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Wayne council reluctantly puts two charter amendments on Aug. ballot

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two charter amendments that seek to elect Wayne council members from districts and set terms limits were approved for the August primary ballot Tuesday by council.

But that's doesn't mean council members were happy about putting the questions on the ballot — they didn't have a choice under state law.

Despite being told by City Attorney Keith Madden that not approving the

ballot questions would be a violation of the state Home Rule Act, council members initially rejected a motion to put the council district question on the ballot. The city's approximately 17,000 residents would be divided among the districts.

"The attorney says we have to approve it. Why do we need to vote? I disagree with this," Councilman James Henley said.

Councilman Skip Monit asked if council members could abstain.

"Not all seven of you," Madden said.

"The vote is not in favor of the concept of the proposed change in the charter. It is approval of clear language."

Ballot language

The Michigan Attorney General's Office is required to approve the language for charter amendments. The ballot language, rewritten by the Attorney General to conform with state law, is different than what was on the petitions signed by residents, Councilman Albert Damitio said.

The effect of the ballot question as

written would have council members elected from six districts — half every four years. That means half the city's voters wouldn't vote for council members at each election. The mayor would continue to be elected every two years.

"We have seven voting precincts. This is six districts. How much will it cost?" Henley said. "Can we place that on the ballot? That it is not a cost saving in any way."

"This would be disaster for a small

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W-W board determines profile for new superintendent

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education has come up with a profile of who the district's new superintendent should be.

Working with Marlene Davis and Rod Green, consultants with the Michigan Association of School Board Executive Search Services, the board filled in the blanks on its help wanted ad, focusing on such things as professional background, management and decision making and personal and interpersonal skills at one of several special meetings it scheduled as part of its superintendent search.

Current Superintendent Greg Baracy announced in December his plans to retire on July first. Under a calendar worked out by Davis and Green, the board hopes to have a new superintendent selected by early June.

Green and Davis presented the results of meetings done with the district's staff, administrative leadership and residents and an online survey that attracted 215 responses.

"We had a pretty wide set of people provide input that was used to develop the criteria," Davis said. "What we heard is that the quality of the facilities is topnotch and about the technology. Not all districts have the technology Wayne-Westland has."

She added that the surveys showed an engaged and supportive community, excellent and committed teachers and staff and a variety of quality offerings. The challenges were identified as stable funding, enrollment, an increase in char-

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Chuck Gauss, in his Westland martial arts studio, is one of seven masters in Modern Arnis worldwide. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LOCAL SCHOOL TEACHES ECLECTIC MARTIAL ART

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Modern Arnis has only seven masters in the world — one of them teaches the martial art at his school in Westland.

"I trained with the grand master who passed. He was sharing Modern Arnis around the world," said Chuck Gauss, owner of Gauss Martial Arts Center. "There are not too many Modern Arnis Schools. It's eclectic and usually sec-

ondary."

A retired Taylor police officer, Gauss has spent much of his life training in martial arts, beginning as a youngster in 1965. As an adult, Gauss said he has practiced martial arts daily since 1980.

"My uncle was a police man, he was in martial arts. That was my motivation," Gauss said. "I did judo and competed while I was in college."

Having nearly earned his black belt in Korean martial art Tang Soo Do,

Gauss said he began seeing holes in the training when it came to self-defense.

Gauss went on to study the small circle jujitsu developed by Grand Master Wally Jay. Then in 1990, Gauss said he drove to Joliet, Ill., for training with Remy Presas, who developed Modern Arnis and was its grand master.

"He (Presas) was a little Filipino guy. We broke into smaller groups. He picked me out of the group and asked if

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Little big man



Jordan Khalaf plays the really short bad guy Lord Farquaad in Wayne Memorial High School's presentation of "Shrek the Musical" Thursday-Saturday, April 10-12. For the story and more photos, see Page A7. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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city like us. Only half the voters could vote (for district council members). We only get 13-14 percent of registered voters (at city elections)," Mayor Al Haidous said.

Resident Ron Roberts, who circulated the petitions to place the charter amendments on the ballot, said he wouldn't with-

draw his petitions but suggested a two-week delay. He called on city officials to work with him on changes, such as moving city elections to even years to coincide with presidential and gubernatorial elections.

"The deaf ear of the council brought this about. I'd had enough," said Roberts of his questions regarding ward voting and term limits. "It's your fault and you have to live with it. I want to put an end to all of the

council living in one area."

Show opposition

The only cities in the area that have a similar council ward or district voting are Detroit and Inkster, said Councilman John Rhaesa, who asked if the minutes could reflect council opposed the ballot questions.

"I don't feel it's a negotiation that should be held here. There was what was sent to the Attorney General and this is what

was sent back," Clerk Matthew Miller said.

The motion to place the council district ballot question was initially defeated with only support from Haidous and council members James Hawley and Susan Rowe.

"A no vote is a violation. The city attorney made it clear we had no choice. You put the city into a wrong position," said Haidous after the vote.

These citizen-initiated ballot questions mean

citizens are unhappy, Rowe said.

"They (voters) may say they are fine with what we have. The people have to speak. I don't feel we have the right to deny this," she added.

Rhaesa rescinded his no vote which allowed the motion to pass and place the question on the ballot. The second charter amendment on term limits was approved on a 6-1 vote.

"I have a strong feeling about term limits.

Lansing has been struggling from the lack of experience due to term limits," Haidous said. "I think it's a bad idea. It's up to the people."

Once all six council members had voted in favor of the motion, Haidous cast a no vote.

"We've got six votes. Mine is harmless. It expresses how I feel," he said.

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ter schools, student achievement and a disconnect between the community, staff and school board.

Among the criteria agreed to by the board is:

» A master's degree plus administrative certification required; doctorate preferred; a teaching background (preferred) and experience at one or more levels of building administration.

The board also decided that the candidate should be a strong forward thinking decision maker who is an advocate for public education.

"That one bullet — looking for a strong, forward thinking decision maker — will catch their attention," Davis said. "It says you want someone who will listen to people. This offers an opportunity to have someone come in with a fresh perspective."

» An ability to develop and direct an effective, collaborative management team; have budget and financial development experience and a demonstrated resourcefulness with district finances.

» An ability to communicate effectively and influence others; have a high level of responsiveness to stakeholders, and be visible, accessible and approachable to staff, students and community.

» Be honest and open, oriented to the best interest of community and school district, and have an ability to connect with others from diverse backgrounds.

Davis and Green will develop questions that the board will use in the interview process. The interviews will last one hour, enough time to ask 16-17 questions.

The job will be posted through April 28. Between that day and a meeting planned for May 5, the board will have the opportunity to look at the applicants. At the May 5 meeting, it will determine who it wants to call in for interviews.

The public is invited to the superintendent search meetings:

» 6 p.m. Monday, May 5, when information on the candidates will be presented to trustees and a determination will be made as to who will be invited to interview for the position.

» 6 p.m. meetings May 13 and May 15 to conduct candidate interviews. The pool will be cut to two or three at the end of that process.

» 7 p.m. June 9 to make a final decision on who to hire for the position.

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Westland girl's first haircut to aid other kids

At 4 years old, Isabella Wright decided to get her first haircut but it wasn't just for a new style.

The Wayne youngster donated her hair to Children With Hair Loss, a non-profit organization that provides free wigs to youngster without hair.

Isabella, who had her hair at Reflections Hair Studio in Westland, was following the example of her mother Kerri, who had donated her hair to the same organization in August.

Headquartered in South Rockwood, Mich., CWHL initially focused on children fighting cancer, until it was discovered that there was other reasons children lost hair, including alopecia, burns, trichotillomania and rare diseases and disorders. Children With Hair Loss has never charged a child and provides a customized human hair replacement and care kit to more than 300 children a year.

"You only have to donate six inches year. She (Isabella) has hair



Isabella Wright (right) sporting a new haircut with her mother Kerri.

down to her bottom but it's quite curly," Wright said. "She has quite a bit

of hair. It's so sweet. She asked questions. It's so touching that a 4-year-old

can understand that other people don't have hair."

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I wanted to learn something. I said sure," Gauss said. "He told me to throw a punch. Next thing, I'm on my back."

World traveler

Presas traveled the world as a sports ambassador for the Philippines. Gauss said he followed him, including

annual camps at Michigan State University.

"I was in love with it (Modern Arnis). It fit with law enforcement. It was close-quarters self-defense," Gauss said. "I was going all over the world with him (Presas)."

By 1998, Gauss earned a fourth-degree black belt in Modern Arnis and Presas was looking to make a change. "He wants to back off

and retire. He hand picks guys to take on Modern Arnis and promotes seven people to the highest rank," said Gauss, a master of Tapi-Tapi, which means counter for counter. "It's the highest achievable rank in Modern Arnis."

Since Presas died in 2001, Gauss said he has done Modern Arnis seminars all over the world. At the school, his students range from 8-74 years old.

"This is one of the only schools that teaches strictly Modern Arnis in a five-six-state area," said Gauss, who opened his school on North Hix three years ago.

Hall of Famer

Last year, Gauss was inducted into the Modern Arnis Black Belt

Hall of Fame.

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Gauss teaches self-defense classes at his school and also as part of CPL training at the Firing Line, working with retired Westland police officer Tommy Vaughan.

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Surveillance photo showing a suspect in the assault of a 25-year old veteran at a Westland convenience store.

Suspects sought in attack on veteran outside 7-Eleven

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland Police are looking for information on three men suspected of assaulting a military veteran outside a convenience store early Thursday morning.

A 25-year-old Livonia man told police he was at 7-Eleven, 160 S. Venoy, just before 2 a.m. when three men began harassing him inside the store.

A short time later the men followed him outside the store into the parking lot, the Livonia resident told police. The men, described as being in their 20s, apparently noticed military insignias on the man's vehicle and began to make derogatory remarks about the man and the U.S. military.

The three suspects then attacked the victim by punching and kicking him, police said. The suspects left on foot while the Livonia man followed as he attempted to call police. The Livonia man told police the three suspects turned and attacked him again, knocking him to the ground while punching and



A surveillance photo of a man sought in the assault.

kicking him.

The victim was able to seek assistance from a resident in the nearby neighborhood who called the police. The Livonia man was transported to the hospital by Wayne-Westland paramedics. He had sustained a broken nose, lacerations to the face and mouth and head injuries, police said.

Surveillance video is being reviewed by police in an attempt to identify the suspects. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600.

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Competency hearing delayed for elderly man charged with killing wife

By LeAnne Rogers
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A competency hearing for an elderly man charged with killing his wife has been delayed as the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office considers seeking an independent evaluation.

Marvin Jones, 76, is charged with first-degree murder and felony firearm in the shooting death of his wife, Sandra Jones, 72. Reported to be suffering from some form of dementia, Jones suffered a stroke while being held in a psychiatric unit of Detroit Receiving Hospital after his arrest.

At a hearing Thursday in Westland 18th District Court, the report on a psychiatric evaluation of Jones found that he was permanently and irreversibly incompetent.

However, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Williams refused to stipulate to the mental competency report.

"I can't agree today that he is permanently incompetent. We need more time to evaluate," he said.

When Jones was assessed by the psychiatrist, Williams said Jones was non-responsive following the stroke. At court Thursday, Jones was brought into court in a wheelchair and was able to answer when asked his name.

"He (Jones) has had a stroke, he has dementia and other issues consistent with his age of 77," said defense attorney David Lankford. "The report said it is irreversible and unlikely to improve. The report says he appeared to make an honest effort to answer the questions, that he was not malingering."

While Jones can respond to yes or no questions, Lankford said he doesn't seem to remember his arrest.

"He doesn't seem to remember the death of a loved one. That came as a shock to him," Lankford said. "I'd like to take the (competency evaluation) report at face value. Either you agree or ask for another opinion. The prosecutor wants it both ways."

Jones is never going to be a free man again, Lankford said, facing either incarceration or commitment to a psychiatric facility.

After finding Jones permanently incompetent and unlikely to improve, Judge Mark McConnell said he was likely to put little credence in the doctor's opinion, if she says something different now.

The hearing was briefly adjourned so that Williams could seek permission from his office to get an independent evaluation of Jones, who appeared to fall asleep during

the hearing.

"If the court dismisses the case (due to incompetence) and he (Jones) is released, where will he be housed?" Williams said.

McConnell agreed to adjourn the competency hearing until April 17 at which time Williams is to report on whether an independent evaluation is to be done on Jones.

"I never have had anyone not stipulate to a competency report," McConnell said. "There is nothing in the report that says she (the doctor) might change her mind. It is irreversible."

Westland Police were called Feb. 20 to a home in the 8100 block of Melvin about a woman having been shot. When officers arrived, they discovered that Sandra Jones had been shot to death in her bed and apparently had been dead at least a day. Marvin Jones was also in the house. After investigating, officers found that rounds had been fired into the walls and floors throughout the house.

A neighbor had called police after seeing Marvin Jones knocking on the door of a nearby house where no one was home. The couple had been married about 57 years.

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Man found competent to stand trial on robbery charges

After being found competent to stand trial, a man arrested in Inkster has waived his preliminary examination on charges of robbing several Westland stores.

Peter Greenway, 39, is charged with multiple felony charges, including armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and felony firearm. He was ordered bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court to stand trial.

Held in lieu of \$250,000

cash/surety bond, Greenway was arrested at a home on Hazelwood in Inkster after police received a tip in response to surveillance photos distributed to the media.

Police sought to identify a suspect in three reported robberies in which the robber implied he had a gun in his pocket.

» On Jan. 12, an attempted robbery was reported at 7-Eleven, 1826 S. Merriman. The clerk reportedly refused to

give him any money and the man fled.

» On Jan. 15, a man was reported to have robbed the Family Dollar, 31926 Michigan Ave. He reportedly implied that he was armed with a gun and escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

» On Jan. 16, a man reportedly robbed the Dollar General, 8208 N. Merriman. Once again, a gun was reported to be implied and the man fled with an unknown amount of cash.

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Special visitor



First-graders at Tipton Academy in Garden City celebrated reading month with special guest reader Dave Rexroth, chief meteorologist at WXYZ TV Channel 7. Rexroth read poems from the book, "Where the Side Walk Ends" and answered questions from students.

School board considers sinking fund renewal

The Livonia school board on Monday night will discuss asking voters to renew the district's sinking fund for another five years.

The board is considering putting the proposal on the August primary ballot, school board president Mark Johnson said. The board is expected to make a final decision at its April 14 meeting.

The sinking fund was last renewed by voters in November 2009. It expires at the end of this year.

The levy for the sinking

fund is 1.12 mills, or \$1.12 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. District-wide, it brings in about \$4.6 million annually. The owner of a home in the district with a market value of \$132,000 pays about \$74 per year for the sinking fund.

Johnson said the sinking fund is needed to fund ongoing repairs. Last May, voters approved a \$195 million bond proposal for enhanced technology, facility upgrades, cost-saving energy improvements, new high school auditoriums, safety and security measures

and buses.

"We were very, very specific with what we wanted in the recent bond issue," Johnson said in an interview Thursday. "The sinking fund is more ongoing repairs that aren't going to be covered under the bond."

Livonia City Clerk Terry Marecki said the school district would not have to pay for a special election to put the proposal before voters in August because the state primary election will be held at that time.

By Karen Smith

Accreditation agency to visit, report on Livonia schools

Livonia Public Schools has been preparing for a three-day visit from the national accreditation agency, AdvancED, for almost a year, and district officials are looking forward to a positive outcome April 7-9.

Formerly known as North Central Association, AdvancED is the national accreditation organization that evaluates a district's ability to meet rigorous standards that reflect the quality of education offered by the school system. The review process is held every five years, and Livonia Public Schools seeks to renew its district accreditation status.

The AdvancED team will present an "Exit Report" at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the conclusion of its visit in the Board of Education meeting room, located in the lower level of the Administration Building, 15125 Farmington Road. The meeting is open to the public.

Sheila Alles, director of academic services for LPS, said the district is ready for the visit and report.

"If you do it well, it's a major undertaking," Alles said. "It's a year's worth of preparation."

The AdvancED team evaluates how well the district meets five standards: Purpose and Direction; Governance and Leadership; Teaching and Assessing; Resources and Support Systems; and Using Results for Continuous Improvement.

In preparation, the district completed a self assessment, submitted student assessment data and conducted stakeholder perception surveys with students, parents and staff.

A team of six educators, both in-state and from across

the country, will be in the district for three days. During the first day of the visit, April 7, AdvancED officials will meet with the LPS superintendent, administration, board members, principals, parents and community members. They will identify the district's strengths and challenges as they relate to the five standards — and determine what the district is doing to address its challenges.

The group will visit 10 schools on Tuesday, April 8, where team members will observe student engagement in the classroom. On Wednesday, April 9, they will return to the Administration Building to meet with district officials and ask questions about their observations and remaining questions about the standards before presenting the Exit Report.

Livonia Public Schools underwent the accreditation process five years ago with North Central, but Alles said the process has changed quite a bit since then. Instead of being reviewed with a check list, to see if the district has certain items in place, AdvancED will want to see how the district is living those standards.

"It's more about the process now," Alles said.

Once LPS is accredited, every school is accredited.

"It's an affirmation from a third-party, external agency that our district is providing quality educational programs and services to the students in our district," Superintendent Randy Liepa said. "We are looking forward to a positive outcome, once again, for our district and all of our stakeholders in our community."

W-W to accept schools of choice applications

The Wayne-Westland Community School District will be accepting applications from non-resident families for Intra-County Schools of Choice under Section 105 of the Michigan Department of Education for grades K-12 later this month.

Applications will be accepted April 22 through Aug. 22 at the District's Administrative Offices in Westland. Students must be residents of Wayne County.

Wayne-Westland schools provide up-to-date technology and resource centers, completely renovated buildings, and 100 percent highly qualified teachers. Each of the district's schools has achieved Adequate Yearly Progress under the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind Act.

Applications are available to download by clicking on the district's website at www.wwcsd.net/intra-county-

schools-of-choice/ and clicking on Intra-County Schools of Choice application under the Resources tab. Frequently Asked Questions and their Answers also can be found on the same page.

For more information, call the Wayne-Westland Community Schools at 734-419-2083 or visit the Instruction Department in the Administrative Offices at 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

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Airport Ambassadors earn President's Service Awards

Sixty-three Airport Ambassadors at Detroit Metropolitan Airport have been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award at a banquet luncheon held at the Westin Hotel at the airport.

One Ambassador, Bob Fitzgerald of Westland, received gold for the first time in the history of the program. The president issues the award every year to volunteers as a way to thank and honor Americans for their volunteer service.

"The level of commitment demonstrated by our Airport Ambassadors is tremendous. We are extremely proud of all of our volunteers for the extraordinary service they provide to the travelers at the airport, many of whom are arriving into Detroit for the first time," Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton said.

"We're particularly honored to have Airport Ambassador Bob Fitzgerald attain gold status for the first time in the program's history."

Metro Airport Ambassadors provide customer service at five locations throughout the airport in both terminals. Ambassadors can be identified by their blue vest or blue polo shirt answering questions or helping connect lost and stranded passengers with their families.

Each Airport Ambassador was presented with a bronze, silver or gold pin corresponding with the level of service reached in 2013, along with a certificate and letter from President Barack Obama.

At the top of the list was



Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton congratulates Bob Fitzgerald of Westland on achieving the gold level for the award.

Fitzgerald with 585.75 volunteer hours. Also receiving pins were:

Silver

- » Redford – Dianna Surowiec, 470 hours; Roy Brown, 274.25 hours;
- » Livonia – Joe Scafero, 416.25 hours; Daniel Packer, 344 hours; Carla Chupac, 274 hours.
- » Northville – Ben Miller, 341.25 hours; George Linker, 255.5 hours.
- » Novi – Tom Beyersdorf, 298.75 hours.
- » Plymouth – Donald Green, 270.75 hours

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- » Northville – Wes Henrickson, 242.75 hours; Jared Buckley, 188 hours; John Buckland, 157.5 hours; James Aaron, 141 hours.
- » Westland – Nelson Lowe, 111.75 hours.

- » Farmington Hills – John Firment, 234.5 hours; Mike Roesch, 190 hours; Chuck Myers, 131.5 hours.
 - » Redford – Ruth Bumbar, 220.5 hours.
 - » Garden City – Daisy Lovain, 214.75 hours.
 - » Plymouth – Traci Sincock, 203.5 hours; Loretta Scappaticci, 108.5 hours.
 - » Canton – Cheryl Regnier, 188 hours; Mary Pannemann, 174.5 hours; Russ Haines, 144.5 hours; Lonnie Haines, 137.5 hours.
 - » Livonia – Flora Murray, 177 hours.
- Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2013 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. In 2010, Metro ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airport in the J.D. Power and Associates North



Daisy Lovain of Garden City receives her silver pin from airport CEO Tom Naughton for 214.75 hours of service as an Airport Ambassador.



Nelson Lowe of Westland received a bronze pin in recognition of his 111.75 volunteer hours with the Airport Ambassadors.

America Airport Satisfaction Study. For more information about the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport Ambassador program, visit <http://www.metroairport.com/volunteer>.

Mark Chevrolet goes to bat for Wayne, Westland baseball

Mark Chevrolet is partnering with the Wayne Baseball Association in Wayne and Westland to provide new equipment, a monetary contribution and invitations to free instructional clinics.

The dealership has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program.

"Youth baseball provides positive and productive life lessons for young people across America, and the Chevrolet Youth Baseball program is an extension of Chevrolet's commitment to baseball, community and families," said Trish Hampton, sales manager for Mark Chevrolet.

"Mark Chevrolet is bringing that same dedication to youth baseball," Mark Chevrolet will present Wayne Baseball Association and Westland Baseball with an equipment kit that includes such items as bags, batting tees, catcher's gear, water bottles and Chevrolet Youth Baseball T-shirts.

The sponsorship also includes youth clinics, featuring current and former MLB players and coaches and instructors from Ripken Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. In addition, Mark Chevrolet will present a check representing a one-time monetary contribution to Wayne and Westland baseball associations.

"There is nothing more American than Chevrolet and baseball. Mark Chevrolet wants to combine America's favorite brand and favorite pastime together for our families in Wayne and Westland to enjoy," Hampton said. Mark Chevrolet's Youth Baseball program is in its ninth year. Since its introduction, the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program has

helped aid local teams, benefiting more than 3.5 million young people in communities where Chevrolet's customers live, work and play. In 2013, more than 1,600 Chevrolet dealers participated across the country. For more information about Chevrolet Youth Baseball, visit youthsports.wired.com.

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'Incredibly ambitious:' Wayne High School stages 'Shrek the Musical'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For director Katie Sullivan, the word that best describes this year's spring musical at Wayne Memorial High School is more.

"This is an incredibly ambitious production," said Sullivan about her choice of *Shrek the Musical*. "There are more costumes in the show than ever; we have numerous set pieces that move more often; and it's more vocal. It has a ton of musical numbers."

Sullivan, her cast and crew will have 10 weeks of preparation under their theatrical belts when the curtains go up Thursday evening. The musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 10-11, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, in the high school's Stockmeyer Auditorium.

The musical features a return to the Stockmeyer stage by 2013 Wayne High graduate Josiah Ault in the title role of Shrek, with Maggie Abicht playing the part of Princess Fiona, and Jordan Khalaf as Lord Farquaad, who has his shortcomings.

"He's a little tiny guy who wants to be big, so everything I want to do with the character can be over the top," said Khalaf, who does the entire show on his knees to mimic Farquaad's short stature. "I've created this giant ego that envelops the room. I'm able to go more in depth with his character than you see on the outside."

The production includes prosthetics. Pinocchio's nose grows. Gingy, the gingerbread man, is a puppet operated by Kaitlyn Frawley, who also plays the Sugar



Pinocchio (Tirzah Ault) is flanked by the Big Bad Wolf (Orlando Simpson) and one of the Three Little Pigs (Danielle Glass-Wester). PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plum Fairy. The dragon has large wings and a head piece, and is fueled by LaShara Montgomery's "powerful voice." And to create a short Lord Farquaad, Khalaf's costume includes a pair of stubby legs that fit on his thighs.

The challenges

One of the challenges the cast has faced is rehearsal with the music of the Broadway musical.

"Our version has slightly different music, the songs can be shorter," Sullivan said. "They learn with the CD to give them structure, but when they move into the vocal lessons, they get into their character and learn the songs. When we start with the orchestra on Monday, they'll learn another version. They're learning with a piano which is different than with different musical instruments."

Costuming for the show has been a combination of "acquired, de-

signed and repurposed." Some costumes are rented, like those for the Duloc dancers and Lord Farquaad, some are being made and others are pieces from the drama department's collection.

Another challenge is makeup. A lot is specific to the characters. Sullivan will take on the job of doing makeup for Shrek who also has a lot of prosthetics. She has a team of 10 makeup students and alumni who will each be responsible for groups of students in the production.

Working with Sullivan are four assistant directors: Khalaf, who handles publicity; Abicht, who coordinates preparations for rehearsals; Nathan Barker, who manages conflicts and progress reports (students must have a minimum of a C average to be in the show); and Megan Keiper, who's in charge of attendance and contacting cast members.

"It's my second time

as an assistant director," said Keiper, a junior who also plays the White Rabbit and a Duloc dancer in the show. "I did it last fall. I like having a leadership role and having people come to me if they need help."

'Out with a bang'

Barker also is a repeat as an assistant director. A senior, he sees his involvement in *Shrek the Musical* as "going out with a bang." He plays a tap-dancing rat, Papa Bear and Papa Ogre in the production, in addition to his assistant director duties.

"The show is going to be an exciting one and a memorable one," he said.

Abicht, a junior, decided she wanted to push herself into "many different aspects of school." In addition to working with the cast, she also plays the adult Fiona, a role she wanted. Sullivan noted that Abicht has red hair, but the young Fiona and teen Fiona don't, so all

three will wear red wigs. "The wig is more like a fiery red color," Abicht said.

The cast also includes students from Edison and Adams elementaries and Stevenson and Franklin middle schools. Among the imports are Sullivan's daughter Madison, who plays a young Fiona.

To help boost attendance, costumed characters will be circulating among the families that will attend the high school's Spring Fling Friday, giving out coupons and inviting them to come to the performance. Spring Fling is for parents and students and includes a bunny pancake dinner, cookie decorating, obstacle course, music, crafts, games, an Easter egg hunt and an opportunity for youngsters to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Spring Fling is from 5-6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Sullivan would like nothing better than to see



Megan Keiper is serving as an assistant director as well as appearing as the White Rabbit and a Duloc dancer in "Shrek the Musical" at Wayne Memorial High School.

'SHREK THE MUSICAL'

When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12.

Location: Stockmeyer Auditorium on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood east of Fourth Street, Wayne.

Details: *Shrek the Musical* is a stage adaptation of the popular Dreamworks' movie *Shrek*, the story of an ogre who agrees to the rescue so he'll be left alone in his swamp. Instead he gets a new best friend, Donkey, and falls in love with Princess Fiona.

Tickets: \$10 each available at the door.

the theater filled. "This is the biggest show we've put on this stage, and I think the audience will be pleased," she said.

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Reverse mortgages, used properly, can provide benefits

Q: Dear Rick: I was at one of your library talks a few months ago and after explaining my situation to you, you recommended a reverse mortgage. I'm in my early 80s with no debt and I have no plans to move. My pension and Social Security barely cover my living expenses. I am running a little short every month and that's why you recommended the reverse mortgage. My friend said that reverse mortgages are gimmicky and too expensive and recommended that I get a home equity loan to cover my additional living expenses. What do you think?



Rick Bloom
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A: I disagree with your friend's analysis that reverse mortgages are gimmicky. Reverse mortgages are an effective financial vehicle if used in the right situations.

Some of the problems with reverse mortgages are the companies people deal with and ultimately what they do with the money. Reverse mortgages are not for everyone and they could cause problems if used inappropriately.

In your case, a reverse mortgage can be an effective financial tool that provides cash flow needed to maintain your lifestyle throughout retirement.

There are costs to obtain a reverse mortgage, however, there are costs to obtain a traditional 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Cost is important and a good reverse mortgage company will always inform you up front what the costs are.

The typical cost of a reverse mortgage is a little more than obtaining a traditional mortgage,

but it is not exorbitant. The key in obtaining a reverse mortgage is to use a quality company. Just because some company uses a celebrity endorser does not mean it is a good company.

As to using a home equity loan, if you needed money on a rare, irregular basis, that may be one thing. However, you need money on a regular month-to-month basis and I'm not sure that a home equity loan makes sense.

The major difference between a home equity loan versus a reverse mortgage is you do not have to make any principal and interest payments with a reverse mortgage. With a home equity loan, if you borrow money you must start making payments immediately.

In addition, with most home equity loans the interest is adjustable. What that means is that as interest rates rise, so will the interest charged on your home equity loan. Therefore, if you access a home equity loan, as interest rises, your monthly payment will also increase.

One other note regarding home equity loans is that the bank can always call in the loan. If that happens, you can be in a tough position. That can't happen with a reverse mortgage.

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

Marshmallow Drops

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

There will be three drops for walking toddlers up to age 4 and children with disabilities ages 5-7 and ages 8-10. The event is free and is sponsored by Crosspoint Community Church.

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

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

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

Bunny Brunch

The annual Bunny Breakfast at the Wayne Community Center is also Friday, April 18. The breakfast will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon and include pancakes, sausage, arts and crafts and face painting. Photo packages with the bunny will be available for purchase.

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

The Aquatic Center inside the community center will offer extra open swim from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular rates apply.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Garden City Public Library will hold an Easter Egg Hunt and movie from 1-2 p.m. April 12 at the library, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, Garden City. There will be a free Easter basket give-away.

Registration is required and can be completed by calling 734-793-1830.

Easter Egg Scramble

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

EASTER EVENTS



Marshmallows make their way toward the ground during the annual Marshmallow Drops at Attwood Park in Wayne and the Nankin Mills picnic area of Hines Park in Westland on April 18. FILE PHOTO

and Wildwood in Westland.

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

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

The Jaycees have also invited the friends of the MI Animal Rescue Group to come out with some of their adoptable animals.

There is no cost for the annual Easter egg hunt, but the Jaycees are asking the community to bring something from the Rescue Group's Wish List — cat litter, canned dog food, canned cat food and dry cat food. For a complete

list, visit www.fmar1.org. Those who bring an item will be given an extra ticket toward the main prize.

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

Bunny Business

The Easter Bunny Hop visits Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road. The bunny will be in the mall's East Court every day through April 19 and will arrive approximately one hour after the mall opens and stay up to one hour before the mall closes. Photo packages are available to capture the memories.



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Mingle with Marilyn
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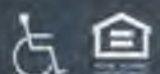
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Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation. The historic farm provides interactive educational opportunities and is open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning in mid-April. The Farm offers educational tours, Summer Day Camp, story time, special events, birthday parties, and a fall Corn Maze.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by email at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at 313-223-3318. For more information, call 313-222-6751.

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Contact: For more information, to schedule a tour or to enroll, call 734-728-3559 or visit wfm_preschool@yahoo.com.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 7.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Details: The next Tri County Celiac Support Group general meeting will hear from Pam King of the Center for Celiac Research about what is happening at Massachusetts General Children's Hospital in Boston. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

FIVE WISHES

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

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

Details: Something as important as serious illness and end-of-life care should be something you are in control of. Five Wishes Advance Directives: Making Your Wishes Known will explain to adults age 18 and older the importance of completing a Five Wishes document to make their medical, personal, emotional and spiritual wishes known.

Contact: For more information or to RSVP, contact Jaclyn Klein at jklein@arborhospice.org or at 734-794-5394.

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: St. Damian School offer a preschool-8 program. with 3- and 4-year-old preschool and all-day kindergarten. Academics include Spanish, computer, art and vocal music. Transportation is available for students living in the Livonia Public School District.

Contact: For more information, visit www.stdamianschool.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

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

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

Contact: Register at www.stsimonandjude.com/trivia-night.html. For more informa-

tion, email stsimonandjude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436. No registration will be taken at the door.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine).

Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Details: Space is available for a flea market at Kirk of Our Savior. Space rental is \$25, which is non-refundable. Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and also a Bounce House.

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

ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

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

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

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tuesdays.

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

Details: Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about.

Contact: Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays.

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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

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

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Details: Any former employees of Burroughs/Unisys are welcome to join to socialize or renew acquaintances. There is no cost to join or to attend. A cash bar and a fish buffet are available but not mandatory.

Contact: John Kusch 734-751-9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.

Location: Rocky's Restaurant at Wayne Road north of Palmer in Westland.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

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

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

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

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

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

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between

Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia.

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.

Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Contact: 734-728-0527.

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

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

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

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

Contact: 734-482-2902, <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS

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

Location: Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, Garden City.

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

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

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

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: 248-967-8361, www.vna.org.

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: 800-370-8592.

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council CLC is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: 734-416-4906.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

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

Contact: 888-973-1145.

Abandoned Vehicle Auction: Saturday 04/12/2014 10 a.m.

Sparks Auto and Towing, 34043 Ford Road, Westland MI

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2.	2001	Ford	1FAPP34371W186104
3.	2002	Plymouth	1C4GJ25B32B654399
4.	1993	Mercury	1MELM50U0PG644793
5.	2003	Dodge	2B3HD46R74H654923
6.	2002	Chevrolet	1G1JC124027481064
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8.	2000	Dodge	1B4HS28Z3YF255727
9.	2004	Pontiac	1G2JB12F247189760
10.	2004	Ford	1FAPP53U84G123307
11.	1998	Toyota	4T1BG22K7WU21073
12.	2004	Dodge	4B3AG42G74E119299
13.	1995	Oldsmobile	1G3AJ55M0S6384582
14.	2002	Ford	1FAPP34P12W249248
15.	1995	Ford	1FALP4049SF251253
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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **April 17th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Purchase of 7 Garbage Trucks

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Heads up! It's Bat Appreciation Week

It is hard to believe as we emerge from a long, cold, snowy winter, but summer will come and with it the dreaded mosquito, one of many insects considered to be pests that bats eat. Bats also act as pollinators and seed dispersers for plants all over the world, and are the only mammals that fly. (You might think animals like flying squirrels fly, but they actually glide. However, that is a whole separate article).

There are more than 1,200 species of bats. Species found in Michigan include the big brown bat, the silver-haired bat, and the eastern red bat. Perhaps the most famous (or infamous) is the vampire bat of which there are three species, all found in Mexico, Central America and South America. Vampire bats do feed on blood, although they bite their prey with their sharp teeth and lick up the blood as opposed to sucking the victim's blood dry as portrayed in vampire stories.

If you'd like to learn more about bats, try these titles from our adult non-fiction collection: *Bats in Question: The Smithsonian Answer Book* by Don E. Wilson or *The Bats of Europe and North America: Knowing Them, Identifying Them, Protecting Them* by Wilfried Schober and Eckard Grimmberger. If your kids are interested in



Among bats found in Michigan is the Eastern brown bat.

bats, the youth non-fiction section has plenty of books to choose from, including *Vampire Bats* by Julie Murray and *Bats: Shadows in the Night* by Diane Ackerman.

Want to attract bats to your yard to feast on mosquitoes and/or encourage them to stay out of your house? Check out *The Bat House Builder's Handbook* by Merlin D. Tuttle, Mark Kiser and Selena Kiser.

If fiction is more your style, try reading the classic *Dracula* by Bram Stoker, or any of the books in the *Vampire Chronicles* series by Anne Rice (several of which are available on CD and/or as eBooks as well as in print).

Whatever you're interested in, connect with the library for help through our website at www.westlandlibrary.org, by calling 734-326-6123, or stopping by the reference desk.

Highlighted Activities

Food for Fines, April 1-30 - Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Westland library are partnering to alleviate hunger in southeast Michigan. Bring nonperishable, in-date goods to the Circulation Desk and receive \$2 per item off of your fines (up to \$20 total, lost or damaged items not eligible). If you would like to donate, visit any of the service desks in the library or stop by Biggy by Coffee on Ford Road or the Westland Friendship Center and deposit items in one of their donation-only boxes. Suggested item lists and bags (limited quantity) will be available at the Circulation Desk.

Westland Writes ... - Help us celebrate National Poetry Month and local writers with your own written creations. Westland Writes ... is the library's sixth annual poet-

ry and short story book collection with works by local poets and authors (previous books can be found in the library's collection). Each writer can submit up to two poems or one short story (maximum 2,500 words) for the book to andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org (you don't have to live in Westland to participate). Submission deadline is Sunday, April 27. Each writer will receive a copy of the book at the Book Release Party on May 29.

Second Annual Juried Art Exhibit, noon-5 p.m. April 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 8, sponsored by Three Cities Art Club - Original fine art and prints for sale, gallery tours and art demonstrations. Enter to win by voting for your three favorites works. Award reception is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 6. Come meet the artists.

Money Smart Week Story time, 6:30 p.m.

April 7 - Join us for a special Money Smart Week story time program featuring *The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money*. All attending families will receive a free copy of the book. To promote money smart skills among caregivers, we are also giving away a free copy of *Money Rules* by Jean Chatzky to each attending family. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/kids/events or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2831.

Rainbow Loom and Duct Tape Crafts, 6 p.m. April 8, grades 5 and up - Back by popular demand, two of our favorite craft programs. Make a Rainbow Loom bracelet, a duct tape creation, or go crazy and try to combine the two.

Help for Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid or Health Care Marketplace Application, 6-8 p.m. April 8, And every Tuesday throughout April and May - Meet with a Health Care Navigator from Community Bridges for help filling out your Healthy Michigan Plan/Medicaid application or your Health Care Marketplace Application. You must schedule an appointment. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 734-326-6123 to schedule an appointment. Bring the items with you listed on the Marketplace Application Checklist and bring your spouse/family, if you're hoping to decide on a plan.

Parenting Workshop/ Training: Autism, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities pre-

sents a monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training. Learn about Autism Spectrum Disorder and its effects on young children will be the topic of this month's workshop. Gather techniques to teach children with autism in an effective way. Attend five workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free child care provided for children of participants. Register at westlandlibrary.org/kids/events or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2831, to reserve a seat. Walk-ins accepted, if space allows.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. April 9, grades 5 and up - Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. Geared toward grades 5 and up. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

U.S. Citizenship Information Session

April 9 - Join us for a free informational session to learn about the benefits, requirements, and process of becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. Afterward, an immigration attorney will be available to answer U.S. citizenship questions for free. Ruby Robinson of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center will present the information session. This is a lead-in to the Citizenship Workshop, which will be held in the library 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27.

Fifth-Sixth-Grade Book Club

April 10 - Our April theme is "Poetry" and there will be a selection of poetry books from which to choose. We will have a poetry cafe with readings, activities, and light refreshments. It's the last book club meeting of the school year.

Budgeting 101: A Balancing Act

April 10 - Learn the basics of creating and maintaining a household or personal budget, including why to create one, how to create one, and most importantly, how to stick to one. Also, the class addresses the issue of debt - how to manage it and ways to begin eliminating it. Presented by the Financial Planning Association as part of MoneySmart Week @ Your Library. No registration necessary.

Friday Night Movies

April 11 - Come join us for some of the best recently-released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie is *12 Years a Slave*. "In the antebellum, United States, Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery" (imdb). This movie is rated R (134 min). For each movie, we provide movie-related trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Beginners Computer Lab

April 12 - During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the Internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Community Shred

April 12 - Don't keep those old financial documents hanging around your house. Bring up to 100 pounds of paper documents to be shredded at our third annual Community Shred. General Shredding of Grosse Pointe Woods will be outside the library to assist you.

Information Central was compiled by Lynne Varcoe. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

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MAP opens doors to Michigan arts and culture

While entertaining out-of-town relatives last weekend we decided to visit a local museum. Armed with my library card I was able to visit the Wayne Public Library's website, find the Michigan Activity Pass, and print a pass to admit four to the museum for free. All this with just my library card! The passes are not just a perk of library staff members, this is open to all card holders. The "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" program is a partnership between Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries and 70-plus arts and cultural organizations. The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide reduced-cost or complimentary access to arts and cultural organizations across Michigan — from St. Joseph to Saline

to Saginaw to Sault Ste. Marie to South Range, and all points in between. Dale Kittendorf, St. Clair County Library main branch marketing coordinator, said "the program offers people an opportunity to see attractions they might not otherwise partake in. The program connects people to information, which definitely fits into our mission." "Public library patrons and our cultural partners were so pleased with the overwhelming reception afforded to the Michigan Activity Pass program during its first year, that renewal for a second year was a no-brainer," said Jim Flury, Technical Services manager and Michigan Activity Pass administrator at The Library Network in Novi. "That so many of our cultural partners from the first year of the program decided to sign on for a second year, speaks to the success the program has enjoyed." According to Melissa Davis, Knowlton's Ice Museum director, "the program benefited us because the passes go out to almost 400 libraries

across the state. We had people coming who drove all the way across the state just to visit the museum as a result." Beginning May 24, the second year of "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" will be available at all of Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries. Some of the participating cultural partners include the Gilmore Car Museum, the Michigan Science Center, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and many others. How the Program Works: Beginning May 24, library users with a valid library card from any one of Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries (including the Wayne Public Library) can print a pass, either from home or at the library, to one of the participating cultural institutions at the michiganactivitypass.info website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced-price admission; others offer discounts in their gift shop or exclusive offers for MAP pass holders. Each Michigan

Activity Pass expires one week from the date it is printed. Each library will have five passes available per week for each of the participating organizations. The Library Network (TLN) is a public library cooperative serving 65 libraries in southeast Michigan whose mission is to provide and facilitate quality services developed through collaboration of its member libraries. TLN is funded by the state of Michigan and by its member libraries. If you would like to find out more about what organizations participate or how to print out your passes visit the library at www.wayne.lib.mi.us. The helpful folks at the library reference desks are also available to help with this process, so don't hesitate to ask. Now go find your adventure!

Information Central was compiled by Kelly Soerens, Children's Librarian. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

Enter to win Detroit Lions football summer camp

Nine boys and girls ages 4-14 will win a scholarship to the 2014 Detroit Lions Summer Youth Camps. The Detroit Lions, in cooperation with Observer & Eccentric Media, will award two scholarships to the following camps:
June 7-8, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 9 a.m. to noon (QB-WR Academy for youth ages 8-14).
June 12-13, Brighton Scranton Middle School, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).
July 19, 26, Aug. 2, Southfield Inglenook Park, 10-11 a.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4-8).
July 21-23, South Lyon Volunteer Park, 6:15-7:15 p.m. (Lil' Lions Academy for youth ages 4-8).
 One scholarship will be offered for the **June 30 through July 3 Plymouth Central Middle School Camp** from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Fundamentals Camp for youth ages 6-14).

The camps offer age-appropriate high-energy football instruction and technique training by high school and college football coaches and interactive drills, chalk talks and skill competitions. More than 30 camps are scheduled from June through August. For a complete list of summer camps and academies, visit DetroitLions.com/youth-football. To enter the O&E Media's Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights Football Camp Contest, tell us in 50 words or less why you want to attend the camp. Have your parents email a photo of you (jpeg format only and as large as possible), along with your name, age, phone number and community where you live, to cbjordan@hometownlife.com. Subject line is "Football Contest." Deadline to enter is April 30.

COP CALLS

Break-in

A man identified as homeless was arrested by Wayne police March 26 for allegedly breaking into a Laundromat and the laundry room of a nearby apartment building. Police responded to the Surefit Laundry, 33121 Glenwood, about 2:30 a.m. about an alarm that showed front door motion. Officers found the door damaged and footprints in snow leading to and from the build-

ing. No one was found inside. Officers followed the footprints south to the Parkhill Apartments. The officers found the outside glass of a double-pane window broken at the laundry room at 33080 Parkhill. The homeless man was inside, police said. He told officers he was hearing voices telling him to kill himself, police said. Officers called Fire Rescue to transport the man, who had a small cut on his hand, to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital

where he was admitted for mental evaluation pending criminal charges. **Vandalism** » A Dearborn Heights man reported his Chevrolet Traverse was damaged March 25 while parked at E-Z Storage, 34333 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The driver's side window was gouged by a brick and the rear window was smashed. The owner told police he is a plumber and when on call he parks his per-

sonal vehicle at the storage facility, taking the company vehicle home. The E-Z Storage manager spotted the damage March 26 and alerted him. Surveillance video captured a man throwing a brick at the Traverse. » The ignition was reported damaged on a 1999 Mack box truck parked at Jam Best One Tire and Service, 4995 Hannan, Wayne, March 24. The truck was parked in front of the business offered for sale. It had been left unlocked.

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Dcn. Scott Jablonski

Wednesday, April 9th at 7 PM

Dcn. Scott Jablonski, a seminarian at Scared Heart "on loan" to St. Michael's Church, shares his journey from Univ. of Wisconsin premed undergrad to Evangelical Protestant ministerial candidate to Catholic deacon, soon to be priest. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** No Charge, No Reservations

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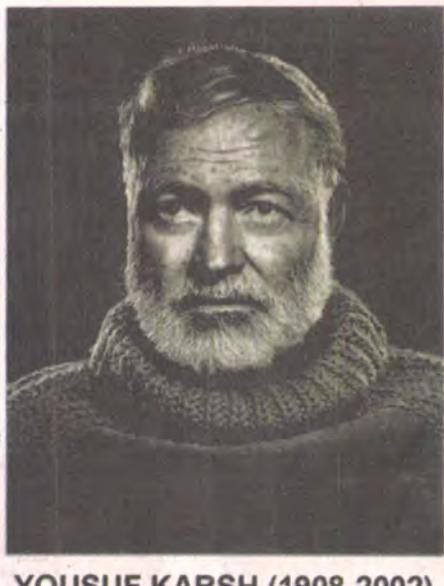
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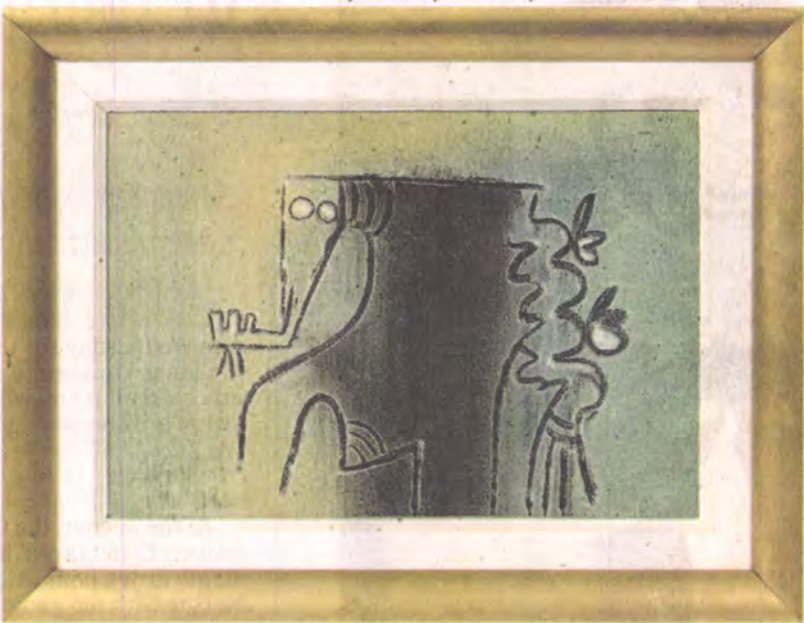
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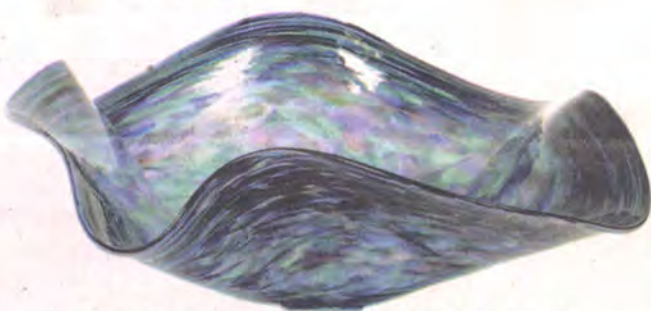
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Westland John Glenn rallies in dramatic opening day win

Scheffer delivers as Rockets edge Stevenson, 7-6

Westland John Glenn opened the 2014 baseball season in dramatic fashion on Wednesday. Senior Christopher Scheffer collected three hits, including

the game-winning RBI single scoring Zack Croft as the host Rockets rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat Livonia Stevenson, 7-6. Croft also added two hits as Glenn, now 1-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South Division, rallied from a 5-1 deficit with a run in the fifth, two more in the sixth and three in the seventh. Brandon Smeltzer, who pitched the final three innings in relief of starter Brendan

Wetmore, earned the victory. Stevenson reliever Billy Bonanno suffered the loss. Rodney Bies and Mark Pettersson each collected two hits, while C.J. Breen added two RBI for the Spartans (0-1, 0-1 KLAA Central).
Churchill survives
Winning pitcher Steve Szymanski nearly hit for the cycle Wednesday as host Livonia Churchill (1-0, 1-0) outslugged South Lyon East (0-1, 0-1) in a



John Glenn runner Zack Croft (left) is safe as Stevenson first baseman Mark Pettersson takes the throw. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

KLAA Kensington Conference crossover, 14-13. Szymanski paced Churchill's 14-hit attack by reaching base safely five times with a

single, double, triple, walk and hit batsman. He also scored three runs and added two RBI.

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Among the MORC Stars weekly player contingent, included with program director Andy Hannah, include (from left) Brittany Jagodzinski, Livonia; Ricky MacDonald, Wayne; and Shayne Graves, Clawson. BRAD EMONS

MORC Stars all aligned on the ice

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Eddie Edgar Arena is never quiet on Sunday mornings.

From October through the end of April it's become a beehive of activity thanks in part to the MORC Stars.

So who are the MORC Stars and why have they created such a buzz?

"It's a program designed for individuals with special needs," said Livonia native Andy Hannah, who launched the program in 2007. "It gives them an environment to learn, how to play a sport with sport being hockey. It's how to skate and an environment where they're safe. They're not ridiculed, they're not

teased, they're not picked on. Everyone here is in the same boat. It's designed to let them have fun and play hockey.

MORC is the acronym for the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, which provides services for people with special needs.

"Our youngest player is 6 years old, our oldest is 42, both males and female on the team," Hannah said. "We started the program seven years ago with seven players. We currently have 135 players. This (Edgar Arena) is actually only one group. We split the program into four different groups. We have three groups that skate every Sunday morning at Eddie Edgar. We have another group that skates at Fraser Hockeyland on

Sundays for an hour and a half. Edgar donates the ice every to us. And Fraser does the same. It's cost-effective for the parents."

The impact of the MORC Stars hockey reaches far and wide, and touches many lives.

Proud parent

"This program ... I don't know where even to start," said Livonia's Cherie Jagodzinski, who has a daughter Brittany in the program. "To sum it up, I guess I'd have to say it brings so much ... not only joy to each and every one of them, but the confidence level of all of them.

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Madonna wins pair in twinbill vs. Saints

Crampton leads WHAC sweep against Aquinas

Some late inning theatrics led to two more victories Wednesday for the Madonna University women's softball team, which swept a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader from visiting Aquinas College, 2-1 and 4-1.

In the opener, the Crusaders' Erin Mayes' RBI single drove home Morgan Kaiser with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Emma Cook also went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the victorious Crusaders.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton, the NAIA National Pitcher of the Week, improved to 11-3 with a four-hitter. She struck out nine and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Becca Shindelacker (5-3) allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out five.

In Game Two, MU rallied from a 1-0 deficit with three runs in a sixth and one in the seventh. Mayes doubled twice and had an RBI, while freshman Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) also drove in two runs. Kasey Trierweiler also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Winning pitcher Erin Combs (8-2) worked the first five innings allowing one run on eight hits. She struck out four and did not allow a walk before giving way to Crampton, who pitched two scoreless innings to pick up her third save of the year as MU improved to 20-5 overall and 6-0 in the WHAC.

Kala Foerster went 3-for-4, while Sadie Stowell added two hits and an RBI for the Saints, who slipped to 10-9 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

Crusaders split in Ilitch Ballpark opener vs. Siena Heights

After 25 straight games on the road, the Madonna University baseball team returned Wednesday to the friendly confines of Ilitch Ballpark.

And the Crusaders were able to salvage a split of their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader dropping the first game to visiting Siena Heights Univer-

sity, 10-7, before bouncing back with an 11-5 win in the nightcap.

John Lauro (3-for-4, two RBI) Taylor Grzelakowski (2-for-3, three RBI), Livonia Churchill's Ben Matigian (2-for-4, RBI) and Victor Barron (two RBI) sparked MU's 12-hit attack in Game 2.

Travis Schuba (3-1), who

pitched three scoreless innings in relief of freshman starter Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin), picked up the victory as MU improved to 15-12 overall and 2-4 in the WHAC.

Justin McPherson, in relief, took the loss for the Saints (9-10, 3-3). Logan Curtis had two hits and an RBI in the loss.

In Game 1, Siena Heights

racked up 14 hits, led by Austin Hauck, who went 3-for-5 with three RBI.

Joe McWilliams added two hits and two RBI, while Dan Muller (Franklin) also knocked in a run for the Saints.

Travis Mielcarek pitched four innings of scoreless relief, allowing just one hit, to earn the victory.

Losing pitcher Tyler Schofield, the MU starter, dropped to 1-2 as he allowed seven earned runs on five hits in just one inning.

Catcher Donny Holland went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Lauro added two hits for MU, which returns to WHAC action at 1 p.m. Sunday at home against Northwestern Ohio.

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Collectors view buttons as art, historical artifacts

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Regina Iwata loved to play with her mom's button box as a kid.

Buttons of all sizes, shapes, colors and materials were stored in a tin and beckoned young hands to sort, touch and mix them.

"I was always in that box. As a kid, you just put your hand in there and swish swish swish, pretty pretty pretty, play play play. And that's all you care about."

Iwata still loves buttons — and has the Bakelite Scottie dog button from her mother's box — but the Livonia woman has learned a thing or two about them since she began collecting several years ago.

"You never keep your buttons that way because they can scratch. You don't use a jar, either," she said. Instead, Iwata wires buttons to matte board, frames each collection and hangs them on the wall.

"They are like little pieces of artwork. They don't add up (in cost) as quickly as other things do. You can have boxes full."

She and fellow button collectors, including Marjorie Fraser of Canton, buy from dealers, auctions, button club shows, antique shops, estate sales and thrift stores that sell vintage clothing. Prices can range from 25 cents to thousands of dollars.

"You can collect for a very low price," said Fraser, who has won ribbons for the button displays she enters into club competitions. One of her award-winning collections includes a button that depicts Balmoral Castle. Fraser said she paid approximately \$500 for the piece, but stressed that beginning collectors can find less expensive items.

"You don't have to have a thousand dollar button. It can be very inexpensive," Fraser said. "It grows on you."

Both she and Iwata are members of the Mayflower Button Club, which meets

monthly at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33777 Five Mile, Livonia. Its next meeting runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Members bring buttons for "show and tell" and sometimes for sale. A business meeting begins at 11 a.m. and a program — this month it's about "Victorian Jewels" — starts at 1 p.m.

The club also will present the Michigan Button Society's spring show, "May Flowers Welcome Button Showers" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Double Tree Hotel Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Road, Dearborn. Admission is \$5 and will include vendors and displays.

Iwata and Fraser, who is club treasurer, started collecting buttons in earnest after attending a meeting.

Fraser, who had inherited some of the buttons from her grandmother, initially hoped to sell the items.

"I didn't know what to do with them," she said. "I went to the meeting and had such a good time. I thought, 'I'm coming back.'"

Although Fraser has collected a variety of buttons, her favorites are glass, particularly ones that look like tiny paperweights.

"You rarely meet someone who is not friendly in the button world," Fraser said.

Iwata also loves glass. One of her favorite displays consists of an assortment of ruby- and cranberry-colored buttons. Another collection brings together buttons handmade by Michigan artists. It includes a Michigan-shaped button from Petoskey stone.

"Those people are special to me because they made the button," Iwata said. "For me, collecting is also about the stories I hear. I like variety and I like the (factory) tours and to see if I can get in and see how it's made. I like talking to people about the hobby. Every time I see people and I'm blabbing about buttons they laugh. And then I show them the buttons and they don't think it's so



Marjorie Fraser's prize-winning collections. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Regina Iwata holds a collection buttons for the 50 states. They are made of brass and are gold-plated.



Regina Iwata of Livonia shows how buttons are fixed to cards for display. At left, Marjorie Fraser of Canton, is treasurer of the Mayflower Button Club.

funny after that."

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Professor pens new book of revised Shakespeare

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

James Hartman staged easier-to-understand versions of *King Lear*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Hamlet* over the past few years at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Now he's made them more readable, too.

His second book of revised Shakespeare plays, *Shakespearean Tragedies Revisited: An Actor's Edition*, has been published and is available from Schoolcraft's book store. Hartman, who has a Ph.D., and is a professor of theater and drama for the college, will sign copies from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Henry's in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Copies of his first book, *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited*, which includes *Othello*, *MacBeth*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Measure for Measure* and *Titus Andronicus* also will be on hand.

"I have the word revisited in the titles. I like that because I feel like that's what I'm doing. I revisit the great masterworks and make them more accessible to the modern audience," Hartman said. "When Shakespeare was writing plays, he was writing for the 'groundlings,' the uneducated people. Today,

because the language has changed so much it's the educated who understand them.

"I love the research and trying to make (Shakespeare) accessible to audiences and actors ... getting everyone, educated or non-educated to thoroughly enjoy the works of Shakespeare. The plot and characters he developed are remarkable. The language is beautiful. I don't know of any playwright since Shakespeare who handles language as beautifully as he did."

Long process

He started editing Shakespeare's works in 1992, beginning with *Macbeth*. After each revision, which took two-three years to complete, he staged the play at Schoolcraft to test the changes he'd made.

"I decided if I wanted to stage Shakespeare and keep Shakespeare alive commercially on stage, the issue of language had to be addressed. I edited word by word. It's not modern English. It's still Shakespearean," he said. "I was surprised and excited to find that it worked so well on stage. The actors had no difficulty working with the language and the response was unbelievable. Some people told me it was the first Shakespeare play they saw

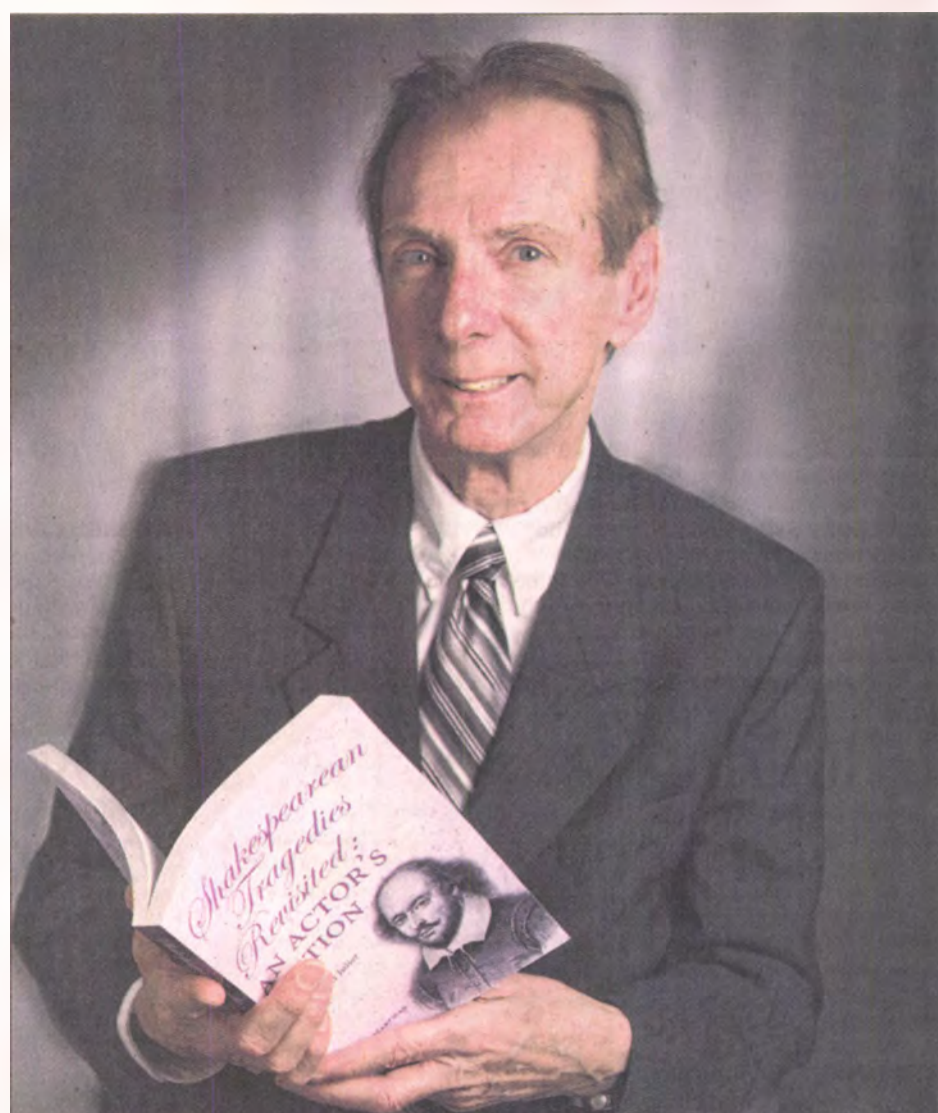
they could follow."

Hartman finished editing and staging the first five plays in 12 years. He said Conway Jeffress, Ph.D., Schoolcraft president, encouraged him to compile the revised scripts into a book. Jeffers even found a publisher. *An Actor's Edition of Shakespeare Revisited* was published in 2007. Hartman revised and staged three more plays over the next six years and compiled them into his second book. He has begun work on two more plays, but isn't sure which will be staged first nor when the scripts will be complete.

When working at home, he is surrounded by books on Shakespeare, play anthologies, and several busts of the bard. His two cats, as well as Hartman's two cats, Hamlet and Horatio, keep him company.

"It's a long process. I can sit eight to 10 hours a day and edit word by word and sometimes after a 10-hour day I might have just one paragraph finished."

Hartman preserved the iambic pentameter, the meter that Shakespeare used in his plays. He made the language more understandable by substituting nouns for pronouns and eliminating notes. He also added verbs and subjects where needed.



James Hartman, professor of theater and drama at Schoolcraft College, will sign copies of his new book on April 9 at the college.

"If I had to substitute a word, I had to find a word with the same number of syllables."

His new book also includes a section on acting Shakespeare's works. It explains iambic

pentameter and offers clues to interpreting the dialogue.

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, *Observer & Eccentric*, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

Carolyn Sohoza, president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), will talk about ways to attract wildlife and butterflies to the garden, 7

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Maple sugar

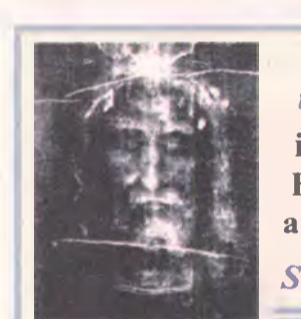
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Heritage Park



Explore Nature Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, is for all ages and will include a guided hike, art projects and nature games. Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

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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.

HARPER, ANNE M.

Age 80 of Birmingham, MI, passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. She died in North Woods Nursing Center in Farwell, MI. She was born the daughter of Creswell and Andrina (McIntyre) Micou on April 20, 1933 in New York. She was a graduate of Smith College and taught piano for over forty years. She was active at Christ Church Cranbrook and Kiwanis. Anne loved entertaining, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Anne is survived by her four sons, Clark, Mark (Debra), Frederick and Scott (Lisa). Also surviving are six grandchildren, Mark Gabriel, Melissa, Autumn, Jonathan, Victoria and Jasmine, and one great-grandchild, James Creswell Harper, and her sister, Roswitha Winsor. Anne also leaves behind her nephew, Benjamin Winsor and niece, Alina Winsor. Memorial Service 1 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Arrangements for cremation were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com.



HAYES, LINDA KATHRYN

Was born on May 30, 1942, to Anna Barbara and Rollie Wallace Murray, and was later adopted by her aunt and uncle, Minnie M. and James B. Jones. She died on March 31, 2014. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, adoptive parents, and one daughter, Kathryn Ann Hayes. She is survived by her brothers, James W. Jones and Douglas Murray, and sister, Phyllis Lovett. Linda married Robert E. Hayes on September 16, 1961. The wedding was performed by her brother, Rev. James W. Jones. After marriage, Linda and Bob lived in Wayne, then Plymouth, Michigan until they were transferred to Japan in 1986. After returning in 1990, Linda and Bob settled in South Lyon, Michigan, where they resided for nearly twenty-four years. Linda and Bob have two daughters, Rebecca Ufford (Donald) of Plymouth, Michigan, and Donna Henry (Keith) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Katy Ufford, Taylor Ufford, Joshua Henry, and Joseph Henry; and two granddogs, Windsor and Jasper. During her married life, Linda took a round-trip journey to California, as well as two complete trips around the world. She lived in Tokyo, Japan for three years, and visited numerous cities in Japan as well as Seoul, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Sydney, London, Paris, Amsterdam and Geneva. Linda was deeply involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren, providing taxi service for children, and made hundreds of pies, which were enjoyed by everyone fortunate enough to taste one. There will be no funeral service, but there will be a memorial service to celebrate Linda's life on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., in the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann Street, South Lyon, Michigan, with a gathering time starting at 10:30 a.m. Internment of her ashes will be a private service. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to the University of Michigan Hospital, Heart Transplant Unit and/or Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU).



May you find comfort in family and friends

LOZANO, FRANK "PANCHITO"

July 6, 1924 - February 18, 2014 passed away on Feb 18, 2014 in Walnut Creek CA. Mr. Lozano was born in Joliet, IL, on July 6, 1924 to Inez and Antonia Lozano, the third of eight brothers and sisters. Shortly after his birth the family settled in SW Detroit. Mr. Lozano started playing the trumpet as a young boy, and along with his brothers formed a family band. When WWII began, he joined the army and was assigned to the "great battle of Reno" playing in the military band. Once the war was over, Mr. Lozano joined his brothers and formed Panchito & Orchestra. Panchito & Orchestra became one of the premier dance bands in the city. Riding the crest of popularity of Swing and Latin dance music they appeared in venues across the city as well as into Windsor and Ohio. In the golden age of television Panchito & Orchestra was the "house band" for the "Arthur Murray Dance Show". Mr. Lozano was involved in community activities, frequently volunteering for Father Kern in whatever capacity needed. He and his brothers were the clowns for the annual Christmas Day Show for the children of SW Detroit. He never missed a Veterans Day Parade, and played the Shrine Circus every year. He was a founding member of Post 505 and Latinos of Livonia, and served with numerous community organizations throughout his life. As the music scene changed in the 60's and rock and roll then disco became the dance music of choice, Mr. Lozano decided the time was right to resume his education. He enrolled in Eastern Michigan University majoring in Music. He received his BA and started his career with the Detroit Board of Education as a music teacher in 1975. He became Asst. Principal at Maybury Elementary School and then Principal of Webster Elementary School, the position he held when he retired. That position was particularly gratifying as he and his siblings had attended Webster as children themselves. When he was appointed principal of Webster Mr. Lozano was the first Mexican American principal in the Detroit School System. There was no greater advocate for education than Mr. Lozano. He believed that an Education was essential to success and never failed to advise people to either start or continue their education. Mr. Lozano finally finished his education in 1990 when he earned his PhD in Education from the University of Michigan. Mr. Lozano retired from the school system in 1989, however, he continued to play with his band until his was in his late 70's when health concerns sidelined him. Mr. Lozano is preceded in death by his wife Barbara (1986) and his companion Marie Lukes (2013), his brothers Joseph (Joann) and Martin (Lucy) and sister Mary Moomaw (Joe). Mr. Lozano is survived by his daughters Stephanie (Henri) and Antonia, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, sister Natalie Armendariz (Jesse), brothers Albert (Linda), Leon (Lorraine) and Philip (Joy) and numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial is scheduled for April 11, 2014 at the Laurel Manor at 39000 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia MI from 1-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Detroit Musicians Fund C/O Detroit Federation of Musicians, 20833 Southfield Rd, Suite 103. Southfield, MI 48075



McATEER, PATRICIA "PAT"

Age 80, of Beaverton, Michigan, passed away at her home, March 24, 2014. She was born on 1-2-34 to the late Oscar & Theodora (Wilbur) Paul. Pat was the beloved wife of the late James (Benny) McAteer for 57 years. She was the devoted and loving mother of Jim McAteer, Trish (Duke) McAteer Wilson, Tim (Melissa) McAteer, Dot McAteer Villaire, Kathy (Scott) McAteer Taft, and the late Jean McAteer-Falvo; Grandmother of 23 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; Sister of Wilbur Paul, Alfred (Barbara) Paul; the late Alice Delman; Sister-in-law of Thomas "Taso" McAteer; many nieces & nephews. Pat had a special love for family, music, singing and dancing. One of her biggest joys was to sit with her husband as he played the piano, having her loved ones around her singing. She also enjoyed cooking. It was said that she always "cooked for an army", as she never knew how many of her extended family would drop by, or when. She always made sure everyone was welcome and well taken care of. Pat was a special person, and will be greatly missed by all. A Celebration of Life will be conducted on April 12, 2014, at 11:00am. Friends will be received at 10:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church (St. Anne Catholic Church), Edenville, Michigan with a luncheon immediately following the service at the Albright Shores Eagles. Arrangements are in the care of Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Make a Wish Foundation or Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. <http://www.hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com/>



NEVILLE, ARTHUR

Age 82, of Saginaw, formerly of Detroit, passed away March 27, 2014. Dear father of Marc (Anne) Neville and Barbara Neville. Loving grandfather of Zach Neville. Preceded in death by first wife Mary Catherine (Nevin) Neville, and by second wife Shirley (Bledsoe) Neville. Survived by dear friend Joan Comstock. Actively involved in his church, the American Legion, VFW, and Korean War Veterans. Memorial service at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2014 at Countryside Trinity Church, 4690 Weiss St., Saginaw. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association or to Countryside Trinity Church.

PINAZZA, FRANK

Age 81, April 3, 2014. Beloved husband of Rosalie for 56 years. Loving father of Lisa (Dave) Poma. Cherished grandfather of Jordan. Visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Rd. (E. of Levan), Livonia, MI 48152 12:00 p.m., in state 11:30 a.m. Please share memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



WILLOX, ALEXANDER

Age 76, April 3, 2014 of Westland. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Betty". Loving father of David (April), Matthew and Iain (Jennifer). Proud grandfather of three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Dear brother of David, John (Ellen) and Margaret (Francis) Young. Friends and family will gather Sunday 4:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Memorial Service at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Rd., Westland. Arrangements carefully made with Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

WURLINGER, MARK JOSEPH

Age 62, of Ogden, died at Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, Kansas on March 31. Born on March 30, 1952 in Redford, Michigan, he attended Redford Union High School, graduating in 1970. Shortly thereafter he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam in the military police. After an Honorable Discharge he remained as a Civil Service employee with Ft. Riley Army Base in Kansas for 33 years. During his lifetime he was member of both the VFW and the American Legion, where he served as commander, vice commander and finance officer. Preceding him in death are his father Joseph, and grandparents Casper and Barbara Wurmlinger and Nicholas and Mary Dulvick. He is survived by his mother, Helene Wurmlinger (Idaho), sisters Donna (Jerry) Swift and Patricia Nothhaft (Michigan), and brother, Eric (Rosalynd) Wurmlinger (Idaho). He was uncle to Patrick, Kristina, and Mary-Kathryn Nothhaft and Dane and Jillian Wurmlinger. Mark was blessed with dedicated friends who respected, loved and cared for him. He will be remembered for his excellent work ethic, spirit of generosity and unpretentious lifestyle.

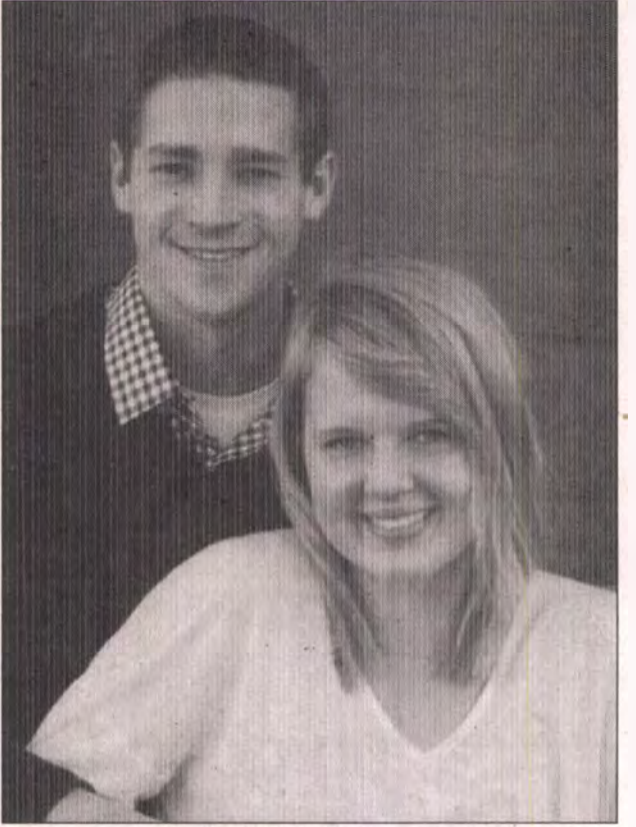
In Memoriam



EILERTSEN, HATTIE LIPPMAN

In loving memory of Hattie Lippman Eilertsen who passed away ten years ago on April 2, 2004. Husband John; son Stanley Schwartz and his wife Helle Jorgensen, grand children Alexander and Christopher; brother Noel Lippman and wife Gloria, and nieces Ashley, Katherine and Emma; and stepson Jon Kottler, honor and cherish the memory of Hattie who was a wonderful, loving individual, a caring mother, an outstanding wife and dedicated business partner, an excellent organizer, intelligent, spiritual, fun loving and gracious.

MILESTONES



Caleb Middleton and Naomi Eikom

EIKOM-MIDDLETON

Naomi Eikom and Caleb Middleton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Inez Eikom of Eagan, Minn., will graduate from

Moody Bible Institute, where she met her fiancé, Caleb Middleton, son of Matt and Jenny Middleton of Livonia. He will graduate from the Institute in May 2014.

The couple plans a July 2014 wedding in Eagan, Minn.



Jacqueline Diana Lane and Justin Andrew Dean

LANE-DEAN

Jacqueline Diana Lane and Justin Andrew Dean were married in August 2013 in Dearborn.

The bride, daughter of Dan and Debbie Lane of Westland, is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The groom, son of Darrel and Mary Shep-

herd of St. Clair Shores, recently was promoted to corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

The bride and groom are both 2010 graduates of Franklin High School in Livonia.

This summer, they will make their home at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

MYSZKOWSKI-MASON

Betsy and Jerry Myszkowski of Farmington Hills are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaitlin Mary, to Kevin Michael Mason, son of Darlene and Tim Mason of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2008 graduate of Mercy High School. She earned a bachelor of business administration in finance and marketing with an emphasis in

distribution and logistics at Grand Valley State University in 2012. She is employed by Title Source Inc. in Detroit.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School. In 2007, he earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame. He is employed at Altair Engineering Inc. in Troy.

A summer 2015 wedding is planned.



Kaitlin Mary Myszkowski and Kevin Michael Mason

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Study cautions against transfusion overuse

A new study by the University of Michigan Health System and VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System found that the more red blood cell transfusions a patient receives, the greater their risk of infection.

The study appears in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The study's authors evaluated all health care-associated infections — including such series infections as pneumonia — that were reported after receiving donor blood in randomized trials. Transfusions often are used for anemia or during surgery to make up for blood loss.

Elderly patients undergoing hip or knee surgeries were most susceptible. They had a 30 percent lower risk of infection when fewer transfusions were used.

"The fewer the red blood cell transfusions, the less likely hospitalized patients were to develop infections," said lead author Dr. Jeffrey M. Rohde,

M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine in the division of general medicine at the U-M Medical School.

"This is most likely due to the patient's immune system reacting to donor blood. Transfusions may benefit patients with severe anemia or blood loss; however, for patients with higher red blood cell levels, the risks may outweigh the benefits."

Worse with sepsis

Risks of additional hospital infections were particularly high for patients who already had sepsis, a condition in which the body's immune system overreacts to an infection and may lead to organ failure. Patients with sepsis were twice as likely to develop additional infections when they received more transfusions.

A nationwide effort called the "Choosing Wisely" campaign recommends that patients planning for surgery or a hospital admission discuss

transfusions and other common medical procedures with their physician ahead of time. Senior author Mary A. M. Rogers, Ph.D., research associate professor in internal medicine and member of U-M's Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, says patients should ask these questions:

» As a patient, what can I do before hospitalization to prevent or decrease my likelihood of developing anemia?

» What are ways that blood loss can be minimized when I am hospitalized? Would any of these options be available for me?

» What are the criteria that the hospital uses to decide whether or not I would need a blood transfusion?

» Would you keep me and my family informed during the hospitalization regarding these options, the number and types of transfusions that I was given, and let me know whether there is anything I can do to help?

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

Affordable Care Act

Learn about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the health insurance exchange or marketplace, and how Botsford Hospital assists patients with its financial resource programs, 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 14, in the hospital's community room, located in the Zieger Center, 28500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills; 248-442-7986.

Blood drive

Monaghan Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive April 21 at Monaghan Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. All blood donors will receive a free gift certificate, for a dinner at the K of C Hall, compliments of Rose Catering. Call 734-591-3237 for an appointment.

Cancer screenings

Henry Ford Health System will offer free head and neck cancer screenings Wednesday, April 23, and Botsford Hospital will offer the screenings Saturday, April 26.

» 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

» 1-4 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard, Dearborn

» 9 a.m. to noon, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

» 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Exams performed by ear, nose and throat surgeon Dr. Warren Brandes, D.O., and his team of residents.

Head and neck cancer symptoms can be vague, but warning signs include hoarseness, persistent throat and ear pain for more than four weeks, mouth sores that won't heal and a lump in the neck. Make a screening appointment by calling 313-916-3275 or visit www.headandneck.org.

Caregiving

Wayne State University Shiffman Medical Library Outreach Services will present "Conversations for Caregivers," an all day conference featuring a panel discussion, forum and breakout sessions that will connect caregivers to legal, financial, health care, long-term care and research experts, 9:30-3 p.m. April 16, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. The event is free but registration is required. Call LaVentra Ellis-Danquah at 313-577-9083.

Celiac support

Pam King from The Center for Celiac Research is the speaker at the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. April 7, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. tccsg.net

Childbirth education

Learn about the stages of labor, managing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-section and more in classes that meet 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 10, 17 and 24 at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at 248-888-2500 or visit www.botsford.org.

Diabetes support

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Diabetes Support Group will present a free educational seminar about the complications that can happen with diabetes, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the North Auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Praveen Modi, M.D.; 734-655-8950.

Healthy aging

Aaron Ellenbogen, Garden City Hospital health expert and neurologist, will talk about what's normal and what's not in brain function as individuals age, at a lunch and lecture event, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in the Westland Mall Community Room, lower level, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. He'll also explain how to take better care of the brain. The free event will include a Q&A lecture, lunch, health screening and prize drawings. Register by calling 734-458-4259.

Project Healthy Living

United Health Organization, a non-profit organization, will offer health screenings, including tests for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision, hearing, gluten, food and seasonal allergies at locations throughout southeastern Michigan when it kicks off its "Project Healthy Living" program this month. Most basic screenings are free; blood tests are offered for a fee. Local sites are:

» 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 26, Lahser Ambulatory Surgery Center, 27207 Lahser, Southfield

» Noon to 6 p.m. May 10, Northland Shopping Center, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

For more information, call 313-531-9100 or visit projecthealthyliving.net.

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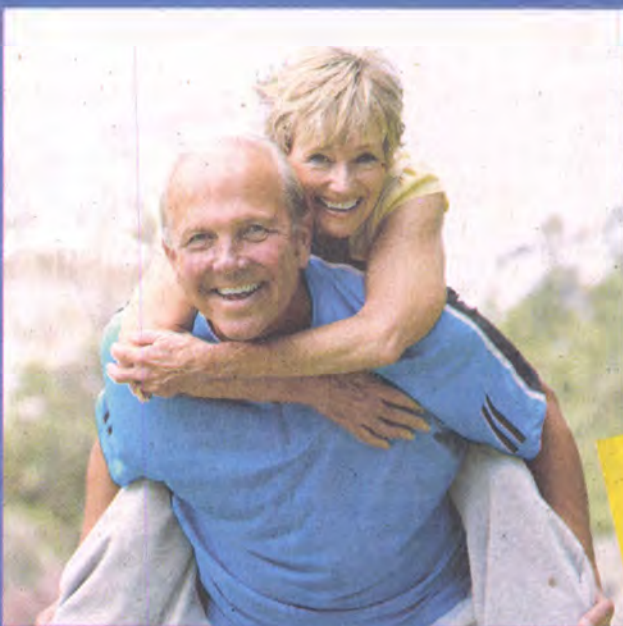
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SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers: 2 5, 4, 6, 7 9 8, 8 4 3, 5 1 8 2, 9 7, 8 5 4 6, 4 9 1. Level: Beginner. Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

KARAOKE WORD SEARCH

Word search grid with words: G I N S T R U M E N T A L S T H E E P O, S E O C T A V E D P C O T N O A Q L E S, D L B L K Q R H H M F N A L Y O U D N T, L Y R I C S S Y L F A R A E O R A A I R, I D R K E O S D W K P U C K N K L L O H O, Q S L A C O V E I A I D K T T Z I L C B, S U U F L K Y C T M M Y H E N E Z R A E, B E Q E T M I S O O Y P S R S E E E M O, O K M P U T E S C D T R O L T A C R V W P, U O U H R R G U T O N E L A M N V O O M, T A H A P R L Q F G B Q H I P A M E O E, P R P U O A N E B I P P W N L I U N F T, U A U U T Q S O C B C I O M I B S U E L, T K P O V S O E G D G V O R E F M I T R A, H S R F I K D Y A F N L D N I A C U A E, U G G O Z B U N G W I R S T E K E U R K, L P N N M T C W O P S C R U R C M Y B C O, W A A T O I E N O H P O R C I M P P D Z, L T W B N S S C T A D Z M O N I T O R C, Q S C G O C I T S U O C A Q T S L B G H. WORDS: ACOUSTIC, AMBIANCE, AMPLIFIER, COMICAL, DANCING, DECIBEL, ENTERTAINMENT, EQUALIZER, GROUP, INSTRUMENTAL, KARAOKE, KEY, LYRICS, MACHINE, MELODY, MICROPHONE, MODULATOR, MONITOR, MUSIC, OCTAVE, OFFKEY, OUTPUT, OVERLOAD, PARTICIPANTS, PROFESSIONAL, RESTAURANT, SING, SONGBOOK, SONGS, STROBE, TEMPO, TIMBRE, TUNE, VOCALS, WOOFER, WORDS

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Sunday, April 6

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OPEN 1:30-4 | 4344 Hillside Drive, Ann Arbor - Lovely well-maintained two story boasts beautiful views of a wooded commons. \$234,900
Glenda Gerbstadt (734) 389-7759



OPEN 1-4 | 3801 Cornwall, Berkley Opportunity knocking!! St. John Woods brick and stone ranch with excellent curb appeal. \$199,900
Jack Bertoia (248) 639-4988



OPEN 1-3 | 2427 Thomas Ave., Berkley Cute brick charmer, walking distance to downtown Berkley and Catalpa Oaks Park. Well maintained. \$134,900
Diane Shires (248) 817-4569



OPEN 1-4 | 1212 Edgewood, Birmingham - Newly remodeled walk to town beauty! Open floor plan and granite kitchen. \$385,000
Janet Burger (248) 817-4557



OPEN 1-4 | 1303 Cole Street, Birmingham - Location! Walk to Downtown and the Rail District from this charming bungalow. \$192,000
Joanna Drukker (248) 639-4903



OPEN 1-3 | 775 Brookwood Walke, Bloomfield - Beautiful, four bedroom, two and a half bath traditional home with three-car garage. \$489,000
Wendi Miller (248) 639-4907



OPEN 12-2 | 6809 Adams, Bloomfield Hills - Welcome home! Well maintained open ranch, great for entertaining with in-ground pool. \$169,000
Jeffery Alasina (248) 639-4958



OPEN 1-4 | 725 Half Moon Road, Bloomfield Village - Handsome Georgian Colonial in much-loved area. 3,227 square feet. \$725,000
Rosalee Hill (248) 365-7138



OPEN 2-4 | 101 W Glass, Brandon Township - Beautiful lakefront setting on private spring fed Bald Eagle Lake. Desirable all sports lake. \$189,900
Margie Kelly (248) 639-4465



OPEN 1-4 | 509 Franklin, Brighton First floor master suite and laundry, with a modern floor plan and a short walk downtown! \$200,000
Tracy Slintak (248) 639-7951



OPEN 10:30-1:30pm | 586 Sheffield, Canton - Three bedroom condo with first floor master. Updated kitchen and finished basement. \$224,900
Jessica Tremonti (313) 486-5246



OPEN 1-4 | 37253 Glenbrook, Clinton Township - Mint condition, many updates. Newer kitchen, refinished cabinets, freshly painted. \$99,800
Nancy Shelby (313) 214-2317



SALE PENDING | Strawberry Circle, Commerce - This former model home is move-in ready! Located on a cul-de-sac, backing to a park. \$409,000
Kori Adams (248) 639-4914



OPEN 2-4 | 188 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms - Charming four bedroom updated Tudor with original detail. Newer roof. \$439,000
Dori Daskas (313) 208-7922



OPEN 2-4 | 44 Regal, Grosse Pointe Shores - Great curb appeal in this spacious Colonial with three-car garage. Large foyer. \$525,000
Laila Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods - Magnificent Quad-level home. Five bedrooms, possible 6th bedroom. Three baths. \$159,900
James Addison (313) 214-2305



OPEN 2-4 | 19115 Woodland, Harper Woods - So many updates, every detail has been attended to. Spacious open updated kitchen \$48,000
Marsha King (313) 214-2295



OPEN 2-4 | 18980 Roscommon, Harper Woods - Beautiful clean two bedroom gem. Everything has been pretty much done. \$27,900
Deborah Kelly (313) 214-2247



OPEN 1-4 | 38563 Lakeshore, Harrison Township - Magnificent home on Metro Beach's protected back bay, minutes from Lake St. Clair. \$929,000
Carol Paton (586) 554-2385



OPEN 2-4 | 37958 Seaway, Harrison Township - Meticulously kept Tri-level featuring 120' canal space with a covered boat hoist. \$429,900
Matt Mannino (313) 214-2288



OPEN 1-4 | 39439 E. Archer, Harrison Township - The waterfront home you've waited for! This great home is totally renovated! \$299,000
Mark Dziejczak (586) 554-2307



OPEN 1-4 | 39363 Canterbury Dr., Harrison Township - Great room ranch, model-like new. Wildlife area in back of home. \$258,000
Hosted by Misty Weisenberger (586) 782-7945



OPEN 1-4 | 28768 Ashland, Harrison Township - Open floor plan makes entertaining easy. Relax in your master bedroom with fireplace. \$244,900
Christine Obarto (586) 522-4450



OPEN 1-4 | 167 Mark Dr., Harrison Township - Beautiful three bedroom completely updated condominium with full basement. \$74,900
Don Glomb (586) 554-2388



OPEN 1-4 | 3851 Red Root Road, Lake Orion - A beautiful home, very clean with neutral decor throughout. Recent updates. \$378,000
Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114



OPEN 1-3 | 19 Lana Court, Mt. Clemens - Detached site condo with three bedrooms & two baths provides freedom plus privacy. \$114,900
Rhonda Glefke (248) 817-4588



OPEN 1-4 | 59203 N. Bradford, New Haven - Move in ready! Newer construction three bedrooms, 2.5 bath Colonial on corner lot. \$135,000
Bridget Robidoux (586) 690-4696



OPEN 1-4 | 40655 Paisley Circle, Novi Move-in ready four bedroom, three and a half bath gracious brick Colonial with finished basement. \$379,900
Kendra McConnell Hurd (248) 639-4924



OPEN 1-4 | 21353 Equestrian Trail, Novi - Timeless and classic. This private Colonial is tucked away on almost 5 acres of land! \$1,047,500
Tracy Wick (248) 513-8538



OPEN 1-4 | 22463 Norfolk Court, Novi - Home was custom built for a closed head injury patient the house is wheelchair accessible. \$499,900
Holly Hurd (734) 666-3968



OPEN 12-3 | 41832 Canterbury Drive, Unit 48, Novi - Great condo living! Spacious with partially finished living area in lower level! \$171,000
Kent Tyrrell (734) 403-4881



OPEN 1-4 | 1456 Oakmont Court, Lake Orion - Most popular layout in Marina Pointe. Newly refinished hardwood floors thru-out \$350,000
Hosted by Nan Denis 248-639-7954



OPEN 12-2 | 2551 Bull Run, Oxford Township - Beautiful country living with city benefits. Lots of space 2400 sq. ft. plus finished basement. \$250,000
Michelle Schinke (248) 365-7146



OPEN 1-4 | 13508 Westbrook, Plymouth - Stunning! Entertain at your own resort! Two-story great room has full length gas fireplace. \$575,000
Chris Patrick (734) 389-7698



OPEN 2-5 | 962 Hartsough, Plymouth Very close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom potential for 4th. Open plan. Gorgeous updated kitchen. \$524,900
Jessica Tremonti (313) 486-5246



OPEN 1-4 | 4806 Goodison Place Drive, Rochester - Prestigious Address of Oakland Township and beautiful 5 bedroom home! \$624,990
Leslie Doran (248) 365-7135



OPEN 1-4 | 2192 Rochelle Park Dr., Rochester Hills - Beautiful, immaculate condo! Open kitchen, all appliances, updated half bath. \$193,000
Nancy Ritter (248) 365-7114



OPEN 1-3 | 3118 N. Connecticut Ave, Royal Oak - Very clean and updated three bedroom bungalow in highly desirable Red Run area. \$186,000
Justyna Slobosz (248) 365-7107



OPEN 1-4 | 4354 Arden Place, Royal Oak - Great location, close to Beaumont Hospital, restaurants, shops and events on Woodward. \$239,000
Marianne Prokop (248) 365-7132



OPEN 1-4 | 46759 Vineyard, Shelby Township - Look No Further! This gorgeous home is loaded with updates. Refinished hardwoods. \$149,900
Becky Livernois (248) 817-4554



OPEN 1-3 | 13680 Windmoor, South Lyon - Charmer! Welcome to this beautiful, updated home with an inviting open floor plan. \$249,900
Jan Carey (734) 389-7737



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair - Love the charm of a Victorian but hate the maintenance? Try this newer, lovely Colonial! \$399,900
Laila Abud (313) 214-2320



OPEN 2-4 | 20900 Bayside, St. Clair Shores - Kitchen updated 8 yrs. ago. Backyard is perfect for summer entertaining with large deck. \$160,000
Nick Howard (248) 918-0547



OPEN 2-4 | 30113 Taylor, St. Clair Shores - Four bedrooms, 2 on first floor, 2 on second floor. Some hardwood floors, updated kitchen. \$129,000
Dori Daskas (313) 208-7922



OPEN 1-4 | 19913 Edmunton, St. Clair Shores - Beautiful home. Hardwood floors, glass block windows. Lav in the partially finished basement. \$149,900
Jim Hedrick (586) 229-1248



OPEN 1-3 | 1491 Glenwood Drive, Sylvan Lake - Flowing Contemporary with easy living floor plan. Beautiful entrance deck. \$294,900
Wendi Miller (248) 639-4907



OPEN 1-4 | 2358 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake - Completely remodeled Contemporary Shaker. Steps away from the beaches and parks. \$225,000
Cindy Hannah (248) 230-4764



OPEN 1-4 | 1842 Delta Drive, Troy Outstanding Colonial has \$70,000 in recent updates. Lives beautifully. Troy schools. Finished basement. \$339,000
Patrick Carolan (248) 365-7129



OPEN 2-4 | 31317 Hayes, Warren Beautiful Ranch with update kitchen and bath. New stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. \$111,000
Kay Rinke (313) 486-9143



OPEN 2-4 | 391 Waterfall Ridge, Waterford - Lovely home in the popular lake community of Waterford. Open floor plan. \$196,000
Mary Frances McCaleb (248) 639-4947