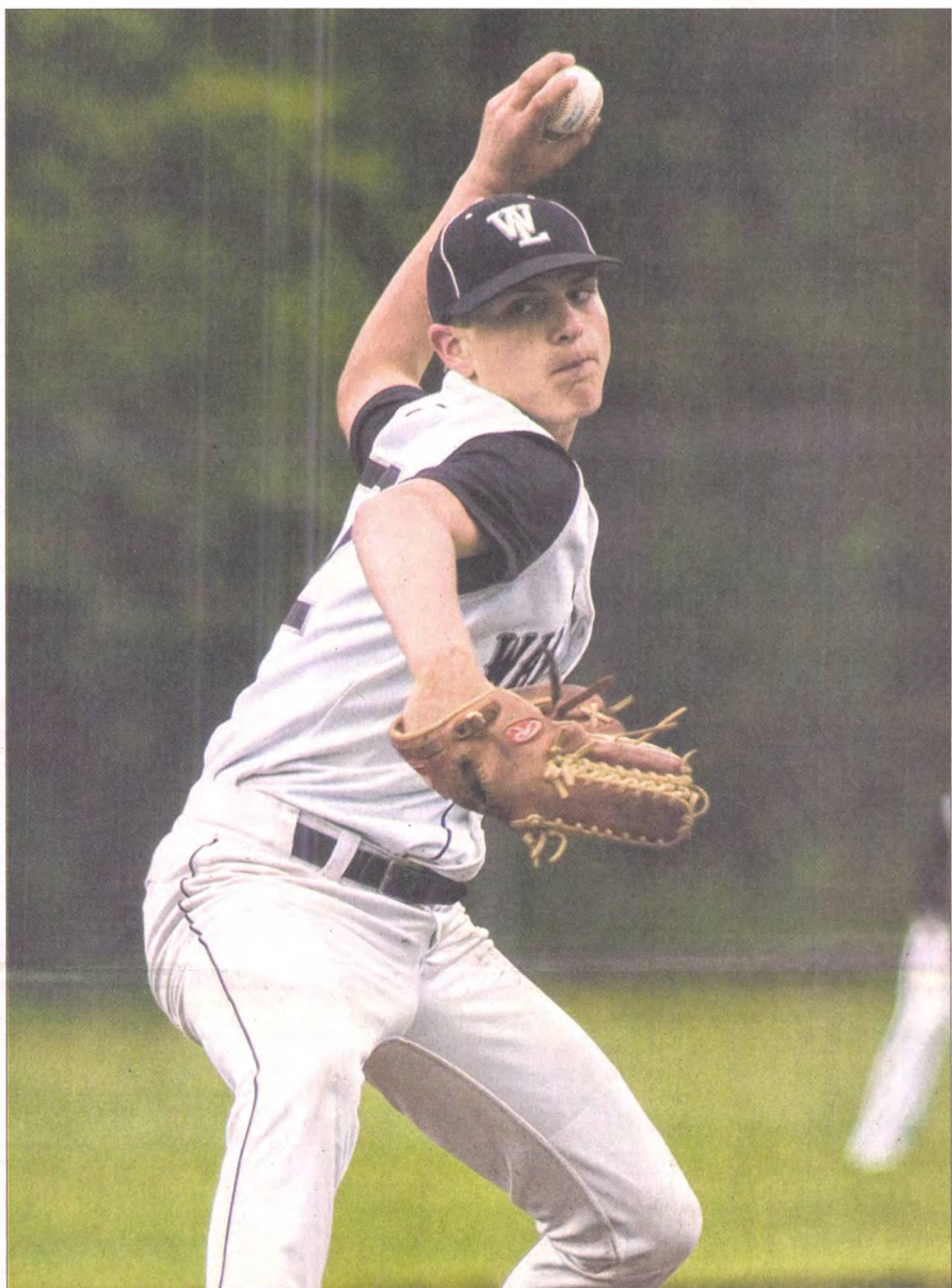
"They have five (ball) racks, 60 seconds, four regular balls on each rack, one money ball, and there was a full money ball rack where you could place anywhere you wanted," said Schuba, a two-time All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pick who became MU's career three-point leader this season with 394. "The (Madonna) guys helped me out pretty good. I felt pretty prepared. I didn't think I'd get as nervous as I did. My legs were shaking pretty good that first rack. That was my worst rack both times. I think I only hit one both times off the first rack."

The 6-foot Schuba, who graduated from Kalkaska High School, scored 1,673 points during his MU career while averaging 16.4 points per game as a junior and 14.3 this season (while hitting 104 triples).

"It was a great opportunity," Schuba said. "I had a lot of fun getting to know the guys and interacting with the kids the other day (at the NAIA Champions of Character event). I

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# WARRIORS POISED TO MAKE A RUN?



Junior left-hander Nate Abbott, who was 6-1, returns on the mound for the 21-5 Warriors. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## LUTHERAN WESTLAND BOASTS EXPERIENCED LINEUP AS COLD WEATHER DELAYS START OF 2014 SEASON

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

While most area high school baseball teams were gutted by graduation losses, Lutheran High Westland might be the only exception to the rule, whenever the 2014 season commences.

The Warriors, who captured the Red Division title last year in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, keeps its 21-5 team virtually intact. The only notable loss is first-team All-Area outfielder Nick Andr-

zejewski, who hit .523 and scored a school record 44 runs.

But senior catcher Mark Mika, who batted school-record .586 and knocked in a school-record 52 runs, returns along with senior outfielder Nick Flanery, who hit .560. Also back is sophomore pitcher Jordan Wil-

liams, who tied a school record with nine wins.

They are three of 10 returnees off a team that fell to Plymouth Christian Academy, 9-6, in the Division 4 district final.

Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, now in his 10th season, guided the Warriors to the state quarterfinals in 2010 and the state champi-

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## Little Caesars Midget Major AAA headed to Tier 1 nationals

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Thanks to four players with local ties, Little Caesars' Midget Major AAA 18-under-hockey team is hot and ready for a trip to the USA Hockey Tier 1 National Tournament, April 2-6, in Green Bay, Wis.

Livonia natives Evan Bell, Matthew Hudie and Cody Gibson, along with Westland's Roman Gaudet, all played pivotal roles in Caesars' run to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association championship held March 14-16 at the Taylor Sportsplex.

Caesars, coached by Bill Ciraulo, capped its tournament run with a 2-1 victory in the finals over Victory Honda, which was No. 3 in the latest USHO Midget Major Tier 1 national rankings.

Caesars lost the opener of the best-of-three series, 6-2, but evened the series at 1-all after posting a 3-2 victory to force Game Three. Caesars reached three-game championship series with wins over the Oakland Grizzlies, 6-4,



Little Caesars celebrates after winning the MAHA 18-and-under Tier 1 championship this month at the Taylor Sportsplex.

and No. 6-ranked Belle Tire, 3-2. (Both Belle Tire, 49-1-4, and Victory Honda, 52-19-1, gained at-large bids in the 16-team field.)

The 16-year-old Bell, who attends Livonia Stevenson High, has five goals and 16 assists and has been a mainstay

on defense this season for the 44-19-6 Caesars squad.

"He's going to be Division I player definitely, one of the top players on the team," Ciraulo said. "He was drafted in the USHL last year in the Futures by Fargo (N.D.) and he'll probably play

there next year, I would think."

Hudie, a student at Livonia Churchill, is one of the team's top scoring forwards, with 25 goals and 20 assists, while Gaudet, who is home-schooled, has added 15 goals and 33 assists.

"Hudie is going to play next year for the (Ontario Hockey League) Windsor Spitfires," Ciraulo said. "They drafted him and that's where he wants to play, so he'll make the team next year. He's a great player, and for him it's just beginning."

"Roman has a few options. He got invited to London (OHL) and invited to B.C. (British Columbia), and he's been offered by 10 different universities, but he wants to try and play for London in the OHL."

Gibson, who also attends Churchill, is 25-8 with an .925 save percentage, has split time in net with Tyler Parsons of Chesterfield Township.

"He Gibson is going to be a top player," Ciraulo said. "Both of our goaltend-

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## MID-WINTER BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



The Livonia Hawks, a 14-and-under travel girls basketball team, recently captured the Mid-Winter Championship, held at New Boston Huron High School. The Hawks defeated Huron (39-15), Western Wayne Wolfpack (30-14), Clinton (36-7) and the Wolfpack again in the finals (36-14). Team members include (top row, from left) Elisa Lebron, Elayna Paull, Katie Sopko, Madeleine Rzepka, Victoria Ciavaglia, Paulina Jarzembowski, Cate Charron (front row, from left) Kimmy Freed, Abigail Cormier, Anne Treharne and Payton Byron. (Not pictured are Madeleine Ballard and Danica Nichols.)

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Pom Pon tryouts

The Livonia Middle School Pom team will stage open tryouts for girls in grades 4-7 who attend Livonia Public Schools from 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 Livonia-pom@gmail.com.

### Bucks host games

The Michigan Bucks of the Premier Development League will host four top collegiate women's soccer teams, including Michigan and Michigan State, in a series of exhibition matches Saturday, April 5, at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas, 867 South Boulevard.

MSU and Michigan, along with OU and Northwestern, will square off in the Best of the Midwest games. Tickets are also \$8 for an all-day pass if purchased online. Group rates are also offered for 20 or more for \$7 apiece if purchased by a parent, coach or manager.

For more information, visit [www.bucks-soccer.com](http://www.bucks-soccer.com). You can also call Wayne Pirmann at 248-701-0526 or email [wpirmann@bucksoccer.com](mailto:wpirmann@bucksoccer.com).

### Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage late registration for 2014 coed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office. Late registration fees are \$50 (resident) and \$60 (nonresident).

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

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

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

### Varsity pom clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom pon clinic (grades 3-11) will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the high school fieldhouse (courts Nos. 1 and 3).

The cost is \$25 (includes light snack, T-shirt and CD). You must register by Wednesday, April 2, to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Students

must wear gym shoes and workout clothes.

For more information, email Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at [lyman@livoniaschools.org](mailto:lyman@livoniaschools.org).

### Women's golfers

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

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

For more information, call Beth at 248-473-9068 or email [tbw4boys@aol.com](mailto:tbw4boys@aol.com).

### MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at [pdaugherty@madonna.edu](mailto:pdaugherty@madonna.edu).

Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

### Sponsor needed

The 11-and-under Livonia Rockets, a travel baseball team which will play six to seven tournaments this summer, is seeking a team sponsor which includes a banner and company name and phone number to advertise. Any donation is appreciated.

For more information, call Steve at 734-716-5194 or coach Ed at 734-670-6768.

### Motor City Hoops

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

The event is a collaboration of some of the area's top organizations, including presenting sponsor Opportunity Detroit, with proceeds benefiting the Detroit Goodfellows and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic will have divisions for all ages and skill levels with both men's and women's teams invited to compete.

About 400 teams from throughout the area are expected to participate. In addition to team competitions, there will also be a 3-point shootout and free throw shooting contest for prizes as well as free youth clinics for participants in the 4-8 grade divisions.

Registration is under way. The deadline for team registration Friday, May 23. Early bird registration ends Tuesday, April 15. To register, or for more information, visit [motorcityhoopsclassic.com](http://motorcityhoopsclassic.com).

## SCHUBA

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wanted to come out here and put on a show for the fans and represent Madonna the way I hoped I would."

Schuba said he received the red carpet treatment.

"They flew me out there," he said. "They gave us a bunch of travel gear, sweatshirts, long-sleeved T-shirts, jerseys, bags. I had VIP pass where I could go anywhere. They had a hospitality room with drinks and food. We signed autographs for kids, did a service project for kids."

Schuba said he hopes to parlay his NAIA win into participating in another 3-point contest put on by the NABC during the Final Four in Dallas.

"There were talks before about participating in the NCAA one," he said. "I have to send an email to double check on that one."

Schuba began falling in love with the three-point shot as a middle schooler in Rapid City, his hometown.

"That's where I always shot," he said. "In high school that's what I was known for."

"At least five days a week there was a real close family friend that had a full-court in their front yard. It was about a half-mile, I'd ride my bike there, either meet a buddy, or go by myself and shoot on their rims because they were regulation-like. Full-sized backboards. I went a lot there during the summers."

And the secret to being a good three-point shooter?

"A lot of repetition and a lot of confidence," Schuba said.

Schuba originally committed to play at Roosevelt University (Ill.), an NAIA school in Chicago, but de-committed because of financial reasons.

"We had already

talked to the other schools when I committed," Schuba said. "My brother (Chuck) played at Aquinas (1999-2005) and he kind of started contacting other schools saying I was back on the market. I came down for a visit on a Wednesday (at Madonna), played with the guys, took a tour, met with the baseball people. They offered me and I committed from there. Not to my knowledge that he (MU coach Noel Emenhiser) had ever seen me play before that."

Schuba, meanwhile, in his fourth season with the MU baseball team where he has served as a capable relief pitcher. In nearly 53 innings, the right-hander is 6-0 with nine saves with an earned run average this season of 1.59.

After playing the last game of his basketball career in the WHAC semifinals, March 1, against Cornerstone in Grand Rapids, Schuba quickly changed gears.

He hopped on a plane and headed to Florida to join his baseball teammates, who were in the midst of their third day of an 11-day spring trip.

The very next day, Schuba pitched 2 1/2 innings of scoreless relief to beat Point Park (Pa.), 6-4. And two days later he got the win with three innings of one-run relief in a 10-3 victory over Illinois Benedictine. He also got the final out and his first save this season on the team's final day in Florida in a 10-6 win over Trinity (Ill.) International.

"I flew out at 7:45 in the morning, got there in the fifth inning of the first game," Schuba said. "I'd say I probably threw three or four times maybe before that. Three weeks before I actually joined them because I hadn't thrown. I got hurt one of the weeks, so I wasn't throwing, just to play it safe. Then, the next week, they had left for Florida on that Thursday, so I wasn't able to practice."

"They kind of told me what my role was coming in. He (coach Greg Haeger) asked me if I was ready or not, and I said I was. I guess I wasn't, but I was, because they obviously had been throwing more than when I got there. But it all worked out."

Schuba's first love, however, is basketball, which he would like to continue post-MU.

"I got another year left in school," he said. "My plan is to go overseas, either take classes over there, or in the summer when I come back and finish up that way."

"Right now we're getting film together and talking with my brother about what the best way is to go. I'm talking to a couple playing over there right now, what the best camps are right now or the best agents to go through. We're taking steps in that direction."

And if a pro team is looking for a somebody who has made a living as a three-point specialist, Schuba could be their guy.

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Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrler, Reeves  
49: Appr. Kroger 691 "Garden Center" 4/21/14 - 6/30/14.  
- Appr. Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive 4/11-4/13 Wayne & Warren Rds.  
- Appr. Motown H.O.G. Ch. #2357 Toy Run 9/28/14.  
- Appr. Marine Corp. League poppy sales 5/1/14-5/4/14 @ Wayne & Warren.  
- Appr. VFW #6896 poppy sales 5/1/14-5/4/14 @ Wayne & Warren.  
- Appr. Prep. Resolution for grant app. to MDNR Passport Fund for improvements to Corrado Pk.; City's share \$55,000.  
- Appr. Prep. Resolution for grant app. to MDNR Trust Fund for Tattan Pk/Farmer's Market. Pavilion improvements; City's share \$175,000.00.  
- Adopted resolution for Wildwood Elementary PTO for non-profit status.  
- Adopted NSP acquisition resolution for 1 property.  
50: Set 5/5/14 as Public Hearing for 2014-15 Budget.  
51: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 3/3/14.  
52: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations for Charming Charlie's, WSC, 35000 Warren Rd. w/contingencies.  
53: Appr. rev. site plan for prop. ext. renovations for Shoe Carnival, WSC, 35000 Warren Rd. w/contingencies.  
54: Appr. Site Plan for Truck Storage Lot, PID #053-99-0008-001, w. side of Newburgh, s. of Cherry Hill w/contingences.  
55: Appr. Site Plan for prop. addition/ext. renovations, Four Season Nursing Home, 8365 N. Newburgh w/contingencies.  
56: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,260,795.00.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:12 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC  
City Clerk

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# ON-ICE TALENT PROVES TO BE A CUT ABOVE

### FIRST TEAM

**John Lethemon, Sr. G, Farmington:** Lethemon was the primary reason the Falcons won the Division 3 state title, backstopping the team to 20 wins, including six straight in the playoffs. In doing so, he was named to the all-state first team for the second year in a row.

Lethemon stopped 876 of 934 shots for a save percentage of .938. He made an amazing 60 saves in a 3-2, state quarterfinal win over No. 1 Cranbrook. His goals-against average was 1.99.

Lethemon has signed to play for Springfield (Ill.) of the North American Hockey league.

"John had an unbelievable season," coach Bill Newton said. "He certainly carried us to the end. He's going to play a lot more hockey after high school."

"He works for everything he gets. That's the beauty of him. He's a real motivated kid, and he's going to go far in hockey."

**Kyle Bauer, Sr. Def., Plymouth:** The captain and four-year varsity player was as steady as a rock on the blueline for the Division 1 regional champions.

Bauer, who tallied one goal and seven assists, was a plus-13 and made the all-KLAA team.

"Kyle's numbers were lower because he was always assigned to shut down the opponent's top line," coach Gerry Vento said. "He played in all situations and logged big minutes."

**Grant Newton, Sr. Def., Farmington:** Farmington's game plan was centered around a strong defense. It was anchored by all-state goalie John Lethemon, but the Falcons had good players surrounding him and supporting him.

One of those was senior captain Grant Newton, who excelled at clearing the puck and shutting down opposing forwards and centers. He also scored one goal and had 11 assists.

"He certainly did a great job of being a leader," Newton said. "He's a gritty guy who works his butt off all the time and just never complains. His attitude is: 'What do I need to do now?'"

"He somehow, some way gets things done. He's not a big guy, but he plays physical and hard all the time. He had a great run in the playoffs; that's for sure."

**Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior captain, voted Mr. Hockey by the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey Coaches Association, finished the year with 43 goals and 38 assists.

The left winger, a four-year varsity member, also had 43 goals his junior year and ended his career with well over 100 goals.

"Dominic has been a joy to coach, the success he has had in our program has been remarkable," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said of the Dream Team and all-KLAA selection. "He has truly left his mark. The attention he has helped bring to our program is immeasurable. We will all enjoy watching him play at the next level."

"He was a leader on-and-off the ice and led us to our first-ever state title (as a junior) and a 2-1-6 record as a senior."

**Tyler Irvine, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior center, a Division 1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA pick, paced the Spartans with 54 assists (fourth in the state) to go along with 26 goals.

"Tyler had a remarkable senior year," Mitchell said. "His vision on the ice and skills with the puck are something to see. Who could forget the highlight of his goal that made No. 3 in ESPN's Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays. He was a member of one of the best lines in Michigan high school hockey that brought such positive attention to the Stevenson program."

"The greatest thing about Tyler is that as good of a player he is, he is even a better person. His passion, energy and



John Lethemon Farmington



Kyle Bauer Plymouth



Grant Newton Farmington



Dominic Lutz Stevenson



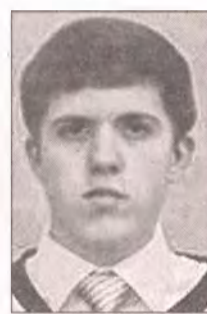
Tyler Irvine Stevenson



Devin Kelly Stevenson



Jake Sealy Salem



Andrew Rozenbaum Stevenson



Ray Chartier Stevenson



Austin Meltzer Farmington



Josh Smith Plymouth



Jason Newel Salem



Nick Heffron Farmington



Mike Schultz Plymouth



Bill Newton Farmington

## 2014 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY

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John Lethemon, Sr. G, Farmington  
Kyle Bauer, Sr. Def., Plymouth  
Grant Newton, Sr. Def., Farmington  
Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Tyler Irvine, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Devin Kelly, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Jake Sealy, Sr. F, Salem

### SECOND TEAM

Andrew Rozenbaum, Jr. G, Liv. Stevenson  
Ray Chartier, Jr. Def., Liv. Stevenson

Austin Meltzer, Sr. Def., Farmington

Josh Smith, Jr. F, Plymouth  
Jason Newel, Sr. F, Salem

Nick Heffron, Sr. F, Farmington  
Mike Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth

### THIRD TEAM

Parker Godfrey, Sr. G, Salem  
Justin Makowski, Jr. Def., Liv. Franklin  
Drew Hunter, Jr. Def., Liv. Stevenson

Roman Firestone, Sr. Def., Farmington

Drew Puiushes, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
John VanDenBeurgurey, Sr. F,

Plymouth

Drake Cole, Jr. F, Farmington

### FOURTH TEAM

Colin Staub, Sr. Def., Plymouth  
Jason Petras, Soph. F, Farmington  
Kyle Witherspoon, Sr. F, NF-Harrison  
Christian Flack, Sr. F, Canton  
Jack Driscoll, Sr. F, Salem  
Josh Dudek, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin  
C.J. Cromie, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
Nick Kozoro, Sr. F, Farmington  
Austin Bottrell, Jr. F, NF-Harrison

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Bill Newton, Farmington

### HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Andrew Sparks, David Turel, Evan Gibboney, Franklin: Trevor Lassaline, Ryan Pace: Stevenson: Cole Christie, Dante Seychel, Michael Sinclair, Jon McDonald, Alec Allen, Alex DeFlorio; Canton: Josh Borg, Kurt Snow, Collin Smith; Plymouth: Eric Vandenberg, Jared Maddock, Jake Zaborowsky; Salem: Noah Saad, Cam Clark, Colin Pietron, Noah Willer; Farmington: Kris Hamilton, Trent Wolter; North-Harrison: Frank Zak, Stephen Coulter, Will Semczak, Joey Lajcaj.

from missed a handful of games late in the season when the Falcons struggled to score goals. But he returned just in time for the tournament and played a key role in the run to a state title.

Heffron, who finished with 32 points on 14 goals and 18 assists, stole the puck near the Cranbrook net and scored the winning goal in the third period of the 3-2, quarterfinal win.

"When Nick came back and played, that helped us immensely," Newton said. "He allowed us to get more balanced and to have three lines of attack. He brings another skill set to our team and the (top) line with Drake Cole and Jason Petras.

"Of all of Nick's skills, his ability to finish (is foremost). Give him the puck around the net and a majority of the time he scores for you.

"That play he made for the third goal against Cranbrook was probably the biggest goal of our season. That was huge.

"That whole line was huge. Of the seven goals we scored in the last three games, that line had six of them."

**Mike Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth:** Despite missing the first part of the season, the playmaking senior forward still made a big impact as the Wildcats went 15-10-3 and played in the D1 quarterfinal against Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Schultz scored 11 goals and added 22 assists in just 18 games, and sported an impressive plus-23 mark.

"Mike's numbers were lower because of games played," Vento said. "But he still led the team in assists and averaged almost two points per game."

### COACH OF THE YEAR

**Bill Newton, Farmington:** The first-year head coach talked about raising banners when he took the job last summer. The Falcons will do exactly that after winning the Division 3 state championship.

Farmington stunned No. 1-ranked and defending champion Cranbrook in a quarterfinal game, 3-2, and it won the next two games, 2-1, over Grand Rapids CC and No. 3 Sault Ste. Marie.

The Falcons (21-10) also captured their second regional crown during a six-game tournament run. The banner raisings will take place in November before the season opener at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

For his work in leading Farmington to its first state championship in any sport, Bill Newton was named the Observer's Coach of the Year.

"Obviously, it's tremendously rewarding," he said of the state title. "We could have lost the first game to Shrine, and I would still have thought the season very successful."

"It was a pleasure for me and our assistant coaches to go to practice every day. We had 19 really, quality young men.

"We're going to miss the eight (seniors) who will be exiting the program, because they were a huge part of the success and the catalysts of the program this year. But eight more will fill in and we'll get them up to size and speed."

"Once again, I always credit the three assistants (former Farmington players Chris Newton, Chris Gendron and Brad Levick) who do the majority of the work."

Newton, 53, is an Ontario native who started playing hockey at a young age. He played junior hockey in Oshawa and later for coach Ron Mason at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

His older brothers are involved in hockey, too. Tim is an assistant coach at Michigan State, and Bruce is the marketing director for Hockey Canada.

Their dad, Ray, coached all three sons in youth hockey. Newton is a manufacturer's rep for a company whose business is hockey related.

"Hockey has been a really huge part of our family," Newton said. "All three brothers have made a living off the game of hockey."

attitude were contagious and fed off of by the rest of the team. He is an exceptional player who will be missed. We can't wait to watch him at the next level."

**Devin Kelly, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson:** The third-year varsity player, named first-team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA, was the third member of Stevenson's famed Production Line as he finished with 14 goals and 43 assists (57 points).

"Devin did an exceptional job manning the middle in what was one of the best lines in Michigan," Mitchell said of the right winger. "His vision and unselfishness helped make that line at times unstoppable. Devin was equally skilled at passing off and creating, as well as finishing and scoring. He was a danger to do both."

"Devin has a relentless passion for this game. He has helped take the Stevenson program to new heights. He plays with an edge, which will help him be successful at the next level."

**Jake Sealy, Sr. F, Salem:** The senior captain capped off an outstanding high school career for the Rocks, scoring 11 goals and 23 assists in 24 games — good enough to be named to the Division 1 All-State second team (he also was an all-state pick in 2012-13).

Sealy teamed up with line-mate Jason Newel to form a potent scoring unit, sparking Salem to the KLAA South Division co-championship. He finished his three-year career with 117 points, third most in school history.

"Jake Sealy has the highest hockey IQ of any player that I have coached," coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "He sees the game extremely well, which is one of the reasons he is a tremendous playmaker.

"Jake has the ability to slow the game down and make the players around him better."

### SECOND TEAM

**Andrew Rozenbaum, Jr. G, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior posted a 2.02 goals-against

average with a .924 save percentage in his first season as the Spartans' top goaltender en route to Division 1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA honors.

Rozenbaum went 17-4 this season with victories against state powers Birmingham Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary and Rochester Unified.

"Andrew was outstanding for us this season," Mitchell said. He committed to being an outstanding goaltender. He really stood tall for us at key times this season. Who could forget the 2-1 win against Orchard Lake St. Mary at the MIHL Showcase or how unbelievable he played in the double OT playoff loss versus Trenton when he stopped 46 shots. We're thrilled he is only a junior."

**Ray Chartier, Jr., Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior, named first-team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA, was a mainstay on the Spartan blue line this season.

Chartier was also fourth on the Spartans in scoring with nine goals and 19 assists.

"This was done while usually playing against one of the opponents top two scoring lines," Mitchell said of the academic all-stater. "Ray really came into his own as a top defenseman for us this year. He was just solid for us in so many ways. He was great on the back end and had a nice offensive flare to go with that. He helped anchor our blue line."

**Austin Meltzer, Sr. Def., Farmington:** Meltzer was the other half of Farmington's top defensive duo. He's a similar type of player who gets the job done with hustle and desire, and he also plays with great energy and determination.

The Falcons were outshot in a majority of games, relying on their goalie and defensemen like Meltzer to limit opponents' scoring. Meltzer also had one goal and six assists.

"He's like the energizer bunny," Newton said. "He gets whacked and beat up and he

keeps on going. Nothing slows him down. He's not afraid to be physical and just gets things done."

"He was one of the key guys in our stretch run, because he and Grant ate up a lot of ice time. They always played against the other team's best players. That's a true sign of guys playing really well, and we had a ton of confidence in them as coaches.

"Every time the (Chris) Brown line (for Cranbrook) was out there, we did everything in our power to make sure Grant and Austin were out there against them."

**Josh Smith, Jr. F, Plymouth:** Another one of Vento's solid, all-around players, the junior all-conference selection and assistant captain led the Wildcats with 17 goals, 18 assists and registered a plus-26 mark. Smith also earned selection to the second all-state squad.

"Josh is a complete player," Vento said. "He played in all situations and was typically matched against the opponent's top line."

**Jason Newel, Sr. F, Salem:** Whenever the Rocks needed a big goal, Newel seemed to provide it for them, registering 22 goals along with 10 assists in 24 games.

His efforts earned him selection to the all-KLAA team and he finished fourth in career goals with 45.

"Jason has the rare combination of tremendous size and talent," Ossenmacher said. "He has a very heavy shot which is very difficult for goalies to adjust to because of how much he can change the angle with which he shoots because of his (long reach)."

Ossenmacher praised the Sealy-Newel tandem for more than on-ice abilities. "In addition to being good hockey players both are even better young men and it has been a pleasure to work with for the last three seasons."

**Nick Heffron, Sr. F, Farmington:** Farmington's most skilled offensive player, Hef-



AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

## Celebrate spring with annual jazz concert

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Jazz fans will get two chances to hear their favorite music next month at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

New York-based pianist Michael Weiss will perform in concert on Tuesday, April 8, after teaching classes in jazz piano and improvisation, composition and arranging at the college. Then on Monday, April 14, the Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo, along with the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, will present their "Up Jumped Spring" concert, featuring music by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, George Gershwin, Stan Kenton and other jazz greats.

That's just the beginning of a busy spring-summer semester in the jazz program at Schoolcraft.

Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of jazz studies, is working to bring another jazz artist to the college in June and will lead his students in performing locally on a July 4 parade float. Aspiring jazz musicians also can look forward to a two-week intensive training camp, with performance and recording opportunities, from July 14-25 at the college. The Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft coincides with the camp.

"From the present to December 2014 I anticipate plugging in even more events," Selva said. "The audience we've attracted is formidable. It's hard to get audiences these days, but we're getting 250-450 people at our concerts. I have to pinch myself. Some people feel lucky getting 100."

"We've been growing our audience. We have 550 people or so (concert attendees) in our data base. It's tremendous."

**Concert, classes**

Both upcoming concerts are free and the piano master class and improvisation, composing and arranging clinic are open to the public. Anyone interested in participating in either session should contact Selva.

"I need to get an idea of their skill level," Selva said, referring to the piano master class, which will start at 1 p.m. on April 8. "We probably wouldn't want a 4-year-old child to sign up, although they could come and listen. Everyone is welcome to attend as an audience member and observer."



Michael Weiss will perform Tuesday, April 8 at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.



Riccardo Selva directs the musicians in the jazz program at Schoolcraft College.

The jazz improvisation, composition and arranging clinic will run from 3-5 p.m. that same day. Weiss will play a few music selections with jazz program students at the evening concert. He'll also perform with Selva, on saxophone, Marion Hayden, on bass, and Sean Dobbins, on drums.

Selva said he'll likely perform one of the tunes that he initially composed for a photo series by the Rev. Bob McCabe, pastor of St. Pius X Church in Southgate. The project, "Winters on the Street," focuses on the homeless and can be seen and heard on YouTube.

"It's sad, but beautiful," Selva said, describing McCabe's work. "I'll probably do one of the pieces I wrote. It's an upbeat piece, be boppish. It's very lively."

Selva described Weiss as a "musician of diverse background." He won second prize in the 1989 Thelonious Monk Institute International Piano Competition and a grand prize in the 2000 BMI/Monk Institute Composers Competition. The Michael Weiss group has played at the Detroit International Jazz Festival, the Stanford Jazz Festival and major venues.

"He started out as a

**JAZZ CONCERTS**

» Michael Weiss, jazz pianist performs 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, after teaching a piano master class and a clinic in jazz improvisation, composition and arranging. Riccardo Selva on saxophone, Marion Hayden on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums will accompany Weiss. Master class and clinic participants also will perform. » The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation Combo and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform their "Up Jumped Spring 2014 Concert" 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14. Both concerts will be held in the Diponio Room, at the VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door on April 14 for students scholarships and the jazz program.

straight-ahead be bop jazz player. He's done projects in a lot of styles and has broadened his depth of the different styles he plays," Selva said. "He's a prolific writer as well."

**Jazz vocalists**

The jazz program's annual Up Jumped Spring concert includes a twist this year.

"I have a group of vocalists and all have wonderful gifts to contribute. I've never had so many vocalists. It adds a whole other dimension."

He and four singers in the jazz program will per-

form several arrangements including *Accentuate the Positive*, a song that was recorded by Johnny Mercer and the Pied Pipers in 1944.

"It resonates with my philosophy of the jazz program," he said, adding, "the song is so charming." "This is going to be fun."

For more about the concerts and other upcoming jazz program activities, including the summer camp, visit [schoolcraft.edu/music](http://schoolcraft.edu/music). Contact Selva at [rselva@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:rselva@schoolcraft.edu) or call 847-721-7299 or call the Schoolcraft Music Department at 734-462-4403.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

**ANIMALS****DETROIT ZOO**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1-Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

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

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and 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 April 22; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday; and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday

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

**Details:** Oil paintings of Anthony Macioce

**Contact:** 248-473-1856

**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 4-26; opening reception and artist talk, 6-9 p.m., Friday, April 4

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

**Details:** "Detritus," an exhibit of works by airbrush master, Tom Thewes  
**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](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)

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

**COMEDY****EMERGENT ARTS**

**Time/Date:** Open mic, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, following 5 p.m. "Comedy Dojo" classes

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

**Details:** Chilli Challis, national headliner comedian and former staff writer for *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, coaches new and experienced comics in the nuances of their craft during his Comedy Dojo. Mark Sweetman emcees the open mic. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more about the fee-based classes, visit [ChilliChallis.com](http://ChilliChallis.com)

**Contact:** 734-985-0875

**FILM****MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS**

**Time/Date:** Saturday-Sunday, through April 6

**Location:** Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Spring Children's Film Festival includes *Walking with Dinosaurs*, March 29-30, and *Nut Job*, April 5-6. Free to children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for times.

**Contact:** 734-298-6257

**PENN THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, and Thursday, April 3, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** *The Nut Job*, admission \$3

**Coming up:** *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.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)

theatre.com

**REDFORD THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. April 11 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 12

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

**Details:** *Ben Hur*; \$5

**Coming up:** Three Stooges Film Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, \$6 admission

**Contact:** 313-537-2560

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 28

**Location:** 150 General Lectures Building, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, at West Warren Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** The Italian Heritage Society and The Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan sponsor the Michigan premiere of *La Mia Strada*, a feature-length documentary by Michael Angelo DiLauro that links ancient and contemporary Italian society with its Italian-American counterpart. \$20 admission, check or cash, at the door.

**Contact:** 313-886-6894

**MUSEUM****YANKEE AIR MUSEUM**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5

**Location:** Hangar 1 on the northwest side of Willow Run Airport. Enter under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management, at Willow Run, Kirk Profit Drive, Building 2601, in Ypsilanti

**Details:** 19th annual Bomber Buffing Party, is an airplane polishing party for all ages. Polish the "Yankee Lady," a B-17, and the "Yankee Warrior," a B-25. You're encouraged to bring clean, soft rags. A pizza luncheon will be served

**Contact:** [yankeearmuseum.org](http://yankeearmuseum.org)

## Motley Crew



Motor City Players performs *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday March 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, south of I-96 and west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors and children, 18 and younger. For more information, contact Nancy Florkowski at 313-535-8962; [nancy@mcyt.org](mailto:nancy@mcyt.org).

## Spring-inspired brunch

**A**s winter gives way to spring, it's the perfect excuse to gather together with your loved ones. This time of year is ideal for casual brunches, so for your next midday feast with friends and family, take your inspiration from the changing weather and create a brunch menu that mimics the flavors of the season.

Whether you're planning a brunch for a group of five or 15, a little pre-planning will help ensure the event is big on fun and low on stress.

» Take a cue from Mother Nature to establish the theme for your party. Simple bouquets of early-season blooms provide a colorful and welcoming backdrop for a casual brunch hosted indoors or out. Use

vases in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors to create a sweetly whimsical look.

» A buffet-style brunch makes it simple to serve your meal and it allows guests to mingle and snack as they wish, leaving you free to visit and enjoy a leisurely party, as well.

» Big taste comes in small packages. Serve your guests a plethora of smaller, bite-size appetizers which allows them to sample different flavors. Keep with your spring theme by incorporating fresh, seasonal ingredients.

To discover more delicious recipes, check out [www.musselmans.com/recipes](http://www.musselmans.com/recipes) or visit [www.musselmans.com/recipebook](http://www.musselmans.com/recipebook) to download the free e-recipe book.

*Courtesy of Family Features*

### BBQ SAUCE-GLAZED PINEAPPLE HAM PICKS

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Yield: 36

**½ cup apple butter**  
**½ cup barbecue sauce**  
**2 teaspoons Dijon mustard (optional)**  
**1 pound cooked ham, cut ¼-inch thick**  
**½ fresh pineapple**  
**Wood toothpicks**

Preheat oven to 400. Pour apple butter, barbecue sauce and mustard into bowl and stir to combine. Cut ham and pineapple into ¼-inch cubes, about 36 each. Place one pineapple chunk on each toothpick, followed by a chunk of ham. Stand the picks up on baking sheet and brush each one with BBQ sauce mixture. Cover all sides. Bake for 10 minutes. Serve warm with remaining sauce for dipping.



### AWESOME APPLE BUTTER BREAKFAST CAKE

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour  
Yield: 9 servings

**2 ¼ cups baking mix (such as Bisquick)**  
**¾ cup milk**  
**½ cup sugar**  
**1 egg**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**  
**2 cups apple butter**  
**Topping:**  
**½ cup sweetened flaked coconut**  
**½ cup pecans, chopped**  
**½ cup sugar**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**

In bowl, stir together baking mix, milk, ½ cup sugar, egg and 2 tablespoons of melted butter. Pour two-thirds of batter into 8-by-8-by-2-inch glass baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Cover with apple butter. Drop remaining batter by spoonful on top. Combine coconut, pecans, ½ cup sugar and 2 tablespoons butter. Sprinkle on top of cake. Bake at 350 for approximately one hour, until cake tester inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Note: Pan will be very full so do not substitute a smaller pan. You may want to place a cookie sheet under the pan in the oven in case of drips.



### APPLE AND BLUE CHEESE TOASTS

**8 ounces blue cheese**  
**3 ounces cream cheese**  
**1 thin baguette, cut into 36 thin rounds**  
**½ cup toasted walnuts, chopped**  
**½ cup apple butter**

Process blue and cream cheeses in a food processor until smooth. (Can be covered and refrigerated for several weeks.)

When ready to serve, pre-heat oven to 450. Place sliced bread on a wire rack and bake until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature.

Toast walnuts in a small skillet over low heat, shaking pan occasionally, until fragrant and slightly darker in color, about 5 minutes. Spread a portion of the cheese mixture on each toast. Top with a dollop of apple butter, sprinkle with chopped walnuts, and serve.



### FRENCH TOAST ROLL-UPS

**16 slices white sandwich bread**  
**1 cup apple butter**  
**2 eggs**  
**¼ cup milk**  
**½ teaspoon cinnamon (divided)**  
**½ teaspoon nutmeg**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**  
**1 tablespoon sugar**  
**3 ounces cream cheese, softened**  
**½ cup apple butter**  
**½ cup powdered sugar**  
**2 tablespoons milk**

Preheat oven to 375. Line a baking sheet with a silicone mat or grease well (the roll-ups will stick to the pan).

Flatten a slice of bread with a rolling pin to about half of its' original thickness. Spread roughly 1 tablespoon of apple butter evenly on top. Roll up the bread (apple butter side inward) and set aside, seam side down. Repeat with the remaining bread.

In a bowl, beat together the eggs, ¼ cup of milk, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg. Dip each roll-up into the egg mixture, completely covering and shake off the excess. Place on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes. Pull out of the oven, brush the top side with melted butter, flip each roll, then brush the bottoms with butter. If they stick, gently use a spatula to loosen them. Leave the bottom side up and bake another 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, add the sugar and the remaining ½ teaspoon cinnamon. When the roll-ups are done baking, roll each one in the mixture. Serve warm with dipping sauce.

Dipping Sauce: In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese and ¼ cup of apple butter until smooth. Gradually beat in the powdered sugar and then the remaining 2 tablespoons of milk.

### CITY BITES

#### Vegan foods

Novi — More than 50 restaurants and food vendors and more than 50 exhibitors, will be on hand at VegFest, a vegan tastefest and expo presented by VegMichigan, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Actress Daryl Hannah will be the featured celebrity speaker at 12:45 p.m. Other presenters will include Jill Fritz, Michigan senior state director for the Humane Society of the United States, 11:30 a.m.; John Salley, a vegan and former Detroit Piston, 2 p.m.; and Joel

Kahn, M.D., cardiologist, 3:15 p.m. Vegan cooking demonstrations will be at 12:15 p.m. with chef John Heath of Jazzie Veggie in Ann Arbor; 1:30 p.m. with chef Robert Hindley of Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield; and 2:45 p.m. with chef Erica Boyd of Detroit Vegan Soul. VegMichigan members are admitted without charge. Nonmembers pay \$7 in advance at [vegmichigan.org](http://vegmichigan.org) or \$10 at the door.

#### Taste of Sweden

Canton — Hungry for Gravad Lax or some Prinskorv? You'll find them along with other Scandinavian fare at

the Paskbord, a Swedish Easter Smörgåsbord Buffet, Friday, April 11, at IKEA, 41640 Ford Road. Two seatings are available, from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The traditional, all-you-can-eat buffet will include assorted herring, hard-boiled eggs with shrimp, Sillrom or Tangkorn, shrimp with cocktail sauce, Gravad Lax, marinated salmon, smoked salmon, poached salmon, assorted cheeses, tossed salad, cucumber salad, red beet salad, a variety of breads, lingonberries, Swedish meatballs, mashed or boiled potatoes, Swedish ham, Prinskorv (sausages), Jansson's Temptation, assorted desserts and

cookies, and beverages. Cost is \$9.99 per person and \$2.49 for kids, 12 and under for IKEA family members; and \$12.99 per person and \$4.99 for kids, 12 and under for nonmembers. IKEA Family is a benefits program that offers membership perks including special product discounts, sneak previews, free coffee and tea in the IKEA Restaurant, and more. Consumers can sign up for the free program online or in-store. Space for the buffet is limited. Buy tickets at the store. For group orders of five or more tickets, email [ikea2.IFO26@ikea.com](mailto:ikea2.IFO26@ikea.com). 888-888-4532

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**FITZPATRICK, ROSEMARY ANN**

87, of Farmington, died Saturday, March 22, 2014. She is the beloved wife of 64 years to David; devoted mother of David (Peggy) Fitzpatrick, Michael (Katrina) Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sharon (Russell) Davies, Mary Kravutske and Daniel (Robin) Fitzpatrick; loving grandmother of Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Adina Oosterwijk, Adelle Fitzpatrick, Tera Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Rachel Schude, Matthew Kravutske, Victor Kravutske, Amelia Rose Kravutske and Katie Fitzpatrick; great-grandmother of Eden, Aila, Ravi, Bliss, Atticus, Camdyn, Gunner and Paxton; fond sister of William, Robert, Marion and Cecelia. Rosemary raised six children, walked to Morning Mass every day, made her own clothes, worked as a fashion model for Saks Fifth Avenue and J.L. Hudson, and served as President of the local chapter of the Junior Chamber (the "JayCees") and President of the City's Beautification Committee. Sensitive, gracious and wise, she loved to cook, kid, sing, laugh and dance. Visitation Thursday, March 27, 2-8:30 p.m., with prayers and remembrances at 7 p.m., at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200, heenev-sundquist.com. Funeral Mass Friday, March 28, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.), at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

**HARRISON, THOMAS C.**

Age 98, March 23, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Madeleine. Dear father of the late Barbara Campbell. Grandfather of Christian Campbell, Kevin (Julie) Campbell and Heather (Howard) Lane. Great-grandfather of Sabrina (Timothy) Thomas, Donovan Campbell, Hunter Lane and Haden Lane. Great-great-grandfather of Lily Thomas. Also leaves behind his dear friend Dot Toole. Tom was a gracious loving man who never told anyone no! He expressed his love in every moment. Known as the Super Suggester at Ford Motor Company. His suggestions changed the way cars are built to this day. He was a man of many jokes, with the gift of telling them with perfection. He is greatly missed. Memorial gathering Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Memorial Service at John N. Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (btwn. Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

**Santeiu Funeral Home**



**McCORD, EDNA "GAE"**

Edna "Gae" McCord died March 22, 2014 at Providence Hospital in Novi. Gae, the daughter of Milton and Velma Bell Obee, was born May 22, 1926 in Toledo. Cheerful, creative, and energetic, Gae was an innovator in the arts, education and health-care. She was a founding member of the Plymouth Arts Council and Furman (University) Learning in Retirement Program (FULIR, renamed Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in Greenville, S.C. She was originator of Fox Run YOU, a community-based continuing education program targeting residents of the Fox Run adult-living complex in Novi. She also served on the boards of St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and Fox Run's Renaissance Gardens. On the Ides of March 1946, Gae married her Bryan, Ohio high school sweetheart and returning infantryman, Denver Paul McCord. Together, they attended the Ohio State University. The couple eventually moved to Plymouth, where they raised four children, and suffered and survived the loss of a fifth, Matthew, aged 2, in Scottsdale, AZ, where the family lived 1963-64. Certainly, this tragedy energized Gae's interest in the arts and her compassion for others. "Perhaps her real, true passion was for humanity—for people; all kinds of people," according to her son, Bill, a teacher at Novi High School. "I've never known anyone who had so many good friends from so many different parts of the world."

In 1979, Gae and Denver retired to Keowee Key, S.C., near the water, with warmer winters; however, Denver had a series of debilitating conditions dating from the Battle of Bulge, and was in decline for several years. Gae's opinion was, "Us two old duffers have been through a lot together, and we will go through whatever else life has in store for us together." After Denver's death in 1994, Gae moved to Greenville, where she was active at the Peace Center for Performing Arts and FULIR. In 1999, to be closer to her sons, Andy and Bill and their families, she moved to Fox Run. In October 2012, she suffered another loss when Andy died of cancer. This year, Gae had experienced a period of good health and unusually high spirits when she was taken to the hospital on the night of March 21; there, she recovered somewhat, and was quite lucid before falling asleep; her heart failed around dawn. Gae is survived by sons Patrick (Tish) McCord of Bridgeport, CT, and William (Tracy) McCord of Plymouth; daughter Martha (William) Nedzel of Columbia, S.C.; sister Nancy (Robert) Cooper of Plymouth; daughter-in-law Joanna Firestone McCord and grandson Matthew Denver McCord, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University (son of Andy and Joanna) of New Hudson; and grandchildren Casey and Maria McCord of Plymouth. A memorial gathering will be held at Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, for the convenience of her friends at Fox Run. Following a visitation hour from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. There will be a visitation period following the service as well. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her favorite charity, Doctors Without Borders in memory of her compassionate spirit.



**WELLS, ROBERT DAVID "BOB"**

Age 53, grew up in Plymouth and attended Salem High School of Canton, class of 1979. Bob was good with kids, and loved being a Dad and a Grandfather. He enjoyed fishing, and was a true sports fan, especially the Detroit Tigers. He also loved animals, particularly his dog Rasca. He is survived by his mother, Marie Long (Norman) of Plymouth, his father, Harvey Wells (Carol) of Carbon Hill, Alabama, and his grandmother, Lorraine Wells, of Plymouth. Bob is also survived by his four children: Anne Wells (Pete) of Belding, MI, Nicholas Wells (Kim) of Carson City, MI, Philip Wells of North Branch, MI, Jessica Wells of Ohio; plus seven grandchildren: Brandon, Anastasha, Kiera, Dakota, Xavier, Braxton, and Alexis; and his fiancée, Manda Siesling of Ionia, MI. Bob also leaves three brothers: Mark Wells (Carol) of Westland, Michael Wells of Plymouth, Tony Wells (Debbie) of Garden City, and three uncles: David Ingall of Westland, Larry Wells (Phyllis), and Ken Wells, both of LaChine, MI; and great-aunt Dolly Warford; plus nieces and nephews: Whitney, Amber, David, Steven, and Emily Wells, and a great-niece, Jasmine, and great-nephew, Mayson. A Memorial Service is planned for Bob at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, this Saturday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon. Bob was preceded in death by his grandparents: Lewis (OhOh) Wells, and David and Anne Ingall, all of Plymouth. Miss you Bob! See ya when we get there!



**HOFFMAN, GEORGE E. JR.**

March 23, 2014, age 49 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Audra for over 12 years. Loving father of Anna and Nicholas. Dear brother of Suzanne Gallinac. Dear uncle of Yocoisne Gallinac. Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Gathering Thursday 2-8 p.m. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



**HUDSON, LORRAINE M.**

Age 93. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Rodney (Ruth), Susan Giffin (Dennis Heinenen), Alan (Lisa) and Peggy (Wally Legleitner). Proud grandma of Jeremy, Shannon, Roxanne, Adam, Nathan, Natalie, great-grandma of Hudson and Archer. Dear sister of Norene (Sam) Green. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Thursday 3-9pm. Funeral Friday 11am at the funeral home. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



*A loving tribute*

May you find comfort in family and friends

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



May you find peace in this time of sorrow.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



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