

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 in-terview Saturday morning, the council voted unanimously to have Personnel Director Mathew Muhlholland 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," Muhlholland 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 experi-ence 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 busi-nesses, 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 pro-vide input for the Main Street Program.

"This is an opportunity for you to be the visionary," said Norma Rami-rez 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



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 Christianbased. 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 breatalyze (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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Spotlight Players stage 'Drowsy Chaperone'

By Lia diBiasi **Guest Correspondant**

One "cannoli" hope you are getting tickets to see Spotlight Players production of The Drowsy Chaperone, starring Anton Koyton of Westland and Cory Chambless of Plymouth as Gangster #1 and Gangster #2. This is the first time Koyton and Chambless take the stage at The Village Theater in Canton.

The Drowsy Chaperone opened in May of 2006 at the Marquis Theatre in New York. Since its debut this "musical parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s" has continued

to make audiences laugh. The show begins

"with the house lights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and he puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical." The recording comes to life and The Drowsy Chaperone begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theater producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone, and you've got "a show soup dense with delicious delight!"

When asked about their characters, Koyton said, "The roles are one and the same. They are two gangsters in disguise as pastry chefs sent by a mysterious figure to stop the wedding.

"I am happy to have gotten this part because I feel like our characters get to have the most fun and I enjoy being able to make people laugh,' Chambless added.

From vaudeville comedy to tangos to a blindfolded roller skating number, these gangsters can assure you that there is a little something for everyone! In addition to Koyton

and Chambless, the pro-

"We're always look-

ing for doctors (to vol-

unteer). We would love

to have more physicians," Peterson said.

"Retired physicians

schedules).'

especially, they tend to

be more flexible (with

tor Nan Walters and co-producer Lia De Biasi of Plymouth, co-producer Paul Wingar of Canton, music director Paul Bowling of Ann Arbor and choreographer Amber Lawson of Livonia!

duction features direc-

The Drowsy Chaper-one takes the Main Stage for five performances April 10-13, 2014 with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or visiting www.spotlightplay-

ersmi.org. Tickets are also avail-

Care Act. "We don't know what will happen with the Affordable Care Act. We have patients who now are probably eligible under the Medicaid expansion," Peterson said. "It's in a state of flux. We're busy. The idea of all people being insured is good." As part of their out-

reach efforts, Peterson said the Hope Clinic is hosting a breakfast program May 2 for area pastors.

"We hope to let them know of our services and mental health services. It's great to collaborate with area churches," she said.

tion about services provided by the Hope Clinic or volunteering, call 734-710-6688 or visit www.thehopeclinic.org/medicalclinic/



Anton Koyton and Cory Chambless play gangsters in the Spotlight Players production of "The Drowsy Chaperone."

able for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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drive down Michigan Avenue," said Ann Marie Peterson, clinic coordinator. "We were missing a whole area in western Wayne."

Housed at one point at Lighthouse Ministries on Wayne Road, the Hope Clinic was located on Chestnut in Wayne next to Frank's Furniture when a gas leak destroyed the store in 2010.

Its own building

The Hope Clinic now has its own building at 33608 Palmer in Westland. It's open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with new patient screenings on Fridays. One Tuesday a month the clinic is open until 8 p.m

"We saw 1,281 pa-tients last year. Most of them are regulars. We get new patients every

week," Peterson said. "This is not like an emergency room. We have managed care.'

The patients are uninsured or under insured with some being unemployed or working poor, Peterson said. The clinic draws patients from Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Livonia, Canton and Redford.

"I'm so impressed with the doctors. They donate their time. They are so positive and want to do good," Peterson said. "The people working here are happy. They come because they want to help. On (a recent) Tuesday we had no phone or Internet. You get frustrated but we laughed a lot.

Local hospitals provide some support for the clinic along with volunteer doctors and other staff. Garden City Hospital and St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia donated flu shots to the clinic.

Nurses needed Nurses are also needed to help the clinic make the transition from paper to electronic medical records. They can work four hours a month or once a week. We are very flex-

ible. We take what we can get," Peterson said. The clinic is also

always in need of donated office and computer equipment. Peterson said copies of lab work results have to be faxed and then scanned into the computer since they currently have no way to directly interface.

Currently, Peterson said the Hope Clinic is helping patients get registered for coverage under the Affordable

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VISIONING

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support that will successfully revitalize downtown Wayne.

"In communities across the country, people used to say their city was a ghost town," de Miess said. "They've shown what you can do through local efforts. They gain by giving back to the community. I'm so thrilled there are a lot of people here."

Main Street application, Wayne had to document a certain number of historic buildings. Gaining a Main

Street Select level designation as part of downtown revitalization efforts was spearheaded by the Wayne Ripple Effect.

'Our first meeting was three years ago in a restaurant that no longer exists," WRE mem-ber Pat Rice said. "As a realtor, I thought it would help my business."

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senior program officer

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degree in public administration from Wayne State University.

During an interview held weeks after the city requested assistance from the state Office of Financial Responsibility, many of the questions focused on the city's finances. Wayne is grappling with a \$1.5 million deficit expected during the current fiscal year and a shortfall in excess of \$3 million for 2014-15.

"You have to deal with this as an expenditure issue - not a revenue issue," Merucci said. "You could raise some fees like for Parks and Recreation. You could triple it, but it wouldn't affect the budget and no one would come."

Wayne is in the same place Lincoln Park was a year ago in seeking state input on the budget. This year, Lincoln Park will be getting an emergency financial manager.

"People who say they want an EFM are foolish. That's the last thing you want," Merucci said. 'The EFM has a single job — that is to make sure the budget meets the revenues.'

Largest expenses

Noting the city is maxed out on its millage, Merucci said like other communities Wayne's argest expenses are

rate of inflation, Merucci said.

"I would first start working with the finance director - you've got to get control of the spend-ing," Merucci said. "The majority of that would be people. I would do a thorough review of the (labor) contracts. There are also contracts with attorneys, engineers and others. They all need to be examined."

The council needs to decide what they want Wayne to be like when the city comes out of this financial crisis, he said.

Merucci said he saw positives in the city's traditional downtown and Wayne participating in the Main Street program. "You have a golden

opportunity with Main Street. I'm quite shocked that your DDA (Downtown Development Authority) board only meets once or twice a year," he said. "Most meet monthly. I realize the funding is committed but there are still things they can do with smaller expenses."

Wayne has been without a city manager since Robert English retired in September after holding the post for nearly three years. Since English left, Wayne Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib has been serving as interim city manager.

Merucci, who needs to give 30 days notice to Lincoln Park, will be the first city manager in decades not promoted from within. Like English, who had retired from Wayne before being made city manager, Merucci would be a contract employee and not utilize city benefits or life insurance.

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Main Street committees

The crowd was split into smaller groups to give input on the four Main Street Committee topics - design, organization focusing on volunteer recruitment, promotions and marketing and economic restructuring, including business retention and attraction.

Along with the kinds of development residents would like to see come to Wayne, residents in the design group were also asked their favorite downtown buildings and to rate the importance of historical preservation.

The National Main Street Center is a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As part of the

But Rice also recalled that several years ago her son had moved to Howell, a Main Street community.

"We'd go there for dinner and walk around. I never knew it was Main Street. I thought it was government, but it was citizens," Rice said. "If Wayne becomes a vibrant city downtown, people want to be there. The homes and business have more value."

Since being formed, the WRE has been involved in annual spring cleanups, planting flower pots, the scarecrow program and last year the Rouge-a-palooza event along the Rouge River. That last event has spurred an upcoming addition, a canoe livery.

Rotary support

The Wayne Rotary Club has been a strong supporter of the WRE, both in terms of Rotarians participating and financial donations. The Wayne Rotary Club started in 1922.

"That's 92 caring, service-above-self vears. There are 13 Rotarians here and two Rotarians-to-be. Six of the 13 are participating in the Wayne Ripple Effect," Wayne Rotarian John VanStipdonk said. "The club and the Wayne Ripple Effect are joined at the hip."

Over the last 10-15 years, membership in Wayne Rotary had been dwindling, VanStipdonk said, spurring the club to do its own visioning,

"The (lack of) vibrancy of downtown was a prime reason for the club shrinking," he said. "We raise money to give away for scholarships, dictionaries,

Rotary Park 1 and 2. The money we raise stays in Wayne. The Rotary Club has to be involved in the revitalization of downtown Wayne.'

As the meeting ended, resident Margaret Harlow said Wayne has tried for years to revitalize the downtown area

"We need to get Wayne back, I've heard it for years. This is first positive step to doing that I've ever seen, said Harlow, owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "I'm amazed at the turnout. It shows the dedication of the citizens of Wayne.'

With its traditional downtown area, Harlow said Wayne has something neighboring Westland would like to have.

"We just need to revitalize it," she said.

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personnel with the bulk in the police and fire departments.

In addition, communities like Wayne and Lincoln Park which saw catastrophic property value decreases during the recession will not recover from that loss with property tax increases capped at the

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Pasta Night

The Dyer Senior Cen-ter in Westland is holding its monthly pasta dinner Friday, March 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6 and entertainment by the Waco Band.

The next monthly game night will be 6 p.m. April 10. The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle at 1 p.m. Fridays. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

St. Damian Parish will hold its fourth annual indoor flea market 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland.

Indoor Flea Market

There will be something for everyone with something for everyone, including antiques, old toys, vintage items and Detroit advertising. Admission is \$1.

Vendors and dealers can call Dan at 734-658-6947. For more information, call 734-722-3660.

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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. 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.

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-



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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 nonresidents. 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," An-derson 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



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 swing dancers also are brushing up on 19050s' dance steps.

"They already know their stuff," said An-



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 USOstyle 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 Mi-

chele Anderson at 734-419-2300 and

leave a message.

Michael Tadajewski (left) and Xavier Edwards

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

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

derson. "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 pa-perwork 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@wwcsd.net.

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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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Bust out of the wintertime blues with The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult **Rehabilitation Center** family thrift stores, as they celebrate the change of seasons during an exclusive 50 percent off clothing sale. All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 29, for the "March out of Winter" sale.

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Details: The next Tri County

Celiac Support Group general

meeting will hear from Pam

King of the Center for Celiac

ing at Massachusetts General

Children's Hospital in Boston.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday

and Saturday, March 21-22.

Location: Angelo Brothers

Banquet Hall, 33550 Ford.

Details: Tribute artist and

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Dean Martin, Tom Jones and

take a trip back in time with the

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odist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy,

Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We hope the 'March out of Winter' sale will help alleviate the added costs of purchasing seasonal clothing, and by shopping at The Salvation Army, you're not only helping your pocket book you're helping change lives.

All proceeds from the 34 metro Detroit thrift stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Centers, independently funded, 180-day

of-life care should be something

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Wishes Advance Directives:

explain to adults age 18 and

residential rehabilitation program for adults.

In addition to 50 percent savings on clothing, shoppers can pick up great deals on shoes, accessories, home goods, furniture and more during bonus sales announced throughout the day.

Local thrift stores are at:

» 43403 Joy near Morton Taylor, Canton, 734-416-1925.

» 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, east of Middlebelt, 734-261-7175. » 33600 Plymouth

Road near Farmington Road, Livonia, 734-425-

» 27170 Grand River Ave. at Eight Mile, Redford, 313-255-0777 Founded by William Booth in London, England, in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faithbased, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. The ARC is an integral part of TSA's mission, and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary, short-term residential self-help program.

Completely self-funded, the ARC draws its

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events. Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tuesdays.

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

Details: Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about. Contact: Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays. Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men to meet with other widowed men for breakfast at 9 a.m. at Steve's Family Restaurant on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Many topics are discussed

Contact: For more information, call Dick at 313-534-0399

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month. Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Ply mouth.

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

LIONS CLUB

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Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Location: Rocky's Restaurant at Wayne Road north of Palmer in Westland.

ing to fill spots. There are openings for girls ages 9-11 with at least two years of dance experience and boys ages 9-12 with no experience needed. The group delivers a high-energy show of choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lipsynching to music of the '50s and '60s and some current fare. Contact: www.earthangelsontour.org or email eangel1986@comcast.net

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia. Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Contact: 734-728-0527.

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month. Location: Good Hope Lutheran

Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

Details: Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banio, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, pennywhistle, ukulele and



The Salvation Army Thrift Store in Garden City is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday for donations only and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

entire operating budget from the revenue of the 34 Salvation Army Thrift Stores located in South-

Details: Beginning genealogy

and computer classes start at

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Details: First Step, which has

domestic violence and sexual

been active in the effort to end

assault in western Wayne Coun-

ty and Downriver communities

for more than 20 years, is look-

willing and able to travel to the

Downriver area and complete a

Contact: 734-416-1111, Ext. 223.

Details: Visiting Nurse Associa-

tion of Southeast Michigan's

VNA hospice program needs

support patients at the end of

companionship, write a memoir,

volunteers to comfort and

life. Volunteers can provide

provide respite for family or

18-hour training program is

provided at the VNA head-

quarters, 25900 Greenfield

Contact: 248-967-8361,

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and

volunteers to provide compan-

life limiting illness. No special

ionship to patients dealing with

skills, other than objectivity and

compassion, are needed. Train-

ing provided. Volunteers are

matched with patients in their

Palliative Care is looking for

required.

www.vna.org.

own community.

Contact: 800-370-8592.

LITERACY COUNCIL

cy Council CLC is looking for

volunteer tutors in Western

Wayne County to help adults

improve their reading, writing

and communication skills. The

interested volunteers. Previous

CLC will provide training to

experience or a bachelor's

Details: The Community Litera-

Road, Suite 600. Registration is

work as office support. A free

ing for volunteers. Interested

people must be at least 18,

55-hour training program.

VNA HOSPICE

east Michigan. For more information, visit www.salarmythrift.com or call 313-965.7760.

Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City. Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromvalgia. Contact: Ruthann at 734-981-

MENOPAUSE & MORE

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Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 734-655-1100. COUNTERPOINT

Details: Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free

counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families

Contact: 734-563-5005.

TOUGHLOVE

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

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

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

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

LIFECARE

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

Details: LifeCare is a care/ support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges. Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or 734-956-2109.

CAREGIVERS -WESTLAND

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

older the importance of completing a Five Wishes document troit, MI 48226, or faxed to her to make their medical, personal, more information, call 313-222emotional and spiritual wishes known. Contact: For more information or to RSVP, contact Jaclyn Klein at jklein@arborhospice.org or at 734-794-5394

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine). Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Details: Space is available for a flea market. Space rental is \$25

(non-refundable). Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and a bounce house. Contact: Contact Sharon Garcia

at 734-728-1088 or email churchoffice@wowway.biz.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 6 p.m., with play beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per team of four. Cost includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and six hot dogs and six chips for each team. Beverages will be available for purchase throughout the night. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and other items for purchase. Space is limited to the first 35 teams

Contact: Register at www.stsimonandiude.com/trivianight.html. For more information, email stsimonandjude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436. No registration will be taken at the door

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at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show 8-9:30 p.m. On Sunday, doors open at 1 p.m., with appetizers at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m. and the show 3:30-5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and include dinner, soft drinks and show. A cash bar will be available.

Contact: For tickets, contact Kathy at 734-216-9451. For more information, visit www.angelos1958.com

FIVE WISHES

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Location: Garden City Public Library, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City

Details: Something as important as serious illness and end-

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

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

331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918.

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

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Details: Community Service lunch; visitors welcome. Check

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Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721geocities.com/ssdsociety.

TOASTMASTERS

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

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

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

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

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

EARTH ANGELS

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Details: Earth Angels, a children's entertainment/performance non-profit group composed of kids ages 9-16 is lookupright bass. Contact: 734-482-2902, http://

GARDEN CITY **KIWANIS**

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

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City

Details: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to bettering the world one child and one community at a time. Guests and potential new members are always welcome

GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Time/date: noon Thursdays. Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

Details: Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Details: The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Contact: 734-459-7744.

ANNAPOLIS RETIREES

Time/date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. Details: All Oakwood retirees are welcome to attend.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month. Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on April 10th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

FARMERS MARKET MANAGER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www. CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> Devin J. Adams City Controller

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degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: 734-416-4906.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: 888-973-1145.

FOR YOUR HEALTH SAFE PLACE

Time/date: 7 p.m. Thursdays. Location: Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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

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

METRO FIBROMYALGIA

Time/date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month. Location: Merriman Road

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Location: American House III,

35700 Hunter, Westland. Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month. Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

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

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

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-09

March 22, 2014

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Wayne Police Station, 33701 Michigan Avenue. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Hawley, Damitio, Henley, Manit, Rhaesa. MEMBER ABSENT: Rowe (conf. call). An interview was held for the potential City Manager candidate Joseph Merucci. APPROVED: authorize the Personnel Director to begin the negotiations with Mr. Merucci to be the next City Manager. Adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Matthew K. Miller

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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 11/2 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 re-port 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

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, 35100 Ford, March 20. The security guard told police he had checked all the vehicles

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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 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

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.

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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.

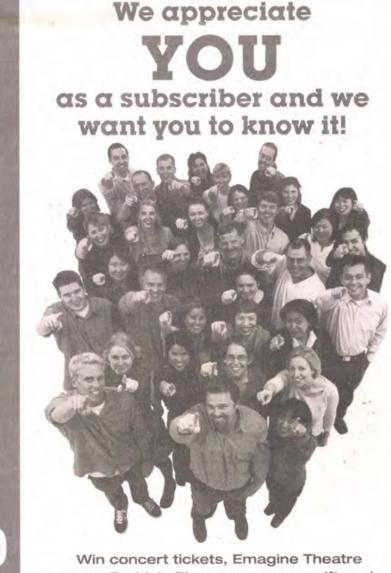
A witness told police he saw the suspects walking northbound on Fourth Street and one pulled on a basketball hoop in the 34000 block of Currier, possibly breaking it. As the group of five-six young males continued up the street, the witness said he didn't see them break a window.

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



We are pleased to announce that Abbey Park at Mill 2014 Caring Stars Award, River is the recipient of the presented to the top 1% of senior living communities in the nation. Only nine communities in Michigan were presented with this award for service excellence. At Abbey Park, we are committed to making each day the best that we can and

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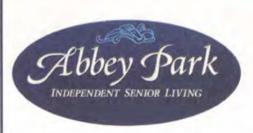
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Charity hockey game raises \$45,000 for Modano Arena

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.

lrogers@hometownlife.com



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 BYTOM BEAUDOIN



Mikey McPherson of Livonia cheers on the players at the Wild Wings



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vs. the Red Wings Alumni game Friday night at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland.



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

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



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.







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

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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 floladies 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 the WWCCA formed 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



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, Can-ton, 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 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. smason@hometownlife.com 313-222-6751 Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

The WWCCA

is offering a

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Gal N Gun

clinic for

women on

July 19 and

Saturday,

Sept. 20.



IRS issues phone scam warning



Rick Bloom MONEY MATTERS

ast 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

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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.

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



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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.

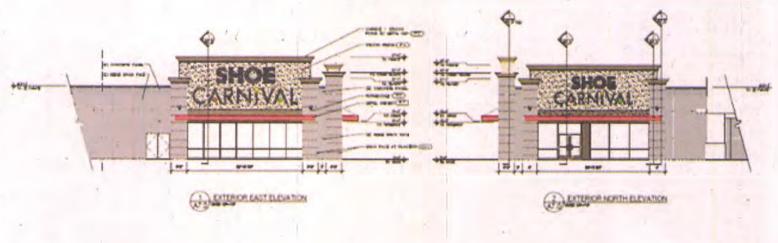
The two new projects, Charming Charlie and Shoe Carnival, will result in nearly \$1.2 million in additional investment in the Westland Shopping Center with an investment amount of \$750,000 by Shoe Carnival and \$400,000 by Charming Charlie. Each will be creating new exterior entrances with new facade 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-



The Shoe Carnival will be located at the former H&R Block location between Kohl's and Macy's.

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 1,122square-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.

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

PROPOSED ELEVATION

Charming Charlie will be located just east of the Kohl's store in the former Griffin Grill location.

project to nearly \$1 million as well and highlights the continued 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 DREAMJOBS 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 compa-

nies 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.

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Free dental care

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

ployment 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@comlivserv.com or call 734-722-7185. Online registration is at www.comlivserv.com/

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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, firstserve 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.

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Kids to learn about farm life at Maybury day camp

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

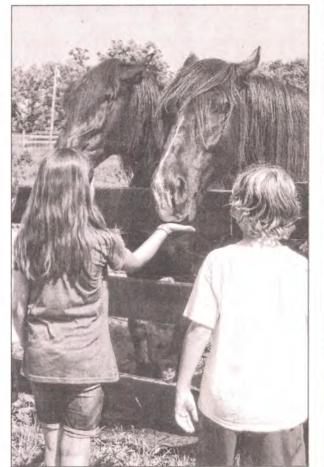
The program, which is open to children 6-11 years old, offers a variety of activities that are designed to be both educational and fun. Campers will enjoy learning all about farm animals, including grooming, feeding and walking them. Children will also take nature hikes, play games, build crafts, and 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 ncfmanager@gmail.com. You can also visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or 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.

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

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:

Garden City - Brittany Marie Adkins, Kimberly Ann Agy, Ginger Nicole Baird, Courtney Nicholle Beck, Annie Bleeks, Renee Samanta Bookal, Ulivia Gall Bo sen, Kelly Jean Brugger, Carolyn Bulerski, Ashley V. Bullard, Jessica Ann Burns, Haley R. Butkovich, David L. Carter, Benjamin Michael Chambo, Heather Noelle Chiti, Angela Marie Choate, Jessica Ann Coatsworth, Carolyn Mary Collins, Kelsey Madaline Collins, Tara Beth Conoff, Tyler Conoff, Tyler Anthony Cook, Julie Brittany Ann Cooper, Ariel E. Costello, Cheryl Deanne Dagner, Renee E. Decook, Evan Connor Defoe, Natalina Distefano, Kendal Marie Dunham, Tony L. Easa, Danielle M. Ebel, Jeff Scott Edney. Ihab I. El-Kadi, Tina M. England, Samantha Louise Fischer, Krystine Mae Flateau, Ashleigh Marie Fletcher, Daniel Adam Frederick, Beth Ann Gazdecki, Michelle Ranee Gillissie, Kaylin Marie Girard, Breana Rae Grant, Thea Beth Greenshields, Rachel Renee Hahn, Jaclyn E. Heikkila, Jay Daniel Hogue, Justin Alexander Hogue, Steven J. Holt, Rebecca Lynn Hund, Jason James Hurt, Sheronne Ishmon, Holly W. Johnson, Robert Edward Kania, Donna Kapelanski, Taulant Karasali, Timothy Kelly, Jessica Klarman, Shawn Michael Klemola, Jamie Kay Kotzian, Denise Victoria

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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: Published: Effective:	March 18, 2014 March 27, 2014 March 28, 2014	Matthew Miller City Clerk
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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.

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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 in-formed 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 fa-cilities 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 arly what could happen if th state c 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 ong move for Wayne County



OPINION

t 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 gaveled down, I tried to save one judge from elimination. House leader-ship 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 taken. 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 Coun-ty 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 shortfall in the pensions which can be corrected with a 21/2-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-per-forming 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 mor 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 Poger Westland

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 recre tion center for the good of the citizens, businesses and local government in the City of Wayne.

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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

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

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-itforward 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 highquality, low-cost braille books will be made available to blind children around the world, following a bowling event Saturday benefiting Livoniabased 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 Joyer of FridayMusings wrote in his semiweekly 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

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 Ventittelli 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 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 many 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.

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

vide care and offer emotional and spiritual support. For more information, visit www.arborhospice.org or call

888-992-2273. Arbor Hospice serves a seven-county service area and has offices in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Plymouth and Woodhaven. For more information, call 734-662-5999 or visit www.arborhospice.org.



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

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

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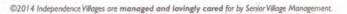
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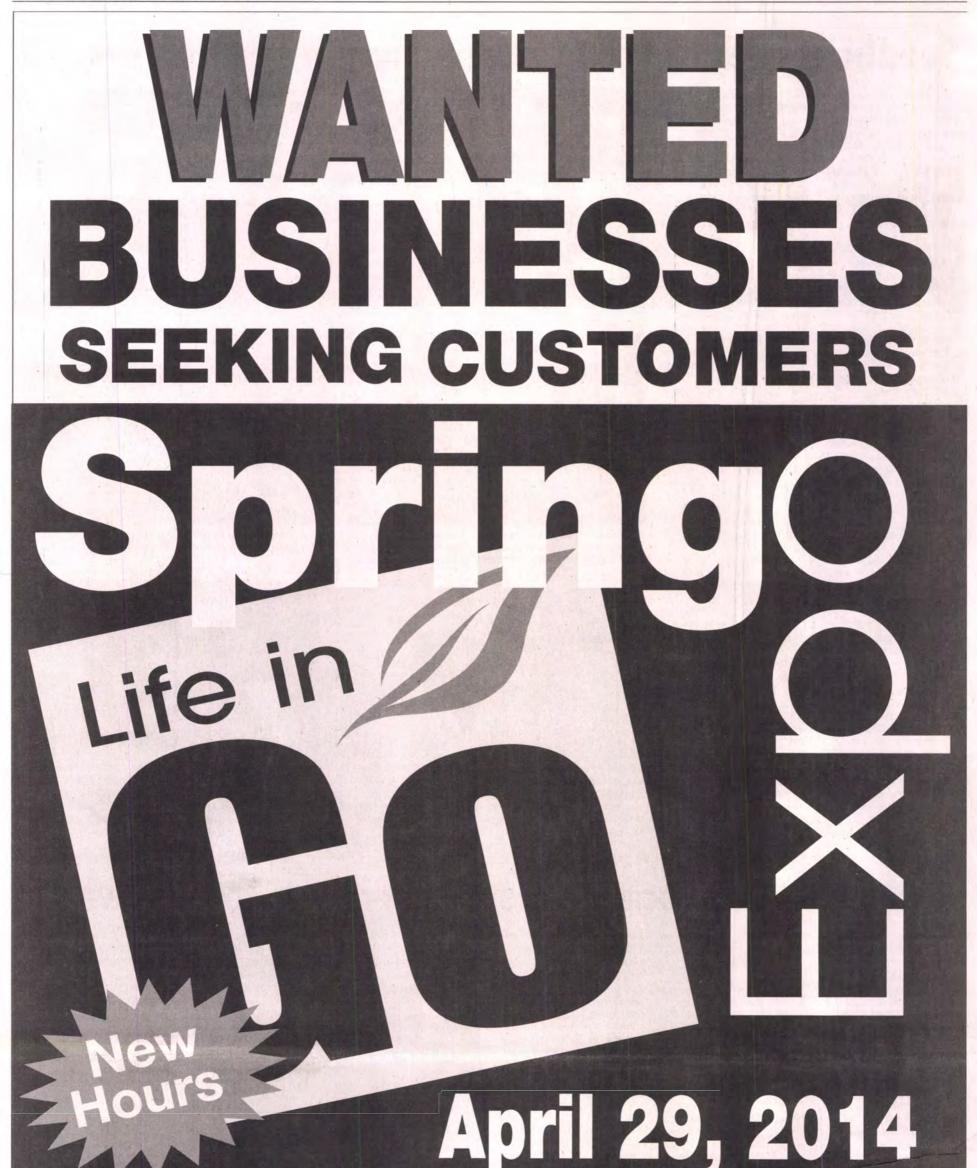
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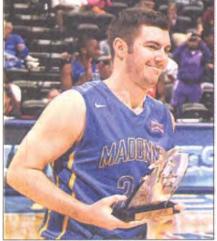
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Madonna University's Travis Schuba captured the 3-point shooting contest at 2014 NAIA Men's Division I Basketball National Championship held Saturday at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. CREATIVE IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY

Three-ball: Crusaders' Schuba top marksman

Madonna senior guard wins NAIA 3-point event

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

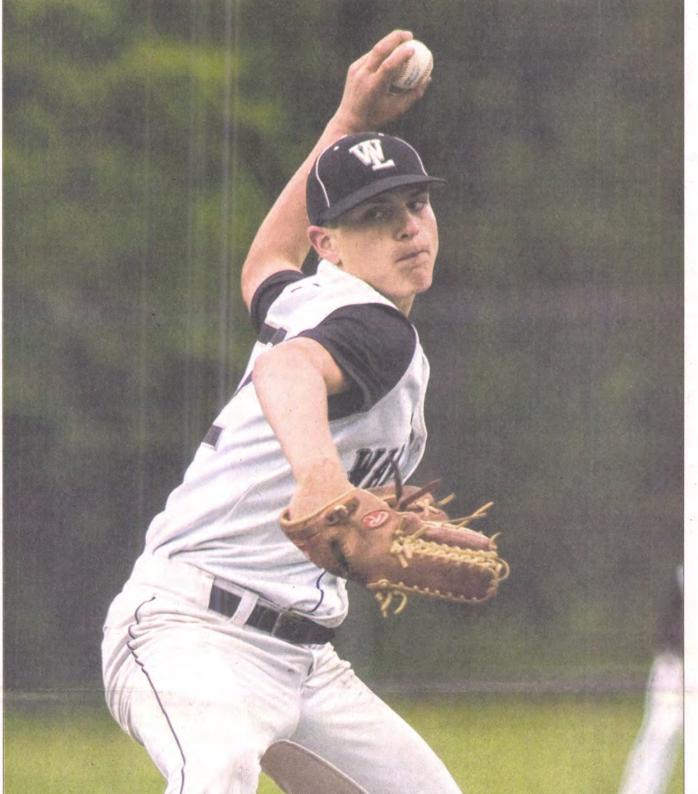
Travis Schuba made a living during his high school and college basketball career shooting three-pointers.

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

WARRIORS POISED TO MAKE A RUN?



with 21).

Schuba and Roberson were joined in the contest by Danny Rudeen of Morningside (Ia.) and Talib Uqdah 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 threepoint 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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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

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 firstteam All-Area outfielder Nick Andr-

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

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 Williams, 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

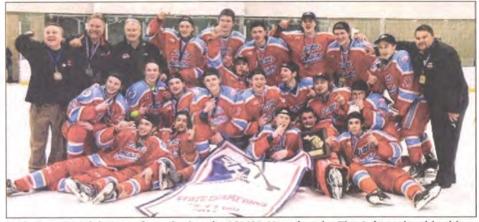
By Brad Emons Staff Writer

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 bestof-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 16team 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.

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-

LOCAL SPORTS

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.)

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 re-ceived the red carpet treatment.

"They flew me out there," he said. "They gave us a bunch of travel gear, sweatshirts, longsleeved 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 threepoint 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 reg-ulation-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

Reasons why

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 11day spring trip.

The very next day, Schuba pitched 21/3 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

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 informa-

tion or to obtain a registration form, email Andrea at Livoniapom@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 pur-chased 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.buckssoccer.com. You can also call Wayne Pirmann at 248-701-0526 or email wpirmann@buckssoccer.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

must wear gym shoes and workout clothes.

For more information, email Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman at lyman@livoniapublicschools.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.

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.

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

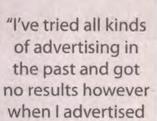
The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

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 River-Front 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.

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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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\$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 though July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

For more informa-tion, 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 (in-cludes light snack, Tshirt and CD). You must register by Wednesday, April 2, to be guaranteed a T-shirt. Students

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 6 3/17/14

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, 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 meglace metiang held 2/2/14

- 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**

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Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC City Clerk

LOCAL SPORTS

PREP BASEBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Ron Targosz, 11th year League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South

Last year's overall record: 16-12.

Notable losses to graduation: Dan Cameron (first-team All-Area), John Szymanski (second-team All-Area), Blake Burnette, Riley Brown, Cameron Valentine, Chris Lewan.

Leading returnees: Mark Leja, Sr. OF-C (329 average, 22 runs scored, 1,000 fielding percentage); Nick Misiak, Sr. P-OF (378, 34 innings pitched); Zach Glidden, Sr. P-2B (378, mine pitching appear-ances); Andrew Summers, Sr. Inf.-OF (353, 20 walks); Josh Shepard, Sr. OF (419); Austin Hovermale, Sr. P-1B; Steven Szymanski, Jr. P-SS (4862); Def (419); Austin Hovermale, Sr. P-1B; Steven Szymanski, Jr. P-SS (4862); Def (419); Austin Hovermale, Sr. P-1B; Steven Szymanski, Jr. P-SS (4862); Jack Behen, Jr. 18-C; Rob Copciac, Jr. 38-P (3-0); Jon Hovermale, Soph. Inf.-OF-P (269, 3-1).

Promising newcomers: Nate Guzowski, Jr. OF; Mitch James, Jr. : Joe Lapum, Jr. P-38; Jon Murray, Jr. P-OF; Dylan Padget, Jr. C; Connor wlak, Jr. P-OF; Mike Tokarz, Jr. P-18.

Pawlak, Jr. P-OF, Mike Tokarz, Jr. P-IB. **Targosz's 2014 outlook:** "We have a very good group of returning players mixed with a bunch of hard workers. Our success, as always, will depend on how well we pitch and play defense. We have quite a bit of pitching experience coming back from last year and 1 think with our weather situation that we will need all of our arms. Offensively, I believe that we will surprise some people. We may not have a whole lot of extra base power, but I think that we have many disciplined hitters that will work the count and move runners when needed. I'm looking forward to getting the season started in order to see what this team brings to the table."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Matt Fournier, eighth year League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division).

Last year's overall record: 14-17.

Notable losses to graduation: Josh Gorman (first-team All-Area); Kevin Nisun (second-team All-Area); Alex DeYonker, Kyle Madden, Travis Barnes, Garrett Fetner.

Leading returnees: Daniel Johnson, Sr. C (signed with Henry Ford CC); Adam Carver, Sr. P-OF; C.J. Garrick, Sr. P-OF; Nick Marduez, Sr. P-Inf.; Ryan Pace, Sr. C; Tyler Camp, Jr. OF.

Promising newcomers: Hunter Sellers, Jr. P-Inf.; Jake Fry, Jr. P-Inf.; David Milican, Jr. Inf.; Jordan Stasser, Jr. P-Inf.; Mitchell Gonyaw, Jr. P-OF; Andrew Montie, Jr. P-Inf.; Tyler Dudenas, Jr. P; Andrew Kosla-kiewicz, Jr. P; Nathan Rodgers, Jr. OF; Nick Curtis, Jr. C; Joe Chinavare, Soph, OF; Adrian Reed, Soph. P-Inf.; Ryan Prohaska, Soph. P-Inf.; Anthony Berrelez, Sr. OF

Fournier's 2014 outlook: "We will look a lot different from teams of the past three years. We have a lot more team speed and athleticism in key spots. We lost a lot of innings on the mound due to artieucism in key spots, we use a to or mining on the mound due to graduation, but have a lot of options to choose from to make that up. Our seniors are leading the way that they should be and the young guys are learning quickly. We still have a long way to go, but the kids are ready and willing to work, day-in and day-out. We are anxious to get going to see what we have. There are still battles being fought for positions, but we like what we have seen so far." LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Rick Berryman, 10th year.

League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 24-13.

Titles won last year: Division 1 district and KLAA Central

Notable losses to graduation: Travis Harvey (first-team All-Area); Mike Kanitra (first-team All-Area); Mike Vomastek (second-team All-Area); Josh DeYonker (second-team All-Area); Jake Semak (second-team All-Area), Cody Coleman.

Leading returnees: Billy Bonanno, Sr. SS (.324); Jack Ferguson, Jr. P-OF (.429, 2-1).

Contrasting newcomers: To be determined. Berryman's 2014 outlook: "We had four kids go on to play college baseball. Twelve out of the 19 are new kids. It will be interesting ... because we feature four first-year juniors, three first-year sophomores and five freshman. This is easily the most inexperienced team I've ever had. We will be young, but the coaching staff feels very encouraged that this year's Spartans will continue to bring success to the baseball program."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Lawrence Scheffer, second year League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division) Last year's overall record: 20-12-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Chase Bovia (first-team

All-Area), Nick Schurig (second-team All-Area), Daniel Ammons, Adam Singleton, Kyle Hunter, Jeff Kennedy.

Leading returnees: Christopher Scheffer, Sr. OF-P (.300, All-District); Ryan Wheeler, Sr. Inf.-P (.330, 2 homers, 4-2); Clark Boston, Sr. Inf.-C (.300); Brandon Smeltzer, Sr. P-OF; Brendan Wetmore, Sr. P-CF; Jeff ns, Sr. P-Inf.

Promising newcomers: Devon Spalding, Sr. OF-C; DeShawn aker Williams, Jr. 18-P; Zack Croft, Jr. OF

Scheffer's 2014 outlook: "We are looking forward to another great season. Our program has been developing over the last year and we have several new position coaches joining our team. Our team is strong and committed to each other and to compete in our league. Glenn baseball is on the right track with our new athletic director (John Young) and I'm honored to be back coaching this talented team of young men. We lost a valuable member of our team this winter, the late Keith DeMolay, and the boys are dedicating this season to Dr. Stats. Keith's favorite saying is one our team will live by this year, 'Son of gun baby, never give up.'"

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Chris Bailey, fourth year. League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division). Last year's overall record: 3-20.

Notable losses to graduation: Chris Briggs, Josh Lowry. Leading returnees: Tyler Hamos, Jr. P-SS; Kody Wojewski, Sr. P-Inf.; Jacob Griffith, Soph. CF; Jimmy Herdon, Jr. C; Beau Smith, Jr. P-3B; Gabe Ramirez, Sr. C-OF; Chris Dettore, Sr. P-1B.

Promising newcomers: Kyle Gruich, Jr. P-Inf.

Promising newcomers: Kyle Gruich, Jr. P-Inf. Bailey's 2014 outlook: "We had a really nice class of freshman that came in. We have three left-handed freshman pitchers that in the next couple of years are really going to be good. We decided to keep all of them on JV and let them progress. We may take a little bit of a hit on varsity to be honest, but we have a couple of decent players coming back from last year's varsity team. Tyler Harnos is a really good ballplayer and Kody Wojewski has improved dramatically during the off season. That district that we have is winnable. It's a winnable district for us. We're working hard. We're going to have a little bit of a different looking team. We've got some speed this year and we're going to try and work that ange." LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Craig Cotter, first year.

League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Blue

Last year's overall record: 8-11.

Notable losses to graduation: Tyler Weed, Kyle Kissandi. Leading returnees: Zach Devon, Sr. P-3B; Evan Gregg, Sr. 18-P; David Curvin, Sr. OF-C; Nate Moldovan, Jr. DH-OF; Ronnie Topolewski, Jr. OF; Adam Sade, Soph. Inf.-C-P; Ryan Menifee, Soph. P-SS.; Mitchell Kubiak, Soph. P-Inf..

Promising newcomers: Carlon Davis, Sr. OF; Mark Duke, Fr. P-Inf.; Robert Jaber, Fr. P-OF

P-Int; kobert Jaber, Fr. P-OF. Cotter's 2014 outlook: "Eight of our 12 players on the roster come with varsity experience, which is huge when you have a small roster. We are a very athletic team as a whole, which will allow us to play at a high level every game. The strength of the team is the athletic ability, very good athletes. They're just raw. Their initial instincts are pretty dam good. Their mechanics are not flawed, especially the young ones. Our sophomores have experience being on the varsity is a plus for them. Zach is our number one, but we're looking for a solid number two and three starter." two and three starter."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Kevin Wade, 10th year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (White Division)

Last year's overall record: 21-5.

Titles won last year: MIAC Red Division champions. Notable losses to graduation: Nick Andrzejewski (first-team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Mark Mika, Sr. C (school record .586; 52 RBI (both school record), Nick Flanery, Sr. OF (.560); P.J. Guse', Sr. Inf.-P; David Whitaker Sr. OF; Travis Fry, Jr. 38-P; Brandon Ruelle, Jr., SS-P; Cleveland Tarp, Jr. Utility-P; Noah Huffman, Jr. OF; Jacob Bavol, Jr. OF; Marco Gogola, Jr. OF; Nate Abbott, Jr. OF-P (6-1, 2.83 ERA); Jordan Williams, Soph, 18-P (9-1, 1.31 ERA tied school record for wins).

Promising newcomers: Zachary Anger, Soph. 3B-P; Jeremy rme, Fr. 1B-P; Drake Synder, Fr. OF; Evan Zagata, Fr. OF. Wade's 2014 outlook: "We are excited with the potential of our team. We have a good mix of experienced players and newcomers which will create a lot of competition amongst the team for playing time, which will only make us better. We have our top two pitchers back from last year and they have gotten a lot stronger and smarter, so they will be fun to watch."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Matt Schaewe, 12th year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Last year's overall record: 12-9.

Notable losses to graduation: Alex Harris, Justin Howell, frian Blackwood

Leading returnees: Ryan Schaffer, Sr. P-SS (All-MIAC); Adam Hodgson, Jr. C; Jordan Runstadler, Soph. SS.

Promising newcomers: To be determined

Schaewe's 2014 outlook: "We have 15 players. We have a couple of guys coming back who have a lot of experience, but we have to fill some key spots with some new players. The challenge we face is the change in the conference schedule and the teams we will face. If our guys keep improving, as they have since we have begun practices, we feel we will be very competitive."



Huddleston starts fast as Blazers win opener

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Legacy Center in Brigh-ton proved to be a convenient warm spot for Monday's girls soccer opener between Livonia Ladywood and Livonia Churchill.

Senior Emily Huddleston, bound for Southwest Minnesota State, took advantage of the fast indoor track with two goals and two assists as Ladywood downed the Chargers, 5-2, in an indoor match

"We looked pretty creative in our attack for the most part," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team outshot Churchill 14-5. "We were able to get in dangerous spots in the first half, but were only able to capitalize once. After they got us for two goals to take the lead, we finally decided to start putting our chances away. Overall, not to bad for is considering it's our first time with cleats on this spring.

Huddleston opened the scoring in the 16th minute off an assist from Sam Riga, but Churchill countered to take a 2-1 advantage as Alexis Lubonja scored from Lauren Wynns in the 43rd minute followed by Lauren Wynns' unassisted goal in the 52nd minute.

But Riga knotted the count at 2-all in the 54th minute from Huddleston, who then notched what proved to be the gamewinner in the 73rd minute from Bri Rogers.

Kennedi Bullard (from Taylor Bullard) and Conner Huggins (from Huddleston) capped the scoring for the Blazers in the 73rd and 75th minutes, respectively.

Ladywood goalkeeper Whitney Bauriedl made one save, junior while Brittany Hayes had five for the Chargers in her varsity debut.

"We came out flat and played uninspiring soccer," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We made some adjustments in second half and were leading, but they had four shots from 20 yards out that went in. They were faster and played harder, but we made some improvements.'

Stevenson prevails

Senior goalkeeper Rylee

Lutheran Westland senior catcher Mark Mika batted a school-record .586 and knocked in a school-record 52 RBI last season for the MIAC Red Division champions. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BASEBALL

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onship final in 2008. He is anxious to see what this team can do.

"We are looking forward to the weather breaking so we can get out on the field and try and put everything together," Wade said. "If we stay healthy



and continue to keep working hard, we will have a very successful season."

This year's squad also moves into the MIAC Red to the

MIAC White this spring joining neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Southfield Christian and PCA.

"We have tried to load up our schedule this year as well," Wade said. "We play in a tough division of our conference where every game is going to be hotly contested, as well as getting some quality non-conference opponents defending Division 4 champion Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, for example - to help us progress as the season goes on.'

HVL (12-9), which was eliminated 5-4 in the district semifinal last year by Lutheran Westland, will rely on three returnees including All-MIAC pitcher-shortstop Ryan Schaffer, along with junior catcher Adam Hodgson and sophomore shortstop Jordan Rundstadler.

Meanwhile, Livonia Clarenceville (8-11), is under new management as former Dearborn Divine Child assistant Craig Cotter, takes over for John Rogatski, who moved to Texas after only one season as the Trojans' varsity coach.

Cotter, who will start the season with 12 varsity players, will play in the Blue Division once again in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference. The Trojans will be led by seniors pitchers-first basemen Zach Devon and Evan Gregg.

And for the first time in six years, Clarenceville also has a junior varsity team, which Cotter says, "is the key to building a program and has stimulated excitement for baseball back into the school."

In the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division, Westland John Glenn (20-12-1), Livonia Churchill (16-12), Livonia Franklin (14-17) and Wayne Memorial (3-20) will try and unseat Canton, the overall KLAA Association champion.

Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer returns as the Rockets' coach for his second season after he was fired temporarily in June after a run-in with Wayne athletic director Greg Ambrose, who at the time served in a duel role as the two schools' athletic administrator.

After a show of public support over the summer, Scheffer was retained for a second season where he will be led by seniors Christopher Scheffer (his nephew), Ryan Wheeler, Clark Boston, Brandon Smeltzer, Brendan Wetmore and Jeff Tromans.

First-team All-Area football players Devon Spalding and DeShawn Baker-Williams should also add muscle to the Rockets' potent lineup.

Meanwhile, if Churchill can get the pitching, the Chargers could contend as they return senior outfielder-catcher Mark Leja (.329, 22 runs) and senior pitcher-outfielder Nick Misiak (.378, 34 innings).

Franklin lost four players to the college ranks, but returns senior catcher Dan Johnson, who has signed with Henry Ford Community College. Senior pitchers-outfielder Adam Carver and C.J. Garrick also return.

Although bolstered by a promising freshman class, Wayne fourth-year coach Chris Bailey remains in the rebuilding mode as junior pitcher-shortstop Tyler Harnos and senior pitcher-infielder Kody Wojewski lead the way as the team's two cornerstones

But the team most ravaged by graduation losses is Livonia Stevenson (24-13), which is coming off a KLAA Central Division title along with a Division 1 district crown.

Tenth-year coach Rick Berryman, who lost two firstteam and three second-team All-Observer performers to graduation, may have the most daunting rebuilding job as senior shortstop Billy Bonanno (.324) and junior pitcher-outfielder Jack Ferguson (.429, 2-1) are the only two experienced varsity returnees.

See capsule outlook of area prep baseball teams.

CAESARS

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ers are probably two of the top goalies in the state of Michigan. We split every game except the last game of the state tournament. Parsons played really well in the semifinal game and I give him the start for the last one.

"But Gibson will start the first game of the nationals and we'll roll right through."

Little Caesars, ranked No. 21, finished fourth in the High Performance Hockey League with a 15-10-3 record. But Caesars has peaked at just the right time going 11-2-2 over its last 15 games.

"We kind of put it into overdrive," Ciraulo said. "Our league is so close. We were only six points out of first and four points out second."

Ciraulo has coached amateur hockey for 37 years, including the last 17 with Caesars Midget Major team.

"We're fortunate because we skate out of Joe Louis (Arena)," Ciraulo said. "Most of the teams I have are pretty good the second half because they get a lot of ice time. We have a personal trainer, my daughter (Gina Ciraulo), who is there three days a week. And we're skating five to six days every week. Most of the teams skate only three or four, so we have an advantage by skating just about every day."

Ciraulo estimates he's coached over 400 NCAA Division 1 college players. He has also coached 40 National Hockey League players going all the way back to Westland native Mike Modano, the all-time leading U.S. born NHL scorer, and most recently John Merrill of the New Jersey Devils.

The big thing about my team is we never get returnees," Ciraulo said. "The most I get are three. Last year I only had two, and the year before I had none. This year's team is that good and we'll probably not get any returnees next year. I lose my team just about every year and I start out fresh.

Justin Misiak (St. Clair Shores) is the team's top scorer

with 25 goals and 31 assists. Other players include Zach Vitkuske, Ian Wiljanen and Michael Gessler, all from Brighton; Alban Mamushlari, Macomb Township; Evan Ketner, Washington Township; Keenan Sabatini, Armada; Chris Allemon, St. Clair Shores; Mike Winn, Ann Arbor; Dylan Naumovski, Shelby Township; and Brad Werenski, Grosse Pointe.

The Caesars squad also includes players from Plano, Tex. (Braden Brown), who has 28 goals and 26 assists; Boca Raton, Fla. (Ethan Sarfati), Toronto, Ontario (Bailey Spencer) and Moscow, Russia (Maskim Dzhioshvili).

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Jayson made four saves in her return after sitting out her junior season with a torn ACL as Livonia Stevenson opened its season Saturday with a 1-0 triumph over host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in another indoor match.

Amy Freed tallied the gamewinning goal in the 71st minute.

Teammate Katelyn Foster was able to play a long ball into the top of the box and flicked it to Freed, who running in from the back line. Freed was able loop it over the onrushing Detroit Country Day goalkeeper.

"The back line did a great job weathering some dangerous, sustained attacks," said Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki, whose team stands 1-0.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL (Weather permitting) Thursday, March 27 Jarden City at Franklin, 4 p.m Friday, March 28 5 p.m Lincoln Park at Franklin, 4 p.m. ohn Glenn at Belleville (2), 4 p.m. Wayne at A.A. Skyline, 4 p.m. Clarenceville at Edsel Ford, :30 p.m Saturday, March 29 (all double-headers) Freenhills at Clarenceville, 11 a.m Stevenson at W.L. Western, 11 a.m. GIRLS SOFTBALL (Weather permitting) Friday, March 28 Berkley at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m. Wayne at A.A. Skyline, 4 p.m. Luth. W'sld at N.B. Huron, 4:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Edsel Ford (2), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 Clarenceville at Crestwood (2), 11 a.m. Ladywood at Westosha (Wis.), TBA. **GIRLS SOCCER** Thursday, March 27 Thurston at Franklin, 5:30 p.r Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p 7 p.m Friday, March 28 Luth. W'sld at Wash. Christian, 4:30 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29 Ladywood Invitational, 8 GIRLS TENNIS tional 8 a.m. Saturday, March 29 Plymouth Quad, TBA. COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers) Saturday, March 29 Madonna at Da Sunday, March 30 COLLEGE SOFTBALL Mad (all double-headers) Friday, March 28 Madonna at Albion, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 U-M-Dearbo Dearborn at Madonna, Sunday, March 30 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m. TBA – time to be announced.

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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 (III.) 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 fouryear 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 oppos



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2014 ALL-OBSERVER

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fron 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

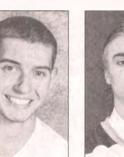
Schultz scored 11 goals and added 22 assists in just 18 games, and sported an impressive plus-23 mark. "Mike's numbers were low-

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

COACH OF 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.

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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 re-markable," 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 firstever state title (as a junior) and a 21-6 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

Willer; Farmington: Kris Hamil-ton, Trent Wolter; North-Harri-son: Frank Zak, Stephen Coulter, Ray Chartier, Jr. Def., Liv. Stev COACH OF THE YEAR Will Semczak, Joey Lajcaj John VanDenBeurgeury, Sr. F.

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 linemate 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-

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 New-ton was named the Observer's Coach of the Year.

"Obviously, it's tremendous-ly 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 in-

volved 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."

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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 twoweek intensive training camp, with performance and recording opportuni-ties, from July 14-25 at the college. The Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft coin-cides 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



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 Thelonio 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.

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.

"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-yearold child to sign up, although they could come and listen. Everyone is welcome to attend as an audience member and observer."

"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-

For more about the concerts and other upcoming jazz program activities, including the summer camp, visit schoolcraft.edu/ music. Contact Selva at 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

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

theatre.com

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: Chili 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 feebased classes, visit 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. Fridav-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-

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 featurelength 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

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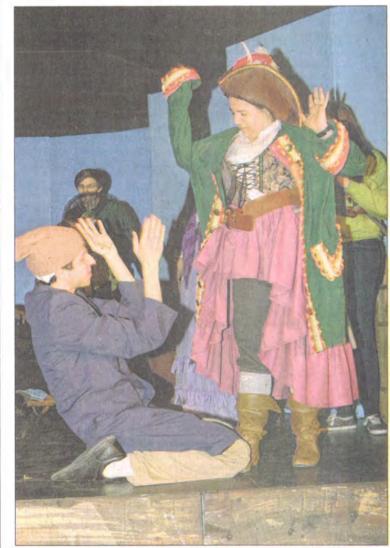
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5

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: yankeeairmuseum.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.

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Spring-inspired brunch

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 or visit 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

3/2 cup apple butter % cup barbecue sauce

- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- (optional) 1 pound cooked ham, cut 1/4-inch thick
- 1/2 fresh pineapple

AWESOME APPLE **BUTTER BREAKFAST** CAKE

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

- 2 ¼ cups baking mix (such as
- **Bisquick**) 3/4 cup milk
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg 2 tablespoons butter, melted

APPLE AND BLUE CHEESE TOASTS

8 ounces blue cheese 3 ounces cream cheese 1 thin baguette, cut into 36 thin rounds

¼ cup toasted walnuts, chopped 1/2 cup apple butter

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

FRENCH TOAST **ROLL-UPS**

16 slices white sandwich bread 1 cup apple butter

2 eggs

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- 1/4 cup milk ¾ teaspoon cinnamon (divided)
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup apple butter dered suga

Wood toothpicks

Preheat oven to 400. Pour apple butter, barbecue sauce and mustard into bowl and stir to combine. Cut ham and pineapple into 3/4-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.



2 cups apple butter Topping: 1/3 cup sweetened flaked coconut 1/2 cup pecans, chopped ½ cup sugar 2 tablespoons butter, melted

In bowl, stir together baking mix, milk, 1/2 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, 1/3 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.



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.





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, ¼ 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 1/4 cup of apple butter until smooth. Gradually beat in the powdered sugar and then the remaining 2 tablespoons of milk.

Vegan foods

Novi --- More than 50 restaurants and food vendors and more than 50 exhibitors, will be on hand at VegFest, a 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 or \$10 at the door.

Taste of Sweden

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

CITY BITES

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, hardboiled 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. 888-888-4532

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Sabrina (Timothy) Thomas, Do-novan Campbell, Hunter Lane and Haden Lane. Great-great-

grandfather of Lily Thomas. Al-

so leaves behind his dear friend

Dot Toole. Tom was a gracious loving man who never told any-

one no! He expressed his love in

every moment. Known as the Su-per Suggester at Ford Motor

His

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 gather-

ing Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Me-morial Service at John N. San-

teiu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139

N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (btwn. Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill).

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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.

Gallinac. Dear uncle of Yocoisse

Suzanne

brother of

Friday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (between

Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth

Gathering Thursday 2-8 p.m.

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FITZPATRICK, **ROSEMARY ANN**

87, of Farmington, died Satur-day, March 22, 2014. She is the beloved wife of 64 years to David; devoted mother of David Fitzpatrick, Michael (Peggy) Fitzpatrick, Paul Sharon (Russell) (Katrina) Fitzpatrick, Davies, Mary Kravutske and Daniel (Robin) Fitzpatrick; lovgrandmother of Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Oosterwijk, Adelle Adina Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpa Tera Fitzpatrick, Matthew trick, Alexandra Rachel Schude Kravutske, Victor Kravutske, Rose Kravutske and Amelia Katie Fitzpatrick; great-grandmother of Eden, Aila, Ravi, Bliss, Atticus, Camdyn, Gunner Bliss, Autor; fond sister william, Robert, Marion and raised six Morning walked to children, Mass every day, made her own worked as a fashion clothes. 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 p.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farming-ton Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200, heeney-sundquist.com. Fu-neral 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.



McCORD, EDNA "GAE"

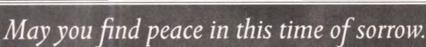
Edna "Gae" McCord died March 22, 2014 at Providence Hospital in Novi. Gae, the daughter of Milton and Velma Bell Obee, was born May 22, 1926 in Toledo. Cheerful, creative, and energetic, Gae was an innovator in the arts, education and healthcare. She was a founding member of the Plymouth Arts Council and Furman (University) Learn-ing in Retirement Program (FULIR, renamed Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in Greenville, S.C. She was origi-nator 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 Paul infantryman, Denver 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."

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 Ply-mouth; daughter Martha (Wil-liam) Nedzel of Columbia, S.C.; sister Nancy (Robert) Cooper of Plymouth; daughter-in-law Joan-na Firestone McCord and grandson Matthew Denver McCord, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University (son of Andy and Joanna) of New Hudson; and grandchil-dren 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.

In 1979, Gae and Denver retired

to Keeowee Key, S.C., near the

May you find comfort in family and friends



SIEBERT FRED LAWRENCE III

died peacefully at his home in Harbor Springs, MI on March 23, 2014. Fred is survived by his wife Catherine (Friend) Siebert; his son Paul Siebert, of Plymouth, MI; Daughter Lori Siebert of Green Valley, AZ, and daughter Lisa Siebert of Telluride, CO. Fred is also survived by step-son Richard Hunker of East Grand Rapids, step-daughter Ai-mee Dryer of Harbor Springs, and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Turner Siebert. Fred was born in Toledo Ohio, where he graduated from DeVilbis High School. He went on to attend Purdue University to study Mechanical Engineering and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. After serving in the US Army for two years, Fred began his career with Ford Motor company, retiring as a Quali-ty Control Manager in 1987. He went on to start Quality Methods and Systems, where he served as consultant for several years Fred was a long time resident of Plymouth, Michigan, where he was active in the Community Arts Council. He loved sailing and travel, and was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club and the Nomads Travel Club. In 2004 Fred and Cathy moved to Harbor Springs, MI. As a resident of Birchwood Country Club, he and Cathy enjoyed a warm and active social life. He served on several committees. Fred loved cooking, crossword puzzles and reading. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.Arrangements were made through Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs. Online condolences may be made at

stonefuneralhomeinc.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



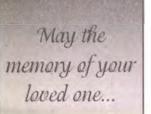


WELLS, ROBERT DAVID "BOB"

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 an-imals, particularly his dog Ras-cal. 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 fiancee, Manda Siesling of Ionia, MI. Bob also three brothers: leaves Mark Wells (Carol) of Westland, Mi-chael 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 neph Dolly ews: 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 Naza-rene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, this Saturday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon. Bob was preceded in death by his grand-parents: Lewis (OhOh) Wells, and David and Anne Ingall, all of Plymouth. Miss you Bob! See ya when we get there!

> Paying[.] tribute to the life of your loved one.



...bring you peace.



HUDSON, LORRAINE M. Age 93. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Rodney (Ruth), Susan Giffin (Dennis Heinanen), Alan (Lisa) and Peggy (Wally Legleitner). Proud grandma of Jeremy,

A loving tribute

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







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ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 7:00 p.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT190941	The Church Worth Driving To! Westminster Church of Detroit Multi-cultural, welcoming, warm & secure parking 17567 Hubbell @ Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48235 Services at 8:30 and 11:00 (Summer and special Sundays-10:00) 313-341-2697 x 200 www.wcodetroit.org	A Church for Seasoned Saints OPEN ARMS CHURCH Worship: Suday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazihi 33015 W. 7 Mile Rd. + Livonia 48152	ST. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School Tuonia (730/281-1380 WORSHIP Services Sundar : 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Thursoar : 6:30 P.M. Website: www.stpaulsilvonia.org	ADDOD Six Mile Road Worthville, Mi 48168 248.374.740 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LOCODOTEM424
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Assort W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. New HORZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196	Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs		Fellowship Press Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 Childrens Sunday 9 Services held at: Saint An 16360 Hubbard Road in Liv Nursery provided • www.fel	a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. School: 10:30 a.m. drews Episcopal Church onia • South of Six Mile Road
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Construction of the six luxury homes being built at Pinnacle in Oakland Township for Homearama® 2014 is progressing according to schedule despite the area's extreme weather. The homes, which will range in price from \$2-\$4 million will be open for public display from Aug. 29 through Sept. 14, 2014.

HOMEARAMA OPEN TO **PUBLIC IN LATE SUMMER**

Luxury homes showcased Aug. 29 through Sept. 14

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Homearama 2014 is a public service activity of HBA featuring homes built by HBA professional builder members including Moceri Companies, Cranbrook Homes, MJC Com-panies and Arteva Homes. The community was developed by Kirkland Adams Development.

Thousands of hours have been devoted to shaping the Pinnacle community as the "crown jewel" of Oakland County's Billion Dollar Mile. Its luxury homes will be set amid streets accented by brick pavers, wrought iron sculptures and a grand domed promenade. Acres of preservation areas, streams and stone bridges will add to the elegance and creativity of the community.

Each home is being de-

signed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by the area's top professionals. Homes will feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and ener-gy saving features. These Dream Homes offer visitors the unique opportunity to gather luxury design and decor ideas that could be used in their own homes. Bringing The Dream Home is the theme for the event.

On-site and advance ticket sales will be available. Over 50.000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2014. Special events are also planned during the run of the event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in April.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of SE Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, mul-ti-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

\$531,000

\$39,000

\$251,000

\$199,000

\$205,000

\$245,000

\$160,000

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - OAKLAND COUNTY

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

\$151,000

\$242,000

\$275,000

BEVERLY HILLS 15755 Birwood Ave 17195 Birwood Ave 17860 Locherbie Ave 16145 Madoline St

1543 Threadneedle St 1350 Trailwood Path # C **COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** 6080 Amadore St 2340 Baltusrol Dr 3105 Belle Terre 3446 Benstein Rd 2265 Calibouge 5049 Carinas Way Ct 4410 Commerce Woods Dr 8133 Cooley Lake Rd

\$467,000 31284 Misty Pines Dr 29391 New Bradford Dr \$128,000 29624 Nova Woods Dr \$125,000 33701 Oak Point Cir \$265,000 36183 Parklane Cir \$200,000 29692 Pine Ridge Cir \$325,000 29125 Ramblewood Dr \$235,000 37077 Sandalwood 26300 Springfield Dr \$257,000 \$239,000 31674 Trestain St 36985 Valley Ridge Dr \$135 000 28428 W Eight Mile Rd

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N.J. court nixes liability claim

Q: Our homeowners association has sued a homeowner for payment of maintenance fees. That member filed a counterclaim alleging that the association had caused monetary damage to him by engaging in bad faith conduct by its involvement in a lawsuit filed by a group of other members in the community who accused the association of withholding financial information which allegedly caused a rejection for his reverse

mortgage loan on his unit because of that law-

Robert Meisner

suit. What do you think? A: Under the Business

Judgment Rule, the general test for whether an association has acted properly is whether its action was authorized by statute or its own bylaws and if so, whether the action was fraudulent, self-dealing or unconscionable. Generally, the Business Judgment Rule isn't available as a general defense if the association's fiduciary duty was breached by fraud or acts performed in bad faith. In a case similar to yours, the New Jersey Appellate Court held that the association cannot be liable for damaging individual unit owners simply because its actions in the course of litigation on behalf of all owners may have affected some of the members unfavorably. In the case in New Jersey, the court indicated that the litigation strategy the association used was actually quite successful for the membership as a whole since the lawsuit was dismissed within a year without liability being imposed on the associ-

ation. Q: My neighbor hosted a party in a residence used by his parents without their consent. Alcohol was tion of

17860 LOCHERDIE AVE	\$275,000	DI		30985 Valley Kidde Dr	\$287,000	SOUTHLYON		by maper crics michour
16145 Madoline St	\$166,000	8133 Cooley Lake Rd	\$135,000	28428 W Eight Mile Rd	\$18,000	58698 Bridge House Ct	\$93,000	their consent. Alcohol v
31165 Sheridan Dr	\$180,000	5004 Elkin St	\$170,000	Unit B10		861 Challenging Trl	\$175,000	available for consumpti
18688 W 13 Mile Rd # 2	\$145,000	8075 Flagstaff St	\$158,000	28933 W Nine Mile Rd	\$215,000	1051 Colt Dr	\$244,000	at the party and some o
BINGHAM FARMS		5251 Huron Hills Dr	\$313,000	31822 Wayburn St	\$140,000	23967 Copperwood Dr E	\$325,000	the guests, most of who
30265 Oakview Way	\$347,000	9381 Park Ln	\$499,000	FRANKLIN	Greene	1230 Hackney Ct	\$370,000	were under 21, were
BIRMINGHAM		8420 Pine Cove Dr	\$490,000	24505 N Cromwell Dr	\$221,000	317 Harvard Ave	\$125,000	charged an admission for
967 Ann St	\$521,000	8529 Pine Cove Dr	\$375,000	MILFORD	1	60829 Lillian St	\$85,000	The money collected in
275 Bryn Mawr St	\$421,000	3100 Royal Blvd	\$140,000	2290 Cooley Lake Rd	\$269,000	209 Maplewood Ct Unit	\$90,000	entrance fees was used
1523 Chapin Ave	\$225,000	2461 Solace Dr	\$62,000	270 Cumberland Trl	\$358,000	12		
1389 Lake Park Dr	\$797,000	3581 Stallion Way	\$300,000	781 Forestberry Ct	\$220,000	53969 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000	buy additional alcohol.
1097 Lakeside Dr	\$860,000	4781 Surfwood Dr	\$450,000	847 Mill St	\$280,000	1196 Vassar	\$135,000	During the party, an int
1115 N Old Woodward	\$250,000	9574 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000	639 Shaw Ct	\$120,000	837 Westhills Dr	\$270,000	cated guest who was
Ave Unit		9577 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000	NORTHVILLE		SOUTHFIELD	4	charged a fee to purcha
232 Pilgrim Ave	\$652,000	5001 White Tail Ct	\$296,000	22839 Bentley Dr	\$100,000	27156 Aberdeen St	\$116,000	consumed alcoholic bev
662 Purdy St # 320	\$205,000	FARMINGTON		49314 Chianti Dr	\$198,000	28915 Carmel Dr	\$85,000	ages supplied by my ne
600 W Brown St # 109	\$172,000	33131 Orchard St	\$65,000	44871 Galway Dr -	\$350,000	19633 Jeanette St	\$32,000	bor who unfortunately
1288 Washington Blvd	\$300,000	21045 Robinwood St	\$178,000	730 North Ctr	\$215,000	29300 Kensington Ct	\$144,000	was seriously injured in
735 Willits St	\$389,000	36131 Smithfield Rd	\$214,000	51240 Park Place Dr	\$460,000	29513 Marshall St	\$110,000	automobile accident. Th
1078 Wimbleton Dr	\$290,000	FARMINGTON HILLS		37996 W Meadowhill Dr	\$261,000	27064 Nantucket Ct	\$153,000	victim's parents have no
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		29117 Aranel St	\$212,000	384 Welch Rd	\$232,000	24548 Pierce St	\$92,000	considered filing a laws
3459 Devon Brook Dr	\$279,000	21074 Colwell St	\$53,000	880 Yorktown Ct	\$155,000	28596 Red Leaf Ln	\$50,000	against the neighbor an
5633 S Adams Way	\$235,000	35787 Congress Rd	\$288,000	NOVI	with the state of	5000 Town Ctr # 2701	\$100,000	his parents. Do you thin
3037 Anthony Ln	\$713,000	24026 Creekside Dr	\$127,000	30709 Ardmore Ct	\$88,000	30105 Vernon Dr	\$170,000	they have any valid clai
7125 Cathedral Dr	\$242,000	29423 Earth Ln	\$625,000	45207 Bartlett Dr	\$431,000	18225 Westhaven Ave	\$44,000	A: The case is state-sp
480 E Long Lake Rd	\$970,000	21223 Flanders St	\$75,000	49992 Blackberry Trl	\$340,000	18430 Westover Ave	\$43,000	cific and case specific in
2360 Klingensmith Rd	\$142,000	29870 Fox Grove Rd	\$285,000	39608 Burton Dr	\$173,000	24105 Woodland Dr	\$395,000	regard to what the liabilit
5680 Kolly Rd	\$465,000	39304 Geneva Dr	\$285,000	22084 Cascade Dr	\$247,000	WHITE LAKE		would be, but it would see
999 Stratford Pl	\$330,000	,35110 Glengary Cir	\$250,000	21964 Clover Ln	\$228,000	637 Akehurst Ln	\$281,000	
1745 Tiverton Rd	\$135,000	28555 Green Castle Rd	\$175,000	23235 Cranbrooke Dr	\$220,000	9555 Bonnie Briar St	\$220,000	to me that both the paren
2 Vaughan Xing	\$873,000	22100 Hamilton Ave	\$147,000	22234 Edgewater	\$133,000	1151 Clearwater St	\$135,000	and the person serving al
100 W Hickory Grove Rd #	\$63,000	30420 Hanley Ct	\$235,000	25774 Groveland	\$365,000	9817 Coledale Ct	\$285,000	holic beverages would be
A7		33854 Harlan Dr	\$180,000	23970 Harvest Dr	\$320,000	8926 El Dorado Dr	\$256,000	liable for allowing the sal
4560 Walden Dr	\$400,000	21304 Juniper Ct	\$130,000	22828 Heatherbrae Way	\$266,000	9163 Glasgow Dr	\$187,000	alcohol to an obviously in
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		28101 Kendallwood Dr	\$187,000	26055 Island Lake Dr	\$425,000	975 Golden Dr	\$335,000	toxicated minor. It is, of
1367 Club Dr	\$529,000	26181 Kiltarton St	\$235,000	41677 Juniper Cir	\$161,000	8517 Huron River Dr	\$130,000	course, important to reco
1737 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$500,000	28946 Lake Park Dr	\$265,000	24423 Knollwood St	\$192,000	10254 Lakeside Dr	\$77,000	nize that the sale of alcoh
2499 Heronwood Dr	\$810,000	24145 Locust St	\$326,000	50293 Langley Dr	\$555,000	82 Lisa Cir	\$197,000	 is regulated in Michigan
310 Kendry	\$213,000	21610 Manchester Ct	\$365,000	50345 Langley Dr	\$534,000	613 Rumson Ct	\$62,000	there could well be direct
6650 Lahser Rd	\$200,000	29652 Middlebelt Rd Unit	\$88,000	50370 Langley Dr	\$664,000	9613 Shelby Dr	\$259,000	liability for the damages
5026 Sebring Ct	\$450,000	240		50371 Langley Dr	\$559,000	775 Sunnybeach Dr	\$285,000	incurred similar to that o

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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46540 Bartlett Dr 40429 Bay Harbor Ln 7380 Charrington Dr 42255 Chase Dr 436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr 436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr 46761 Creeks Bnd 1648 Dunston Rd 1626 E Lakeview Ln 45486 Fieldstone Dr 46368 Hanford Rd 4681 Hunters Cir E 4281 Hunters Cir W 48468 Inveraray Rd 46638 Inverness Rd 42771 Lilley Pointe Dr 47464 Lindenhurst Blvd 45671 N Stonewood Rd 1994 Oakview Dr 793 Pinehurst Dr

43059 Providence Ln 47600 Royal Pointe Dr 41390 Southwind Dr 43317 Stonington Ct GARDEN CITY 28455 Leona St 32710 Maplewood St 29614 Rosslyn Ave \$217,000 33241 Rosslyn Ave \$127,000 LIVONIA \$310,000 28832 Seven Mile Rd \$255,000 31443 Alabama Ct \$44,000 11309 Auburndale St \$155,000 29145 Barkley St \$208,000 36711 Bennett St \$270,000 9293 Cardwell St \$173,000 14982 Cavour St \$234,000 9139 Danzig St \$248,000 14348 Denne St \$104,000 31301 Dorais St \$106,000 36104 Fairway Dr 14754 Fairway St \$425,000 16802 Farmington Rd \$366,000 \$76,000 16910 Farmington Rd \$285,000 30158 Greenland St \$173,000 19494 Hardy St \$195,000 20414 Hugh St \$285,000 38033 Mason St

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262 N Holbrook St	\$227,000
132 Pacific St	\$240,000
19946 Plymouth Way	\$135,000
2490 Schoolcraft Rd	\$131,000
REDFORD	
4301 Dixie	\$93,000
15580 Gaylord	\$76,000
15038 Inkster Rd	\$50,000
15479 Macarthur	\$50,000
26372 Margareta	\$70,000
1316 Marion	\$80,000
7682 Norborne	\$54,000
NAYNE	
34258 Winslow St	\$53,000
VESTLAND	
37150 Amhurst Dr	\$128,000
37744 Avondale St	\$135,000
32081 Birchwood St	\$39,000
35748 Booth Ave	\$29,000
35463 Canyon Dr	\$92,000
37256 Gilchrist St	\$62,000
32631 Grandview Ave	\$86,000
80 Marigold Cir	\$104,000
35409 Pheasant Ln	\$86,000
24 S Henry Ruff Rd	\$64,000
52 Van Lawn St	\$67,000
309 W Frumin Ct	\$105,000

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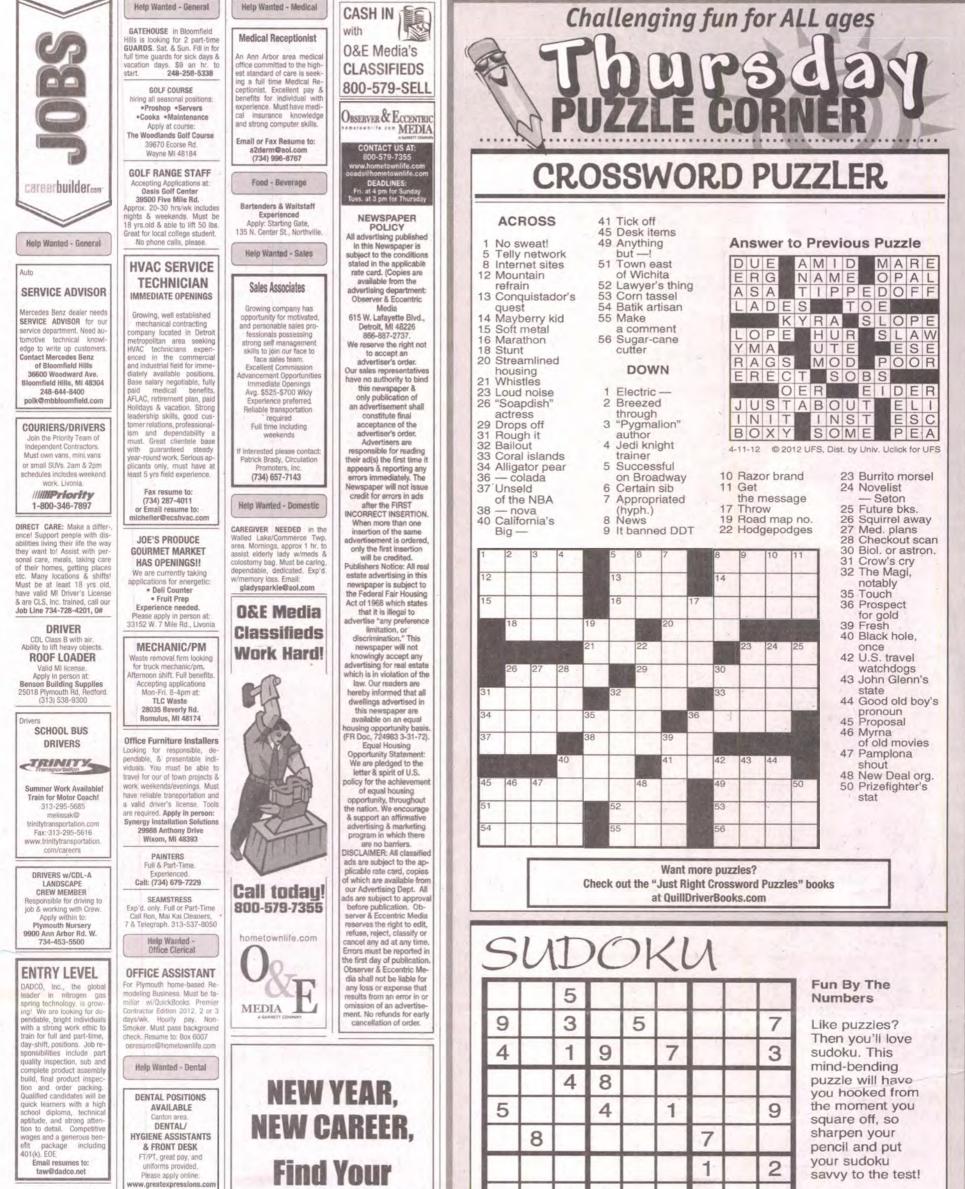
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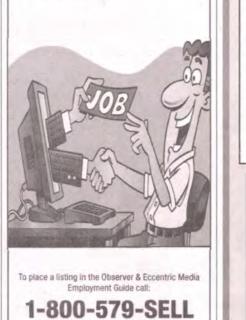
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