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Wild presents 3-year balanced budget

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Despite adopting a single-year budget, Westland has been using a two-year budget cycle in recent years, and now that's been extended to three years.

Westland Mayor William Wild presented the proposed \$58.6 million general fund budget to council at a study session Monday — a day before the charter required April 1 deadline.

Along with the 2014-15 budget, which would begin July 1, Wild also provided proposed balanced budgets for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years.

By the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year, Wild said Westland would add about \$500,000 to the current fund balance — effectively the city rainy day savings — taking that to \$5.6 million.

“The second-year budget is balanced without using fund balance,” Wild said. “The third year, a little fund balance would be used. We’re looking to mitigate that through property tax values increasing. As the budget process moves forward, our goal is not to use any fund balance.”

Using fund balance in 2016-17 would leave \$4.6 million in reserve as currently projected. In a change from recent

years, the proposed budget includes some hiring of personnel, including the recall of two Department of Public Services employees laid off in 2010.

» The proposed 2014-15 budget includes line items for a parks and recreation director along with the DPS director. Deputy Mayor Jade Smith has been overseeing parks programs for Westland since Westland and Wayne combined

their parks and recreation departments.

“It’s a place holder in the budget. We will have new facilities in the new City Hall,” said Wild, adding the duties for the position are still under review.

Benny McCusker has been heading the DPS since Kevin Buford retired last year. Wild said the new director would be a contract employee, saving

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Crews prepare for Saturday’s I-96 closure. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westland looks at residential reappraisal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A citywide appraisal, spread over several years, is likely on the horizon for Westland homeowners.

It’s a move aimed at improving the city’s revenues by accurately taxing properties that have been improved or added to and meeting state legal requirements of fair and equitable assessments. That also improves the city’s chances of winning property tax appeals before the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

“We’re going to have to look at a citywide appraisal. We can do it voluntarily or be forced to do it,” Westland Council President James Godbout said. “We will be better off with a plan in place than someone telling us to do it on their timetable.”

It’s been a number of years since the city has done a citywide reevaluation to make sure assessing records accurately reflect properties. This proposal would look at 20 percent of the city’s homes annually for five years.

“We haven’t done this since maybe in the ’70s. We are waiting for a proposal from the Assessing Department,” Westland Mayor William Wild said. “We put it as part of this year’s budget.”

City assessors WCA Assessing recently completed a random sampling of 428 residential properties to verify the accuracy of assessing records.

The sampling had a taxable value of \$16.5 million or 1.67 percent of the Westland’s \$994 million taxable value. The homes were from all the city’s geographic assessing neighborhoods.

» There was an approximately \$32,000 taxable value loss reported due to items listed on assessments no longer being present.

» The canvass resulted in the \$313,500 in taxable value being gained for items found that aren’t currently listed on the assessments. That’s a \$281,500 net gain in taxable value.

Effectively, most of the un-assessed improvements didn’t have city permits pulled — the assessors noted properties with pulled building permits are inspected annually.

The unreported improvements ranged from large differences in square footage and new garages/sheds to air conditioners and hot tubs.

“Some properties are overvalued, some are un-

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IT’S FINALLY HERE: I-96 SHUTS DOWN SATURDAY

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The orange barrels are out. The detour signs are uncovered. The equipment is staged.

After nearly two years from when the project was announced, I-96 is finally scheduled to close early Saturday morning through Redford and Livonia for more than six months of reconstruction work.

Compared to other large-scale freeway shutdowns in recent memory, such as the Southfield Freeway or the Lodge Freeway, Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jeff Horne said this project is unique in that the entire seven-mile stretch is a full reconstruction.

“The difference between the I-96 project and the Lodge and Southfield projects, is that the Southfield project and the Lodge had a combination of different fixes. It wasn’t a complete reconstruct throughout the whole corridor,” he said. “For instance, M-39, Eight Mile to Five Mile was a reconstruct. But from Five Mile to Ford Road, that was more of an overlay. So this is a full, in-depth reconstruct.”

“Those road projects were not as involved as this I-96 project.”

The closure, the biggest part of the \$148 million project, is expected to take roughly six months, with the freeway expected to open no later than October. In addition to reconstructing the road in both directions, 37 bridges will see renovations, with two — Ink-

ster and Breakfast Drive — seeing complete replacement. Landscaping work along the freeway will also take place.

And with this closure comes shutting down a stretch of freeway that accommodates more than 140,000 vehicles each day through the two communities, leaving motorists to find another way to work, be it in Detroit or in western Wayne or Oakland counties.

The official detours have drivers going onto freeways such as I-94, I-696, I-275, the Southfield Freeway and the Lodge Freeway, though it’s expected many drivers will use the mile roads as alternates.

Horne said signals along Plymouth

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Westland library waives fines for food donation

William P. Faust can take care of Westland patrons can take care of outstanding fines for a donation of non-perishable food items.

The Food for Fines program will run throughout April. When patrons donate a canned or boxed food item, they will receive \$2 off their library fines up to \$20 total.

“This is the fourth year the library has participated in a Food for Fines program and every year it seems more im-

portant,” Library Information Department Head Marilyn Kwik said. “The response we get from the community is quite amazing. Each year we take in more goods than we forgive in fines, which means a lot of people are giving because they recognize this need.”

The library is participating again with a number of area libraries in the Food for Fines, Food for Thought program benefiting Gleaners Communi-

ty Food Bank (www.gcfb.org), a large non-profit food distribution agency serving southeast Michigan. Last year, the library donated more than 1,000 pounds of food to Gleaners, more than any library in The Library Network’s 22 participating libraries.

“Another great result of this program is that we see patrons again who may have been avoiding us because of their fines,” Kwik said. “It really is a win-win for everyone.”

Only commercially prepared, nonperishable items in good condition — no opened, crushed, or dented packages and no items past their expiration dates — will be accepted. Also, donated food items will only pay for overdue fines — not lost or damaged items.

More information about Food for Fines, as well as generous servings of nutrition information, including nutri-

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Estimated reopening dates of bridges

These bridges are scheduled to close April 5, along with I-96 through Redford and Livonia. The months below indicate the estimated reopening date from the Michigan Department of Transportation:

- U-turn bridge east of Newburgh: October
- U-turn bridge east of Newburgh: late April
- Wayne Road: early June
- U-turn bridge west of Farmington Road: mid-April
- U-turn bridge east of Farmington Road: mid-April
- Warner Court: mid-June
- U-turn bridge west of Middlebelt Road: late May
- U-turn bridge east of Middlebelt Road: mid-June
- U-turn bridge west of Inkster Road: mid-May
- U-turn bridge east of Inkster Road: mid-May
- Berwyn Avenue: mid-May
- Garfield: mid-May
- Northbound US-24 service drive: mid-May

Chamber leaders: We're still open for business

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Weeks before this week's I-96 shutdown, one business, the KFC at Schoolcraft and Farmington, was already looking to keep business coming when the freeway shuts down later this week. The marquee reads "We are still open when 96 closes."

Keeping business flowing in Redford and Livonia is crucial to both leaders of the area chambers of commerce, who say it's important to keep those businesses in mind when people's daily routines are significantly changed because of the shutdown.

"When you have a project of this magnitude, you have a lot of anxiety," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. "Some (motorists) stop

at stores along the way. Those people go to regular certain stores, and their patterns are being disrupted."

The freeway, which shuts down Saturday morning between Telegraph and Newburgh for a \$148 million reconstruction, will take more than 140,000 regular drivers off the freeway and onto other freeways in the area, as well as surface streets throughout both communities.

West said the work will not only impact drivers who use the freeway, but other drivers who regularly cross the freeway and visit businesses on both sides of town. Bridge closures, for example, will also make an impact on area businesses, especially those bridges, such as Inkster Road, which will be completely shut down at some

"Even if you have to go around a little bit, please go to your local businesses."

JACK KIRKSEY,
Livonia mayor

point during the construction project. "It's not just the freeway. That's thousands of cars north and south on Inkster alone," he said. "There's a lot of people that have not seen an entire freeway like this shutdown."

For those who drive around for work, the increased number of vehicles on the roads will force them to begin taking a hard look at the route they usually take, said Marti Swek, executive director of the Redford Chamber of Commerce.

"You never think about how you're going," she said. "It's go-

ing to be the best for all of us in the long run."

Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey made a mention during his State of the City address last week to residents, asking them to continue patronizing area businesses, even if traffic is a problem.

"We do encourage everyone to continue really driving the extra mile to get to businesses that you currently are part of, because we have many people that are dependent on that," he said. "Even if you have to go around a little bit, please go to your local businesses."

But as bad as the

shutdown will be for the next few months, it beats the other alternative, Swek said: a partial closure for several years.

The alternate was voted down by motorists during a poll done by the Michigan Department of Transportation in 2012. About 56 percent of those polled requested the freeway be closed completely to get the work done sooner rather than later. Having a partial closure for several years would have made things difficult for a longer period of time, she said.

"Get it done. All that does is it just blocks everything up," she said. "You can't get through. You might as well be shut down."

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from Haggerty to Telegraph, as well as Schoolcraft along the project route, have been retimed to allow for longer green lights for drivers heading east and west, as well as along Grand River from Telegraph to the Southfield Freeway in Detroit.

"It's well under capacity, so it can handle the traffic," Horne said of Grand River.

Several bridges over the freeway will also close down on Saturday, with more bridge closure announcements expected as the project moves along. At some point in the project, every bridge will see some closures along the route, except for the pedestrian bridge that crosses the freeway in Redford.

Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey said during his State of the City address last week that residents should try out other routes to find one that works for them before the freeway closes.

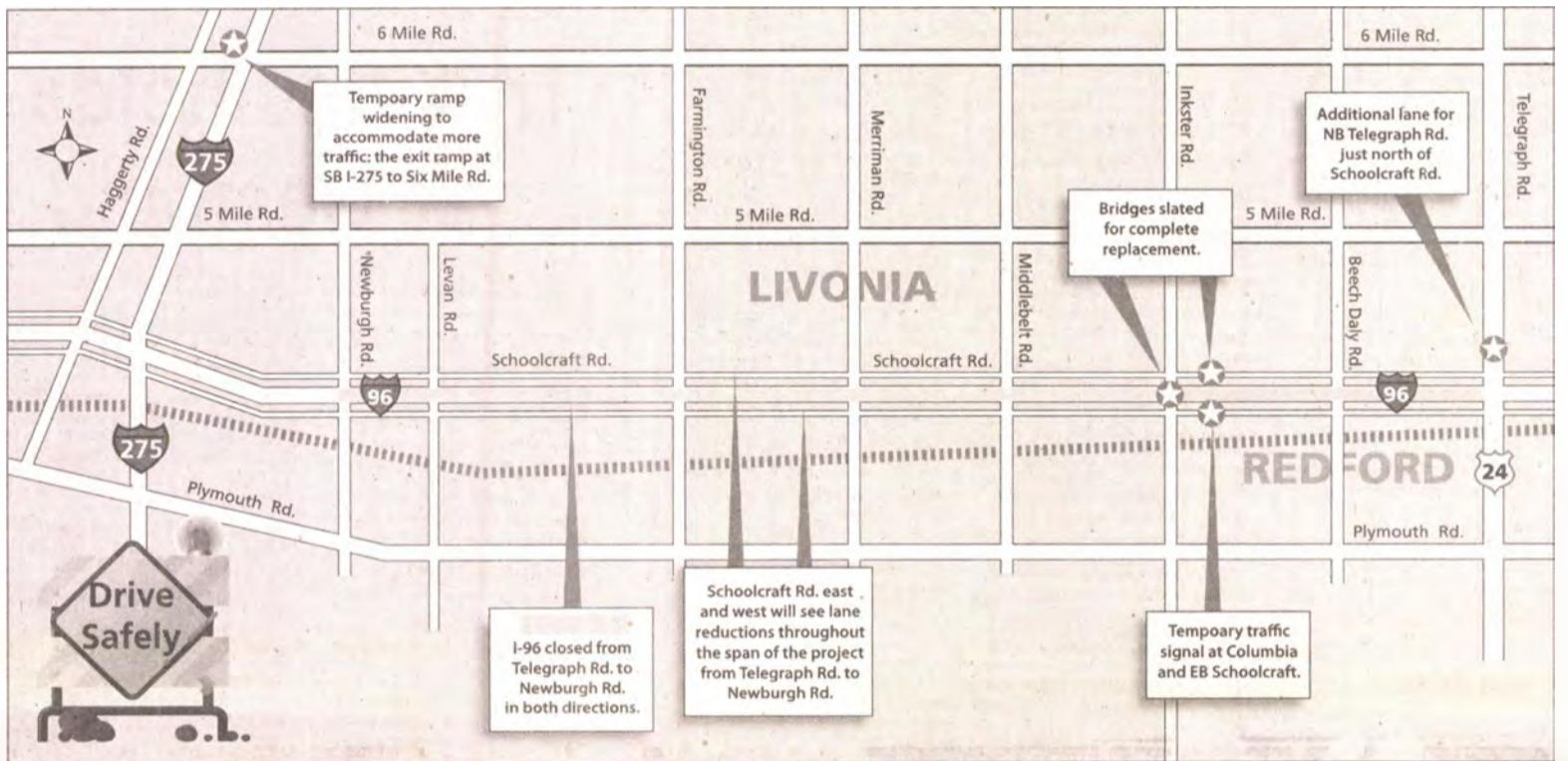
"It's going to really create some very, very serious problems," he said. "People are encouraged to try an alternate route. That won't mean a lot once traffic is dumped onto the surface roads. Try to figure out what works best for you."

Drivers driving eastbound from M-14 toward Livonia will not be able to access Newburgh like they currently can. Access to I-96 from M-14 will be forbidden, though drivers will be able to access the small portion of I-96 open west of Newburgh from I-275 north- or southbound.

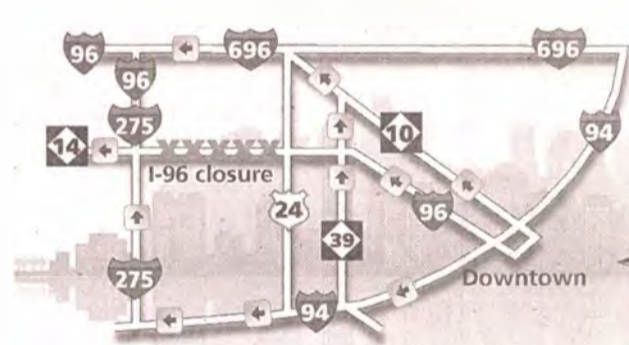
Horne said it's anticipated many drivers coming from Ann Arbor or Plymouth via M-14 will get off at either Sheldon or Beck roads in Plymouth. A new traffic signal at the eastbound exit at Beck will help with traffic.

While not installed specifically for the project, Horne said MDOT wanted to have it up and running by the time the freeway closed.

"It was not because of this project," he said. "But because of this project, we sped it up. We wanted it in place before this project. But it was going to get one regardless."

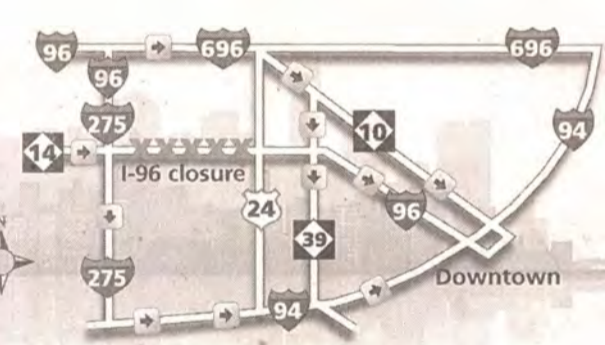


WESTBOUND DETOUR



From downtown Detroit to western Wayne County:
Take I-94 west to I-275 north,
Take I-96 west to M-39 north to M10 west to I-696 west to I-275 south, or
Take M-10 west to I-696 west to I-275 south.

EASTBOUND DETOUR



From western Wayne County to downtown Detroit:
Take I-275 south to I-94 east,
Take I-275 north to I-696 east to M-10 east to M-39 south to I-96 east, or
Take I-275 north to I-696 east to M-10 east.

MORE INFORMATION

There are several ways to keep up with the status of the I-96 reconstruction project and request information:
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Website: www.96fix.com
Email: MDOT.96fix@michigan.gov
Phone: 734-261-0560

to water and cultivate this landscape, so we're going to be out here in (2015), but that will be off-peak, single lane closures or possibly shoulder closures," Horne said. "It's not that big of a deal. Our main priority is to reopen this freeway."

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Work being done before the shutdown

Motorists will begin to see some changes starting today in regards to the project. Schoolcraft will begin to be reduced to one lane going in each direction starting today, which will last through the duration of the project.

A temporary traffic signal will also be up at eastbound Schoolcraft and Columbia in Redford to help manage traffic.

"We're going to put it in flash mode so it's going to be blinking yellow for a few days, just to get people acclimated to it," he said.

Entrance ramps to the freeway will begin to close down starting Friday evening at several roads in Detroit, includ-

ing Greenfield, the Southfield Freeway, Evergreen and Outer Drive. From there, crews will continue closing entrance ramps from Telegraph to Newburgh. Drivers will be able to travel on I-96 until shortly after 7 a.m. Saturday, when crews will shut it down.

More than 450 signs have been erected in southeast Michigan alerting drivers to the shutdown, spanning as far as Ann Arbor, Brighton and Downriver. Horne said many signs have already been uncovered, stating the freeway is already closed. That is not yet the case, but workers cannot walk to uncover them until right before the closure.

"We just can't snap our fingers and 450 signs become relevant," he said.

Horne said the contractor doing the reconstruction, Dan's Excavating of Shelby Township, expects to reopen the freeway as soon as it can. The roadway won't be the only improvement made during the project.

After the freeway is reopen in the fall, the focus will turn to landscaping efforts, which include improvements to the hills surrounding the freeway with new grass and vegetation. "They have two years

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall; 36601 Ford Road; Westland, MI 48185. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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Wayne man faces stalking charges

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 33-year-old man arrested by Canton police on charges he had burglary tools is facing mounting legal woes after a widening investigation led to additional counts of stalking that involves two women he knew, authorities said. Thomas Earl Martin of Wayne is facing a



Martin

preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court on charges of stalking, aggravated stalking and possession of burglary tools, Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said. Martin, arrested at his home, was jailed with

a \$100,000 bond when he was arraigned Friday by 35th District Judge James Plakas. Martin could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he is convicted as charged, Baugh said. A not-guilty plea has been placed in Martin's court file as he awaits the preliminary exam that will determine whether he should face trial in Wayne County

Circuit Court. Martin's troubles began shortly before 2 a.m. March 21, when Canton police noticed a suspicious man lurking near the Children's Hospital of Michigan Speciality Center, on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center, while it was closed, Baugh said. According to police reports, the man claimed he believed the speciality

center was an animal hospital and he wanted to obtain information for a girlfriend's dog that had been injured. Baugh said the suspect was walking in the area, but his car was nearby. Baugh said police found binoculars, a flashlight, a Swiss army-type tool kit and, from the man's car, what Baugh described as a lock-picking set.

Further investigation indicated the man had allegedly been stalking two women with whom he had prior contact, Baugh said, though some details couldn't be divulged because the case was still pending in court.

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Seniors celebrate Mardi Gras at luncheon

By Sue Buck
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The seniors were ready to party Tuesday at the Mardi Gras celebration held at the Maplewood Center in Garden city. With Easter less than a month away, the guests were looking forward to both the holiday and a break in the weather.



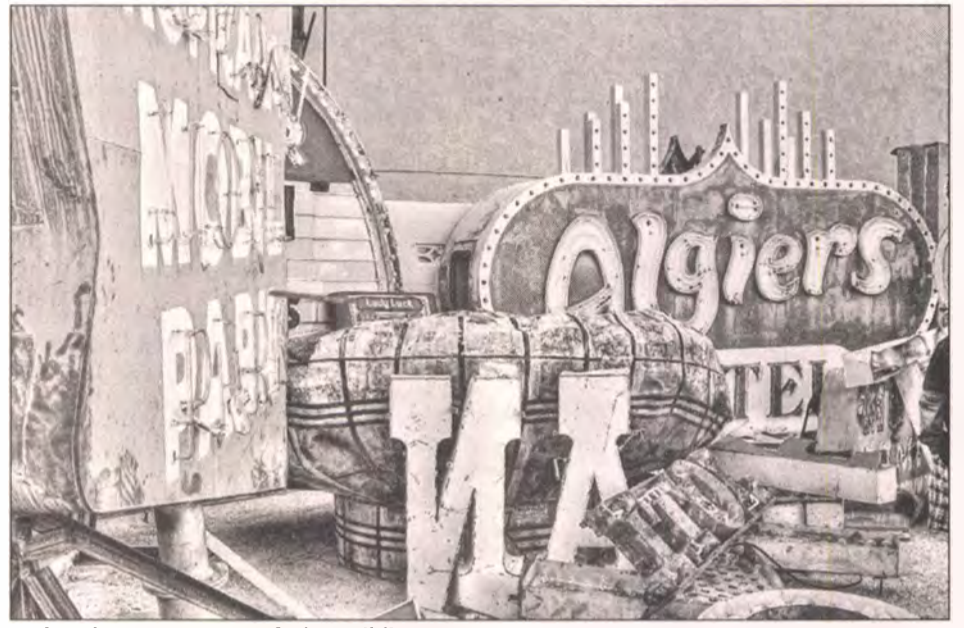
Cheryl and Kerry Partin got in the spirit of Mardi Gras. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"We are sold out," said Lisa Watts, senior activities coordinator, who planned a "Mardi Gras Magic, New Orleans style," where guests were given masks and party favors to join in on the fun. The lunchtime event included entertainment by Dennis Malic who got people up dancing — everything from line dancing and the polka to the Chicken Dance and the Boot Scootin' Boogie. Barb Duka, who teachers line dancing at the center, brought along some of her dancers who joined her on the floor. Duka is proud of her students who follow her dance moves

perfectly. "I just say, 'Shake it,'" Duka said. "I've been teaching here for awhile." Many guests were repeat party attendees at the Maplewood Center. "We come to all of them (activities)," said Lena Boyd, a Westland resident. She also plays pinochle twice a week at the center with her mother, Lois Nakoneczny, a Garden City resident. "We are part of the Pinochle Club." Watts incorporated some New Orleans fare in the buffet with jambalaya and black beans

and rice. There was also King Cake, another New Orleans tradition. The cake has a baby hidden inside. This cake had two babies. Watts had prizes for the two people who found the babies. Wayne County Commissioner LeBlanc donated Detroit Tigers tickets. Walgreens donated boxes of chocolate along with resident Charlotte Byrd who also donated six boxes of chocolates.

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"Johnathan Vegas Has Left the Building"

Tri-Cities holds art show at Westland library

Three Cities Art Club will present its second annual juried art exhibition at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland Friday-Monday, April 4-7.

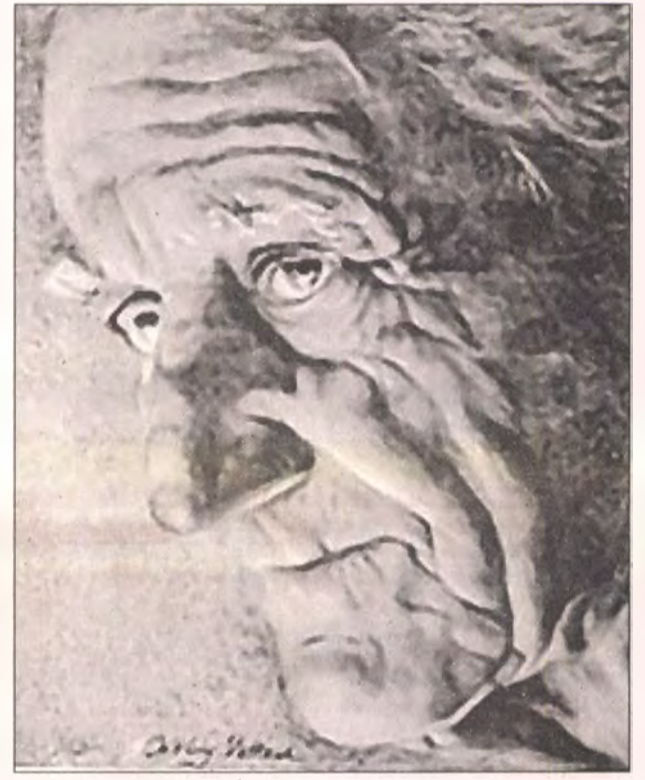
The show is free of charge and features the work of 30 artists. Included is some of the area's finest original art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, collage, photography and more.

This year's juror and judge, Elden (Al) Weber, studied at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Purdue University and Indiana University. As juror, he selected 83 out of 128 pieces submitted. As judge, Weber chose his top five favorite photos and top five drawings/paintings from those he juried into the show.

The top three winners in each category will receive a cash prize and high resolution print of their art, created and donated by Westland Printworks. Two honorable mention awards in each category will receive a gift certificate donated by D & M Art Studio of Canton.

Westland Mayor William Wild will select his favorite work of art and the artist will win his cash prize of \$100 "Wild Art Award." This year's prizes for the artists total more than \$1,300.

Everyone attending the exhibition will have the chance to vote for their three favorite works of art which will enter them in a drawing for a chance to win a print by Westland artist Charlyn Darling of Toad-Prince Illustrations. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 6



"Wisdom and Foresight"

p.m. Monday. On Sunday, April 6, Three Cities Art Club will host a free "Art and Appetizers" reception 1-3 p.m. Many of the artists will be on hand to talk with guests. Will will present his award to the creator of his favorite piece and awards will be presented to the artists whose work was chosen by Weber. Michael Darling of Westland Printworks will present the high-resolution prints he created for the top award winners. Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D & M Art Studios will present gift certificates to the Honorable Mention winners. JD Kilgas of Piano Pleasures will provide music for the event. There will be free guided tours upon request by volunteer club members to enhance the experience. Learn about the styles and techniques

used by the artists whose works are on display. Watch artists demonstrating their techniques on Friday and Saturday with a very special Pin Stripping demo on Saturday by Dennis Gibbish. In addition, there will be instructional art books and art magazines available at deep discount prices plus note cards, refrigerator magnets and prints of the artist's work available for purchase. All sales will benefit the artists and help efforts to proliferate visual arts in our area. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. To learn more about this event or the club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or marilynmeredith@wowway.com. The club's website is www.threecitiesartclub.org

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Kindergarten Roundup

St. Damian Catholic School is holding a Kindergarten Round-Up on Thursday, April 10. Youngsters can explore the kindergarten classroom, meet classmates, meet the teacher and see what is expected in kindergarten. Parents can drop off their children at the school entrance at 12:45 p.m. and pick them up at 2 p.m. There will be story time, snack time, a short play time and small individual activity. Testing for the following school year will be done in May.

Visit the St. Damian school website at www.stdamianschool.com or Ms. Wheeler's Weebly page at www.weebly.com/stdamiank for updates on days and times. For more information, call the school at 734-427-1680.

Name That Tune

St. Damian's Name Tune Night is set for Saturday, April 5. The cost is \$10 per person and includes popcorn, pizza and pop. Participants can also bring their own food and drinks. Teams can be from one to eight people. Doors open at 6:45

p.m., the music starts at 7 p.m.

Reserve a table by calling Denise Anthony at 734-427-7397 or by email and deniseanthony57@aol.com, or Lisa Tarlo at 313-590-4989 or by email at angellring@hotmail.com.

Pasta Night

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

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Phony money

The manager at Wendy's, 7956 N. Wayne Road, told police March 26 that she was checking a cash register drawer at the end of the night and discovered two counterfeit \$20 bills.

Larceny

A resident in the 38000 block of Palmer told police March 30 that someone had stolen his Troy-Bilt tractor from a shed. He said he had last seen the tractor March 28.

The tractor had been secured with a cable and eye bolt. Officers noted the eye bolt had been pried open.

The resident was told his tractor had already been recovered March 29. Officers had been called to the 39000 block of Palmer just before 2 a.m. about a man pushing a riding lawn mower.

A witness told police the suspect spotted him and ran off, leaving the lawn mower behind.

Copper stolen

A resident in the 30000 block of Grandview told police March 30 that someone had stolen the copper plumbing from a rental home he owns across the street.

Earlier in the week someone had broken a window on the rental home, the resident said, so he attempted to secure it with a piece of wood. Someone had pushed the wood off the window and entered the home, he said. The missing pipe was valued at \$1,000.

On March 29, a contractor working on a vacant bank-owned home in the 1300 block of Easley told police someone had stolen a two-ton air conditioning unit and copper plumbing from the home. Pry marks were noted on the rear door.

The contractor told police he had last worked on the house Jan. 30.

Larceny

On March 30, a resident in the 33000 block of Somerset

told police someone had stolen miscellaneous power tools, a bike trainer, two 24-speed bicycles and other items valued at \$4,925.

The resident said he had not been in the garage for about five weeks and found no forced entry. It is possible the garage had been left unlocked, he said.

Vandalism

Early March 29, a resident in the 32000 block of Ann Arbor Trail told police he was sleeping and was awakened by a loud noise. Going outside to check, he said he found a large stone lying on the ground near his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado, which had marks on the window and chips on the passenger door from the stone.

The resident reporting seeing a man get into silver Jeep Liberty that was leaving his neighbor's home. The neighbor reported his vehicle had been damaged also.

The neighbor told police he also had heard a loud noise and looked outside to see the vehicle backing out of his driveway. Both front windows on his 2009 Chevrolet Silverado were smashed and a rock was on the front seat.

Assault

Police were called to the Hines Park Apartments, 31650 Cowan, just before 9 p.m. March 28 about a man who may have been assaulted and was unconscious in one of the buildings.

Officers found an Inkster man on the second floor landing and attempted to wake him but he was described as incoherent. He told the officers which apartment he lived in. The officers noted cuts and swelling to the right side of his face along with a bruise on his lower back.

No one answered at the apartment the man mentioned. A witness told police he had not seen the man around the apartments previously. The man was transported to Garden City Hospital by Fire Rescue.

Larceny from a vehicle

On March 27, a resident in the 29000 block of Eton told police that he locked his 2003 Honda Civic the previous night but in the morning was unable to put his key into the lock. Instead, he said he entered the vehicle from the passenger door.

The man was unable to start the car since the battery had been stolen. The officer noticed the driver's door handle was loose and appeared to be where entry was made to the vehicle.

Assault

Officers were called to Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne Road, about a man who may have been assaulted. A Westland man waiting outside the restaurant was described as having swelling and bruising around both eyes, a cut on his chin that was dripping blood, swollen lips and a scrape on his wrist.

The man told police he had been struck by a car but couldn't provide the location of the accident. He told the officer he didn't want to make a police report and asked for a ride home. Instead, Fire Rescue transported him to Oakwood Main Hospital.

Attempted break-in

Early March 30, police were called to Detroit Skateboards, 6019 N. Wayne Road, when an employee noticed the handle on the rear door was damaged. The officer noted pry marks that looked like they were from a crow bar. No entry was made.

Vandalism

A resident in the 34000 block of Melton told police someone smashed the rear window of her 2001 Buick Regal while it was parked on the street overnight.

Bike found

A police work program supervisor turned in a red girl's bicycle found near South Wildwood and Palmer on March 30.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Shoplifting

Garden City police arrested a 41-year-old Westland man March 31 for shoplifting at the Kmart store located at 28600 Ford. A Kmart loss prevention officer called the police to report that a man stuffed a backpack with some items and failed to stop when asked.

He reportedly fled the store running across the parking lot. Police caught up with him at the corner of Ford and Brandt where he was arrested.

The man complied with the police and the stolen items were returned to the store, police said. They reportedly included a \$30 backpack which contained a \$90 electric razor, a \$100 Blu-Ray player and a pack of Reese's chocolates.

Theft

A resident in the 32000 block of Marcello Drive re-

ported March 29 that he believes someone stole his wallet from his apartment after he was transported to Garden City Hospital for treatment of a seizure.

He said the wallet contained his driver's license and credit cards. He was advised to cancel his credit cards.

Identity theft

A resident in the 33000 block of Marquette reported March 28 that he was the victim of identity theft.

The man said that after submitting his Social Security number when he prepared to file an income tax return online with H & R Block, he received an alert from the Internal Revenue Service that he had already filed his tax return. He wishes to prosecute the person who filed the return using his personal information.

By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

Shots fired

Police were called to the 32000 block of Hamilton Place just after 4 a.m. March 30 about gunshots being fired. A witness told police she was inside her apartment when she heard a gunshot outside. As she walked to the front window, she said she heard three more gunshots.

When she got to the window, the witness said she saw a neighbor get into his car and drive away. She said she didn't see who fired the shots.

Another witness told police neighbors were arguing and a man was outside yelling at his girlfriend. That witness said the man stopped yelling, then she heard a single gunshot and after a pause, three more gunshots.

The female neighbor told police she and her boyfriend got into an argument. After a few minutes, she said the boyfriend left. She denied any shots were fired.

The 16-year-old daughter of the female neighbor told police her mother and the boyfriend

were arguing. When an Ypsilanti man who was present tried to calm the boyfriend down, the daughter said the boyfriend kicked him and caused him to fall down the stairs.

The boyfriend went outside, the daughter said, after which she heard noises that sound like fireworks.

The girlfriend and the Ypsilanti man both told police they didn't wish to prosecute. Officers collected four spent shell casings.

Stolen vehicle

On March 24, a Westland man told police that someone had stolen his 1997 Ford F-250 pickup truck while he was working at the Ford Wayne Assembly plant, 38303 Michigan Ave.

Surveillance footage showed a newer model Chevrolet van pull up along the pickup truck. A man got out and drove off in the truck.

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The 778 Rosies wait for five minutes before the official photo is taken for the Guinness Book of World Records. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Original Rosies lead crowd in setting new Guinness world record

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Andrea Kennedy got to be a part of a history making event Saturday, and all she had to do was count.

An Army National Guardsman from Canton, Kennedy was one of two people Jane Vass recruited to count babies, toddlers, children, teens and adult women filed into an enclosed area to stand for five minutes and set a Guinness world record for the largest number of people dressed as Rosie the Riveter.

"I'm reliable," said Kennedy, holding the two counters — one showing 400, the other 378. "We had a really good system. We stood back to back so when they went through we could physically count them."

It was the second time the Yankee Air Museum's Tribute Rosies, led by Vass, tried to break world record. They fell short of the 250 they need when they tried last October, but were well above that number Saturday.

"It's so overwhelming," Vass said. "I knew we'd have over 500."

Wearing the iconic red-and-white polka dot bandana, the Rosies began lining up before 2 p.m. at Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport, just a short distance from the Willow Run Bomber Plant where Rose Will Monroe — ost famously remembered at Rosie the Riveter — worked building the B-24 Liberator Bomber. Monroe who came to Michigan from Kentucky to work at the plant became the symbol of the 6 million American women who entered the workforce during World War II.

"When we opened the doors at 2, there was already a line," said Jeannette Gutierrez of Ann Arbor whose daughter Alison Beatty dressed up as Rosie to draw attention to the Save the Bomber Plant campaign. "We have a bunch of real Rosies here. It's quite powerful."

Saturday's effort attracted Rosiest ranging from 3-month-old Maggie West and her mother Mary of Monroe to 16 original Rosies, including 86-year-old Mary Lentz of Westland and 91-year-old Anna Kinsey of Clinton Township. Even Monroe's daughter, Vicki Creston, came from Conroe, Texas, to help set the world record.

Original Rosies

Lentz was a riveter and worked on the sides of the plane. Her memory has faded somewhat although she remembers "working here a long time."

"I left when I found another job," she said. "I came after my uncle got a job here. It paid more than what I was making in the laundry. That wasn't



Mary Lou Zentz of Westland was one of the 16 original Rosie the Riveters who took part in the world record breaking event.

even enough to buy a roll of toilet paper."

Because of her height — 5 feet 4 inches — Kinsey was short enough that she could crawl inside the plane and work. She worked in the factory for 19 months before leaving.

"I'd get the noise from both sides; that's what took my hearing," Kinsey said.

"She worked as long as she could stand it," her son Euell said. "She had to get a release when she left because she worked for a military industry."

West sees the original Rosies as "an inspiration to be a strong woman."

"I actually did this for Maggies," she said. "It's cool and original and makes a memory for her. I'd liked her to be a strong woman, too."

Rita Schlagheck of Canton and her husband Don have been "very involved" with the Yankee Air Museum which is raising \$8 million to buy a portion of the former bomber plant and turn it into a museum.

"I love the story of what they did to prepare for war," Schlagheck said. "It's nice opportunity to honor Rosie and honor the women who worked here."



Janice Amin of Ann Arbor and Kimberly Ford of Plymouth show off the iconic red polka dot bandana needed to be in the event.



Isabella Murphy-Morrow of Plymouth shows her "We Can Do It!" pose.

Kim Lowrie of Dearborn got help from Tribute Rosie Christy Mayhew of Plymouth in pinning up her hair and tying on her bandana. Her grandmother was one of the original Rosies who participated in the record setting event.

"I felt it was a really good cause," Lowrie said. "It's a piece of history that needs to be saved. My grandmother lived it, so it's important to me."

Getting attention

The Tribute Rosies have helped bring attention the campaign. According to Gutierrez, wherever they go they hear from people who have a connection to the factory.

"Everybody has a story that ties back to this factory," she said. "I was at Eastern Market this morning and when people saw me they immediately connected with this person (Rosie). Everyone recognizes 'We Can Do It' and 'We Can Do It Again.'"

"This is personalizing the bomber plant structure we want to save because of what happened inside it and the people who worked in it," said Kevin Walsh, the museum's executive director. "This personalizes what happened here 70-plus years ago."

The original Rosies were the last group to enter the roped-off area. They were greeted with applause and chants of "Rosie, Rosie." Vass was glad the ladies got to "hear the applause and feel special."

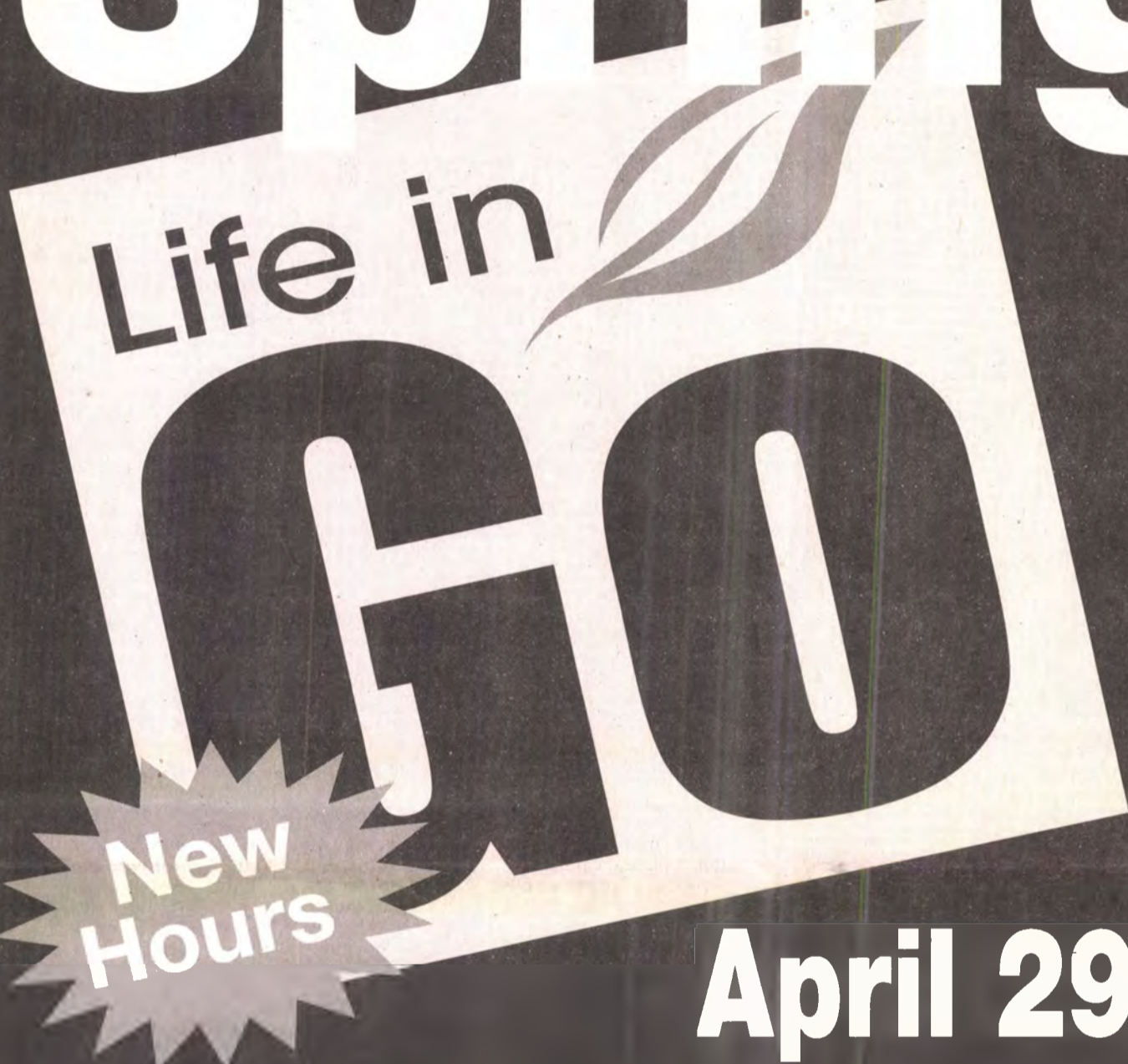
The 778 Rosies had to stay in place for five minutes before the official photo was taken for the Guinness Book of World Records. To pass the time, they sang songs like *God Bless America*. A video also was made of the world-record gathering, and there were witnesses to verify the event, which didn't go unnoticed by

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, who proclaimed Saturday, March 29, as the official Rosie the Riveter Day in Michigan.

"This is in no way insignificant," said Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical Foundation which is helping in the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign. "This isn't a story about Willow Run, this is the story about the Arsenal of Democracy, and they are a unique asset in telling that story."

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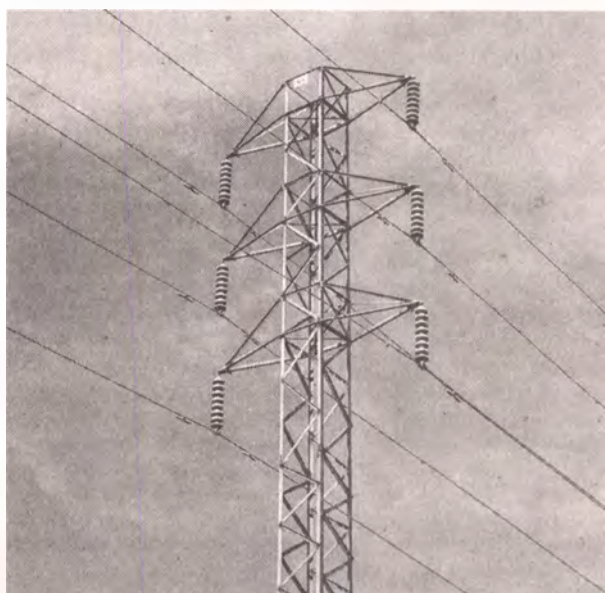
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OUR VIEWS



Making electricity deregulation work

We're all about paying less for electricity, but we're unconvinced that a bill pending in the Michigan House would lead to lower bills, and we're satisfied to see this legislation on a slow track.

Energy deregulation is getting a lot of attention recently, in spite of the fact that a bill that would allow more utilities to sell electricity in Michigan seems unlikely to advance in the Legislature.

Gov. Rick Snyder has already indicated his skepticism, and Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, calls the idea "a strategic mistake."

Even so, Michigan's big utilities are making known their opposition, with Consumers Energy already bankrolling issue ads on television and radio opposing House Bill 5154.

Sponsored by Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, the bill would remove the current cap on electric choice. Michigan law allows customers to choose another electricity provider, but only up to 10 percent of a utility's electric sales.

The bill also would deregulate rates for Detroit Edison Co. and Consumers Energy, allowing rates to fluctuate with the market without Michigan Public Service Commission review.

The utilities' opposition to deregulation will no doubt trigger skepticism among consumers and lawmakers understandably wary of monopolies and their impact on rates.

Michigan residents already pay more for electricity than consumers in neighboring Ohio and Illinois, both of which allow competition. A recent poll found that 58 percent of likely Michigan voters would support lifting the cap, a majority that held up in both political parties.

Yet the allure of reducing rates through increased competition may be illusory. Among the 24 states that have enacted electricity deregulation plans, the results are mixed.

Utility executives hoping to reverse public opinion on the issue could point to Pennsylvania. Hundreds of thousands of consumers who signed up for variable-rate plans were surprised to find their monthly bills had tripled or quadrupled in January and February as the demand for power increased during unusually cold weather and the price of electricity went through the roof.

The lesson in Pennsylvania, however, isn't that deregulation can't work, but rather how deregulation is implemented requires careful attention to detail and regulatory oversight of how retail providers of electricity set rates. Transparency, of course, is essential.

It's disheartening to see campaign-style ads used to, essentially, head off the legislative process. Given the public's interest in electric choice, Shirkey's bill deserves cautious study.

Now would be a good time to learn from the experiences of other states where electricity deregulation is already part of the landscape.

GUEST COLUMN



The hours at the Wayne Public Library have been reduced as of Tuesday, April 1.

Reasons behind Wayne library service cutbacks

Because of the current financial crisis in Wayne, the Wayne Public Library will be making some significant changes beginning April 1. The library will be closing four additional hours a week. This means we will be open 31 hours a week instead of the current 35 (down from a high of 58 hours a few years ago).

Our new hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m., and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays noon to 5 p.m. We will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Once again we will have no budget for new adult or children's books, CDs, nor DVDs. We will eliminate the following line items from our budget: books, professional services, contract services, community promotion, printing and publication, membership and dues, and miscellaneous. There will also be an additional savings by canceling our current cleaning service beginning in April.

In addition, Paulette Medvecky, our library director, will be retiring as a full-time employee on June 30.

We hope to bring her back part-time as a co-director to work with a new part-time person who would be the other co-director. These co-directors will receive an hourly wage and no benefits. Long-time employee Ginny Cesarz will also be leaving us on May 31. She will not be replaced.

Reason for cuts

There are various reasons for these cuts and others in the past couple of years. The primary one is the loss of tax reve-

nue due to falling property assessments in Wayne. The Wayne Library has a guaranteed, dedicated mill, but income from that mill has fallen as property values have dropped.

A few years ago, one mill of taxes produced about \$700,000, and our budget was a little over \$900,000, including money from the general fund and the Downtown Development Authority. Today one mill brings in only \$360,000, and our 2014-2015 budget will be \$360,000 — our dedicated 1 mill — with no support from either general fund or DDA.

Another major factor is that the state has reduced Wayne's portion of revenue sharing by 41 percent from \$3 million in 2000 to \$1.8 million now.

We apply for as many grants as possible, but these are usually restricted by the granting agency for specific uses, such as books, furniture, programs, etc., and cannot be used for general operations or anything else. We currently have a grant application pending for some new furniture, so if we're successful, and you see new furnishings in spite of the budget, keep in mind that the grant was limited to that specific use.

The Ford Motor Company contributed \$20,000 specifically for books for the current fiscal year, and we are fortunate in getting that. Our recent budget for books, CDs, and DVDs has been \$65,000, it is now down to zero. Ford has also granted us some money for new computers to replace the out-of-date units we've been using. Although receiving grants is a hit-and-miss affair, we will continue to apply for as many as we can.

Help from Friends

The Friends of the Library provides money from their

The library is the second most important education institution in any community and a major factor in promoting literacy.

fundraisers for some programs and an occasional special project, but we cannot build their contributions into the budget since they are a separate, independent organization, and their contributions may vary. Meeting room rentals have provided a small income, but that has also dropped because the reduced hours have made it inconvenient for many users.

The Board would like to praise our director and all our great staff members for their dedication to this library and to our users, and for their hard work made more difficult by tough financial times.

A good public library is essential, for both adults and children. The library is the second most important education institution in any community and a major factor in promoting literacy. Our staff and board are working hard to give you and your families the best library we can, given the amount of funding provided.

Writing this note to you has not been fun, but we feel that you deserve to know what's happening and why. Thank you for your patience, for your understanding, and for your continuing support.

Ed Marman in president of the Wayne Library Board.

Ed Marman

GUEST COLUMNIST

LETTERS

Goodbye, ole buddy

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, Garden City lost a true resident and I lost an ole buddy in Gomer Goins, age 87, who loved calling Garden City his home. Gomer and his late wife Maxine raised their family here and still lived here in Garden City. Gomer had the means to live anywhere he wished, but he picked Garden City. He truly loved this city.

I used the term "ole buddy" because that was what he would say every time we meet or talked over the phone, "How you doing, ole buddy," is how the conversation would start. From day one, I felt I had known Gomer all my life; he had a style about him that put you felt at ease in talking with him. I found him very wise in the most simple things in life. Very wise about people, especially the rights of people, being involved

with unions most of his adult life.

Politics was no stranger to him also. At a county function last year, Congressman John Dingell told him that because of his efforts and help he got elected the first time. Gomer was never a man to brag about his accomplishments in life, but if you got him started on certain times of his life, you were in for some great story telling.

Gomer was a regular to the Garden City council meeting. With his words he could cut you down and you would be thanking him before you realize he just bench slapped you. He would praise Mayor Randy Walker and council when he thought they were helping the city and its citizens. He would also get on them for their faults, and he didn't care if they liked it or not. He spoke it like he saw it.

For his age he was great with southern say-

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ings to get his point against, but one thing I admired in him was he never refused to shake someone's hand when he disagreed with them. Gomer quit going to the council meetings last year. He told me he was tired of the "same old nonsense up here, I might as well stay home in my comfortable recliner and watch it on TV," and that is what he did.

Gomer was one of those people that I believe God brings into your life for a meaning. Gomer was that and more, in just a short time of calling him my friend, his wealth of knowledge and keen insight into people was amazing. I will always remember our talks over breakfast at one of his favorite places to eat, Bob Evans.

He loved biscuit and sausage gravy. Even visiting him in his home, you always felt welcome. He loved people and enjoyed talking to his friends or strangers.

Garden City has truly lost one of its great residents and I have lost a great friend. It is written somewhere that friends you meet in life will laugh, cry, eat, drink and be involved in your life, some forever, some for a short time. But those that leave an everlasting mark or memory in your life are truly friends. Mr. Gomer Goins, thank you for your friendship. You will be missed, but not forgotten.

My prayers go out to his children at this time for their great loss: Mitch, Donna and his grandchildren Joseph

and Amanda. Rest in peace, Gomer, and goodbye, ole buddy.

Al Buckner
Garden City

EAA bill needs options, quality control

I am very concerned over reports that the Michigan Legislature may vote to approve legislation around school turnaround strategy. Michigan very much needs a clear strategy that insists on change and intervention in schools that, despite our best efforts to assist them, are still failing young people.

To be effective, however, any school turnaround strategy needs to create a range of options, including traditional school districts, ISDs, effective charter schools and other non-profit educational organizations, but with clear criteria for who is qualified to be effective at managing school turnaround efforts, set under the direction of the State Board of Education by our State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Michigan Department of Education. Under such criteria, the EAA and other educational entities

could earn the ability to manage school turnaround efforts, if they demonstrate a record of performance.

I hope Republicans and Democrats alike will not support this legislation without changes to accomplish these goals, including Democratic Rep. Harvey Santana, who rightly wants to vote for something, that insists on meaningful intervention in failing schools in Detroit.

But this legislation as it currently stands is not an effective school turnaround strategy, as it does not include quality assurance in who manages these efforts.

I reiterate the call, made on a bi-partisan basis by the State Board of Education, that legislation should empower a variety of educational entities and options to manage school turnaround efforts, including the Michigan Department of Education, but with clear criteria and performance standards that would have to be met by any entity before it would be eligible to manage a school. We are not there yet.

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How to establish a statutory pet trust



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A recent report stated that Americans spent over \$53 billion on their pets last year. There is no doubt that Americans love their pets. However, one thing that many pet owners tend to forget about is what happens to their pet when they die or become disabled.

Unfortunately, as much as we care and love our pets, under the law they're treated as personal property. Pet owners who want to make sure that their pet is taken care of after their death need to put something in their estate plan.

The two ways of leaving money for the benefit of a pet is in one's will or a trust.

A will is the easiest method, however, it's not necessarily the best. Remember, wills go through probate and they sometimes can be very time-consuming and expensive. Although, amending or drafting a will to provide for your pet may be the least expensive way, it probably is not the best.

I believe the best way to leave resources to a pet so they are cared for is to establish a trust. A pet trust can deal with all the issues regarding care and custody of your pet. In Michigan, laws allow someone to create a statutory pet trust. This type of trust is relatively inexpensive and can be added to an existing living trust.

In establishing a statutory pet trust, one of the key elements, as with any trust, is who is going to be in charge. Since this is a person who will be in charge of your pet, it is important that you select someone who not only likes your pet and who your pet likes as well, but also one that can handle the duties needed to take care of the pet.

In addition, you need to address how much money you should use to fund this portion of the trust. Obviously, the pet's needs and age would enter into the discussion.

Compensate caregiver?

Another item to consider is whether you compensate the caregiver of your pet. What happens to the remaining money after the pet passes on is another issue

to decide.

In many situations, people are concerned if upon the pet's death the remainder of the funds goes to the caregiver. It gives the caregiver a disincentive to take care of their pet. That is why in many situations upon the pet's death the unused funds go to charity.

I recognize that this may sound a little crazy, however, take into consideration income tax issues when you do a statutory pet trust. If the trust that was established upon death earns at least \$100 in income, then it is liable to pay income taxes. The caregiver would be responsible to complete IRS Form 1041 to pay the taxes.

In establishing a statutory pet trust, make sure you identify what pet the trust is established for and whether the trust includes future pets. After all, most people are very slow to amend their trust. You may want to tackle these issues from the start.

Good luck.

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Museum closes in on bomber plant fundraising goal

The Yankee Air Museum's Save the Bomber Plant campaign is only \$1.5 million away from reaching its \$8 million fundraising goal and saving part of the Willow Run Bomber Plant.

"Support from individuals and organizations from around the world have helped the Save the Bomber Plant campaign get within reach of our historic goal," said Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation. "It's our hope that over these last few weeks of the campaign, we can re-energize and rally the community one more time to

preserve a special piece of World War II history right here in Michigan."

The Save the Bomber Plant campaign was launched in 2013 in effort to save the Willow Run World War II Bomber Plant from total demolition and turn it into the new home of the Yankee Air Museum. The campaign deadline to save the Willow Run Bomber Plant is May 1.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant built nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator Bombers during the war, finishing a plane every 54 minutes. At the time of its construction, the plant was the largest factory in the world,

employing more than 40,000 men and women, including riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as Rosie the Riveter.

To help generate awareness and support for the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, the Yankee Air Museum is hosting Buff a Bomber Plane from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5. The museum will host its 19th annual Bomber Buffing Party at Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1.

The four-engine B-17 heavy bomber Yankee Lady and twin engine B-25 medium bomber Yankee Warrior have been inspected, repaired

and washed, and now the public will have a chance to get up close to buff and polish the planes in preparation for the 2014 flying and air show season.

Participants will each receive a ticket to the Thunder Over Michigan air show and will be escorted on board Yankee Lady to take the pilot's seat for a free cockpit photo. Lunch will be provided by Hungry Howie's Pizza. Participants are asked to bring cleaning rags.

For more information about the campaign, visit savethebomberplant.org or yankeearmuseum.org.



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Livonian close to bringing pro soccer to Detroit

New USL PRO franchise tied to new stadium plan

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia native and Michigan Bucks owner Dan Duggan announced Tuesday that he has reached a preliminary agreement with USL PRO to bring a professional outdoor soccer team to the Detroit market starting in the 2015 season.

The agreement, subject to league approval of the ownership group and stadium plan, represents the final chapter in the longtime local soccer executive's quest to bring a professional team and soccer-specific stadium to downtown Detroit, marking the first time professional outdoor soccer has been played in the city since 1968 when the Detroit

Cougars hosted their games at Tiger Stadium.

"We are excited to start meeting with prospective partners and land owners downtown to see what our immediate options are to put a stadium plan in place to submit to the USL by June 15 for approval," Duggan said.

The 2014 USL PRO season kicked off March 22 with its previous two league champions, Orlando City (2013) and the Charleston Battery (2012), squaring off at Charleston's Blackbaud Stadium, the first soccer-specific stadium in the U.S.

Orlando City has been the major story of soccer in North America as it became the fifth USL professional division team to move to Major League Soccer (MLS), joining the Seattle Sounders, Vancouver Whitecaps, Portland Timbers and Montreal Impact. Orlando



Duggan

City will complete its fourth and final season in USL PRO in 2014 before starting in MLS next season.

Last year USL PRO entered into a groundbreaking, multi-year partnership with MLS that has further reinforced the scope and visibility of the league as the strongest and best operated league below and in support of MLS on and off the field.

As a component of this arrangement, it is anticipated that all MLS clubs will either own or operate a USL PRO team or forge an affiliation partnership with an existing USL PRO team by the 2015 season.

Duggan, chairman and CEO of the Michigan Bucks of the USL's PDL (one level below

USL Pro), has been working with USL and MLS to try and bring professional soccer to Detroit for over a decade.

The Bucks began 19 years ago and have been one of the model franchises on and off the field in the PDL, the top U-23 league in North America focused on the development of top college players and young professionals that aspire to get paid to play professional soccer domestically or abroad.

Duggan, the brother of new Detroit mayor Michael Duggan, has been working toward bringing an MLS team to Detroit since the league's inception and has been looking at launching the USL PRO team in the Detroit market for the past several seasons, but was held back due to a lack of a stadium deemed necessary to be an overwhelming success in the rabid Detroit sports marketplace.

While exploring options in Pontiac, Livonia, Canton and other local areas to build a 5,000-seat stadium, Duggan decided to take the advice of the experts and turn his entire focus to downtown Detroit.

Duggan's vision for the soccer-specific stadium, which is actually a multipurpose venue that could host concerts and other small-scale events,

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL



Madonna University right-hander Bree Crampton threw her third perfect game of her career against Siena Heights. She was also named NAIA National Pitcher of the Week. PATRICK MOORE | MADONNA ATHLETICS

MU ace Crampton sparks a hot start

Crusaders also mercy UM-Dearborn in twinbill

Thanks to the efforts of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and NAIA National Pitcher of the Week Bree Crampton, the Madonna University women's softball team is off and running again.

The junior right-hander from New Baltimore Anchor Bay won both ends of the double-header Sunday as the host Crusaders captured their fifth straight by sweeping Siena Heights University, 8-0 and 10-5, in the WHAC opener for both teams.

Crampton tossed a perfect game in the opener as she struck out 10 of the 15 batters she faced in the five-inning mercy rule victory.

Top hitters for MU included North Farmington's Karleigh Creighton (2-for-3, two RBI);

Caitlyn Keuvelaar (2-for-3); Livonia Churchill's Nicole Salloum (2-for-3, RBI); and Kristen Drabek (2-for-3, RBI).

Losing pitcher Katie O'Holtzke (9-5) was roughed up for five earned runs on 11 hits.

In Game Two, Crampton (9-3) came on to pitch four innings of one-hit scoreless relief to propel MU to the victory. She struck out seven after coming on for starter Erin Combs, who gave up five runs on four hits in three innings of work.

Drabek went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Salloum added two hits, including her first career homer to go along with four RBIs as MU mounted a 15-hit attack.

Morgan Kaiser also added two hits as MU improved to 16-5 overall and 2-0 in the WHAC.

Megan Jones went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBIs

for the Saints (9-7, 0-2).

For the week, Crampton went 3-0 and posted a 0.00 earned run average in 14 innings of work.

Crampton struck out 27 hitters while walking three and allowed just two hits. She is the first pitcher in MU history with multiple perfect games.

MADONNA 9-10, UM-DEARBORN 1-2: On Tuesday, host Madonna (18-5, 4-0) swept a WHAC double-header from the University of Michigan-Dearborn (11-15, 0-2) in a pair of five-inning mercy rule games.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton (10-3) threw a one-hitter in the opener as MU cruised to a 9-1 triumph. She struck out nine and the only hit she allowed was a fifth-inning homer to Makenzie Trowbridge.

MU's Caitlyn Keuvelaar belted a 3-run homer, while Morgan Kaiser added two RBIs.

UM-Dearborn starter Kayla Goodwin (1-5) took the loss.

In Game Two, Kasey Trierweiler hit a 2-run homer and Breanna Keethler added a solo shot as the Crusaders rolled to a 10-2 win.

Other MU hitting standouts included Keuvelaar (2-for-3, two RBIs); Emma Cook (2-for-2, two RBIs); and Kristen Drabek (two RBIs).

Winning pitcher Erin Combs (7-2) struck out five and walked two, while the Wolves' Abby Jewell (from Livonia Churchill), took the loss and dropped to 6-5.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Newman returns to take Stevenson varsity hoop reins

Jen Knoph steps down following 2 district titles

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After five seasons, the baton has been passed to a familiar face in the Livonia Stevenson girls basketball program.

Tim Newman, who has coached varsity girls basketball at Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson, along with boys basketball at Stevenson, is taking the reins over from Jen Knoph, who stepped down following five seasons as the Spartans girls coach.

Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman made the announcement of Newman's hiring on Monday.

"Coach Newman is very passionate and knows the game," the Stevenson A.D. said. "His ability to motivate the players is exceptional. Coach Newman is loyal to the

program and a perfect fit."

The 56-year-old Newman, a special education teacher at the school who spent the past two seasons as Knoph's JV coach, returns for his second stint with the Stevenson girls.

"The girls are in great hands," said Knoph, who went 64-49 during her five-year run. "He's got tons of experience. He and I have worked together so well for the last two years. It's been great. He's in it for the same reasons I've been in it, which is for the girls, and to see the program be as successful as it can be. That makes me really happy."

Knoph, who also teaches at Stevenson, said she stepped down to spend more time following her own basketball family around.

"This season we counted up 95 games that went on in my household," Knoph said. "My other son (Nicholas) was playing CYO, my other son (Ian) was playing JV, (daughter) Abby was playing varsity for me and (daughter)

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Track season starts



Livonia Churchill senior Elyssa Hofmann captured the 100-meter dash and anchored the first-place 4 x 400 relay in a KLAAS South Division dual meet win Tuesday over Wayne. See girls track previews and results on B3. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna drops 3 of 4 to Davenport; falls to CMU

Madonna University already finds itself in a hole in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball race.

The defending champion Crusaders opened their WHAC schedule last weekend by losing three of four to host Davenport University at the Farmers Complex in Grand Rapids.

On Sunday, Davenport swept both ends of a double-header from the Crusaders, 7-0, and 5-4.

The Panthers (19-11, 7-2) completed the sweep in the nightcap by scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh after MU (14-10, 1-3) had tied it with a run in the top half of the

inning. MU senior reliever Travis Schuba (2-1), who came on for starter Alec Padilla in the seventh, suffered his first career loss as he allowed one run on two hits.

Jonathan Cheshire, the last of four Davenport pitchers, got the victory in relief.

Derek Dennis went 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBI to lead the Panthers. Brendan Bender also chipped in with two RBI.

Victor Barron went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Crusaders.

In Game One, Corey Sessions (3-0) went all nine innings allow-

ing just four hits and two walks while striking out five to pick up the win for Davenport.

MU starter Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) fell to 2-3 as he allowed four earned runs in seven innings.

Bender went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Connor Seymour also knocked in two runs as Davenport broke it open with five runs in the fourth inning.

Zack Schmidtke went 2-for-3 in a losing cause.

On Saturday, MU salvaged a split of a double-header thanks to the seven-inning complete-game pitching of Adam Prashad in a 1-0 victory in Game Two.

Prashad (3-1) scattered seven hits and did not allow a walk to outduel Davenport starter Anthony Alarcon, who gave up just one run on four hits in six innings.

MU scored its lone run in the first when Dalton Ovesen's sacrifice brought home John Lauro.

Eric Cummings went 2-for-2 for the Panthers, who took the first game 9-1 as winning pitcher Jordan Anderson went the first seven innings, allowing one earned run on three hits.

Ryan Butzer came on to pitch two scoreless innings in relief.

Losing pitcher Dane Staples (0-1) allowed six earned runs on

11 hits in seven innings. Bender knocked in three runs, while Dennis went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace the Panthers' attack.

CMU 13, MADONNA 7: Madonna University (14-11) couldn't hold a 6-1 lead after two innings Tuesday as host Central Michigan University (17-10) stormed back with five runs in the third and five more in the fifth for a non-conference win. Cody Leichman paced CMU's 12-hit attack going 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBI. Also chipping in offensive for the Chippewas was Tyler Huntley (2-for-4, RBI); Zach Fields (2-for-5, RBI); and Morgan Oliver (two RBI).

Kenton San Miguel, who pitched 4 1/3 innings of one-run relief, got the victory. He allowed just two hits and struck out four.

MU starter Jake Varcie pitched 2 1/3 innings allowing six runs (one earned) on six walks and two hits. Reliever Justin Hicks, who was touched up for four earned runs on five hits in 2 1/3 innings, took the loss.

Zack Schmidtke went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Tyler Gzrelakowski added two hits and an RBI in the setback.

PREP BASEBALL WRAP

Trojans' pitching trio KO's Summit Academy

Three pitchers combined for 14 strikeouts Monday as Livonia Clarenceville opened its 2014 baseball season with a 7-3 non-conference win at Romulus Summit Academy.

Zach Devon, who fanned seven, combined with Evan Gregg, who struck out four, and Adam Sade, who added three, to scatter seven hits and three walks in the victory.

"We pitched very well as a team and attacked the strike zone," said Craig Cotter, who won in his debut as the Trojans coach.

Clarenceville also came up with three big defensive plays, including a pair by left fielder Ronnie

Topolewski, who tracked down two line shots to left field.

"Ronnie made two catches on a dead sprint that robbed Summit of extra bases for sure," Cotter said.

Offensively, Devon led the way with three RBI, while Sade, the lead-off hitter, reached base safely in all five plate appearances that included a pair of singles and three walks. Gregg chipped in with a one-out double in the top of the first as the Trojans jumped out to a 2-0 advantage.

Nick Leigh had two hits for Summit.

"I was proud of our guys they never backed down," said Cotter,

whose team regained the lead in the top of the fourth with a pair of runs after Summit had taken a 3-2 lead.

FRANKLIN 10, ANNAPOLIS 0: Mitchell Gonyaw pitched a two-hit shutout and fanned five in five innings Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (1-0) opened its season with a non-conference win over Dearborn Heights Annapolis (0-1).

Tyler Camp had a 3-run triple while Nick Mardeusz added a 2-run double for the Patriots. Hunter Sellers also chipped in with two hits and two RBI.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, HARPER WOODS 6: Nick Flanery and P.J. Guse each went 2-for-4 Tuesday to lead Lutheran High Westland (1-0) past the Pioneers (0-1) in the season opener.

Winning pitcher Jordan Williams, who worked the first five innings, knocked in two runs along with Brandon Ruelle.

Nate Abbott pitched the final two innings to pick up the save. "We were able to do some good things as the game went along against two pretty good pitchers," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "We have a lot to work on, but overall I was pleased with our opening day effort."

GIRLS SOFTBALL

C'ville drops opener

Phoebe Cole went 3-for-4 with a double and scored three runs Monday to lead host Romulus Summit Academy to a 14-4 mercy-rule girls softball win in six innings over Livonia Clarenceville.

The Trojans committed six errors in the season opener as junior starter Emily Schwartz gave up nine hits, walked four and struck

out seven. Senior Logann Sade collected two of Clarenceville's seven hits, while seniors Nicole Kurdziel and Mikala Kielsing each reached base twice.

The Trojans scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning off Dragons winning pitcher Callie Hale, who allowed just four hits and walked two.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Chargers pull off KLAASouth win against Plymouth

Defense sparkles vs. Wildcats, 1-0

Livonia Churchill turned in a stellar defensive effort Tuesday night to earn a 1-0 girls soccer victory over host Plymouth in the KLAASouth Division opener for both teams.

The Chargers, who evened their record at 1-1, got the game-winning goal from Kelsey

Parrinello off an assist from Alexis Lubonja just one minute into the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper Brittany Hayes made seven saves, including a key stop with just under two minutes left to preserve the victory.

"Brittany played really, really well," Chur-

chill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "It's one of the best defensive efforts I've seen in my coaching career. We were able to frustrate them even though they (Plymouth) are very good and very quick. We had great ball pressure. I was really proud of the way we played. It was inspiring to watch."

FRANKLIN 2, JOHN GLENN 1: Senior Shannon Murphy scored a pair of goals in the final six minutes Tuesday to propel host Livonia Franklin (1-0, 1-0) to a KLAASouth

Division win over visiting Westland John Glenn (0-1, 0-1).

Glenn took a 1-0 first-half lead on Savana Nicosia's goal from Kaitlin McGrath with 17:10 left, but Murphy scored on a penalty kick with only six minutes left following a Rockets' handball in the box to even the count at 1-1.

The Patriots then drew a red card and played a one player short, but Murphy was able to tally the game-winner off with 1:46 to go an assist from Rachel Dudek.

Kathryn MacRae, making her first varsity start in goal, made seven saves for the Patriots, while Courtney Schaber had five for Glenn.

"She kept us in the game until the second half," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. "It was a very exciting win and way to start the season."

MARIAN 3, LADYWOOD 1: In an early Catholic League Central Division showdown Tuesday, Birmingham Marian (5-0, 1-0) emerged the victor against host Livonia Ladywood (5-1, 0-1) at Madonna University.

Michigan commit Kelly Sweeney scored all three Marian goals in the third, 20th and 75th minutes.

Conner Huggins' goal at the 25-minute mark tied the game at 1-1 for Ladywood. Megan Bricely and Kaitlin Patouhas combined for three saves, while Ladywood goalie Whitney Bauried made five.

"We just couldn't get in a rhythm in the second half and Marian really pressed us," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said.

"We tried to move some players forward at the end and gave up a third. Sweeney is a special player and you can't make defensive errors against her."

LUTHERAN N'WEST 5, LUTH. WESTLAND 1: Amanda Klebba and Jenna Wilusz each scored twice Tuesday as Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest downed host Lutheran High Westland (0-1) in a MIAC crossover match.

Kira Haag also scored for the Crusaders, while sophomore Samantha Berner tallied the Warriors' lone goal in the second half from junior Michelle Greening.

"We played a much better second half with Julia Yancy and Megan Hill playing solid defense," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaffer said. "We had to make some changes in our lineup once the game started with being inside for so long."

Goalkeeper Kyleigh Goodfellow made 12 saves for Lutheran Westland.

GREENHILLS 6, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Kirin Cramer scored four goals — two in each half — as Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-0) spoiled the season opener Monday night for host Livonia Clarenceville (0-1) season.

Shari Jacobson and Austin Bunker also tallied first-half goals for the Gryphons, who jumped out to a 4-0 lead.

"We allowed Greenhills to have multiple shots in the first half resulting in more opportunities to score," Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody said. "It was hard to have an offensive game in the first half, but the second half we came out much harder and determined."

Lindsey Fosth scored unassisted off her own corner kick for Clarenceville's long goal.

Moody also singled out the defensive play of Summer Reddick, Brianna Turri-Cesarz and Hunter Iuliano.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jillian Bunker made nine saves.

JOHN GLENN 1, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Westland John Glenn (0-0-1) opened its season Friday with a tie against Walled Lake Central (0-0-1) as the host Vikings scored with only 15 seconds left.

Glenn tallied its lone goal in the first half when Sydney Climie scored from Susie Bryan. Glenn's Courtney Schaber was outstanding in goal making 15 saves.

"The girls played a good defensive game," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said.

WAYNE 8, ST. CATHERINE 0: On Friday, host Wayne Memorial (1-0) got a hat trick from Tori McKague to post a mercy-rule victory over visiting Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy. Also getting into the act for the Zebras included Aimee Hutton (one goal, three assists), Gillian Abicht (one goal, two assists), Amber Parrish (one goal, one assist), Summer Elbaadani (one goal).

Hutton's unassisted goal with 23 minutes left ended the match.

"It was a good first result for us because it was only our second time playing outdoors this season," Wayne coach Jason Dean said. "The girls worked the ball around pretty well. Our first touch was definitely not sharp, but we played well enough to deserve the win."

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GIRLS SOCCER

Ladywood captures own tourney championship

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Goalkeeper Holly Cusick has become a proven stand-in for the Livonia Ladywood soccer team.

The freshmen, who took over the reins after starter Whitney Bauriedl was out for two days following a medical procedure, made a key save to help the host Blazers win their own invitational with a 2-1 victory Saturday over Dearborn Divine Child, at Livonia Stevenson.

Ladywood, now 4-0-1 overall, outscored the Falcons in the shootout, 5-4, and had an overall shot advantage of 11-3.

Divine Child led 1-0 at half-time on Mary Ann Myler's nice finish from 15 yards out at the 10-minute park.

But Ladywood's Jenna Urso broke through and drove a shot off the crossbar that bounced straight down and in off an assist from Emily Huddleston with only five minutes remaining in the 50-minute match to send it to PKs.

Cusick recorded two saves, while DC's Sam Cimino had seven stops.

In the opening round, junior Sam Riga scored a hat trick and added one assist as Ladywood beat Dearborn, 4-0.

Urso opened the scoring at the 5-minute mark from Riga followed by Riga's goal just two minutes later from Elise Pollock to make it 2-0 at intermission.

In the 29th minute, Riga made it 3-0 from Huddleston followed by Riga's third of the match in the 39th minute from



The Blazers won their own invitational with a 2-1 victory Saturday over Dearborn Divine Child.

Kennedi Bullard. Cusick, who made two saves, posted the shutout.

In the semifinal, Ladywood downed Grosse Pointe North, 6-0, as Cusick made one save to

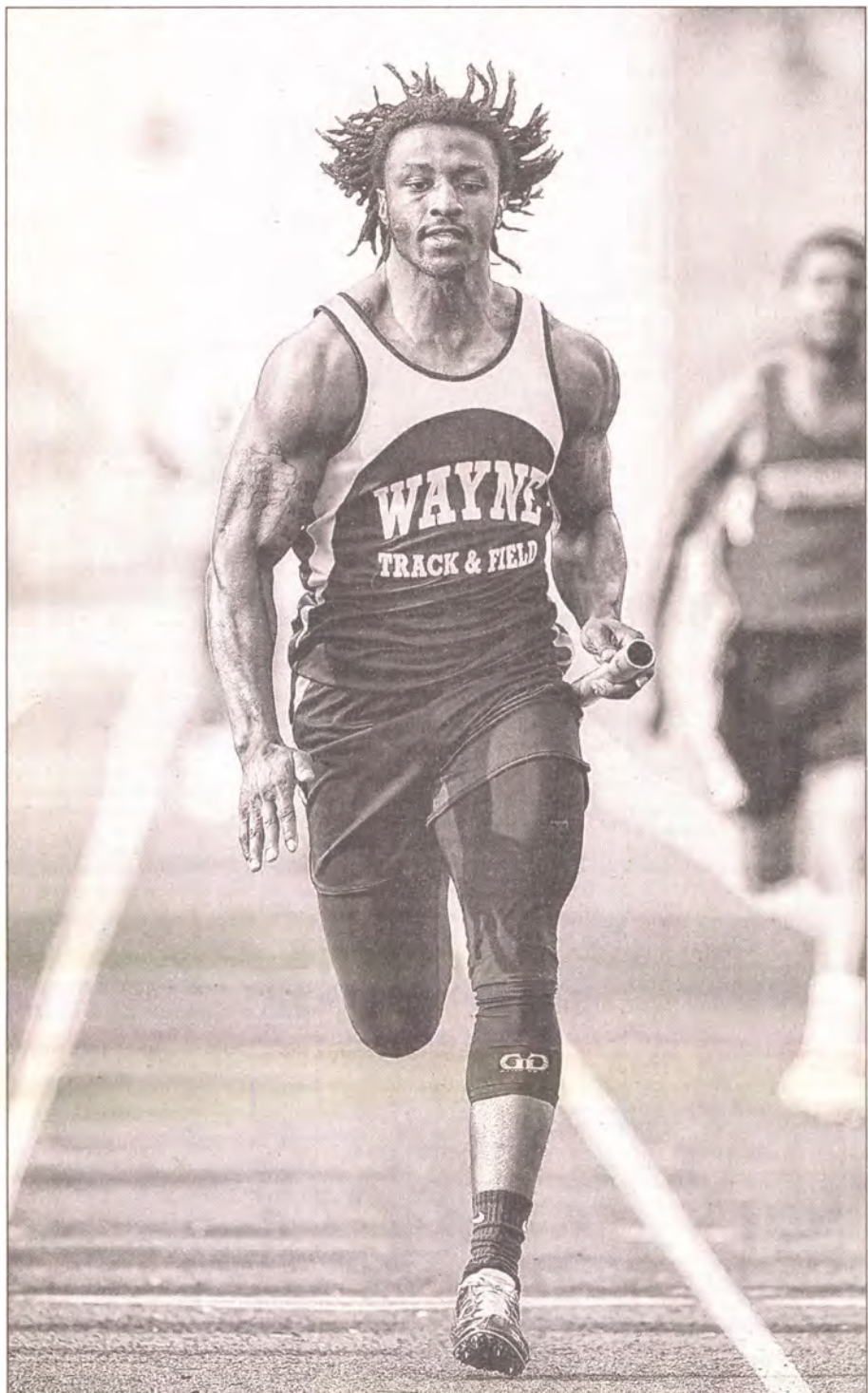
post her third shutout of the young season.

Ladywood jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead on goals by Riga, third minute (from Huddleston); Huddleston, 18th minute (on a PK); and Huggins, 18th minute (from Riga).

The Blazers racked on three more in the second half — Riga, 34th minute (from Huddleston); Urso, 36th minute, from Bullard; and Mykela Hawkins, 43rd minute (from Urso).

"We were very sharp in the first two games," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledacker said. "We started out the championship game kind of slow and DC was able to capitalize. Holly did a nice job all day in goal. Our coaching staff and I know all the players are very proud of the job she did for us."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS



Wayne Memorial's Shakarri Hill took second in the 100-meter dash and anchored the first-place 4 x 400 relay in Tuesday's KLAAS South Division loss to Livonia Churchill.

DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 82 CANTON 55

April 1 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Shawn Deese (C), 40 feet, 1 inch; 2. Juan Gamboa (LF), 39.85; **discus:** 1. Tony Vella (LF), 120.65; **high jump:** 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-8; 3. Denzel Adams (LF), 5-4; **long jump:** 1. Dixon (C), 18-4; 2. Adams (LF), 17-0.5; **pole vault:** 1. Grant Mast (C), 11-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Jeremy Sheppard (LF), 17.57; 3. Adam Monroe (LF), 18.35; **300 hurdles:** 1. Monroe (LF), 44.28; 2. Sheppard (LF), 44.71; 3. Josh Hannah (LF), 45.16; **100 dash:** 1. Nathan Rodgers (LF), 11.75; 3. Matt Wirick (LF), 12.11; **200:** 1. Rodgers (LF), 23.7; 2. Alex Perelli (LF), 23.84; **400:** 1. Rodgers (LF), 54.66; **800:** 1. Keenan Jones (LF), 2:08.25; 2. Steve Kruppa (LF), 2:13.9; 3. Danny Koponen (LF), 2:14.26; **1,600:** 1. Jones (LF), 4:48.19; 3. Ross Cecil (LF), 4:57.88; **3,200:** 1. Billy Toth (C), 10:35.05; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 46.39; 2. Franklin, 46.54; **800 relay:** 1. Franklin (Danny Cebula, Perelli, Brandon Smiley, Rodgers), 1:33.57; 2. Canton, 1:35.88; **1,600 relay:** 1. Franklin (Smiley, Jones, Koponen, Cecil), 3:51.26; 2. Canton, 4:00.81; **3,200 relay:** 1. Franklin

(Koponen, Tony Floyd, Cecil, Jones), 8:48.26; 2. Canton, 8:58.44.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Canton, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 88.6 WAYNE MEMORIAL 49.3

April 1 at Churchill

Shot put: 1. Zach Barrick (LC), 43 feet, 6 inches; 2. Brett Barnum (LC), 40-4; 3. Nick Najerian (LC), 39-4. **Discus:** 1. Barrick (LC), 127-9; 2. Demarco McKinney (LC), 110-0; 3. Najerian (LC), 107-4. **High jump:** 1. Tim Dulin (LC), 5-4; 2. (tie) Sean McKeon (LC) and Dusan Brown-Deacon (WM), 5-4 each. **Long jump:** 1. LeDell O'Bryant (WM), 19-5; 2. Shakur Lockett (LC), 17-7; 3. Davontae Cooper (WM), 17-6. **Pole vault:** 1. Caleb Guthard (LC), 11-6; 2. Stephen Fedek (LC), 11-0; 3. Brian Burke (LC), 10-8. **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Ryan Bragiel (LC), 16.6; 2. Dulin (LC), 17.2; 3. Fedek (LC), 17.8. **300 hurdles:** 1. Bragiel (LC), 46.3; 2. Dulin (LC), 46.7; 3. Martins (LC), 48.6.

100 dash: 1. Martin Ballah (WM), 11.3; 2. Shakarri Hill (WM), 11.5; 3. Malik Johnson (LC), 11.7.

200: 1. Ballah (WM), 23.9; 2. Joe Gatton (WM), 24.1; 3. Johnson (LC), 25.1.

400: 1. Montel Hood (WM), 53.2; 2. Nick Lombardo (LC), 56.4; 3. Noah Rimatzki (LC), 57.8.

800: 1. Matt Cohen (LC), 2:08.0; 2. McKeon (LC), 2:14.0; 3. Devin Gibson (WM), 2:19.0.

1,600: 1. Jon Alessandrini (LC), 4:49.0; 2. Malik Jordan (WM), 4:54.0; 3. D. Gibson (WM), 4:55.0.

3,200: 1. Jordan (WM), 10:37.0; 2. Patrick Dahlin (LC), 10:48.0; 3. Tim Flores (WM), 11:03.0.

400 relay: 1. Wayne (Ballah, Gatton, Cooper, Hill), 45.3; 2. Churchill, 47.4. **800 relay:** 1. Churchill (Jamaal Allin, Martins, Rob Franklin, Dulin), 1:38.0; 2. Wayne, 1:39.0; **1,600 relay:** 1. Wayne (Hood, Gatton, Davontae Cooper, Jahmir Alonzo), 3:51.6; 2. Churchill, 4:17.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Cohen, McKeon, Alessandrini, Sean Murphy), 8:46.0; 2. Wayne, 8:50.0.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

GIRLS TRACK CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Pat Daugherty, seventh year
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (South Division)

Last year's finish: first, KLAAS South (5-0); Division 1 regional champions; third, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Emily Norscia (first-team All-Area, discus); Sydney Anderson (first-team All-Area 800, 3,200 relay; second-team, 800 relay); Molly Jarvis (first-team All-Area, 400 relay; second-team, 300 hurdles); Demi Crossman (first-team All-Area, 400 relay); Julia Szuba (first-team All-Area, 1,600 and 3,200 relays; third-team); Kengnan Riley (first-team All-Area, 3,200 relay; second-team, 3,200); Ashley Cochran (second-team All-Area, high jump); Michelle Azar (second-team All-Area, 3,200 relay; third-team, 1,600).

Leading returnees: Elyssa Hofmann, Sr., sprints (first-team All-Area, 400 relay; second-team, 200, 25, 71); Chanel Gardner, Sr., sprints (first-team All-Area, 400 relay; second-team, 800 relay, 200, 26.94); Lindsey Ierberg, Sr., middle distance (third-team All-Area, 1,600 relay); Kourtney Strong, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area, 1,600 relay); Natalie Spala, Jr., sprints (third-team All-Area, 1,600 relay); Jenna Hickson, Sr., middle distance (800, 2:30.18); Alexis Lombardo, Soph., middle distance; Hannah Pummilil, Jr., throws; Amanda Fox, Sr., pole vault (10-0); Gabby Carter, Soph., throws; Amanda Fox, Sr., pole vault; Alexann Zahara, Soph., pole vault; Julia Hope, Jr., high jump.

Promising newcomers: Kathleen George, Fr., distance; Caroline George, Fr., distance; Lauren Kucharczyk, Jr., distance; Christian Murphy, Fr., distance; Sydney Winns, Jr., jumps middle distance; Annie Yost, Fr., throws; Raquel Zwick, Fr., middle distance; Odlichukwu Onwudike, Jr., sprints.

Daugherty's 2014 outlook: "We will have a lot of new faces scoring us this year. Gone are 10 seniors who scored 75 percent of our points. We do have Elyssa Hofmann back. She led us in scoring and qualified in four events for the state meet. We also have Chanel Gardner, Natalie Spala and Kourtney Strong back, all of which qualified for the state meet last year. It will be interesting to see who steps up as performers and leaders. We have had a great first month of practice and we can see that we will have a handful of new athletes who will be very successful for us. We also have some new faces on the coaching staff as we have added Joe Horka to work with the distance team and Margarita Lazarevska returning after a two-year absence to work with the hurdles. Returning as the throws coaches are John Filiaut and Dave Simpson. Jordan McClellan returns as the vault coach. I'm looking forward to see how we develop as individuals and as a team. We should have the opportunity and ability to have a successful season."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Galen Grimmett, first year
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington (South Division)

Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAS South (1-4); sixth, Division 1 regional; ninth, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Kristen Smith (first-team All-Area, 300 hurdles; third, Division 1, 44.6); Taelour Phillips, Kayla Jones, Rheana Allen, Courtnee MacQuame.

Leading returnees: Asia Gardner, Soph., sprints (second team All-Area, 100, 12.4; 200, 25.5; 400, 1:00.5); Caroline Mahalak, Jr., pole vault-800; Breylin Meeks, Jr., 300 hurdles-400; Barb Messis, Jr., distance.

Promising newcomers: Adaeze Ogbuaku, Fr., hurdles; Erica Robinson, Sr., 200-400; Christina Ballinger, Sr., 100-300 hurdles; Ashlee Alexander, Jr., 200-400; Monet Jackson, Jr., 100-200; D'Asia Jackson, Jr., 100-200; Diamond Ayler, Jr., long jump-100.

Grimmett's 2014 outlook: "We're going to be very young. We're just looking to improve every week. We're carrying about 22 on the team right now, so we don't have a lot of depth."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Tiffany James, fourth year
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington (South Division)

Last year's finish: sixth, KLAAS South (0-5); 10th, Division 1 regional; 11th, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Bailey Hart, Gema Lopez, Carlita Jones, Ashe Lewis.

Leading returnees: Danielle Robbins, Sr., middle distance; Honia Williams, Sr. (captain), sprints; Kayla Hood, Sr. (captain), distance; Kirschelle King-Lewis, Sr., sprints-long jump; Camy Cain, Sr., throws; Kaise Mazzarin, Sr., distance; Alexandra Arzooyan, Sr., distance-pole vault; Majai Lewis, Sr., throws-sprints; Fayonnah Jackson, Jr. (captain), sprints-long jump; Tierra King, Jr., sprints; China Wellons, Jr., sprints; Victoria Boyd, Jr., distance; Ashley Hall, Jr., middle distance; Ceira Shephard, Jr., sprints; Hilda Herrera, Jr., distance-pole vault; Farrah Jhelthess, Jr., distance-pole vault; Ashley Lindsay, Soph., sprints; Daija Bendolph, Soph., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Madison Young, Sr., throws; Kaci Tyler, Jr., distance; Jessica Colvin, Jr., throws; Micah Macon, Soph., throws; Kelsie Wyson, Soph., middle distance; Jaden Glover, Soph., sprints; Angel Williams, Soph., throws; Elizabeth Horne, Soph., sprints; Adairna Gonzales, Fr., sprints; Husula Boussou, Fr., throws; ShoKese McKay, Fr., throws-long jump; Nikita Bhangui, Fr., distance; Melaina Climer, Fr., distance; Anavia Battle, Fr., sprints-long jump; Unique Lotman, Fr., sprints; Gabrielle Hall, Fr., sprints; Antrunika Alonzo, Fr., sprints; Deborah Blind, Fr., sprints-long jump.

James' 2014 outlook: "We lost two of our top five point scorers and state qualifiers from last year when Bailey Hart graduated and

improved coming off a successful cross country season led by Douglas Marano, Pokryfky, Martinez and Kovach. We have a lot of new kids to see what they can do as the weather improves and we start running some meets."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Kelly Graham, 11th year
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington (Central Division)

Last year's finish: fifth, KLAAS South (1-4); eighth, Division 1 regional; 10th, conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Karlie Gallagher (second-team All-Area, 800; third-team, 3,200 relay); Brenna Gabrielson (third-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); Chelsea Billingsley, Jackie Deacon, Brooke Kuchka, Morgan Plue, Hannah Wagner.

Leading returnees: Brianna Jed, Jr., sprints-jump (third-team All-Area, long jump, 16-6); Barbara Scuphalm, Sr. (captain), distance (third-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); Emily Chapski, Jr. (third-team All-Area, 3,200 relay); Erica Burgess, Sr. (captain), sprints-hurdles; Macky Petipas, Sr. (captain), throws; Kendall Ash, Sr., sprints; Melissa Flannigan, Jr., distance; Bayne Froney, Soph., distance; Sommer Pappas, Soph., pole vault; Emily Chatterjee, Soph., pole vault; Rachel Collins, Soph., high jump; Sam Ellis, Jr., pole vault; Haley Knoche, Jr., sprints; Maggie Law, Jr., high jump; Anna Letcka, Jr., sprints-long jump; Amanda Schultz, Soph., sprints; Nicole Sokolowsky, Soph., sprints; Emily Wade, Soph., hurdles.

Promising newcomers: Heather Burke, Fr., sprints; Sammy Dickson, Soph., sprints; Emily Etheart, Fr., sprints; Taylor Fedrigo, Fr., hurdles; Lindsey Gallagher, Jr., distance; Emily Nettie, Fr., hurdles; Diana Senkowski, Jr., sprints-long jump; Irelly Sullivan, Fr., sprints; Kristen Szabalski, Fr., sprints; Megan Verant, Fr., sprints; Julia Cercone, Fr., distance; Delany Harris, Fr., distance.

Graham's 2014 outlook: "I'm really looking forward, despite the weather, to being able to have a chance to see what the team is going to be like. We have a lot of new talent and some girls that can really do well within the division as well as conference. We don't have a lot of depth, but will again rely on the veterans returning from last year to set the pace for the rest of the season. If we stay healthy we can really do some good things this season."

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James' 2014 outlook: "We lost two of our top five point scorers and state qualifiers from last year when Bailey Hart graduated and

Quay Nichols moved. However, the throwers are determined to keep the state qualifying streak going this season. We have a lot of newcomers that are fitting in nicely and will be having an immediate impact on our team's success. Our veterans are on pace to break a lot of school records this season. The coaching staff is looking forward to seeing the growth of these young ladies. Even though the weather has not been kind to us, we are very impressed on how hard these ladies have been working since the first day of practice."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Blake Hintz, second year
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division)

Last year's finish: fourth, Catholic League A-B Division meet; sixth, Division 2 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Amy Lewandowski, Sara Wojnarowski.

Leading returnees: Kat Gaffka, Sr., distance; Sarah Wilson, Soph., distance; Amber Riettmiller, Jr., sprints; Krystina Kiriakos, Sr., throws; Devon Team, Jr., sprints; Pilar Furlong, Sr., middle distance; Hannah Gove, Jr., jumps-sprints; Callan Tigani, Sr., long jump.

Promising newcomers: Allyson Hill Fr., distance; Ani Ramon, Sr., sprints; Catherine McLaurin, Fr., distance.

Hintz' 2014 outlook: "We're looking to be solid team, but we're a little smaller than last year. We're looking to be competitive. We're excited to see our underclassmen provide a leadership role and elevate the team to higher success. We'll still be competitive in the field events, but won't be winning like last year."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Brady Gustafson, fourth year
League affiliation: Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Last year's finish: third, WWAC (3-2); third, conference and Division 3 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Melanie Keeling, Leandra O'Neal.

Leading returnees: Ayanna Buckley Sr., Sprints-high jump (first-team All-Area, high jump, 5-6; third in Division 3, 100, 12.1; 200, 26.0); Micah Willingham, Sr., long jump; hurdles (long jump, 16-3; 300 hurdles, 47.01); Kamaana Sanders Sr., sprints; Mya Banks, Sr., sprints; Stanesha Chambers, Jr., throws; Mercedes Gough, Sr., sprints; Kayla Dumas, Sr., sprints.

Promising newcomers: Nele Von Daacke, Jr., distance; Delanie MacRae, Soph., hurdles; Andrea Hill, Soph., throws.

Gustafson's 2014 outlook: "We will have a small, but talented team. The team will be led by their sprinters, a group that broke three school records as juniors. Buckley, who was All State in the high jump, is returning as our school record holder in the 200, 100 and the high jump. Willingham, our 300 hurdles record holder and state qualifier, is returning along with Sanders, Banks, Gough and Dumas will round out our sprint group that looks to improve on a great season a year ago. Our throwers, led by Chambers and Hill will be the strongest group our school has had since I have been coach. Newcomer Von Daacke will look to have a strong season running distance and middle distance. The girls look to have a solid year led by their strong senior class."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Head coach: Mike Unger, fourth year
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Last year's finish: first, MIAC meet; Division 4 regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Alissa Flury, Angela Morrison, Janine Erickson.

Leading returnees: Jenna Wisner, Soph., distance (second-team All-Area, 1,600, 5:25.46; 3,200, 12:08.1; 800, 2:26.71); Emily Brown, Sr., throws; Elizabeth Matthews, Sr., middle distance; Michelle Greening, Sr., distance; Alana Hill, Sr., distance; Emma Buffone, Jr., distance; Lis Vey, Jr., hurdles-sprints; Allison Johnson, Jr., sprints; Chelsea Kovacs, Jr., sprints; Claire Gordon, Jr., hurdles; Rachel Wiggins, Jr., hurdles; Gwen Ulrey, Jr., distance; MacKenzie York, Jr., throws-pole vault; Emily Fairbairn, Jr., high jump-hurdles; Abby Schaffer, Soph., sprints; Eleanor Stork, Soph., pole vault-hurdles.

Promising newcomers: Allie Lang, Jr., 400; Abby Severyn, Jr., distance; Shala Murray, Soph., hurdles; Taylor Jones, Fr., sprints; Caitlin O'Banion, Fr., throws; Joyaya Wyly, Fr., throws.

Unger's 2014 outlook: "This will be the biggest team we've had for several years, with 33 girls participating. It is difficult to determine the strength of the team because 13 or the 33 girls are new to the team, and it will be interesting to see how well the new team members progress throughout the season and how they contribute. The success of the team will depend on their contributions. The goal will be to repeat as conference champions, but that will be difficult because of the depth and strength of Auburn Hills' Oakland Christian. We also lost (senior) Leah Refenes (throws) to a basketball injury."

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA FRANKLIN 74 CANTON 63

April 1 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Meier (C), 34 feet, 3 inches; 2. Sophia Modes (LF), 30-3; **discus:** 1. Meier (C), 106-10; 3. Modes (LF), 80-1.75; **high jump:** 1. Julie Wonch (LF), 4-11; 3. Sheila McKinley (LF), 4-5; **long jump:** 1. Taylor Pelland (LF), 14-5.5; 2. Jasmine Crowley (LF), 14-4; **pole vault:** 1. S. McKinley (LF), 8-6; 3. Tasha McKinley (LF), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Aubrey Mavin (LF), 18.58; 2. Alexia Anagnostopoulos (LF), 19.68; **300 hurdles:** 1. Mavin (LF), 57.94; 2. T. McKinley (LF), 55.67; 3. Nikki Hawthorne (LF), 56.47; **100 dash:** 1. Bryah White (LF), 13.39; 3. Crowley (LF), 13.94; **200:** 1. White (LF), 29.8; 2. Crowley (LF), 29.87; **400:** 1. Wonch (LF), 1:03.87; 3. Brianna Gutowski (LF), 1:11.62; **800:** 1. Natalie Douglas (LF), 2:39.09; **1,600:** 1. Douglas (LF), 5:54.51; 2. Ellary Marano (LF), 5:56.26; **3,200:** 1. McIntee (LC), 12:41.34; 2. Marano (LF), 12:52.1; 3. Riley Shine (LF), 13-04.09; **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 54.59; 2. Franklin, 57.85; **800 relay:** 1. Canton, 1:54.76; 2. Franklin, 1:58.22; **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton, 4:34.94; 2. Franklin, 5:16.23; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton, 10:44.49; 2. Franklin, 11:17.21

WAYNE MEMORIAL 9 April 1 at Churchill

Shot put: 1. Gabby Carter (LC), 32 feet, 7.5 inches; 2. Hannah Pummilil (LC), 29.65; 3. Karlie Kondrath (LC), 29-4.

Discus: 1. Carter (LC), 100-7; 2. Kondrath (LC), 86-0; 3. Pummilil (LC), 84-6.

High jump: 1. Juliet Hope (LC), 4-3

Long jump: 1. Emma Rimatzki (LC), 14-0; 2. Natalie Spala (LC), 13-5; 3. Oksana Glover (LC), 13-5.

Pole vault: 1. Olivia Ryktsarsyk (LC), 9-3; 2. Amanda Fox (LC), 9-0; 3. Alexann Zahara (LC), 8-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Spala (LC), 18.1; 2. Lauren VanAmberg (LC), 20.3; 3. D.J. Burgines (LC), 20.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Spala (LC), 52.8; 2. Burgines (LC), 58.5; 3. Antrunika Alonzo (WM), 1:00.5.

100 dash: 1. Elyssa Hofmann (LC), 12.9; 2. Chanel Gardner (LC), 13.3; 3. Honia Williams (WM), 13.3.

All-Area cagers thrive

FIRST TEAM

Isaac Everette, Sr., John Glenn: The 6-foot-4 senior guard-forward, who missed Glenn's first six games with a broken finger, averaged 20 points per game for the Rockets.

The all-Kensington Lakes Activities Association pick, who could also play the point-guard position, led Glenn to the KLAA Association, Kensington Conference and South Division titles.

Everette is being courted by Wayne State and Grand Valley State.

"Isaac was a three-year starter on teams that won 52 games and three South Division titles, along with a KLAA championship," coach Dan Young said. "He had a tremendous year at Glenn, one of the best I've ever coached. He was a leader in every way on-and-off the floor."

Davon Taylor, Sr., Canton: The 6-6 senior forward was a force at both ends of the court this season for the Chiefs, earning all-KLAA accolades in the process.

One of the region's most improved players, Taylor averaged 17 points, 11 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per contest and set a new Canton High School season rebounding record with 244.

"His ability to score inside and rebound for us was outstanding," coach Jimmy Reddy said.

Reddy added that Taylor deserves "all the credit" for the strides he has made as a player since ninth grade to become one of the area's best players.

"I couldn't be more proud of the young man Davon has become in his time here at Canton. He was an absolute pleasure to coach," he said.

Jeron Rogers, Jr., N. Farmington: The 6-foot-6 junior is a three-year starter for the Raiders, who compete in the highest division (Red) of the Oakland Activities Association.

Rogers is a versatile player who can shoot the three, but he does his best work in the paint, scoring on post-up moves and competing for rebounds.

He had many double-double performances while averaging 21 points and 11 rebounds. Rogers also looks for his teammates and had four assists per game, an impressive number for a big man.

"Jeron had a great junior year, proving to be one of the best inside-out threats in the state," coach Todd Negoshian said.

"He is a tremendous competitor with a fierce desire to win and is a great teammate. All the time he has put in really has started to pay off."

Otis Kemutambah, Sr., Thurston: Fueled by an incredible vertical-leaping ability, Kemutambah was a force in the paint for the Eagles, averaging 13.7 points and 8.9 rebounds per contest. In addition to shooting 50 percent from the field, the 6-foot-5 All-Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division first-teamer protected the rim on a steady basis.

"Otis had an outstanding senior season," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "He was one of the best players in our league around the rim and he rebounds everything he



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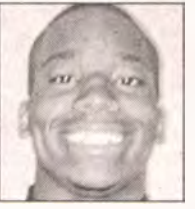
Noah Campbell
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Jacob McKiddie
Redford Union



Donte Jackson
Churchill



Xavier Crofford
Thurston



Dan Young
Glenn coach



Bob Brodie
Salem coach

2014 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

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Davon Taylor, Sr., F, Canton
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Jordan Nobles, Sr., F, Canton
Connor Cole, Sr., G, Salem

SECOND TEAM

James Pruitt, Sr., F, John Glenn
Noah Campbell, Jr., G, Liv. Stevenson
Randall Aikins, Jr., G, Plymouth
Jacob McKiddie, Sr., F, Redford Union
Donte Jackson, Sr., G, Liv. Churchill
Xavier Crofford, Sr., G, Thurston

THIRD TEAM

John Rexroth, Jr., C, Harrison
Kimani Doooley, Sr., G, Clarenceville
Anthony Qasawa, Jr., F, N. Farmington
Avon White, Sr., G, Farmington
Kevin Brown-Bayko, Sr., G, Garden City
Allante Wheeler, Jr., G, Salem

FOURTH TEAM

Calvin Butler, Sr., G, Harrison
Justin Banks, Jr., C, Farmington
Adam Monroe, Sr., G, Liv. Franklin
Joan Andoni, Soph., G, Liv. Churchill
Josh Reynolds, Jr., G, Plymouth
Jermell Johnson, Jr., G, Clarenceville

FIFTH TEAM

DeAngelo Kirksey, Sr., G, John Glenn
Michael Hoover, Sr., F, Salem
Jacob Joubert, Soph., G, N. Farmington
DeAndre Carter, Sr., G, Wayne
Ryan Schaffer, Sr., F, Luth. Westland
Daniel Jipping, Sr., G, Ply. Christian
Jailen Webber, Jr., G, Liv. Stevenson

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Dan Young, Westland John Glenn
Bob Brodie, Salem

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Jon Hovermale, Mark Leja;
Franklin: Nick Guest; Stevenson: Devin Kelly, Clarenceville: Carlton Davis, Huron Valley Lutheran: Milan Monk, Lutheran Westland: Nick Flaney, Jake Davenport, A.J. Seltz, P.J. Gusé; Wayne: Aaron Journey, Brian Williams; John Glenn: Michael Bradley, Mo Foani, Raphael Parks, Jamie Melchor; Farmington: Chris Seaborn, Corey Sheltrown, Austin Thompson; Harrison: KJ Justin, Trevon Dixon, Justin Whitted; N. Farmington: Alex Darden; Salem: Brady Cole, Alec Winfrey, Tyler Brooks; Canton: Greg Williams, Logan Ryan, Jack Zemanski, Jaluan Sturdivant; Plymouth: Deji Adebisi, Brent Davis, Chris Walls; Ply. Christian: Michael Slater; Redford Union: Jerrime Koger; Thurston: Rickey Huggins, Brandon Marshall; Garden City: Joe Pummill, Brad King, Julius Sanders, Zack Maszatics.

can get his hands on. He'll definitely be missed next year."

Jordan Nobles, Sr., Canton: The numbers were down slightly this season for Eastern Michigan University-bound Nobles, but the 6-8 senior forward still had a strong year and outstanding prep career.

Nobles helped the Chiefs' cause with 12 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two blocks per game as his play around the rim made an impact at both ends of the floor.

"We asked Jordan to do a lot for us this year and he did an outstanding job," Reddy said. "He was put in a tough situation where he had to bring the ball (up the court) a lot because of the Greg Williams injury and he showed a lot of flexibility to his game by doing that for us."

"... Jordan had an outstanding career at Canton, he did so much for our program the last three years. He is a great teammate (and) competitor but more importantly he is a young man with very high

character."

Connor Cole, Sr., Salem: The Rocks never were out of a ballgame thanks in large part to the talents and tenacity of senior guard Cole, who earned team MVP and all-conference honors.

Examples of Cole's stellar play under pressure included 35 points against Novi in a district semifinal win and 24 against Grand Blanc in the Class A regional finals. Cole drained two treys in the first quarter against the Bobcats to stake Salem out to a lead that nearly held up the rest of the way.

Cole led Salem in most categories. He averaged 12 points, five assists and three steals per game and was a dead-eye shooter — hitting nearly 60 percent from the field and 83 percent from the foul line, along with a 31 percent accuracy rate from behind the arc.

"Connor was our go-to guy who always seemed to want the last shot when the game was on the line," coach Bob Brodie said. "He was the most versatile player and made things happen for us both on offense and defense."

James Pruitt, Sr., John Glenn: The 6-6 senior forward, who averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game en route to all-KLAA honors, was high-riser and one of the area's most explosive players and dunkers.

"James was the most improved player in our program," Young said. "He became a leader in effort and attitude. I'm very proud of him."

Noah Campbell, Jr., Stevenson: The 5-10 junior guard averaged 17.5 points, 2.5 assists and 3.7 rebounds per game while shooting 90 percent from the foul line.

The all-KLAA pick had 36 points at South Lyon and 31 at Salem.

"Noah is a natural scorer who has a terrific outside shot," coach Brandon Sinawi said. "He did a better job this season in attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line. He needs to work on becoming a better defender in hopes to be a great all-around player for us next year. He's got the tools to play at the next level."

Randall Aikins, Jr., Plymouth: Although the Wildcats had a slightly disappointing season, next year could be a different story because of the continued improvement of Aikins in the backcourt.

Aikins, an All-KLAA selection, collected 13.15 points and

3.55 rebounds per game and was a key player both on offense and defense during his junior season.

"Randall did a nice job of running the point for our team," coach Mike Soukup said. "He has an uncanny knack for getting into the lane and breaking down defenses."

"I am looking forward to seeing him grow as a point guard and as a leader for next season."

Jacob McKiddie, Sr., Redford Union: McKiddie's relentless style of play mirrors his favorite NBA player, Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love. With an assortment of effective inside up-and-under moves, he can also knock down three-point shots with regularity, which is reflected in his 14.3 scoring average. A double-double machine, the first team All-WWAC Red Division performer gobbled up 11 rebounds per contest and rose to the occasion in the Panthers' pair of Division 2 district games when he average 21 points.

"In my three years of serving as the head coach at Redford Union, Jacob is definitely one of my favorite players," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "He's probably the most consistent player I've coached and he brings it every day, to games and practices. Along with being an outstanding player, he's a great character kid who I think can play at the next level."

Donte Jackson, Sr., Churchill: The 6-foot senior point-guard averaged 15.6 points and 6.5 rebounds per game en route to all-KLAA honors.

"Donte worked extremely hard in the summer and fall, and his leadership carried over to the season," coach Jim Solak said. "He led us in scoring and rebounding and carried us until we were able to find ourselves and turn the season around. He kept us together and was great leader on-and-off the court. Just a great kid on and off the court."

Xavier Crofford, Sr., Thurston: The Eagles' senior leader was the epitome of the dual-threat guard, as he could punish opponents with his polished perimeter shots and his elusive drives to the rim. He averaged 10.8 points per game while shooting 37 percent from the field and 68 percent from the charity stripe. He also dished out 2.2 assists per contest and hauled down 3.7 rebounds.

"Xavier is one of those guard who can hurt teams with his scoring and his passing," Bates said. "He's tough

to defend because he can hit the jumper and score off the drive. He really had a solid year for us."

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

Dan Young, John Glenn: The eighth-year coach, who stepped down following the season, guided the Rockets to a 15-6 record after sweeping the South Division, Kensington Conference and KLAA Association championships.

Glenn captured 14 of its final 16 games after a 1-4 start which included losses to Detroit Pershing, Detroit East English Village, East Kentwood and Class A state champion Muskegon. The Rockets were ousted in the district by defending state champion Romulus.

Young, a Central Michigan University grad, coached previously as an assistant at Detroit Catholic Central and his alma mater Canton High.

"I feel very fortunate to have coached at Glenn for the past eight years," said Young, who posted a career record of 113-60. "It has been a great experience. This past season was very special winning, but I'm most proud and happy with the former players that come back and the great relationships we have built over time."

Bob Brodie, Salem: The dean of KLAA coaches just completed his 40th season as a coach and 30th season as head coach of the Rocks.

Brodie led his team to the KLAA Central Division championship and a district title. The Rocks finished 17-6 and nearly won the regional final against Grand Blanc, falling in the final seconds (53-52).

As has been the case in recent seasons, Brodie mixed and matched his players to fit certain situations on the floor, relying on a deep rotation. The Rocks also played with spunk to never give up on a play or game.

"This year's team was the type of team that all coaches love," Brodie said. "They played with intensity, competitiveness, unselfishness and gave everything they had in games and practices."

"In our opinion as a staff, they over-achieved our expectations because of this and made our jobs as coaches easier. It was a very exciting team to watch. They had a lot of fun playing the game, which in turn, made our coaching fun."

Helping Brodie this season were assistant coaches Ryan Nimmerguth (in his first season with the varsity) and Steve Aspinall.

DUGGAN

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is a 5,000-seat stadium with open hills in the end zones that would enable 8,000 fans to be a part of the USL PRO experience in downtown Detroit.

The stadium could be incorporated into an existing developed area or be a stand-alone project, depending on the neighborhood. Duggan estimates the land needed would be a minimum of 2.5 acres and as much as 7 acres to develop two additional outdoor turf fields to accommodate the massive need for quality fields for youth soccer and adult leagues within the city limits.

Duggan plans to host a media conference this spring to roll out additional information about the team's USL PRO franchise plans, its MLS aspirations, international partner, and plans for a youth academy to complete the entire pyramid of soccer within the state of Michigan.

Duggan said more information will be released in the coming weeks. You can contact Duggan at dduggan@buckssoccer.com.

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NEWMAN

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Molly was playing at Madonna (University). And certainly I didn't catch all 95 of those games. Then we had practices going on at all four different places. At times it was pretty chaotic."

Knoph, who replaced Paul Tripp, went 7-15 in her first season (2009-10), but went on to post four straight winning seasons including a 17-6 mark in 2011-12 followed by back-to-back Class A district championships the past two seasons.

"A big part of it when I came back to coaching at Stevenson was that I recognized the need for stability," said Knoph, who played high school basketball at Dearborn Divine Child. "And now that we have that, there's seems to be a lot more interest on the girls' part and it's running really well with all three levels together. So that helps to feel comfortable to pass it on to somebody else."

"I feel like I had a good run, had a lot of success with the

girls and had a great time. I'm going miss it, but at the same time I don't want to miss what I have here as close as I am."

Hyman said Knoph "did a wonderful job of creating a program atmosphere."

"She stressed team unity, leadership and a willingness to work and her players responded with complete dedication," Hyman said.

Newman, who is a 1975 Livonia Franklin High grad, got a gentle nudge to apply for the job from Stevenson principal Jim Gibbons.

"Jim asked me to consider it and I said OK, with the stipulation that I want to keep (assistant coach) Karen (Anger) on," Newman said. "She will be my associate head coach, if you want to call it that, and she'll take over for me as the JV coach. That's my plan, but it has to be posted (by the Livonia Public Schools) obviously. There's no guarantee, but that's my plan. I'm big on loyalty and she's been loyal to our program."

Stevenson finished 14-9 last season before being ousted by No. 1-ranked Detroit King in the regional semifinals at Far-

mington. A majority of the key players will not return.

"We graduate everybody," Newman said. "But it's a nice group coming back. The kids that I had for the last two years ... they're used to my style. I'm not changing anything. I am what you see. Very demanding. We're going to try and push it when we can. We have a little bit of mixture of juniors and seniors for the most part. But it's going to be a work in progress because most of the kids didn't get a lot of playing time. But I got a lot of good kids and they'll play their butts off for me, there's no doubt in my mind."

Newman, meanwhile, thanked Knoph for her efforts during the past five seasons.

"One thing she did was bring stability back to the program," he said. "There was awhile — after I left the first time — that we had five coaches in four years, which was ridiculous. Then Jen came in and solidified it and did a great job. I just want to take that and run with it."

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 2

April 1 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Keerthi Chikuri, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def Sarah Gamble, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Swiththa Durgiswamy (P) def Madison Eisenhauer, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Amber Tseng (P) def Caria Yanez, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 singles: Alyssa Lopez-Katie Weyers

(P) def. Samathan Voss-Morgan Witherspoon, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Teahn Horton-Emma Mullinax (P) def Stefani Hudry-Chelsea McWilliams, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Lauren Conley-Nisha Patel (P) def. Kaitly Swenson-Ashlee Mahoney, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Justin Ko-Sindhu Borra (P) def. Blake Newberry-Snidga Thyagaraj, 6-1, 6-4; No. 5: Amanah Fatima-Ria Mahesh (P) def. Kiana Malone-Janki Patel, 6-4, 6-1.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Franklin, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA South.

VERSATILE INSTRUMENT

Harp Quartet hits high notes

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Larry Gage promises a rare treat when The Modern Harp Quartet performs Sunday, April 6, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

"When you consider the number of strings and chords possible to play with that instrument, it is absolutely remarkable," said Gage, who coordinates the Great Performances in a Sacred Space concert series at the church. "It is a rich sound, and when you get four harps together, all four are unbelievable. The sanctuary will be filled with a sound that most of our audience has never heard.

"One reason I wanted so much to bring in the ensemble is that I always try to program unique kinds of experiences for the audience. We're always trying to enlarge the musical experience of folks."

"Menuet a la mode," will include pieces that incorporate the French minuet along with other similar works in 3/4 time by French and British composers. It starts at 4 p.m. in the church, 26165 Farmington Road, north of 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Admission is a donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family. For more information call 248-474-6170, Ext. 208, or visit www.farmington-pres.org/performing-arts.



The Modern Harp Quartet, Lydia Cleaver (left), John Wickey, Anne Brege and Maurice Draughn, will perform Sunday, April 6, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Cass Tech alumni

The Quartet members — Maurice Draughn, Lydia Cleaver, John Wickey and Anne Brege — are Detroit Cass Tech High School alumni who began their harp training as members of the school's harp choir, under the direction of Patricia Terry-Ross.

Wickey lives in Atlanta, Ga., where he teaches, composes and arranges. He received a bachelor of music degree from Boston University and a master of music degree from the University of Michigan and has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, the

New World Symphony, and the Eastern Musical Festival Orchestra in North Carolina.

Cleaver, director of the harp program at Cass Tech, earned bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees in harp performance from the University of Michigan. She has performed with Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, Mannheim Steamroller and orchestras throughout the Midwest.

Brege, who has master's degrees in music history and in harp performance from Wayne State University, lives in Wisconsin and has performed with the Wayne State Symphony Orchestra, the Wayne State Wind Symphony, and Detroit

Civic Symphony Orchestra, the Dearborn Symphony, Royal Oak Symphony, and Grosse Pointe Symphony.

Draughn, an academic adviser in the Wayne State University School of Music, earned a bachelor of music degree from Wayne State and a master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has performed with Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Robert Sims, the Three Irish Tenors, and Glen Campbell and has appeared as a soloist in several symphony orchestras. He also arranges and composes music for the harp, voice and choir and performs as a studio harpist.

Rare ensemble

"When you see a harpist, they're usually playing solo for a wedding or a reception. Even in an orchestra you might see one or two. A harp ensemble is a rare thing. We use music arranged for two harps and then double it," Draughn said, adding that the group has begun to arrange and commission works for four harps.

Although the group plays some contemporary pieces, including jazz standards, the "modern" in its name refers to the instrument, rather than music.

"The modern harp is comprised of an intricate array of mechanisms controlled by seven pedals," Draughn noted.

"The instrument is capable of producing a vast number of sound effects and tones. A large portion of our repertoire consist of pieces composed in the 20th century to showcase the tonal possibilities of the instrument."

The upcoming concert will be a reunion of sorts for Draughn, who served as the church's organist a few years ago.

"There have been several occasions since then where I have either played for a service at the church or ran into members who were in attendance at one of my performances in the area," he said. Great Performances in a Sacred Space wraps up its current season May 18 with Canadian organist Devon Hansen.

Its 2014-15 season starts Sept. 21 with Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz, followed by Gary Greenfelder's Dynamic Resonance Brass Quintet, Oct. 19; The Paul Vornhagen Quartet with jazz standards, Nov. 16; The Cantata Academy Chorale, Dec. 12; Pierre Fracalanza, organist and vocalist, Feb. 13, 2015; Bob Milne, ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist, March 15, 2015; The Wayne State University Symphony, April 19, 2015; and The Vanguard Voices, May 17, 2015.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through 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

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

WESTLAND LIBRARY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 6; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 7

Location: 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland

Details: Three Cities Art Club presents a juried exhibition of oils, acrylics, watercolors, collage, pastel and photography. An art and appetizers reception, with son artists on hand, runs 1-3 p.m. Sunday. Free guided tours on request. Art demonstrations Friday-Saturday

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

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 fee-based classes, visit ChilliChallis.com

Contact: 734-985-0875

FILM

MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6

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

Details: *Nut Job* screens. Free to children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for times.

Contact: 734-298-6257



"Jonathan Vegas Has Left The Building," is among the art works on display April 4-7 at the Westland Library.

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

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

MUSEUM
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL
MUSEUM

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: John Keller of Port Royal, S.C., will present "Flags of the Confederacy." The former Michigan resident is a docent at the Veredier House Museum in South Carolina and a member of Sons of the Confederacy

Coming up: Antiques appraisal clinic with Doug Dalton Auctioneer and Schmidt's, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. Items include furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins or stamps. A maximum four items. Call for appointment. \$10 per item

Contact: 734-455-8940

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

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

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

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

Contact: yankeearmuseum.org

MUSIC
BLUES@THE ELKS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: On Tuesday, April 8, George Bedard & the Kingpins will perform blues, jazz and rockabilly. \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 4

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Simon Phillips, drummer for The Who in their 1989 American reunion tour, performs with Andy Timmons on guitar, Ernest Tibbs on bass and Steve Weingart on keyboards.

Tickets are \$20, available at StarTicket.com, ticketmaster.com or the Music Hall Box Office

Contact: 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5

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

Details: Fiesta! will include music from Latin America. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens and \$10 for youth

Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, April 5; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Dave Boutette, April 6; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, April 11; Dave Boutette, Derek Daniels and Tike Anderson in the Round, April 12; Erin Zindle, April 25; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Muriel Anderson, April 26; Gurf Morlix, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Manhattan Piano Trio with Milana Strezeva on piano, Wayne Lee on violin and Saeunn Thorsteinsdottir on cello, perform music of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Schumann and Babadjanian. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348



The Yankee Lady is one of the airplanes that will be polished during a buffing party, April 5, at the Yankee Air Museum, Ypsilanti.



BRASS by Thomas Thewes is on display in his solo artist show, Detritus, April 4-26 at Northville Art House.



Steve Elliott portrays The Easter Bunny in *Confessions of The Easter Bunny*, at The Mix Studio Theater in Ypsilanti.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 10-12, 2 p.m. April 12-13

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

Details: In *The Drowsy Chaperone*, characters come to life in a man's apartment. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students

Contact: spotlightplayersmi.org

TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through April 13

Location: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: *The Current*, by Redford playwright Sean Paraventi, centers on a bachelorette party that takes an interesting turn when the bride-to-be and her friends visit a psychic on their way to the bar. Opening night includes a bachelorette party with prizes and games at 7:20 p.m. in the theater lobby.

Audience members who stay after the show on Sundays will hear readings by area psychics. Donate a gently used bridal gown and receive two free tickets. The gowns go to The Bride's Project, which supports cancer research. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors

Contact: 248-850-9919; twomuses-theatre.org

UDM THEATRE CO.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 4-5 and 2 p.m. April 6

Location: Grounds Coffee Haus on the McNichols Campus of the University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit

Details: Ashe Lewis of Westland plays "Katia" and Stephanie Nicols of Troy, a guest Equity artist, plays her mother, "Maggie," in *Memory House*, by Kathleen Tolan. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students and \$5 for UDM and Marygrove students

Contact: 313-993-3270; theatre.udmercy.edu

THEATER

BERMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6

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

Details: The Kibbutz Theatre performs *Address Unknown*. The play recounts the breakup of a friendship between a Jewish art dealer in California and his German business partner, who returns to Germany in 1932. The story is told solely through their letters. Admission \$20; \$15 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, through April 6

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

Details: An original play, called *Confessions of the Easter Bunny*, has the iconic Easter character going to therapy while seeking meaning and a new sense of purpose. Tickets are \$12 general and \$10, students and seniors. Buy online with a credit card or at the door with cash or check only

Contact: 734-985-0875; emergentarts.com

MAGENTA GIRAFFE THEATRE COMPANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 13

Location: Abreact Performance Space, 1301 W. Lafayette, #1301, Detroit

Details: Playwright Sean Paraventi of Redford presents a twisted love story about predators and victim in *Love is Strange*. No minors will be admitted without a parent for this play that includes mature content. Tickets are \$18; \$15 for students and seniors

Contact: 313-408-7269; info@magentagiraffe.org

Whether you're entertaining for a big group or a small gathering, a successful Easter brunch or dinner starts with finding the right recipes to impress with less stress.

"Colorful individual desserts, like Easter-egg cake bites, cupcakes and mini cheesecakes, are easy to make ahead," said chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens.

Those tasty sweets can be as fun to make as they are to eat. Set out a tempting array of single-serving treats so guests won't have to pick just one.

For more Easter serving ideas, visit www.mccormick.com.

ADD FUN, COLOR TO EASTER GATHERINGS WITH

BITE-SIZED TREATS



EASTER EGG CAKE BITES

Serves: 24
Serving Size: 2 cake bites

1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix
2 teaspoons pure lemon extract or pure vanilla extract
McCormick Assorted Food Colors & Egg Dye
1 cup marshmallow creme
1 bag (14 ounces) white confectionery coating wafers

Decorating Glaze:
½ cup confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons water
McCormick Assorted Food Colors & Egg Dye

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding lemon extract and desired food color. Bake as directed on package for 13x9-inch baking pan. Cool completely on wire rack.
2. Crumble cake into large bowl. Add marshmallow creme; mix until well blended. Shape into 1-inch balls then roll to form an egg shape. Refrigerate 2 hours.
3. Melt coating wafers or white chocolate as directed on package. Using a fork, dip 1 cake bite at a time into the confectionery coating or chocolate. Tap back of fork 2 or 3 times against edge of dish to allow excess to drip off. Place cake bites on wax paper-lined tray.
4. For the Decorating Glaze, mix confectioners' sugar and water in small bowl until well blended. Tint with desired food color. Using a fork, drizzle glaze over cake bites. Let stand until glaze is set.

EASY MINI CHEESECAKES

Serves: 12

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
½ teaspoon pure almond extract
12 vanilla wafers
1 cup fresh berries

Preheat oven to 325°F. Beat cream cheese and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs and extracts; beat well.

Line 12 muffin cups with paper baking cups. Place a wafer in bottom of each muffin cup. Spoon batter into each cup, filling each ¾ full. Bake 22 to 24 minutes or until centers are almost set. Cool in pan on wire rack. Mini cheesecakes will deflate in center upon cooling. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Garnish with berries.

EASY LEMON DAISY CUPCAKES

Serves: Makes 18 1-cupcake servings

1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix
1 tablespoon (plus 2 teaspoons) pure lemon extract, divided
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 package (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar
10 drops McCormick yellow food color
18 large marshmallows
Decorating sugar
Jelly beans
Green sprinkles

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, adding 1 tablespoon of the lemon extract. Spoon into 18 paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup ¾ full. Bake as directed for cupcakes. Cool cupcakes on wire rack.

For the frosting, beat cream cheese, butter, sour cream and remaining 2 teaspoons lemon extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar until smooth. Stir in food color until evenly tinted. Frost cooled cupcakes.

To decorate cupcakes, cut each marshmallow crosswise into 5 slices. Sprinkle 1 side of each marshmallow slice with decorating sugar. Arrange 5 marshmallow petals on top of each cupcake to resemble a daisy, pressing the marshmallows into the frosting. Place jelly beans in the center of the petals. Garnish with sprinkles.

FESTIVE MERINGUE COOKIES

Serves: Makes 6 dozen or 12 (6-cookie) servings

4 egg whites, at room temperature
¼ poon cream of tartar
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
25 drops McCormick Assorted NEON! Food Colors & Egg Dye

Preheat oven to 225°F. Beat egg whites in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until frothy. If using a freestanding mixer, use wire whisk attachment. Add cream of tartar; beat until soft peaks form. Increase speed to medium-high. Add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until sugar is dissolved and stiff peaks form. Beat in extract and food color until well blended. Gently stir in chips, if desired.

Drop by rounded measuring teaspoonfuls about 1 inch apart onto 2 large foil-lined baking sheets sprayed with no stick cooking spray. Bake both sheets of meringues at the same time 45 minutes. Turn oven off. Let meringues stand in oven 1 hour or until completely cooled.

CITY BITES

Vegetarian cooking

Farmington Hills — Learn how to make B-B-Q Veggie Beef and Veggie Meat Sauce, 10 a.m. to noon Friday, April 11, at Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt. A ceremony and potluck lunch follows the class. Participants may bring a vege-

tarian dish to share. RSVP to michigantemple@yahoo.com. The Temple phone is 248-579-4791.

Eating gluten-free

Farmington Hills — Mark your calendar for Tri County Celiac Support Group's South-east Michigan Gluten-Free

Food Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road. The 13th annual fair will include free samples, shopping, door prizes, raffles and vendors selling gluten-free products. No charge for Support Group members; \$5 for nonmembers.

Visit www.tccsg.net for more information.

Fallen heroes

Livonia — Andiamo Restaurant will donate 25 percent of proceeds from its new "Chef's Signature" menu items to the Fallen Heroes Monument at Larry Nehasil Park. Wild

Mushroom Risotto and Surf and Turf featuring portabella mushrooms and Andiamo's signature zip sauce, are among the 19 new dishes on chef Brandon Schatko's dinner menu. The restaurant is located at 38703 Seven Mile, west of I-275. 734-953-3200.

RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Adults pay \$3; children 2-10 pay \$1.50

Contact: 734-425-4421

EASTER FUN DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, games and more for children 3-12. The church also seeks donations of white socks, Chapstick, chewing gum, individually-wrapped hand wipes, snack bars, pocket Bibles and pocket-sized tissue packs for Comfort Kits for the homeless.

Contact: 734-422-1470

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville

Details: Children hunt for more than 15,000 eggs in five different age groups. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served; pictures available with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes, music and "eggcellent egg-speriments" with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Get a gift for bringing a friend. Registration is required at dfcnazarene.org. Closes after 600 children sign up or on April 16, whichever comes first

Contact: 248-348-7600

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19

Location: Plumb Line Community Church, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia

Details: Games, crafts, face painting, prizes, lunch and photos with the Easter Bunny; for ages 12 and under

Contact: Shirley Stephan at 734-522-7916

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Time/Date: Register at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia

Details: Family Easter celebration includes an egg hunt, games and crafts for children, 10 and under, along with the Easter story. Bring a basket to collect eggs

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 11

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

Details: Bishop Thomas Gumbleton: A Prophet Among Us? part 2 screens, following Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: 734-722-1343

LENTEEN REFLECTION

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 11

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Includes dinner at 5:30 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m.

Contact: 734-427-3660

LENTEEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

through April 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"
Contact: 313-532-8655

LENTEEN SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Worship followed by a light lunch

Contact: 734-522-6830 for additional information

LENTEEN SOUP, DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. soup dinner; 7:15 p.m. video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, April 8

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" by pastors Bob Hoey and Allen Kannappell

Contact: 734-425-2800 for additional information

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BECKER, RUTH LOUISE (FALLOWFIELD)

Age 80 of Zionsville, Indiana, passed away March 27, 2014. She was born July 15, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to the late William Henry Fallowfield and Lillie Crozier Fallowfield. She is survived by son Ron (Jane) Becker; granddaughters Hannah and Erica Becker of Zionsville, IN; and sister Mavis Sewell of Trenton, MI. She was preceded in death by her brother Wallace. Ruth danced ballet professionally in New York City and Detroit and taught ballet for thirty years afterward while living in Birmingham, MI. A lover of animals, music, nature and people, Ruth found beauty in everyday items and moments. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or the Alzheimer's Association. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



GRUSCHOW, JOANNE (JO BEATTIE)

Widow of Willard (Bud) Gruschow. Loving mother of daughters, Sue, Nan, Barb, and Joan, and companion of Jack Childs for many years, died Wednesday, March 26, 2014 surrounded by family at her home in Bluffton, South Carolina. Jo and Bud were high school sweethearts and graduates of Michigan State College (University). She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Widowed at age 43 with 3 girls in college and 1 in junior high school, Jo was the glue and suddenly, head of the household. Jo attended night school at Wayne State University and received her Masters in Business. She went on to teach math and business classes at Seaholm High School in Birmingham until retirement. Jo was an active member of Indianwood Golf Club, and the Troy Tennis Club. Many special family vacations were shared on Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Jo is remembered by her daughters Susan Keys/Kusz (Larry) of Bonita Springs, Florida, Nancy Gruschow of Lakewood, Colorado; Barb (Chuck) McCollom of Mt. Pleasant, MI; grandchildren Tracy (Federico) Bordignon, David McCollom, and Joan (Gregg) Camicello of Golden, CO.; Kevin and Christine Camicello, and her sister Janice (Tom) Mellen of Williamsville, New York along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that might as well have been relatives. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time in Jo's home state of Michigan. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 Mallet Way, Suite 301, Bluffton, SC 29910 or Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, PO Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910. Share your memories on Jo's Tribute Wall: saulsfh.com Arrangements by Sauls Funeral Home of Bluffton.

HINES, SUZANNE HELEN (nee HUTCHINSON)

Of Canton, Michigan. October 23, 1947 - March 28, 2014. Loving daughter of Blair Hutchinson and Helen (Huntington) Hutchinson. Loving sister of Janet Blair Hutchinson. Loving mother of Paul Blair Hines, Lori Jean (Clevenger) Hines; and loving grandmother of Jonathan (Jack) Blair Hines and Samantha Blair Hines. Loving mother of Jeffrey James Hines, Maya Amie (Ganatra) Hines; and loving grandmother of James Jayant Hines, Ravi Alexander Hines, and William Kieran Hines. She is survived by many loving cousins, extended family and caring friends and colleagues. Longtime Healthcare Manager at John Hancock/Unicare. She had an abiding passion for her family, grandchildren and her life-long hobby of genealogy, establishing a family tree of more than 12,000 people. She was a member of the Blair Genealogical Society and participant in the Huntington Family Association. Funeral Service was 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 1st at the Dearborn Chapel of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday and 12-8 p.m. Monday. In addition to or in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. She will be interred at Glen Eden Memorial Park on 8 Mile Road in Livonia, MI, Evergreen Garden (Section #99, Block 12, grave 4).

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KAYFES, CAROL J., PLYMOUTH, MI

Age 80, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014, with her loving husband by her side. She was born March 26, 1933, to William and Bessie Goldsworthy, and grew up in Lake Linden. On June 23, 1951, she married Thomas Kayfes of Ahmeek. She was known for her kindness to others, including sharing her faith in the Bible's promises. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She also is survived by her daughters, Judy (David) Bonga, Gloria (Alan) Arndt, and Donna (Robert) Reimer; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and five nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

RUE, LOIS ANNE

March 31, 2014. Age 83 of Westland, Michigan, passed away peacefully. She was a lifetime resident of Michigan, an avid Detroit Tigers' fan, loved summers on the lake, retired from Ford Motor Credit Co., and a former Garden City Hospital Guild volunteer. She was the beloved mother of Cliff Berger (Janet), Darcy Berger-Batherson, and loving grandmother of Ryan, Erin, Renee and Ross. She is also survived by her sister Joyce Radloff and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Molly Briskorn, her sister Shirley Hagan and her precious son Joseph Scott Berger (Jo-Jo). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her honor to Meals on Wheels, Wayne County, Michigan; or The Arbor Hospice Foundation, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The family has entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, (734) 522-9400. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



FREESE, LAWRENCE A., SR. (LARRY)

Passed away in St Petersburg, Florida on February 18, 2014. He was born on June 16, 1920, in Detroit, the third of three children to Charles E. and Irma Freese. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles E. Freese II (Bill), and sister, Marjorie Draper. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology, in Detroit, and graduated Aero Industries Technical Institute, in Glendale, California. From 1941 to 1943, he was a tool designer for North American Aviation, and General Motors Corp. In 1944-45 he served as a Midshipman, MMR, USNR. In 1946 he married Helen M. Fitzgerald (Peggy). They were married 61 years (until her death in 2007), and raised their three children in Birmingham, Michigan, and Walloon Lake. Also in 1946, he began a 40 year career in the insurance business by joining his father, Charlie, at the Freese Insurance Agency. Larry was a past President of the Old Guard of the Detroit Commandery #1, Knights Templar, and member of Corinthian Lodge #241. He was a member: The Detroit Athletic Club, Bayview Yacht Club, The Recess Club, and the Walloon Lake Country Club. After retiring to Florida, he enjoyed playing golf with good friends as a member of the Stuart Yacht & Country Club. Among other things, he enjoyed fishing, bowling, boating, and golf. He worked hard, played hard, and tried to combine the two whenever possible. He will be greatly missed by his children, Skip Freese, Pat Trusler, Joan Griffith, and three grandchildren.



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Metro Detroit Realtors are pleased to see area home prices coming back up. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

GOOD NEWS: METRO DETROIT HOME PRICES SEE AN UPSWING

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Gary J. Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, wasn't too surprised by a recent report on metro Detroit home prices rebounding.

"Good things are happening in Michigan," said Livonia resident Reggish. "It's all of metro Detroit."

Some housing markets are seeing jumps of 20 percent or more in median list prices, according to the website realtor.com.

Median list prices are up 7.57 percent over the last year, according to a report from realtor.com, which reflects October data for 146 metro markets.

"Monthly prices fell slightly in October (down 0.25 percent month-over-month), but remained resilient against the usual seasonal patterns of stabilizing inventory," realtor.com noted in its report.

Detroit has seen the largest year-over-year increase, with median asking prices rising 44 percent in the past year, according to a November 2013 report. Eighty-five percent of the 146 markets that realtor.com tracks reported year-over-year increases.

Realtor.com recently highlighted some of the hottest markets to buy, based on the largest year-over-year median list price gains from February 2013-14. These are the cities that top that list:

1 **Stockton, Calif.**, +38.9 percent year-over-year gain, median home price: \$248,600

2 **Las Vegas**, +26.9 percent, median home price: \$177,500

3 **Reno, Nev.**, +26.8 percent, median home price: \$259,900

4 **Detroit**, +26.3 percent, median home price: \$119,900

5 **Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.**, +24.6 percent, median home price: \$292,800

6 **Orange County, Calif.**, +23.7 percent, median home price: \$599,900

7 **Fresno, Calif.**, +21.2 percent, median home price: \$229,000

Source: "Top 10 Markets for Increasing Median Home Prices," realtor.com@ (March 21, 2014)

"We're resilient," said Reggish of Detroiters. "We were the first to lead the country out of this crisis."

Reggish now sees many more metro Detroiters returning to work, as well as a shortage of homes in inventory. "We're just in an awesome, awesome market right now. Every home is selling," he said.

He sees fewer bank-owned homes, more private property sales in his work. "They're selling for top dollar. Every house is selling and selling quickly," Reggish said. Even bank-owned homes in rougher shape and needing more work, if priced correctly, are selling.

Interest rates are low, and he encourages seller clients not to wait too long to put a home on the market.

"What we're experiencing now is a true real estate correction," he said. Prices will at some point level off as the market corrects.

Reggish joked that only the oft-quoted "polar vortex" kept few home shoppers at home. "We haven't missed a beat during these winter months," he said.

His work includes a "nice blend" of customers, from young buyers to empty nesters moving often to condos. There isn't just one sector, "which is what we want."

Reggish anticipates the federal government will raise interest rates on mortgages, and work with the industry to avoid another real estate bubble. "We are definitely near stabilization," he said.

He finds it's too early to say just what interest rates will be, but anticipates gradual climbing. Even 1 percent will make a big difference in the monthly payment for a \$200,000 home, he said.

"I am not surprised at all," the 15-year Realtor concluded of the recent report. "I have never been more proud of the state I live in. We are survivors."

Sharing the views of Reggish is Duane Marsh, CEO of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, which is completing a move from Farmington to Southfield for its offices.

"The metro area of southeast Michigan continues to show great strength in the housing market," said Wixom resident Marsh. "We anticipate that going forward for the next period of time."

Marsh and GMAR members and leadership have noticed local home prices on the upswing. "We've been seeing that all over the area," Marsh added.

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WiFi install: Check with lawyer first

Q: I live in a subdivision and our homeowner association owns the clubhouse. They are thinking of installing and providing free WiFi in the clubhouse. The board is wondering if they should require that users agree to a terms and conditions policy. Do you think that is necessary and what do you think about the idea of providing free WiFi?



Robert Meisner

A: The board, if the board is in control of the clubhouse because the association owns it, has the right to run the clubhouse in a reasonably prudent fashion. Providing WiFi is not, in my judgment, unreasonable, but it is important that those persons who agree to use the WiFi must comply with its terms and conditions and that there should be a terms and conditions policy just like the use of any other WiFi when you go into a hotel or other place of accommodation where WiFi is provided. You are best advised to tell the board that they need to get a policy drafted by a lawyer who understands the obligations imposed by the use of the WiFi.

Q: We are getting our tax assessment notice and I am wondering whether it is worthwhile to pursue the matter as the increase was only several thousand dollars. What do you think?

A: There will always be a time limit and procedural requirement for you to follow in regard to tax appeals. The resulting increase may or may not be justifiable, and you should talk to a Realtor about the tax assessment and whether it is in excess of what it should be even though the median average of homes in the metropolitan Detroit area has increased approximately 17 percent over the last year or so. Each person must make their own evaluation with whatever assistance they can obtain in determining whether a tax appeal is appropriate. However, it doesn't hurt to learn about the procedure for appealing your assessment so that in the future, should it become necessary again to appeal, you are able to do so and the tax assessor is aware of your presence.

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

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 11-15, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19661 Beverly Rd \$449,000
18208 Buckingham Ave \$410,000
16253 Kirkshire Ave \$77,000
20675 W 13 Mile Rd \$189,000

BIRMINGHAM

852 Bird Ave \$585,000
369 E Southlawn Blvd \$248,000
1930 Washington Blvd \$335,000
1387 Webster St \$140,000
680 Willits St \$725,000
35300 Woodward Ave #507 \$153,000

BIRMINGHAM

1159 Worthington Rd \$357,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1194 Rolling Hills Dr \$116,000
3731 Lane Lake Rd \$490,000
6984 Woodbank Dr \$215,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3665 Bradford Ct \$315,000
75 Devon Rd \$435,000
755 E Fox Hills Dr \$45,000
3681 Forest Hill Dr \$710,000
1979 Golf Ridge Dr \$560,000
2276 Pine St \$610,000
2517 Rambling Way \$265,000

635 South Hills Rd \$1,051,000
6380 Sunningdale Dr \$370,000
883 Tartan Trl \$390,000
517 Westbourne Dr \$366,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4541 Driftwood Dr \$343,000
5600 Ford Rd \$110,000
6060 Ford Rd \$205,000
1555 Huron Springs Ln \$350,000
1129 Island Dr \$290,000
4483 Lynne Ln \$255,000
1311 Sleeth Rd \$163,000
2424 Solace Dr \$63,000
1583 Trace Hollow Dr \$25,000

FARMINGTON

33455 Alta Loma Dr \$180,000
33705 Hamlin Ct \$217,000
35616 Heritage Ln \$115,000
33266 Meadowlark St \$148,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29305 Bannockburn St \$170,000
34800 Bunker Hill Dr \$220,000
29205 Chelsea Xing \$347,000
30117 Club House Ln \$217,000
23157 Cora Ave \$150,000
30004 De Orr St \$118,000
37585 Dorchester Dr \$270,000
29203 Earth Ln \$101,000
36104 Fredericksburg Rd \$274,000
29319 Glenbrook Dr \$290,000
33039 Hearthstone Rd \$147,000
39030 Lancaster Dr \$230,000
22820 Lisa Ct \$270,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

25553 Lynford St \$159,000
21313 Ontaga St \$90,000
27948 Quail Hollow Rd \$168,000
36531 Quakertown Ln \$162,000
29320 Regents Pointe \$130,000
21772 S Brandon St \$110,000
30304 Stratford Ct \$315,000
35689 Vicksburg St \$234,000
29624 W 10 Mile Rd \$43,000
31993 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 113 \$65,000
32641 W 13 Mile Rd \$145,000
22778 Watt Dr \$37,000

MILFORD

321 Dorchester Way \$255,000
2678 E Maple Rd \$175,000
2822 Lone Tree Rd \$249,000
3226 Maple Ridge \$265,000
408 Mill Pond Ln \$265,000
1292 N Milford Rd \$206,000
750 S Duck Lake Rd \$265,000
1924 Scenic Dr \$520,000
1307 Yosemite Valley Dr \$292,000
1315 Yosemite Valley Dr \$278,000

NORTHVILLE

1118 Washington Cir \$150,000

NOVI

23912 Broadmoor Park Ln \$500,000
22275 Chelsea Ln \$200,000
22689 Cheshire Ct \$372,000
44725 Ellery Ln \$144,000
44836 Ford Way Dr \$310,000

23022 Gilbar St \$159,000
24624 Highlands Dr \$90,000
31156 Kingswood Blvd \$168,000
40440 Ladene Ln \$162,000
23410 Meadowbrook Rd \$120,000
23833 Meadowbrook Rd \$110,000
24669 Naples Dr \$196,000
24983 Portsmouth Ave \$339,000
\$319,000

SOUTH LYON

58656 Bridge House Ct \$86,000
52591 E Fremont Dr \$463,000
52619 E Fremont Dr \$378,000
61212 Greenwood Dr \$65,000
59163 Peters Barn Dr \$363,000
58763 Swing Beam Ct \$114,000
301 Wellington Dr \$150,000

SOUTHFIELD

27800 Arlington Dr \$190,000
28201 Bell Rd \$100,000
20365 Briarwood Ct \$100,000
19215 Eldridge Ln \$52,000
17472 Gateway Cir \$58,000
16306 Harden Cir \$130,000
22865 Kenwyck Dr \$6,000
15983 Meadowood Ave \$110,000
19721 Silver Spring St \$163,000
29112 Wellington Rd W #89 \$52,000

WHITE LAKE

8030 High Point Trl \$330,000
1255 Lake Jason Dr \$334,000
968 Mallock St \$79,000
8955 Van Gordon St \$126,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 2-6, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

43044 Avon Rd \$209,000
45932 Bartlett Dr \$300,000
45671 Baywood Blvd \$260,000
2233 Brookhaven Rd \$205,000
50312 Colonial St \$298,000
878 Constitution St \$265,000
51247 Federal Blvd \$81,000
50216 Grant St \$271,000
41606 Haggerty Woods Ct \$164,000

CANTON

6418 Harrow Ct \$320,000
468 Merrimac Rd \$152,000
1614 Orchard Dr \$50,000
7928 Oxford Dr \$110,000

7942 Oxford Dr \$60,000
218 Patriot St \$255,000
41919 Riverwood Ct \$175,000
48919 Stanton Ct E \$395,000

GARDEN CITY

5667 Gilman St \$90,000
5917 Gilman St \$67,000
117 Greenwood St \$105,000

LIVONIA

36910 Ann Arbor Trl \$133,000
9855 Camden St \$148,000
38509 Elsie St \$146,000
14244 Garden St \$105,000
14244 Garden St \$166,000
20649 Golf Ridge Cir \$43,000
36514 Joy Rd \$199,000
15583 Liverpool St \$195,000
18550 Loveland St \$235,000
9833 Mayfield St \$125,000
14736 Melrose St \$105,000
19815 Norwich Rd \$283,000
29459 Oakley St \$125,000

PLYMOUTH

16917 Dunswood Rd \$335,000
18905 Edenderry St \$560,000
19525 Maxwell St \$230,000
16527 Mulberry Way \$359,000
16984 Niagara Ct \$560,000
49832 Parkside Dr \$430,000
39567 Village Run Dr \$285,000

PLYMOUTH

9229 Ball St \$240,000
500 Ford St \$67,000
40435 Greenbriar Ln \$225,000
44800 Gregory Ln \$177,000
48463 Meadow Ct \$378,000
51298 Plymouth Ridge Dr \$480,000
8918 Whittlesey Lake Dr \$227,000

REDFORD

9339 Beech Daly Rd \$83,000
11340 Beech Daly Rd \$37,000

19490 Saint Francis St \$98,000
31206 W Chicago St \$158,000
16862 Yorkshire St \$289,000

NORTHVILLE

16917 Dunswood Rd \$335,000
18905 Edenderry St \$560,000
19525 Maxwell St \$230,000
16527 Mulberry Way \$359,000
16984 Niagara Ct \$560,000
49832 Parkside Dr \$430,000
39567 Village Run Dr \$285,000

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9339 Beech Daly Rd \$83,000
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1 Traipse about
4 Silly
8 Long spear
12 Sapporo sash
13 Actress — Falco
14 She taught in Siam
15 Urge
16 It may be decorated (2 wds.)
18 Flower oil
20 What X marks
21 Talk a lot
23 Unfold, to a poet
24 "The Thin Man" pooch
27 33 or 45
29 Gneiss or chert
33 First space lab
34 Sooner than anon
35 Shade
36 Spring perennial
38 Author — Rand
39 Revival shout
40 Ate for dinner
42 Nine-digit no.
44 Hula-dance fete
46 Monaco neighbor
50 Rain bringer (2 wds.)
54 Width of a cir.
55 Ribs, to Cato
56 — fixe
57 Path to satori
58 Genghis —
59 Rookie socialites, for short
60 High school subj.

DOWN
1 "The Naked Maja" artist
2 Be a party to
3 By — of hard work
4 Striped equine
5 Oklahoma town
6 Aught or naught
7 Toady's reply
8 Mollycoddle
9 Data
10 Stretchy fabric
11 Teacup handle
17 Cleopatra's snake
19 Ottoman official
22 Bakery output
23 Prognostications
24 Yvette's date
25 Polite word
26 Part of TNT
28 Snoop
30 Resistance unit
31 Actor's prompt
32 Mammoth Cave loc.
37 Tribal healer
39 Colony member
41 —
43 Wiedersehen
43 Web pages
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49 Yin complement
50 Stir-fry vessel
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52 Type of poem
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		4						
								2
	1	6	5					3
	8	4					2	
5	6						8	
1							7	9
	2			7			6	5
		9	1					
8	7	3						

Level: Intermediate

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1	8	3	6	2	7	9	5	4
3	6	4	3	1	5	2	8	7
2	9	8	5	4	6	7	2	1
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