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SPECIAL SECTION

Wild, Haidous running for offices

By **LeAnne Rogers**
Staff Writer

The mayors of Westland and Wayne have each filed to run for Wayne County offices in elections later this year.

Westland Mayor William Wild, reelected after running unopposed last year, is among a large field of candidates for Wayne County executive.

A Democrat, Wild joins an August primary election race that includes: incumbent Robert Ficano; Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville; State Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford; and former Wayne County

Sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans.

Also reelected last year, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous is running for the 11th District Wayne County Commission seat being vacated by McNamara.

Haidous is facing two other Democrats in the primary: William Collop, who lives across the street from Haidous in Wayne and works as a court officer for 29th District Court in Wayne; and Jeremy Cady of New Boston, a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy.

No Republican candidate has filed to run in the 11th commission district, which

means whoever wins the Democratic primary will take the seat.

In the 12th Wayne County Commission district, which includes Westland and Garden City, Westland Democratic incumbent Richard LeBlanc is running unopposed for a second term.

In state races, incumbent State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has no primary challenge in the 16th District. In November, he will face Republican Steve Boron of Westland.

After two four-year terms in the state Senate, Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, is

term-limited. Due to redistricting, Anderson's 6th Senate District has been redrawn to include Westland and some downriver communities.

Current State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, is running for the redistricted 6th District Senate seat. He is being challenged by Taylor Republican Darrell McNeill.

Hopgood's district currently includes Wayne but with the redistricting, Wayne will be part of the new 7th State Senate District.

Republican incumbent State Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton is running for reelection in the 7th District. In the

primary, he will face Republican Matthew Edwards of Plymouth. Edwards is the son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

On the Democratic side, current State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton is unopposed.

In the 13th congressional district, veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, will face Horace Sheffield of Detroit in the primary. The winner will face Republican Jeff Gorman of Garden City in November.

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With the break in winter weather, construction on the Westland Farmers Market Pavilion continues. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Work progresses at Tattam Park

By **LeAnne Rogers**
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Despite an April snowstorm, work is moving ahead on improvements to Westland's Tattam Park.

Funded by the Downtown Development Authority, the \$3.5 million project includes new pavilions, improvements to the H2O Zone spray park and the addition of the Farmers Market Pavilion.

Ground was broken on the project last fall and the improvements are scheduled to be completed this spring.

"Now that we truly have

the end of winter, we can take a look at the time line," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said. "We thought we would have Tattam Park with the H2O Zone open for Memorial Day. With the frost, we are three weeks behind."

Similarly, the Farmers Market Pavilion isn't expected to be open until the end of June. The Farmers Market itself will actually open Thursday, June 5, in its current location in the City Hall parking lot and operate there until the move is made to the new pavilion.

The 1,700-square-foot pavilion would be available

for receptions and other gatherings in addition to a year-round Farmers Market. In addition, seating will be added at the H2O Zone.

The project also includes a 1,000-square-foot concession stand/restroom facility to serve both Tattam Park and the adjoining Central City Park, which has a walking path and soccer fields.

There will also be storage facilities, park benches, updated bridges, improved shade, trees and park landscaping and a reflection pond with a fountain.

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Still open to the sky, construction continues on the Farmers Market Pavilion in Tattam Park.



Westland 2013 Police Officer of the Year Eric Rodriguez (left) with Westland Mayor William Wild. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Police award, promotions, retirement

Rodriguez named Westland Police Officer of Year

Officer Eric Rodriguez has been recognized as the Westland Police Department 2013 Police Officer of the Year.

As Rodriguez was honored Monday, other officers were promoted, a new officer was sworn in and police dog Friday prepared for retirement.

Rodriguez has served the Westland Police Department for 13 years and worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for eight years prior. Rodriguez serves in various capacities, including working as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Tactical Response Team, and as a

patrol officer.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said that this accomplishment reflects Rodriguez's work not only over the last year, but the past several years.

"Officer Rodriguez is the constant professional that comes to work on a daily basis and exceeds expectations," Jedrusik said. "He is an officer who the new guys look up to for guidance. He has been a great asset for our department over the past several years."

» Sgt. Matthew Price was promoted to lieutenant Monday. Price has 19 years of ser-

vice under his belt with the Westland Police Department. He has served in several positions throughout his tenure, including undercover work. Price has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past three years.

» Officers Patrick Boucher and Joseph Bobby were both promoted to sergeant.

Boucher has served the Westland Police Department for 17 years, working as a Department Field Training Officer in the Patrol Division. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Bobby has served Westland

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Garage sales

» Lighthouse Home Missions will hold a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Monday, May 2-5, and Wednesday-Saturday, May 7-10, at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer east of Wayne Road, Westland. The sale will be closed Tuesday, May 6.

Household items, including furniture, TVs, computers, knickknacks, CDs and tapes, will be sold. There will be no clothing. There also will be hot dogs for sale from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

» Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the church, 32500 Palmer west of Merriman, Westland. There will be a \$3 per bag sale with all large items selling at half off starting at 4 p.m.

Ladies Night Out

The Westland Veterans Association will present its third annual male dance review at a Ladies Night Out on Saturday, April 26, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show is 8-11 p.m.

There will be new dancers and a new format, a cash bar and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Veterans Memorial of Westland. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. There are a limited number of VIP tickets available at \$20 each. For tickets, call Connie at 734-578-4615.

Trivia Night

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

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

Space is limited to the first 35 teams. Register at www.stsimonandjude.com/trivia-night.html. For more information, send an email to stsimonandjude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

Blue/Gold Star Banquet

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 396 is inviting Blue Star and Gold Star to attend a luncheon in their honor on Sunday, April 27.

The luncheon is for mothers of a son or daughter currently on active duty in the military, or who have lost a child during their active duty. It will be held 1-3 p.m. at American Legion Post 396, 6860 Middlebelt, Garden City.

The luncheon is free of charge; however, reservations are needed by April 21. To reserve a spot, call Gail Truesdell at 734-895-9046.

TEARS Kickoff

The Michigan Chapter of the TEARS Foundation will hold a kick-off event from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 1, for its second annual TEARS Rock and Walk fundraiser.

The kick-off will be held at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland. The Rock and Walk will be held Sept. 13 to raise for TEARS,

which helps people who lose an infant do not have the money to pay for the casket and/or grave marker for their child by raising money to help pay for those things.

This kickoff event will provide more information about TEARS as a whole, as well as describe the Rock and Walk event. Participants also will have an opportunity to join a team or form a team.

Legal Assistance

A free legal presentation and assistance through Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will be provided at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Experience legal staff will provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 years and older on most civil cases, including guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living and Medicare/Medicaid. Participants must attend the presentation in order to receive assistance.

Stop by the Wayne Senior

Services Office located in the Wayne Community Center or call 734-721-7460

Class of 1964 reunion

The graduating Class of 1964 from Wayne Memorial High School will have a 50-year class reunion. The All Class Reunion Banquet, honoring the class, is 5 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, just east of Wayne Road Wayne. The cost is \$30 per person by May 1 and \$35 per person after May 1. To download an RSVP form, go to www.waynehighalumni.com.

Also, the Class of 1964 will have an evening event at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Avenue American Bistro, 3632 Elizabeth St., Wayne. Cost is \$15 per person and includes hot and cold appetizers and cash bar. Email kchorbagan@hughes.net. Plan on doing a short bio about yourself for the past 50 years that will be included in a booklet — this is for all class members whether they attend or not.

For more information, call Diane Fritz at 734 595-4981.

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for 15 years and previously worked for the Hamtramck and Redford police departments. He received the 2000 Humanitarian of the Year Award for rescuing a dog from a house fire and the 2013 Westland Jaycees Young Person of the Year Award. Bobby has served as a Norwayne Community police officer and as a canine handler since 2005.

» One of those canines, named Friday, retired Monday. Friday started with the department in 2006 and has seized over \$1 million in drugs and drug proceeds in eight years of service.

» James Compton, a lifelong Westland resident, was sworn in as Westland's newest police officer. Compton is a 2007 graduate of John Glenn High School, where he participated in the Westland Police Explorer program. He was hired by



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left), Officer Eric Rodriguez, Sgt. Joseph Bobby, Lt. Matthew Price, Sgt. Patrick Boucher, Officer James Compton and Westland Mayor William Wild. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

the Detroit Police Department in 2008 and subsequently graduated from their police academy. With the Detroit Police, Compton served in several divisions and earned two departmental and chief citation awards.

"We are fortunate to have a

great police department here in Westland, and tonight's council meeting, with a Police Officer of the Year, promotions of veteran officers, a new hire, and the retiring of an excellent K9, shows our department's excellence," Mayor Bill Wild said.



Westland Police Officer Joseph Bobby was promoted to sergeant Monday while his canine Friday retired.

"I want to congratulate all of the police officers on their achievements and promotions tonight, and I look forward to your continued service to our community," Mayor Wild add-

ed. "And thank you to our trusted K9, Friday, who has no doubt been one of the most well-trained K9s the department has seen."



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His radio career spans decades, cultures

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Narendra Sheth's career in music and radio has taken him from 78-rpm records and reel-to-reel tapes to digital mini discs and computer hard drives.

Sheth, of Plymouth Township, is an expert on the popular music of India who last month marked 40 years of hosting a weekly radio show — *Geetmala*, meaning “garland of melodies” — that’s focused on Indian music but also includes interviews, news and information.

Born in India and educated at the University of Bombay (now Mumbai) and the University of Michigan, Sheth worked as an engineer and statistician for more than 30 years, co-authored a college textbook on applying statistics to engineering, produces concerts, is on the board of the Michigan Philharmonic and several other boards, has been active in the area’s Indian community for decades, plays keyboards and harmonica and recently learned computer video production.

A corner of his basement studio is crowded with accolades and memorabilia, plus he has an extensive collection of Indian music, especially the music of Bollywood, the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai.

Always learning

“It’s the satisfaction of doing things, passion for doing things and, most important, always learning new things,” Sheth, who is in his mid-70s, said last week. “One should never stop being a student.”

Geetmala is heard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday on WCXI-AM (1160) and also at www.wpon.com.

It grew out of a friend’s suggestion that he put together a radio show and has become an exploration of Indian folk, classical and movie music and the way the music of India and the West have influenced each other.

Sheth boasts broad musical tastes.

“People who are old like old music. People who are young like new music. I like all mu-



Narendra Sheth of Plymouth Township, an expert on Bollywood music and an activist in the local Indian community, stands in his music library, which houses thousands of recordings. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sic,” he said.

He researches, gathers the music and organizes his shows at home, then goes to the radio station every Saturday to broadcast live. Each musical show has a theme and 99 percent of the music aired, Sheth said, comes from his own collection.

Old, new technology

Sheth’s music library has thousands of recordings — old records, cassette and reel tapes, compact discs and mini discs. About 80 percent of his collection, he said, is cataloged on his computer, so he can easily retrieve a specific recording when needed. While he often brings the music for *Geetmala* to WCXI in a digital format, he also brings in tapes and vinyl records. “Fortunately, there’s still one record player” at the station, he said.

Sheth takes a particular interest in musical cross-currents; he’ll show, for example, how a popular American song has influenced an Indian musician. “I’ll play a little bit of that American song and then the Indian song,” he said.

Last July, Sheth produced a concert at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi that fused traditional Indian music with Western classical and included 60-some musicians, including Michigan Philharmonic members. It took six months to plan, he said.

“People came from all over the country, and this is the first time they had seen this kind of show. They were just amazed,” Sheth said.

Sheth retired in 2002 as the chief engineering statistician at Ford Motor Co.; he had been with Ford for 34 years. Before that, he had a research fellow-



Early Indian records are part of Sheth’s collection.

ship at U-M, where he had earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering. He had studied mathematics and statistics at the University of Bombay, receiving both a bachelor’s and

a master’s. Sheth and his wife Suhas have a daughter Neha, a son Neel and three grandchildren.

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Youngsters chase after marshmallows at annual drop

20,000 treats fall from helicopter

It may have looked gloomy with a chance of rain, but that didn't put a damper on the enthusiasm of children who waited for the chance to chase after marshmallows that fell from the sky Friday morning.

They looked like jumbo snowflakes, but were actually 20,000 marshmallows dumped from a helicopter circling above the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park during Wayne County Parks' annual Marshmallow Drop.

The falling marshmallows were a delight to see for hundreds of children, who waited to collect the goodies. The children were divided into groups based on age to make sure everyone could participate.

The goal was to retrieve a marshmallow and turn it in for a prize. Youngsters were scooping them up, hoping to find one very special colored one. There was one colored marshmallow to be found for each of the age groups. The lucky child who found it received an extra special prize, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Marshmallow Drop.

Wayne County Parks holds two Marshmallow Drops each year — one at Nankin Mills in Westland and one at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.



Amy Robert and niece Hailey Bundzic, 2, from Livonia, spot the helicopter loaded with marshmallows. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Celyn Evans points out the approaching helicopter to his son, 3-year-old Aiden Evans.



The helicopter spreads marshmallows across the field in Hines Park.



The race for marshmallows begins.



Bunny ears are in style this season for Karen Arney, her granddaughter Victoria Blanchard, 7, and neighbor Alexis Belanger, 6. All three live in Redford.



Sixteen-month-old Liam Reschke, held by dad James Reschke, isn't too sure about the man-sized rabbit wearing a bow tie.

Nuns embrace life of prayer, service

Farmington Hills monastery is open to the public

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Away from the public but not from God, the cloistered Dominican nuns at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills embrace their lives of intense prayer, adoration and service.

"It's a calling. It is falling in love with God," said Sister Faustina Marie. "It is a responsible calling from God. It is a desire to come away with the Lord and to have a deeper life with the Lord."

Sister Faustina Marie is one of four nuns at the monastery who are "externs" — whose vocation is to serve as bridges between the sisters and the public. When members of the public visit the monastery or stop for services, it is one of the four sisters who will be on hand to greet and talk. "We felt the draw to the external vocation," she said.

Though the nuns are cloistered, the monastery is open to the public for worship. The chapel is open daily from 6:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those who need a quiet place to come and pray and attend Mass and the liturgy of the rosary.

Strong community

The monastery was established in Detroit in 1906. In 1966, it was moved to property owned by the Detroit Archdiocese on Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile. The 60,000-square-foot monastery sits on 11 acres.

"For a monastic community, we are the strongest," Sister Faustina Marie said.

Each religious house is independent and sur-



The cloistered Dominican nuns at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament embrace their lives of prayer and adoration. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

vives on public donations. The sisters are in the process of fundraising to finance needed improvements at the monastery.

When asked why the center is called a monastery, a term typically used to describe an organization for monks, Sister Faustina Marie took the time to find out. The word, monastery, derives from a word that means "literally, the act of living alone."

While the cloistered Dominican sisters at the monastery may live secluded from the public, they aren't alone. The 23 nuns who are cloistered celebrate their faith and adoration — chanting prayers — together beginning at 5:30 a.m., 9 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. And they attend Mass, have two hours of prayer and study daily.

And during remaining hours in the day, each sister has a job or duties that involve taking care of the monastery and each other. Those duties include monastery upkeep, working in the infirmary, laundry, housekeeping or dietary.

And that's not all. The monastery has a print shop and a gift shop. And there is typically one sister who is in charge of communications. That means that correspondence is completed in long-hand, not typed into a computer — not that the monastery doesn't keep up with the technological times, as evidenced by the sisters' website, www.opnuns-fh.org.

"It means something to us that if a person donates or sends us a letter, we respond in a personal way," Sister Faustina Marie said.

Everyone has a role, including the prioress or Mother Superior, subprioress and the novice mistress who oversees the new residents to the monastery. "It takes six years from entry to final vows," Sister Faustina Marie said.

A calling

Women don't only have to be a young adult embarking on a career decision to enter the order. Many of the sisters chose the cloistered life later in their own

lives.

Sister Faustina Marie, for example, was a medical technologist and worked in public health for years before deciding to take her vows and to live at the monastery. "I loved my job."

But as her life evolved, Sister Faustina Marie realized that "when I started to pray, I couldn't get enough of God. I knew that what I wanted was more intense prayer. This was a radical change from going to work everyday. It was a choice I made."

What also drives the cloistered sisters at the monastery is service. "It is important to service the people of God. It is an ideal where you want to make your life worthwhile."

And it is a lifetime. The monastery is not a retirement home. The sisters at the monastery don't retire. One of the sisters, age 93, still wakes up — long before the rest of the world — and participates in an adoration from 11 p.m. to midnight.

While serving God,



Two Dominican nuns, called externs, who bridge the gap between the sisters and the public, work at a vocation event.



The cloistered Dominican nuns enjoy music and a picnic.

the sisters have also made the monastery their home in every sense of the word. They gather for activities, including picnics and have rescued three dogs, who like to jump on the beds. And as Sister Faustina Marie admits, junk food isn't out of the question. They — like everyone — have their favorites, including potato chips and cookies.

Yet younger or older, there are fewer women joining the order. In the past year or so, three sisters completed varying degrees of taking vows with the order. They include Sister Marie Thérèse of the Trinity, who like Sister Maria of Jesus, completed the profession of their first

vows, while Sister Dominic Marie received her habit.

Sister Faustina Marie blames the decrease in new sisters and a devotion to the church on her generation. After Vatican II, during which she was a senior in high school, the turmoil in the church "was traumatic." She told the story of two sisters who taught at her high school who then left their orders. "We de-emphasized the importance of church and God," she said.

But she will continue to hope there will be a change of mind in young people. "Come back to the Lord. It is worth it."

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The Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament is on 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Improvements to monastery depend on public contributions

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The Cloistered Dominican Nuns — with a mission of perpetual adoration and prayer — need help to maintain the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills.

"Now, honestly, we need help," says the flier requesting donations for the 60,000-square-foot monastery.

"All religious houses are independent," said Sister Faustina Marie, meaning the sisters rely on contributions and donations to keep the monastery going.

The sisters already have the plans to repair and renovate the monastery. The Farmington Hills City Council approved the plans last October. "We are going to do it, pending fund-

raising," Sister Faustina Marie said.

Built in the 1960s, the monastery, which includes an infirmary, needs to be brought up to contemporary building codes that will allow the sisters to use energy efficient sustainable practices.

Plans include expanding the infirmary, renovating the chapel, the monastery and a new bell tower and improvements to the public gift shop/book store.

While the sisters are cloistered, the monastery is open to the public for worship and to shop at the gift store, Sister Faustina Marie said.

The ultimate goal of improvements and the fundraising effort is to maintain and sustain the monastery for at least another 50 years.

Contributions for

initial and immediate work includes the following upgrades:

» Heating and cooling system upgrades: \$1.35 million.

» Energy saving updates, including insulation, roof replacement, lighting and windows: \$1.03 million.

» Handicapped access and safety upgrades throughout the facility: \$235,000.

» Infrastructure improvements, including age-related maintenance work: \$425,000.

Donations are accepted by mail at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or online via PayPal at www.opnuns-fh.org

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Ashley's showcases Michigan beers at Cask Ale Fest

The Michigan Cask Ale Festival returns Saturday, May 3, to Ashley's Beer and Grill in Westland with the largest lineup of cask-conditioned and served craft beers in the event's seven-year history — and the largest available at one time anywhere in the state.

More than 30 cask ales from renowned breweries across Michigan, the U.S., and even the ocean will be pouring from noon to 5 p.m. at Ashley's, 7525 Wayne Road, north of Warren Road.

Guests can also enjoy live music, interaction with brewers and brewery representatives, a menu of premium snacks and entrees, and exhibits designed to highlight National Homebrew Day, which is observed on May 3.

Cask ale, also called real ale, represents the traditional, centuries-old way of serving ale, unfiltered and naturally carbonated by the live yeast in the vessel it's served from. This cask conditioning results in a more complex, delicately flavorful beer, closer to the way the brewer intended than when it's poured on a draft system.

Even familiar beers long available in bottles or on conventional draft, which typically mixes the beer with extrane-



Festival goers enjoyed good ale and good weather at last year's festival.

ous CO2, can exhibit enhanced flavor when conditioned and served from a cask.

"Most venues don't handle cask ale, or what we call 'the craft beer of craft beer,' because the living nature of the beers means they require special handling and serving techniques," said Roy More, co-owner of Ashley's. "As the market for craft beer expands, more and more beer lovers are seeking something special, and Ashley's is committed to providing them with unique taste experiences they can't find anywhere else."

For the first time, the festival will take place entirely outside in the spring air, as Ashley's opens its new outdoor beer garden to the expected 1,000 or more festival goers. Local band Rustbelt Revival will provide live music throughout the day.

Participating Michigan breweries include Arbor (Ypsilanti), Arcadia Ales (Battle Creek), Bell's Brewery (Kalamazoo), Brewery Vivant (Grand Rapids), Founders Brewing (Grand Rapids), Greenbush Brewing (Sawyer), Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales (Dexter), Dragonmead

Brewing (Warren), Latitude 42 (Portage), Liberty Street Brewing (Plymouth), New Holland Brewing (Holland), Vander Mill (Northville), North Peak Brewing (Dexter), Odd Side Ales (Grand Haven), Right Brain Brewery (Traverse City), Saugatuck Brewing (Douglas) and Short's Brewing (Bellaire).

The festival also brings in cask beers from across the country and border to border, from California (Green Flash and Lagunitas) to New York (Blue Point) and Maryland (Heavy Seas), from Louisiana



More than 30 cask ales from renowned breweries across Michigan, the U.S., and even the ocean will be featured at Ashley's Cask Ale Festival.

(Abita) and places in between, such as Utah (Epic) and Colorado (New Belgium). From England, Harviestoun brewery will be represented.

Tickets are \$45 at the door, and each ticket includes 12 drink tokens (more can be purchased on site), program and tasting notes, and festival glass. Designated driver (DD) tickets are also available for a nominal cost. For the latest information on the festival, including the list of rare and unique beers, visit micaskale.ashleys.com and follow the festival's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-Cask-Ale-Festival/113722341974871.

Follow Ashley's West-

land on Twitter (@ashleyswestland) and use hashtag #micaskale.

Founded in 1983 next to the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, Ashley's has been proud to serve its guests a wide selection of great beers from around the world for over three decades. Today, as "Michigan's premier multi-tap," Ashley's features an ever-rotating lineup of flavorful draft beers from nearly 120 different taps at its two locations in Ann Arbor and Westland, as well as more than 80 bottled beer selections.

Ashley's was rated one of the Top 100 Beer Bars by DRAFT Magazine in and Top 50 Beer Restaurants by RateBeer.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Scholarships available

Parkside Credit Union is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors. The scholarships are meant

to assist Parkside members in financing their education after high school graduation.

Applications are available at the Parkside branches at 36525 Plymouth Road, Livonia,

and 1747 S. Newburgh Road, Westland, and online at www.parkside-cu.org. The deadline to turn in all documents is May 9.

Candidates should be Parkside members that

have been accepted to an accredited institution. Candidates have the opportunity to open an account while dropping off the application.

Applications will be reviewed by Parkside Credit Union's Scholarship Committee and scholarships will be disbursed on or before June 30, 2014.

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New airport director

Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton has appointed Christopher J. Mullin, a retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel, to the position of director of Willow Run Airport. Mullin has an extensive association with aviation in numerous assignments with the Marine



Mullin

Corps.

A native of Franklin, Mass., Mullin graduated from Providence College with a bachelor's degree in English and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1984. His first assignment after completion of The Basic School and the Aircraft Maintenance Officers' Course was with Marine Aircraft Squadron-223 the "Bulldogs," Marine Aircraft Group-32 as an aircraft maintenance officer.

He received his wings as a naval flight officer in 1990 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-169 the "Vipers," and later served as an administrative officer and was deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He also was deployed twice to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He completed his career at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport,

R.I., as a military instructor and the senior Marine representative. He retired from active duty on Oct. 1, 2013, after 29 years of service.

Mullin amassed more than 2,500 flight hours in the O/A-4M Skyhawk, UH-1N Huey, OV-10 A/D Bronco and the F/A-18D Hornet. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star denoting the second award, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Strike/Flight Air Medal with the numeral "9," the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and four gold stars denoting the fifth award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

"Colonel Mullin has wide-ranging experience in strategic planning and an impressive background in aviation," Naughton said. "We are very pleased to have him on board."

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A SUNNY NOTE

Inaccurate assumptions have major consequences

A friend once shared a Chinese Proverb with me that I found especially relevant this week. "He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever." Ask the question. What great advice, especially in the business world where inaccurate assumptions can cause major consequences.

So today's Sunny Note is simply a word of encouragement to take responsibility for asking questions instead of assuming answers.



Clarity Patton Newhouse

This kind of foolishness can really pay off. Let's be the "five-minute fool" — and have a sunny day.

Clarity P.S. "Never assume the obvious is true."

William Safire P.P.S. Will you for sharing Sunny Notes with others.

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Beware of subprime mortgage offers



Rick Bloom MONEY MATTERS

I couldn't believe it when I read that some banks are once again starting to market subprime mortgages.

Subprime mortgages — one of the causes of the financial crisis — were offered to people who did not have good credit or could not come up with the 20 percent payment to get a conventional mortgage.

Many people who got subprime mortgages ended up defaulting, causing them to lose their homes.

Not everyone should get a mortgage. Just because banks and other financial institutions are pushing mortgages doesn't mean you should get one or that you can afford one.

I know the general rule is that renting is not a good option and that people should consider buying as soon as they can.

Many people think that if they're renting they are throwing away their money. That is not the case.

Don't buy a home from an investment standpoint. A home purchase is about one's quality of life.

One thing consumers should have learned from the financial crisis is if you purchase a home it is important to make sure that you own your home and that it doesn't own you.

Don't fall for that same mistake. Prior to

purchasing a home, consider all the costs associated with ownership. In addition to principal and interest payments, factor in the cost of repairs, maintenance, insurance and utilities.

I believe you must be able to put 20 percent down on a home in order to afford it.

Keep in mind that just because the mortgage company says you qualify for a mortgage doesn't mean you can actually afford it.

Unfortunately, some of the same predatory lending practices that existed before the financial crisis are creeping back into the market.

Consumers must be careful. Remember, it's not the mortgage company that determines whether you can actually afford a mortgage, you do.

Don't let anyone talk you into a mortgage, take your time and don't be afraid to seek independent advice.

Having a home is part of the American dream. However, having a home that uses all your resources and does not increase your quality of life is an American nightmare.

Good luck. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



Alexis Baker, 15, of Westland has been accepted to a summer program at Stanford University Law School.

Local student accepted to Stanford summer program

A Westland resident has been accepted to participate in the Intensive Law & Trial program this summer at Stanford University Law School in California.

Alexis Baker, 15, is a sophomore at the Nexus Academy in Royal Oak and is interested in a law career.

ic Award in 2013 in cheer for her attitude and willingness to help others during team practice.

In addition, Baker has participated in jazz and ballet dance recitals with the Robert Lee School of Dance in Westland.

There is a bowling fundraiser from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Woodland Lanes in Livonia to raise money toward the cost of the trip.

For more information, contact Natalie Williams, Baker's mother, at 313-443-4566.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROLL

WHEREAS, the Assessing Department has prepared and submitted a special assessment roll covering all lots and parcels of land within the 2013 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Vacant Property and Property Transfer Affidavit special assessment district heretofore designated by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, said special assessment roll assesses to each lot or parcel of land such sums as may have been directed by resolution of the Council in connection with the 2013 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Vacant Property and Property Transfer Affidavit; and

WHEREAS, such special assessment roll has been certified by said Assessing Department, and that said special assessment roll, as near as may be, according to the best judgment of said Assessing Department, conforms in all respects to the directions contained in resolutions of Council, the City Charter, and Chapter 218.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne; and

WHEREAS, said Assessing Department has filed said special assessment roll with the City Clerk, who has presented the special assessment roll to Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for purpose of public examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wayne will meet on the twentieth day of May, 2014 at the Wayne Community Center at 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing such special assessment roll.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption each assessment for Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance will be placed on the 2014 tax roll plus thirty percent (30%) penalty and each assessment for Vacant Property and Property Transfer Affidavit will be placed on the 2014 tax roll with no penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give notice to the owner of each lot or parcel of land effected by said special assessment roll at his or her address or the address shown on the last tax roll of the City of Wayne, which notice shall be given by regular mail and which notice shall set forth and specify the time and place of said meeting and the purpose of having such a meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give further notice by publication at least once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City, that paper being The Wayne-Westland Observer.

Table with columns: PARCEL #, Amt. Due, and various assessment amounts for individual parcels.

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

OUR VIEWS

New tests for teachers only a beginning

Raising standards required for becoming a teacher is a laudable goal, but making it tougher to enter the field won't by itself improve educational outcomes in Michigan. Our problems are bigger than that.

The House of Representatives' Education Subcommittee recently approved \$3.6 million to revamp the state's teacher certification tests. The appropriation would allow the Department of Education to accelerate efforts to toughen the exams, something state Superintendent Mike Flanagan has said is a priority.

We agree, and we encourage both chambers of the Legislature to send it on to Gov. Rick Snyder for his signature. It's been more than a decade since Michigan updated these exams, which by most accounts are laughably easy.

As Bridge Magazine's Ron French reported in his "Building a Better Teacher" series last fall, when the Education Department beefed up the test all aspiring teachers must take before they are allowed to student teach, the pass rate plummeted from 82 percent on previous exams to 26 percent. Flanagan at the time hailed the test results as proof that the state was serious about letting only the most qualified teachers into Michigan classrooms.

The infusion of cash means that the department will be able to roll out the new tests in two years rather than the estimated 11 years it would have otherwise taken, and that faster timetable is worth the investment.

But let's keep it real. Tougher certification tests won't by themselves lead to a higher level of performance in Michigan classrooms, nor will they address the underlying systemic — and political — issues that stunt professional growth in public education.

There's plenty of blame to go around when it comes to poor educational outcomes in Michigan, but too much of that blame is misplaced at the feet of teachers.

As a state and a nation, we can press for higher admissions standards into teaching programs, and those programs can do a better job of aligning themselves with the demands of today's classrooms.

It's not at all clear, however, that so-called "smarter teachers" will fix what ails public schools, certainly not without significant efforts to improve the conditions and resources available to educators.

We've seen little evidence that our teachers lack skills or expertise. What they lack, rather, is time, guidance and support necessary to be fully effective and grow in their careers.

Poorly compensated relative to other professions, teaching in the United States has long struggled to be seen as the profession that it is. Policymakers, many of them in Lansing, seem to prefer a high-turnover teaching force that is minimally trained.

The overemphasis on standardized tests, punitive evaluation policies and bureaucratic regulations combined with larger class sizes and under-sourced classrooms combine to create a high rate of turnover among teachers. About 40 percent of all teachers leave within the first five years of starting their jobs — more than any other profession.

There's nothing wrong with demanding higher standards from aspiring teachers, but policymakers should take into account that high achievers have standards as well, among them the opportunity to work in an environment in which they feel valued and adequately compensated.

Until we decide that teaching is a serious profession that demands substantial public investment, we will not produce the skilled teachers that are needed to address the needs of our children.

LETTERS

Lifetime occupation

I would like to expound on an editorial I read in the John Glenn High School *Explorer* newspaper, *Are There Any Doctors In The House?* The editorial dealt with pursuing careers as professional athletes, famous singers or actors rather than choosing perhaps a less glamorous choice as a doctor or lawyer.

Who can dispute that fame and fortune has its upsides. Notoriety can be as fickle as Mother Nature. Everything is sunny and bright one day, dark and gloomy the next. Injuries may plague the athlete. The "age window" closes at a much younger period of life.

Hundreds of stories exist from waiters, waitresses and bartenders who tried to make it big in Hollywood but found it difficult to get that one "big break." Though the path to medicine is extensive and even exhausting, saving a life or healing the sick and injured is a lifetime occupation, seldom interrupted by injuries, team-to-team trades or free agency.

Physicians interact with people that will never forget you long after their wounds are healed. The physician's impact is such that their legacy lives on forever in the patients they've treated, whereas the athlete's legacy is summed up statistically and archived in the Dewey Decimal System.

As a Navy Corpsman serving in combat with the Marines in Vietnam, I am speaking from first-hand experience. The gratification of saving one's life or bandaging the wounded under gunfire serves to reinforce how much good one can do by pursuing a medical education.

Robert Cohen
Romulus

School board fails

It was with great disappointment that I sat through the April 14 Livonia School Board meeting. The issue of school of choice was to be voted on. All I heard from our elected "trustees" was that the easiest thing to do was take money from school of choice students entering our district next fall to fill budget gaps.

Not one mention was made as to other ways in which we as a school district could stem the financial tide that is flooding our school system. One thing is for sure. Each member who voted for the school of choice proposal discussed ad nauseam how they did not want to make the choice to open Livonia Public Schools up to out-of-district students. But they did it anyway. And in doing so we will see 60 new students enter our public schools next fall, on an experimental basis, that have no connection to our community. Their parents will have no vested interest in our community. These 60 will somehow make up for the 300 we lose yearly. I don't know how. But that was the argument made.

The new students will, however, get to enjoy the new facilities we home-owning taxpayers voted to fund last year. They will, however, get to enjoy the high standards that we as citizens have set for our educational institutions.

The board also voted to bring to the tax-paying citizens of Livonia another ballot proposal Aug. 5. They cannot have it both ways. We the citizenry of this great commu-

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nity must inform our elected leaders at the ballot box that we will not continue to fund great schools for others' advantage. The idea of community schooling is to educate the community. If the Livonia School Board is not equipped to figure out alternative ways to generate revenue and cut costs than opening up our schools and more ballot initiatives, we as voters need to speak at the ballot box.

School of choice will negatively affect each and every taxpayer in Livonia. With an influx of students that come from schools with lower academic standards will also come lower MEAP scores. MEAP scores are used to rate school districts and as goes the MEAP so goes your property values. Every citizen should be made aware of the dangerous precedent that is being set by our "trustees."

Michael Cretu
Livonia

I-96 fiasco

Although my home isn't right on top on the I-96 freeway, we're close enough to hear how bad the noise-makers are. From the beginning, they were working part of the night, which was ridiculous, and they often start work at 7 a.m. (It's like having a thunder-clap rooster as a pet.) As far as the mantra about how the work must be finished as soon as possible, I say take twice as long and work only during the day.

For one thing, I'm not so sure this work was even needed. Whenever I looked down at the freeway, it looked OK to me, as did the bridges. Seems like good concrete is being broken out and replaced simply to give union stiff some-thing to do.

Although people have mentioned the noise, they haven't mentioned the vibrations that shake your house, sorta like a mini version of a California quake, and you don't even have to pay the travel money to experience it, how cool is that! Surely all this shaking can't be good for the structural integrity of homes, many of them in this area which are old (ours is 1968.) I'm just holding my breath that nothing falls apart. A few years ago, Madonna University was putting in a new parking lot and the constant pile-driving finally caused one of my bookshelves to collapse, and no one came over and paid for it or repaired it, but hey, I was just supposed to be OK with that.

Did you ever watch the 1960s cartoon *The Flintstones*? The little caveman boy in there named Bam Bam was always striking everything that moved with a huge club. This is like these technological cavemen of today, whom I have had my fill of and wish they would all go away. No wonder why modern man is filled with so much stress — the man of yesteryear was surrounded by farmlands and green valleys while we're surrounded by peace disturbing

knuckleheads.

Other nuisances in recent years include the incessant construction traffic from the endless St. Mary building projects, contributing mega-ton gravel-haulers which bounce down the road, the rubble removal from Hull School, and two heavy-duty trucks which pounded Levan looking for oil.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Thank you, kind strangers

I hope the couple who anonymously paid for my dinner at Big Boy reads this paper. It's the only way I have to thank you.

The road down widowhood is lonely, so your random act of generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness made my day.

Thank you and God bless.

Margaret L. Algje
Farmington Hills

Thanks for efforts

On March 14, 2014, the State of Michigan approved a mid-fiscal year 2014 budget supplemental bill for several programs, including the replacement of funding for the room and board benefit for hospice Medicaid beneficiaries. Advocacy efforts were essential in replacing the room and board benefit for hospice Medicaid beneficiaries. Thank you for all of your efforts on this important issue.

When the Michigan Department of Community Health eliminated room and board reimbursement for Medicaid beneficiaries who needed inpatient hospice services in October 2013, many of our community members asked how they could help. You understood that without the room and board benefit, many frail and elderly Medicaid beneficiaries returned to the hospital for care, a more costly option.

Everyone who made their voice heard on behalf of patients and families made a difference. Thank you for everything you have done on behalf of this issue, whether it was calling, emailing, writing or visiting your legislator, spreading the word to your family and friends or keeping the faith that we would find a solution for Medicaid hospice beneficiaries.

We are grateful that the Michigan legislature found a solution to this critical situation through this supplemental law and recognizes the importance of this issue. Our advocacy efforts will be an ongoing effort. The supplemental bill expires in September and we will need to obtain funding for future budget years.

Your advocacy efforts are very much appreciated. On behalf of the patients and families who utilize this benefit, thank you. Medicaid beneficiaries will receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

Gloria D. Brooks,
President and CEO
Arbor Hospice

STAFF COLUMN

9/11 Memorial stark reminder of nation's pain

A lot has changed in 13 years.

The last time I was in New York was October 2001, three weeks after terrorists flew two jets into the World Trade Center, killing thousands and forever altering life as we know it.

I remember that visit as if it were yesterday. I made the trip with my brother and, as we walked in the streets near Ground Zero, the ground was still covered with debris, our feet crunching on the detritus of disaster. Shop windows were still blown out, inventory covered with dust and soot as shopkeepers



Brad Kadrich

waited for insurance companies to render decisions before they could deal with the damage.

The streets leading to Ground Zero at the time were blocked off by wooden saw horses and crime scene tape. And at those barriers, hordes of people, New Yorkers and visitors alike, simply stood, staring at the devastation wrought by the attacks. The few who talked conversed in hushed tones. Many

cried.

There was no purpose to their standing there, other than what had to have been an unsuccessful attempt to understand. How do you understand the kind of lunacy and zealotry that collapsed the World Trade Center and, however briefly, brought a nation to its knees?

I remember being amazed by the resilience exhibited by New Yorkers then. I could remember the mayor in *Ghostbusters* famously saying, "It's every New Yorker's God-given right to be miserable" and thought that would be the reaction I'd see. But it wasn't. People were caring and supportive, holding hands and hugging, getting through it together.

I wasn't sure what I expected last week, during my first visit to New York since 9/11. On vacation with my two youngest sons, the 9/11 Memorial was the very

first site we visited after arriving. As on my first visit, I wasn't sure what to expect. Time has a way of healing wounds, they say, but the 9/11 attacks left a deep scar, from which I don't know whether we've ever completely healed.

If we haven't, though, the 9/11 Memorial surely is a way to make that happen. Where once the rubble lay now sits a pair of reflecting pools, each nearly an acre in size, sitting in the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood. We got there around 10 in the morning and there were already hundreds of people in line, waiting to pass security to get a glimpse of history.

The reflecting pools are, obviously, the first things you notice upon entering. As beautiful as they are, though, they are not the most striking part of the memorial. That distinction belongs to the bronze panels

edging the pools, where the names of the thousands of people who died not only in that attack, but in the 1993 bombing, are inscribed.

The power of those names hits with the force of memory, with the pain of loss. I didn't know anyone who died in the attacks, so my loss was more existential. That didn't make the memorial less powerful for me. When you see row after row of names laid out like that, the loss is palpable.

I stood next to a gentleman Tuesday at one of the panels. He had wiped the condensation away from a particular name and stood for the longest time staring at it, his expression pained, his eyes unwavering. There were no tears, no heart-torn expressions, but it was clear that was the name he'd come to see.

I have no idea who he was; he may have just been a guy in from Pas-

saic, N.J., to see the memorial. The reporter in me wanted to ask him, but I couldn't intrude on even the possibility of his grief.

The other amazing story of the memorial is told by the 30-foot callery pear tree that stands as a testament to perseverance. The charred trunk of the tree was found in the rubble after the 9/11 attacks and it's been nursed back to health as one of the cornerstones of the memorial.

They call the tree the "Survivor Tree" and it's a well-earned nickname. It's also a pretty good metaphor for what this country has endured and stands as a powerful reminder, not only of the pain, but of the strength of a nation.

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PREP BASEBALL

Huron Valley ace Schaffer Ks 15 in victory

Left-hander controls Trojans in 8-1 victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's only two games into the baseball season, but Westland Huron Valley Lutheran left-hander Ryan Schaffer appears to be in midseason form.

The senior posted his second consecutive 15-strikeout performance Tuesday to chill host Livonia Clarenceville, 8-1, in a non-conference encounter.

Schaffer gave up a hit in every inning, but kept the Trojan hitters off balance in throwing the complete game. He didn't allow a walk and hit just one batter. The only run allowed was unearned in the sixth.

"I felt pretty good," said Schaffer, who also had a triple and RBI single to help his own cause. "My arm felt great and I was ready to go. Haven't been clocked. My mindset is ... if they're hitting the ball, just have them hit it to our fielders. If I get strikes on them, then my mindset is striking them out. Clarenceville starter Kameron Ma-

cIver, meanwhile, pitched three scoreless innings, but had to exit before entering the fourth.

"He (MacIver) came to us and he said he was tired," Clarenceville first-year coach Craig Cotter said. "He said his arm hurt a little bit. It's still early in the season. It's cold, so we want to make sure to protect our arms."

After reliever Evan Gregg pitched a scoreless fourth, the Hawks struck for five runs in the fifth, sending nine batters to the plate.

Jeremiah Stockdale and Adam Hodgson each had RBI singles during the rally that was coupled with two walks, two stolen bases and a Clarenceville infield error.

The Hawks added three more in the sixth with Schaffer and Stockdale each contributing RBI singles to make 7-0.

Schaffer then brought the Hawks home with Clarenceville's lone run coming in the sixth when Carlon Davis collected his second hit and Mitchell Kubiak came around on two HVL throwing errors.

"That's two games in a row that he's had 15 strikeouts," HVL coach Matt Schaeve said of his ace. "He's looking strong. He's had good control so far.



Huron Valley Lutheran left-hander Ryan Schaffer struck out 15 in an 8-1 win over Clarenceville. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

He's doing what he needs to do, so ... He's been a starter all four years and has been one of the top players all four years."

The loss dropped the Trojans to 3-7

overall. "We've got a lot of young guys, but we don't take an aggressive enough

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL



The Crusaders celebrate following Caitlyn Keuveelaar's walk-off 3-run homer to beat Concordia in the first game of a double-header, 5-2. ADAM BOUTON | MADONNA ATHLETICS

MU's Senior Day spoiled by Cards

Concordia wins nightcap, 2-1, to delay title celebration

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jerry Abraham could only sit in the dugout afterward and ponder "what if?"

The Madonna University women's softball coach and his Crusaders now have to play the waiting game to see if they'll get a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title following a 2-1 setback in the nightcap of a double-header Saturday at home against Concordia University.

The Crusaders, now 31-8 overall and 15-3 in the WHAC, have finished their regular season. First-place Davenport University (29-7, 14-2) just needs a split in its final two games to claim the title outright.

Concordia (26-13, 9-3), with six games still to make up including a twinbill this Saturday in Ann Arbor against Davenport, mathematically stays alive and kept its faint title hopes alive by spoiling MU's Senior Day.

"Now we've got to get help," Abraham said. "We had it right where we wanted it and we let it go, so now we've got to get help. But give Concordia credit. They're a good team and they played well. They kept the

pressure on us and we didn't take advantage of opportunities. That's what happens in tight games."

MU took the opener in dramatic fashion, 5-2, thanks to Caitlyn Keuveelaar's walk-off 3-run homer, a no doubter over the right center field fence in the bottom of the seventh.

The Essexville Garber grad, who finished with four RBI in the opener, was one of four seniors recognized between games, along with Kristen Drabek (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), Erin Mayes (Ida) and Carlee Meek (White Lake Lakeland).

Emma Cook added two hits and scored four runs in the Game One victory, while starting pitcher Bree Crampton (17-5), who earned the victory, went all seven innings, allowing just four hits while striking out 13 and walking five.

Losing pitcher Kortney Loar (11-5) gave up five earned runs on six hits and five walks in 6½ innings.

MU, however, couldn't carry its momentum over to Game Two as Cardinals starter Corrina Rotondo (13-4) kept the Crusaders off balance with her gyrating deliv-



Madonna University junior right-hander Bree Crampton struck out 13 in a 5-2 Game One victory Saturday over visiting Concordia. MADONNA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Piechota's gem gives Crusaders a split

Indiana Tech rules nightcap of WHAC double-header, 6-4

Madonna University's Evan Piechota justified why he was the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week.

The redshirt sophomore right-hander from Livonia Stevenson threw his fifth complete game of the season Saturday as the Crusaders split a WHAC baseball double-header against host Indiana Tech.

Piechota, who improved to 4-3 and lowered his earned run average to 2.06, went all nine innings, scattering six hits and two walks while striking out eight as MU captured the opener, 2-1.

Piechota out-duled Tech's Jared Harvery (1-3), who allowed two runs (both unearned) on six hits in eight innings. He struck out five and walked only two.

MU got a run in the first inning when Shane Dokey singled and later scored on one of the Warriors' four errors. Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) scored what proved to be the game-winning run in the fourth on a double steal.

Victor Barron went 3-for-4 to pace the Crusaders' six-hit attack.

In that game, MU coach Greg Haeger was ejected in the seventh inning.

In Game Two, Indiana Tech bounced back for a 6-4 win as reliever Curtis Wise (6-0) retired all five batters he faced after taking over for starter Brian Gremaux in the sixth inning.

MU reliever Dylan Cooper, who gave up three earned runs on four hits in 1½ innings, suffered the loss. Starter Travis Schuba went the first ½ innings allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks.

Romer Portes went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Wes Darrow went 2-for-4 with two RBI as the Warriors improved to 22-19-1 overall and 14-8 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders (22-21, 9-13) were led offensively by John Lauro, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI triple. Taylor Grzelakowski and Barron each added an RBI.

MU returns to conference play Wednesday at Siena Heights before facing Rochester College at 4 p.m. Friday at Ilitch Ballpark.



Piechota

COLLEGE GOLF

MU women's golfers runner-up in WHAC

The Madonna University women's golf team saw its hopes for a second straight trip to the NAIA National Championships dashed Tuesday as the Crusaders finished runner-up in the 2014 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championships at Coyote Creek Golf Course in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Host Indiana Tech shot a second-round 326 for a 649 total to capture the title and claim the conference's automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament, May 20-23, at Wilderness Ridge Golf Club in Lincoln, Neb.

MU improved one shot from an opening-round 328 on Tuesday for a 657 total and an eight-shot stroke deficit. Aquinas finished in third with a 692 while Davenport (700) and Siena Heights (706) rounded out the top five.

Indiana Tech's Wiebke Schleder was individual medalist with a 36-hole, two-day total of 77-77-154.

Madonna junior Chelsea Collura (Riverview Gabriel Richard) took three strokes off her opening round 79 for a 161 total and third-place finish.



Madonna University junior Chelsea Collura finished third in the WHAC Championships. MADONNA ATHLETICS

Collura (Riverview Gabriel Richard) took three strokes off her opening round 79 for a 161 total and third-place finish.

Other top-10 finishers for the Crusaders included: freshman Natalie Blazo (Dearborn

Divine Child), fifth (83-83-166); senior Kaitlyn Brasher (Grand Blanc), tied for sixth (84-83-167); and junior Jordyn Shepler (Livonia Churchill), tied for sixth (80-87-167).

Shepler was MU's low scorer on day one with an 18-hole total of 80.

Other Madonna finishers included freshman Ayla Bogie (Clio), tied for 12th, (88-83-171) and sophomore Holly Laginess (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, tied for 15th (91-85-176).

The Crusaders bid good-bye to just one senior, Brasher, from a team that finished second in both the WHAC regular season and tournament.

It was a highly productive spring for coach Scott Marzolino's squad, which captured first place April 11 in the Siena Heights Spring Invitational in Tecumseh, along with seconds at the Laura Bump Invitational, April 13, in Ostrander, Ohio, and fourth April 6 in the Ohio Valley Invitational in Marietta, Ohio.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU's Crampton earns 4th WHAC pitching award

For the fourth time this season and third time in the last four weeks, Madonna University's Bree Crampton took home the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week award.

Crampton, a junior from Anchor Bay, went 3-0 for the Crusaders as part of a 5-1 week overall for the squad.

She opened her week with a complete-game shutout of Indiana Tech in which she struck out 12 and walked just one while scattering four hits. In a non-conference game at Bluffton University (Ohio), Crampton allowed two runs while striking out seven and did not walk a batter for her second win of the week.

On Saturday, the junior right-hander allowed a pair of unearned runs but struck out 13, one away from matching her career-high against Concordia.

Her 11th, 12th and 13th



Crampton

strikeouts all came in the top of the seventh with the final two coming with the bases loaded

to keep the game tied at 2-2 and allowing for MU's 5-2 walk-off victory.

In the second game against Concordia, Crampton struck out four more Cardinals, bringing her total for the day to 17.

For the week Crampton posted a 0.57 earned run average in 24 2/3 innings of work, scattering 17 hits while striking out 36 for a nine strikeout per game average.

This season Crampton leads the WHAC with a 1.46 ERA and has 195 strikeouts, the top number in the league and the ninth most in the country. Her 17 wins are good for 12th nationally, while her three saves were ninth in the country.

CRUSADERS

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ery allowing just four hits and one walk in seven innings.

In the top of the third, Concordia got on the board on a double by Amy Trionfi followed by a double to left center by Cheyenne Brierley.

Concordia added the go-ahead run in the fourth when Katie Austin came home from third after Crampton, who came on in relief of starter Erin Combs (13-4) in the fourth inning, was handcuffed by a soft line drive to the mound.

But MU got a run back in the bottom of the

inning thanks to singles from Cook and Erin Mayes followed by a Concordia infield throwing error.

The Crusaders, however, were unable to score the game-tying run, leaving runners on bases in the fifth and sixth innings before going down in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Abraham said his team made some uncharacteristic mental mistakes.

"It was the little things, things we haven't done in a very long time," he said. "A couple of miscues with steals and not covering the bases. Base running mistakes. Hitting on 3-0,

not taking first pitches, and not patient at all.

"I don't know. I thought we'd come out and explode the second game. We had everything going for us and I don't know what happened because we usually hit the ball all over the place. Not today. We didn't hit in the second game anyway."

MU, meanwhile, has wrapped up the regular season and is idle until Wednesday, April 30, when the WHAC playoffs commence at Pace-setter Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

MU will play at 6:30 p.m. against an opponent to be determined. If Davenport clinches the title outright along with



Madonna's Caitlyn Keuvelaar is all smiles after rounding third following a 3-run walk-off homer to beat Concordia, 5-2, in Game One. ADAM BOUTON | MADONNA ATHLETICS

an automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament, then MU will be the second seed.

And with more than a week off until the tournament, MU can only sit back and wait.

"We'll go back and do what we do," Abraham said. "It's no big deal. That's a long stretch without playing, so we'll try to get a game if we can go from there. "But we let this one go."

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

Hawks' St. John 1-hits C'ville

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball team showed little rust from an 11-day layoff Tuesday, beating host Livonia Clarenceville in seven innings, 11-0.

The Hawks, last year's Division 4 regional finalists, improved to 2-0 overall with the non-conference victory as Julie St. John threw a 1-hitter.

The junior right-hander struck out 14 and walked only one in seven innings.

Offensively, junior Bethany Schaffer and senior Brooke Kuehn each went 3-for-4, including two doubles and two RBI apiece. Senior Ashley Hewer also went 2-for-4, including a triple and two RBI.

Clarenceville starter Emily Schwartz (2-4), a

junior, went all seven innings allowing seven earned runs on 14 hits. She walked one, hit a batter and struck out three.

The Trojans (2-4) trailed 5-0 going into the top of the seventh, but committed four errors, which led to a 6-run Huron Valley Lutheran uprising.

Senior Mikala Kieling had the lone hit, an infield single in the seventh to go along with a walk, while senior Nicole Kurdzil also reached base safely twice.

"We came out a little sluggish today, but our bats came around," said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth, whose team won despite committing two errors. "Julie St. John pitched a good game. She mixed up her pitches well today."

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GIRLS SOCCER

Trojans' defense proves stout despite 2-0 loss

Cranbrook pulls out win in final 8 minutes

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville played with a bunker mentality, a strategy that worked perfectly — until the final eight minutes Tuesday night.

The Trojans then gave up two late goals as visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook walked out of David McDowell Stadium with a 2-0 non-conference girls soccer triumph.

Junior forward Jackie Honet tallied the game-winning goal with only 8:04 remaining and junior midfielder Betsy Hafke converted a short free kick with 4:11 remaining after Clarenceville was whistled for a handball just outside the box.

"We played well for 72 minutes, then we made a couple of minor mistakes and that cost us a couple of goals," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, whose team slipped to 1-3 overall. "We stacked our defense. We only had one forward. We had five defensive backs instead of four, so

we stacked them all back there instead of pushing them up."

The Trojans were outshot 18-1 as junior Jordan See, normally a midfielder, got her first start in goal and sparked in net.

"This is her first time playing in net because (Jillian) Bunker has been gone," Moody said. "Jordan stopped every shot that she had besides the ones they were able to finish in the corners."

The Trojans also received sterling play in the back from Tristyn Bean, Summer Reddick, Grace King, Sam Franco and Hunter Iuliano.

"Very strong game for Clarenceville defensively," Cranbrook coach Chad O'Kulich said. "I thought they played really well defensively and I think at times we were getting a little bit frustrated. The first goal came with eight minutes left and fortunately we got that opportunity. Their keeper was making some good saves."

"Fortunately we were able to receive that (free kick). Jackie Honet and Betsy Hafke were able to have a strong finish. The Cranes, an affili-

ated member of the Detroit Catholic League, improved to 3-1-1 overall.

"It was a very good game," O'Kulich said. "I thought the wind played a huge factor, and also the cold. I thought both teams were a little on the chilly side, and that wind was definitely a huge factor in the game."

Moody, meanwhile, conveyed a simple message to her team afterward in a meeting at midfield.

"I just think we need better ball control and passes, getting the ball out of the air and trapping it, and having good touches," she said. "They played well for 72 minutes. They just need more communication so we can end up scoring."

CANTON 2, FRANKLIN 1: In a KLA South Division match Thursday, the host Chiefs (3-3-1, 3-1) got a late goal off a free kick to hold off the upset-minded Livonia Franklin (2-3-1, 1-2).

Canton led 1-0 at the half, but the Patriots tied it with 20 minutes remaining in the match on Madison Kean's breakaway goal assisted by Emily Papenheim.

"It was a great effort and something to build on going forward," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said.

SALEM 3, STEVENSON 0: On Thursday, the host Rocks (3-2, 3-1) scored three unanswered goals in the second half to beat Livonia Stevenson (4-3-2, 0-3) in a KLA Central Division encounter.

Salem scored during the 42nd, 58th (penalty kick) and 68th minutes to take control.

Stevenson senior goalkeeper Rylee Jayson made seven saves in the setback.



Clarenceville's Alessia Giammarco (right) slips by Cranbrook's Maevie Stargardt on Tuesday. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Senior circuit looks to grow

League draws from surrounding areas in 55-plus league

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's never too late to get out on the ball diamond.

If anything, the Kensington Valley 55+ Men's Senior Softball League has proven that over the past few years. Starting with three teams in 2012 and growing to six teams in 2013, the league is hoping to continue expanding this summer with three other teams already joining the fray.

"Carrying over from 2013, we have teams from Northville, South Lyon and Novi made up of players from not only these communities, but also Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, Wixom and even as far as Flat Rock, Warren, Pinckney and Ypsilanti," said Charlie Gabbear, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division and plays with Who Let the Dawgs Out?

The league began when Novi team manager Ron Megees contacted Gabbear in summer 2011.

"They were tired of practicing five days a week with an occasional pick-up game here and there," Gabbear said. "Northville not having one — though an idea I had been contemplating — I offered to put together a team in order to scrimmage Novi. After three games in which everyone had a ball, it was decided that a joint effort should be made to form a league for 2012."

Howell threw a team together for the inaugural 2012 season — which merged with the Novi team for 2014 — and the rest is history. The 2014 season is lining up to include three Northville teams, three Novi teams and two South Lyon teams, but is still welcoming new additions.

League's growing

"The growth of the league is a result of dedication by its founders in hitting every possible venue to promote the league, networking with other senior leagues that exist throughout southeast Michigan, something as simple as passers-by viewing the games and good old-fashioned face-to-face. 'Hi, I'm so and so and was wondering if you would be interested



The senior softball league is good fun, as demonstrated here by the team calling itself Who Let The Dawgs Out? On the team is Charlie Gabbear, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division.

in playing senior softball," Gabbear said. "What is interesting (is) the number of people who reply, 'Gee, I haven't played in 15 or 20 or even 30 years,' but yet deep inside is that youthful athlete which compels them to take the field again."

Although it may have been a while since the last time some of the players picked up a glove and bat, it hasn't cut into the good times the guys — and a few gals — have had on the ball diamonds the past few summers.

"Many of our players are those who haven't played in 15-30 years, but find it's like riding a bike, though bending over for ground balls is a little more challenging," Gabbear said. "Those with challenges such as knee and hip replacements, along with stents, are able to join in the fun since we offer unlimited courtesy runners. (About) 98 percent of the guys are in their 60s, with a few younger and a few older."

Gabbear said players register individually and are placed on existing teams. If numbers allow, new teams are formed from those who sign up.

Because the players may not be as spry as they were a few decades back, several house rules emphasize safety on top of the standard ASA rules. In addition to courtesy runners and an 11th defensive player, the league uses a 2-by-3-foot strike/ball mat within the height regulation of 6-12 feet. There are also chalked out lines to induce health preservation.

Safety guidelines

"A scoring line is utilized at the plate to eliminate 'contact' plays and potential for injury; the catcher must receive the ball while standing on the mat

before the runner crosses the scoring line that is established three feet to the left side of the plate," Gabbear said. "In addition, a 'commitment line' is chalked halfway between third base and home plate. If the runner crosses the commitment line en route to going home, he cannot return to third in an effort to not be put out; but if not having crossed the line, they are allowed to go back to third."

"At first base — like the majority of leagues now use — is a double first base, which one is white for the defensive player and the attached is orange for the runner. A play at first requires the defense to touch the white, while the runner must go to the orange, otherwise an out is recorded. There is an exception to that rule in the case of the defense having to pursue a bad throw."

Games typically take place at 10 a.m. each Tuesday, starting May 13, although players from past seasons will get a little spring training in beforehand at local sports complex's domed fields.

"The great thing about the KVSSL and many of the recreation senior softball leagues is the recapturing of the players' youthful enthusiasm for being back on the playing field," Gabbear said. "As my wife put it, who had not attended one of my softball games since 1974, after viewing as a fan in 2013, 'I really enjoyed the games. It was all about having fun and none of the drama like in the younger days. You guys were having a ball.'"

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BASEBALL

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approach at the plate," Cotter said. "And we need to a little bit better job with that. We also give away too many outs. Being young is one thing, but these guys have played nine or 10 games now on the varsity, but we should be a little more ready to play and show more enthusiasm, and never give up. He (Schaffer) threw strikes, but we have to be more aggressive at the plate."

Cotter, whose team committed three errors, would like to see his team take better mental approach.

"We have to be in the game more as far as baseball I.Q.," he said. "We tell the kids all the time you got to watch a lot of MLB. You've got to watch a lot of baseball. You just got to be in the game all the time. We keep using the excuse that we're young, but we can't do that anymore."

Off for 11 days, the 2-0 Hawks were just happy to be back on the diamond.

"I think we can see that we still have the early season jitters," Schaeve said. "We had a number of rain-outs and snow-outs. We just need



Clarenceville's Mitchell Kubiak awaits the throw at second as Huron Valley's Ryan Schaffer slides in safely. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

more experience, but overall we need to get more aggressive at the plate and hit the ball a lot better, and doing the little things that they need to do."

But having Schaffer on the mound is a good safety valve. The HVL coach said the left-hander is one of the best players he's had in 14 seasons.

"I'd say he probably is right up there and I think he really works at it," Schaeve said. "He works at different pitches as far as changing things up. He's working on a circle change now. God has blessed him with great talent, but he

really works at it with what he has. He also has speed, too, and the way he places it, he has the whole package."

Schaffer has also shown improvement going into his senior year.

"I throw a lot harder than last year," the lefty said. "Weight lifting is helping me out, too. I think the team is going pretty good. We struggled in our first game, but we came together. I think it was our first game jitters."

And no second game jitters for Schaffer, who earlier threw a no-hitter.

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PREP BASEBALL

John Glenn takes a pair vs. Railsplitters

The Westland John Glenn baseball is taking advantage of spring break.

The Rockets evened their overall record at 6-6 Tuesday by sweeping a double-header from visiting Lincoln Park, 15-3 and 4-2.

Senior Ryan Wheeler collected two hits and senior right-hander Christopher Schaffer pitched all five innings to earn the victory to spark Glenn to the run-rule win in the opener.

In Game Two, Schaffer led the way offensively with three hits and junior Jacob Damian threw a seven-inning complete game to drop the Railsplitters to 1-4 overall.

Splits with Jaguars

After collecting just three hits in the opener, the Glenn bats came alive in the nightcap to earn a non-conference split of a twinbill Saturday against visiting Allen Park.

The Rockets, who fell 4-1 in Game One, racked up 11 hits in Game Two to register a 12-10 victory.

Glenn sent nine batters to the plate and scored five runs while building an 11-4 lead through six innings before the 4-5 Jaguars scored six times in the top of the seventh.

Winning pitcher Kyle Smith went the first 5½ innings before needing

relief help in the seventh as Schaffer came on for the final two outs to earn the save.

Schaffer also went 3-for-5 at the plate with an RBI, while Clark Boston and Brendan Wetmore added two hits apiece.

Zach Croft added a hit and walked three times.

In the opener, Allen Park scored two in the first and one in the third to pin the loss on Glenn starter DeShawn Baker-Williams. Reliever Jeff Tromans allowed just three hits and fanned five over the final five innings.

Boston collected two hits, including an RBI single for Glenn.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Thursday, April 24
Edsel Ford at John Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.
South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 24
Inter-City at Huron Valley (2), 4 p.m.
Friday, April 25
Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m.
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S.L. East at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 26
Chelsea Invitational, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Friday, April 25
Wayne at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Friday, April 25
N. Farm. Raider Relays, 3:30 p.m.
S.H. Stevenson Titan Relays, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26**
Brighton Bulldog Invite, 9 a.m.
Lakeland Coaches Inv., 9:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Saturday, April 26
Rush Lake Tourney, 9 a.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 25
Rochester at Madonia, 4 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Woods top netter

The weekly honors continue to roll in for the Davenport University women's tennis program, which netted its fifth WHAC Tennis Player of the Week nod in Angelica Woods.

The junior from Livonia Franklin helped the 19-4 Lady Panthers, ranked No. 17 overall, to a perfect 2-0 week while not dropping a game in both of her No. 6 singles victories.

Woods joins Alyssa Fuentes, Emily Spiech and Puck Luttkhuis in being honored as the WHAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week after helping the Panthers defeat Aquinas and Spring Arbor.

Woods, who is 20-9 in singles matches this season, will lead her team into the NAIA National Tournament qualifier this weekend as the WHAC will be paired with schools from Iowa in an Unaffiliated group.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Two open houses, which feature free golf games for the whole family, will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, May 18, at Hickory Creek.

Among the first sessions for adults include: Get Golf Ready - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7; Senior Casual Golfer - 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6; Senior New Golfer - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6; Ladies clinics, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Among the first sessions for youths include: Junior (ages 8-17) - 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8; Little Linksters (ages 5-8) - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including: Golf Enhancement sessions - 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject to change by season); and Golf Conditioning - 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Facebook page at TrainwithTamiGolf.com.

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

Women's golfers

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

Non-residents are encouraged to join the 20-week league. For more information, call Beth at 248-473-9068 or email tbw4boys@aol.com.

MU cross country

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

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

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

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

MU hoops camp

The Madonna University summer boys basketball camp (ages 8-15), sponsored by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center (main gym), 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile).

The cost for residents is \$205 and \$215 for non-residents.

Registration will be at the LCRC, but can also be done through mail-in, fax-in or by registering online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us (to download a form). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Motor City Hoops

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

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

Registration is under way with the deadline for team registration Friday, May 23. For more information, visit www.motorcityhoopsclassic.com.

Girls hoop champs



The Livonia Hawks, an under-14 girls travel basketball team, recently captured the Jackson Jets Spring Classic at Jackson's Rando Activity Center. The Hawks fell to the Kalamazoo Heat (38-34) and Jackson Jets (22-16), then beat the Jets (39-19) and the Heat in the championship game (38-29). Team members include (back, from left) Elisa Lebron, Payton Byron, Cate Charron, Victoria Ciavaglia, Paulina Jarzembowski, Anne Treharne and Katie Sopko and (front, from left) Madeleine Ballard, Madeleine Rzepka, Kimmy Freed, Elayna Paull and Abby Cormier. DOUG FREED

FUN WAY TO LEARN GOLF



After the tee shot, Kwik Golf teammates (from left) Brayden Niemiec, Nick Barrett and Delaney Kowalczyk sprint to the ball at Hickory Creek Golf Course. PHOTOS BY TAMI BEALERT

GOLF ON THE GO

Hickory Creek's Kwik Golf helps kids, families get up to speed

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Welcome to golf in the 21st century, where players sprint and chip away while being timed as though they were competing in a track and field meet.

Don't worry, purists. It's Kwik Golf, not the Masters.

The faster version of the game on display during Sunday's open house at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township proved to be a major hit with 10-year-olds Brayden Niemiec, Nick Barrett and Delaney Kowalczyk.

And in the process, their parents were thrilled their kids were finding out from Hickory Creek PGA professional Tami Bealert that golf can be fast and fun.

"It just helps you to play quicker golf, and also to work on your skill at the same time, just like in real golf," Bealert said. "You want to be able to play quite quickly, but take your time when it comes to hitting the golf shot."

"A lot of times, people spend too much time lollygagging to get to their golf ball and that slows up play. We don't want that. We want you to move quickly to your ball and then take your time when you're hitting your shot."

For the uninitiated, here's how Kwik Golf works:

» Using oversized plastic golf clubs and mini tennis balls, teammates of two or three proceed as though in a golf scramble.

» One player tees off, and the teammates dash to the ball. Each takes turns hitting the ball into a large ring with a Velcroed flag stick in the center. On Sunday, they had to complete three

holes in succession.

» They are timed. The final score is determined by adding the number of strokes to however long it takes to finish the job.

On target

During one of their rounds on Sunday, the team of Brayden and Nick needed 58 seconds plus nine strokes for a total of 67; Delaney and Kathy finished in 98 seconds but were more accurate with six strokes.

"It helps them understand the purpose of the game is one, to have fun, and two, to be safe when we're playing," Bealert said. "That's why I gave them only one club for a group. And three, they got to have their skill, because otherwise their points are going to go up high."

"We want them to work on their skill. If they stick on that flag stick we take a point away, and that's good. We want them to have a low score."

The boys were asked about what they learned from playing Kwik Golf.

"You can't hit it way too hard with the little balls, it will go way, way too far," said Nick, a friend of Brayden's.

Brayden said the activity helps him with his "accuracy." He previously took a learn-to-golf course from Bealert and already possesses a pretty sweet swing and follow through.

Meanwhile, Brayden's mom, Mandy Niemiec of Canton, also got in on the fun as did Delaney's aunt, Kathy Kowalczyk of Westland.

Mandy and Scott Niemiec, who just live down the road from Hickory Creek, noted how much fun golf can be for families — especially when there is a fun, low-key way to get into golf with-

out the stress of being part of a serious game.

"It's fun, it's a good way to get outside, gets the kids playing, being active," said Mandy, about the benefits of Kwik Golf and other innovative programs at Hickory Creek. "It also makes golf a lot more fun, for me anyway."

Something new

Watching from the sidelines was Delaney's mom, Danielle Kowalczyk, who said the open house convinced her that Delaney would rather golf than play soccer (a sport she had previously dabbled in).

"I think it's great because my daughter doesn't know how to play golf," Danielle Kowalczyk said. "I did the hole-in-one thing up front and I've been doing the drives here. But I've been watching her."

"We're going to be signing up Delaney. I think it's a 5-6 week course."

Kwik Golf was one of several activities on hand at the open house, all designed to perhaps pique someone's interest enough to sign up for a class (or have their parents sign them up).

Bealert, instructor in a series of "Train with Tami" courses at Hickory Creek (located just west of the Canton/Superior Township border), bubbles over with enthusiasm watching young kids tap into the sport for the first time.

And if the rest of the family's in on the action, that's even better.

"It's great for new golfers, as well," Bealert said. "It's just great for families to have fun, especially if you're limited on time."

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-11 April 15, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of silence for Art Quintal. Recessed to a Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 9:00 p.m. APPROVED: minutes of reg. meeting of April 1; second reading and adoption of amendments to Chapter 1200 Planning and Zoning (Downtown Design Standards, Used Car Sales, Porches and Accessory Building); request from Harris-Kehrer VFW for buddy poppy sale; proclaim April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in Wayne; 2014 Special Assessment Roll and call public hearing for 5/20/14 at 8:00 p.m.; call public hearing for the FY 2014-2015 Budget and Millage Rates for 5/20/14 at 8:00 p.m.; scheduled budget study sessions for 5/5/14 & 5/15/14 at 7:00 p.m.; resolution for CGAP grant \$347,036.00; PSA with Kelly-Miller Circus; add and discuss Senior Services Budget for FY 2014-2015; separation agreement and release and discharge of all claims for DC/FM Shawn Bell; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:35 p.m. Publish: April 24, 2014

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-02-05

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

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 1288.00 Supplementary Regulations.

1288.02 Accessory Structures
1288.03 Porches on Residential Structures
1288.08 Downtown Design Standards
1288.09 Used Vehicle Sales

The full document is available at the City Clerk's Office

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

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

Adopted: April 15, 2014
Published: April 24, 2014
Effective: April 25, 2014

Matthew Miller
City Clerk

Publish: April 24, 2014

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Delaney Kowalczyk, of Westland, successfully finishes this Kwik Golf hole with encouragement from her teammates, Brayden Niemiec and Nick Barrett of Canton. All three 10-year-olds were participating at the first of three spring Open Houses at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Concert benefits Trinity House



Folk duo, Lac La Belle, will perform along with the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for Trinity House Theatre subscribers. Proceeds will benefit Trinity House, a nonprofit venue that presents music and theater in Livonia. www.trinityhousetheatre.org.

GET OUT

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Performance features Andre Myers, composer and narrator; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for youth

Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 25

Location: VisTaTech Center on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia

Details: Percussion Group Cincinnati; admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students

Contact: 734-462-4403; www.schoolcraft.edu/music

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25

Location: Max Fisher Music Center (Orchestra Hall), 3711 Woodward, Detroit

Details: The concert features Bill Baxtresser, trumpet, Mark Watson, bass-baritone, and Dizhou Zhao, piano, playing music by Handel, Liszt, Balakirev and a new composition by David DiChiera, founder and director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Admission is \$35 and includes and afterglow

Contact: 313-520-8663; TuesdayMusicalofDetroit.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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



The Moscow Festival Ballet will perform *Giselle* May 3 at Music Hall in downtown Detroit.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Erin Zindle, April 25; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Muriel Anderson, April 26; Gurf Morlix, April 27; open mic, April 29; Rod Picott, May 3; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, and Dan Hazlett, May 4; open mic, May 6; Bill Bynum and Company, May 9; Four Block Empire with Cold Tone Harvest, May 10; The Choir, May 11. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Benefit concert: Features Lac La Belle and the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for subscribers. Proceeds benefit the theater

Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paul Vondiziano, a classic guitarist, will play works of the Baroque era, including

the music of Bach and Ponce. Tickets are \$23 general admission, \$20 for seniors and students

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

THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3; 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4; afterglow follows the performance on April 26

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, is a raunchy comedy about five reluctant bridesmaids at the wedding reception of a mutual friend. Each has her own reason to avoid the party, and they come together to share jokes, tears, and revelations. Open to age 18 and over. Tickets on April 26 are \$20 and include the afterglow; all other performances are \$15

Contact: 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 and Saturday, May 3; 2 p.m. Saturday -Sunday, April 26-27 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: *Disney Camp Rock The Musical* features 139 cast members, ages 6-adult. The musical tells the story of youngsters who show up for another great summer at camp, but discover that a newer, flashier camp in town threatens the existence of their beloved Camp Rock. Tickets are \$10; children, 3 and under, are free

Contact: 248-473-1848; https://irecreg.fhgov.com

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3; and 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: *Peter Pan*. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors

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Makes 4 to 6 servings

¾ pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1 ½- to 2-inch cubes
18 medium shrimp, shelled and deveined (½ to ¾ pound)
½ cup olive oil
½ cup prepared mango chutney, chopped if coarse
½ cup bottled teriyaki sauce
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
18 large bamboo or metal skewers (about 12 inches long)
1 medium yellow onion, cut into ½-inch wedges
1 medium red onion, cut into ½-inch wedges
2 firm, ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and cut into large cubes
1 large green bell pepper, halved, trimmed, seeded and cubed
Nonstick cooking spray, as needed
Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce (recipe follows)

Place chicken and shrimp in shallow glass pan or large re-sealable plastic bag. For marinade, combine oil, chutney, teriyaki sauce and vinegar in small bowl with lid. Pour half of marinade mixture over chicken and shrimp. Cover or seal and marinate in refrigerator at least 3 hours, preferably overnight. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for basting. If using bamboo skewers, soak in water at least 1 hour before using. To prepare kabobs: Drain and discard marinade from meat. Thread chicken, yellow and red onion, mango, green pepper and shrimp alternately onto skewers. Be sure to keep enough room at one end of each skewer for a "handle." Coat grill grate with nonstick cooking spray. Place skewers over medium coals, and grill for 12 to 15 minutes or until meat is done and vegetables are tender. Brush often with reserved marinade and turn skewers until cooked through. If needed, use spatula to gently loosen skewers before turning as they may stick. Arrange skewers on a platter and serve with Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce. Alternate preparations: Omit shrimp and use 1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cutting into 36 cubes and using 2 per skewer. Instead of grilling, place kabobs in broiler pan coated with nonstick cooking spray and broil 3 inches from heat about 10 to 15 minutes or until done, basting and turning as needed.



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Kitchen tips

- For the best results, follow these tips from the National Onion Association:
1. Chill onions at least 30 minutes before cutting, and use a sharp knife to reduce tearing.
 2. Soak onions in ice water overnight to dampen their flavor, yet keep their crisp, juicy texture.
 3. Cut onions can be refrigerated up to 7 days in sealed containers.
- Before you begin experimenting with kabob combinations of your own, try this deliciously simple recipe, which melds chicken and shrimp with two colors of onion, bell pepper and mango for a sweet and savory main dish. Remember to cut ingredients into uniform pieces and leave space between each piece to ensure your kabobs cook evenly and thoroughly.
- Add a tasty side salad and dessert for a complete meal.
- Find additional recipes at www.onions-usa.org.

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Makes about 1 cup

1 mango, halved, pitted and scooped out of skin (about 1 cup)
¼ cup frozen orange juice concentrate
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root (or ½ teaspoon ground ginger)

Combine ingredients in electric blender and puree until smooth.

AVOCADO CITRUS SALAD WITH MARINATED ONION

Makes 4-6 servings

Marinated Onions (recipe below)
2 oranges
½ cup olive oil
¼ cup rice vinegar or white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 avocado, halved, pitted and skin removed
1 grapefruit, peeled and sliced, seeds removed
Endive and/or small romaine lettuce spears

Marinated Onions: Peel and thinly slice 1 medium red onion. Combine ¼ cup rice vinegar, ¼ cup honey, and ¼ cup water in jar with tight lid; shake until well blended. Add onions to the jar. Shake jar to coat onions in liquid, then refrigerate overnight or for at least 6 hours. If necessary, shake the jar 2-3 times during the 6 hours to be sure the onions marinate evenly.

Grate 2 teaspoons of orange peel. Combine orange peel, oil, vinegar, and honey in a small jar with a lid. Pare and slice oranges; remove seeds. Slice avocado.

For each serving, arrange endive and/or romaine leaves in a spoke-fashion on individual plates. Portion oranges, avocado and grapefruit pieces onto the center spokes of endive and/or romaine. Lift Marinated Onions from liquid with a fork and transfer to the top of each salad. Drizzle with dressing before serving.



ANNUAL FAVORITE

MAKE A SPRING EGG CHEESE

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

I crave egg cheese once a year. That's as much as my heart and arteries will allow — just once annually. Made with two dozen eggs and whole milk, it's one of my family's favorite spring-time traditions. It has its roots in Eastern Europe and is a "must make" at or just after Easter.

The recipe, passed down from grandmother to mother to daughters, makes enough for two cheese balls, which last at least a week when sliced thin and paired with beets or beet relish.

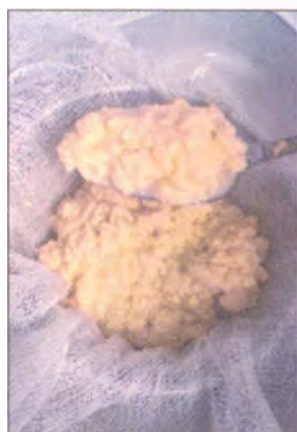
If you want to give it a try you'll need a pot, strainer, cheesecloth, string, double boiler or a pan deep enough to hold an inch of water along with the cooking pot. Ingredients consist of the eggs, whole milk and a little butter.

Follow the photos for step-by-step directions.

If you have a favorite food or family specialty that you'd like to share with readers, send a list of ingredients and directions and a few photos that show the progression of the recipe to sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photos are in jpg form attached to the email. Include your phone number or email address.



Beat 24 eggs and combine with 1 ½ quarts of whole milk. Place in a pot over a pan containing approximately one inch of water on medium heat. Stir constantly, scraping the bottom of the pot occasionally.



Cut several pieces of cheesecloth and place over a strainer, making sure the ends of the cloth extend beyond the strainer. Place the strainer over a bowl or large plate. When the liquid mixture has congealed into the consistency of loose scrambled egg, spoon it into the cloth. Excess liquid will pass through the cloth into the dish or bowl below.



Pull the ends of the cheesecloth together, allowing the congealed mixture to form a ball. Wear clean, heavy rubber gloves to squeeze excess liquid from the hot cheese ball. Tie the ends of the cloth together with string.



Hang the cheese ball over a bowl to catch excess liquid. Cut it down when dry — or after it has hung overnight. Remove the cheesecloth. Rub butter or margarine over the cheese. Place in an ovenproof pan and place in a 325-350 oven for 10 minutes. Cool. Slice. Goes well with beets or beet relish. Store in the refrigerator.



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