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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 Hai-dous 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 Demo-cratic 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 current-ly 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 Repub-lican Matthew Edwards of Plymouth. Edwards is the son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

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

In the 13th congressional district. veteran U.S. Rep. John Convers, D-Detroit, will face Horace Sheffield of De-troit 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

ork progresses at Ta

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

espite an April snowstorm, work is moving ahead on improvements to Westland's Tattan 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 Tattan 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 Tattan 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 Tattan 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 vears

"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/trivianight.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 at 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 50year 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 kchorba-

gian@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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Outstanding Jazz Vocalist Wednesday, April 2 1:30 p.m.

Sheila Landis is a seven time winner of Detroit Music Award's "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist". Sheila will perform her unique style of jazz, Latin and blues. Join us for great music and refreshments.

RSVP by March 31.

Grand Piano Dedication Thursday, April 10 1:00 p.m.

The Village Joy Singers, IVP's own Resident Choir, under the direction of Charlotte Worthen will dedicate our 100 year old grand piano. Join us as we celebrate this exquisite addition to our community.

Mingle with Marilyn Friday, April 25 1:30 p.m.

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Ficano kicks off re-election bid amid crowded field

Former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans has filed paperwork

By Marlon A. Walker Gannett Michigan

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano officially kicked off his hunt for a fourth term Monday afternoon, saying the focus will be on education, enterprise and investment opportunities that will attract and keep people.

"You shouldn't have to get on a plane to visit your kids and grandkids," Ficano told more than 100 people packed into the front hall at the IBEW Local 58 at 1358 Abbott in Detroit.

Ficano's announcement had to share the spotlight with news that former Detroit Police

Chief Warren Evans filed paperwork to run against him. Evans, who also served as Wayne County Sheriff, is one of a few big names to join the race for the county's top spot.

By close of business Monday, Evans, Ficano, Wayne County Commis-sioner Kevin McNamara, Westland Mayor William Wild and State Rep. Phil Cavanagh had submitted paperwork with Wayne County elections officials. Sigmunt John Szczepkowski Jr. of Detroit also has filed to run. Szczepkowski also ran unsuccessfully for mayor last year.

News of the packed field could mean an easier battle for Ficano, who is running under the cloud of scandals, including his office being under federal investigation, a \$200,000 severance payment to former chief development officer Turkia Awada Mullin. the failed Wayne County Jail construction off Gratiot and St. Antoine and a grand jury probe that netted convictions of four former Ficano appointees and a vendor.

"Honestly, I think Ficano — if he was running on his own — would be in trouble. But the more people who get in, the lower number (of votes) he has to get to win," said political consultant Stephanie McLean with Lansing firm GMT Strategies. "How many of these folks are going to raise some money and be serious?"

As sheriff, Evans battled with Ficano over the jail's population.

Evans was fired from his job as Detroit Police chief in July 2010 for



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano announces his platform for re-election during a press conference held at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 58 offices in Detroit on Monday. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | GANNETT MICHIGAN

what then-Mayor Dave Bing said was poor judgment in hawking a reality TV show and for being in a relationship with a subordinate.

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Novi resident Lew Bartlett (right), with friend Francis Haney, celebrated his 90th birthday with friends and family March 29. It was made extra-special by a visit from a group of U.S. Marines. LONNIE HUHMAN

He marks 90th birthday with friends, family

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Lew Bartlett turned 90 years old recently and his birthday party was made that much more special with a visit from a group of U.S. Marines.

"This is all a very pleasant surprise," Bartlett, a Novi resident,

He went on to live a long life and has been married to Dorothy for 64 years. Bartlett spent his career as an insurance salesman and free time as an avid golfer and family man. They raised eight children in Farmington Hills before moving to Novi.

Mrs. Lincoln re-enactor shares history

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Joan McGlincy of Farmington is a past president of the Farmington Branch, American Association of University Women, which began portraying women in history some eight years ago.

McGlincy brought Mary Lincoln to the spring luncheon of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW Branch at Station 885 on April 12.

"I guess I'm drawn to assertive women," said McGlincy, who's appeared several times as Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as Abigail Adams.

"I was born to a wealthy family," she said as Mrs. Lincoln, born in 1818 in Lexington, Ky. "I was the fourth of seven children.

Her birth family was active politically. She was only 7 when her mom died. Her father soon remarried and young Mary clashed with her stepmother: "Immediately she and I came to



Joan McGlincy of Farmington brought her Mary Lincoln re-enactor program to the spring luncheon of the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women. She's shown with a Station 885 mural on Plymouth history. JULIE BROWN

thawed family ties some and the Lincolns were able to build a home.

"I was very much involved because we were both politically ambitious," the re-enactor said.

rude and loud. I was also rejected by the press," she said.

Son Willy died of ty-phoid fever. "He was just absolutely crushed by the death of Willy," she said of the president.

said as he was surrounded by family and friends at his party, held March 29 at the Island Lake Boathouse.

Four veteran Marines showed up to the party after getting a call from Derek Atkinson of the Ann Arbor VA Hospital telling them that a fellow veteran Marine was celebrating a momentous birthday. They all still have their uniforms looking crisp and clean.

"We're excited to be here for a fellow Marine," veteran Sgt. Dave Grob said.

They, along with those gathered, sang the Marine Corps Hymn to Bartlett, who stood with tears in his eyes. Some of Bartlett's friends on hand also served and felt the magic of the

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moment. One was Francis Haney, who also served in the Marines.

Both Bartlett and Haney fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. Haney said he hit the beach around the same time Bartlett did during that fateful battle in the Pacific. He felt proud to be standing with his longtime friend all of these years later.

"He's a good guy," Haney said with a smile. Bartlett grew up in

Detroit and was thinking of a life in the priesthood, but ended up joining the Marines at the age of 18 and serving with the 5th Marine Division. He was sent back to the States after being shot in the shoulder during the battle and was later awarded

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the Purple Heart for his duty

He went on to live a long life and has been married to Dorothy for 64 years. Bartlett spent his career as an insurance salesman and free time as an avid golfer and family man. They raised eight children in Farmington Hills before moving to Novi.

He and his wife now live at Meadowbrook Commons

The celebration was attended by more than 100 people, and it was one to remember.

"This birthday was one of the finest compliments I've ever received," Bartlett said.

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loggerheads." Mary sought a hus-

band at 17. "I was very popular," she said. "I had a number of suitors, including Stephen Douglas.

She met and became engaged to Abraham Lincoln, who suffered from depression and broke an engagement with Mary before they later married.

"My family was very disapproving of this marriage," she said, due to her husband's social status. The young couple lived in a boarding house and as a circuit attorney he was often away.

The birth of the couple's first son Robert

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Abraham Lincoln moved from the Illinois Legislature to Congress, with Mary having difficulty being socially ac-cepted in Washington, D.C. The years 1849-50 were especially bad, as she lost her father to cholera and son Eddie also died.

"We were both devas-tated," she said. "It was a terrible time."

His abolitionist views brought threats to him and his family, so Mary and their sons would travel separately. "We were seen as coarse and

She recalled the assassination. "He died without me being there," she said of the president. "I was just crushed.

Mrs. Lincoln later moved to Europe with Tad, who succumbed to pleurisy.

Son Robert had her committed, with 18 men as witnesses. She was freed from the Batavia, Ill., sanatorium with the help of the first woman attorney in Illinois.

Mrs. Lincoln died at 64

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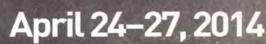
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LOCAL NEWS

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 reelto-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, coauthored 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 Hindilanguage film industry based in Mumbai.

Always learning

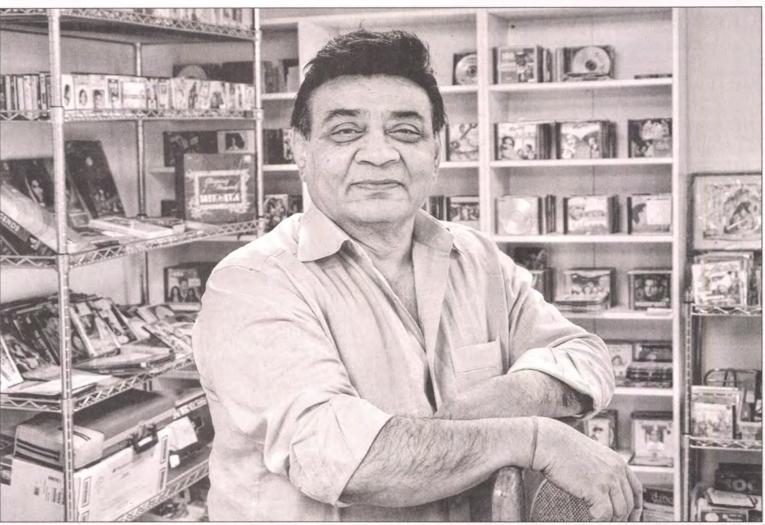
"It's the satisfaction of doing things, passion for doing things and, most important, always learning new things," Sheth, who is in his mid-70s, said last week. "One should never stop being a student."

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

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-

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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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Argument at Garden City liquor store results in damage

By Sue Buck Staff Writer

The owner of Andrew's Liquor, 29441 Cherry Hill, reported about 9:30 p.m. April 19 that an argument ensued between him and three unknown suspects, which resulted in bricks being thrown at the store windows.

The owner said a male suspect refused to slide his driver's license into the slot so that he could purchase liquor.

The owner wanted to examine the driver's license but the suspect would only press it against the glass to show him.

Angry, the suspect and his two friends left the the store

knocking over items on the front counter.

When the owner ran after them with a raised bat, they threw two bricks at the store windows.

The Garden City Police put out a Be on the Lookout alert for two men and one woman following the incident. The woman drove the car away.

Fraud

A resident in the 29000 block of Cambridge reported April 15 that somebody used her personal information to file a tax return.

When she went to file a return with Turbo Tax, she was informed that someone had

already used her personal information to file a return. She contacted the Internal Revenue Service and filed an affidavit.

Fraud

A resident in the 1800 block of Gilman reported April 15 that he has been charged with a \$3,620 contract he didn't sign to purchase a dog. He said that a family friend who has since moved out asked him to sign for the dog because it would help her credit score.

The man has since been contacted by a collection agency for the money. There is a signed contract but he said he didn't sign it and the woman

denies signing his name also. The woman said that the dog has since been sold. She bought the dog in August 2013. The Detective Bureau is

investigating this case.

Fraud

A resident in the 17000 block of Cardwell reported April 21 that someone fraudulently billed her Western Union account \$275 and \$21.99. She contacted Western Union about the fraud.

Vehicle theft

A resident in the 28000 block of Donnelly came to the Garden City police station April 21 to report that her 1999

WAYNE COP CALLS

April 20 about a broken window. The officer found the front door unlocked and the home vacant. A rock was found on the floor near the broken window.

Impaired driving

Police were called to Mich-igan Ave. and Venoy around 9:45 p.m. April 17 about a vehicle driving erratically with a blown tire on Michigan

An officer reported the witness, a Westland resident, was driving along the suspect's vehicle. The officer said the Westland man hit the suspect's vehicle with his truck in an attempt to stop the suspect from entering the intersection on a red light.

The suspect kept going and officers did a traffic stop at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. The officer noted both passenger side tires were blown and the suspect, an Inkster man, was driving on the rims.

The officer reported the suspect was disoriented and had very dilated eyes but did not smell of intoxicants. The driver told the officer had taken three Tylenol 4 tablets a few minutes earlier, police

Dodge Caravan was stolen from her driveway.

She said that she kept a key in the ashtray and kept her purse under the seat.

She told the police officer that she didn't know who would want to steal the vehicle be-

cause it was "old and nasty." She canceled her credit cards and her ATM card.

Property damage

said

age.

Hit and run

A resident in the 7000 block of Deering reported April 21 that someone destroyed her hyacinth flower bed.

She said the flowers were in her front yard.

Two prescription pill bottles labeled "use care using

machines" were recovered

said. He was arrested for

Vandalism

from the man's pocket, police

driving while under the influ-ence of narcotics.

A Westland woman report-

ed pry marks on the doors of

her 2013 Keystone Outback

parked at EZ Storage, 34333 Michigan Ave., on April 18. She was notified of the dam-

age, set at \$1,000, by manage-

business and noticed the dam-

A Durand man told police

April 18 that someone hit his

2014 Ford Fusion while it was

parked in the 32000 block of

Annapolis. The driver's side

the front quarter panel was

headlight was broken out and

travel trailer while it was

ment. An officer recently

responded to a call at the

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Hit and run

A Plymouth man told police April 21 that someone hit his 2013 Cadillac ATS while it was parked at 35150 Nankin Blvd. The officer noted minor scruffs/scratches to the rear quarter panel/bumper area.

Larceny

On April 15, a Garden City woman told police she had been attending a fundraising event at 31150 Palmer on April 13 when someone took her fanny pack. She said she had left it unattended on the bar for about ten minutes and it was gone when she returned.

Inside the fanny pack, she said were two prescription medications, identification and a credit card.

Phony money

» A resident in the 31000 block of Conway told police April 15 that sold a 1998 Mercedes Benz on April 12 and received cash from the buyer. He said he was paid in \$100 and \$20 bills. The resident said he used a \$100 bill to get gas and was told it was counterfeit. He brought the rest of the money to the Police Department and it was real.

The officer suggested the resident contact the buyer to see if he would replace the counterfeit bill. The resident said the buyer told him he didn't know about any counterfeit money. Since the rest of the cash was real, the resident said he didn't think the buyer was involved in the counterfeit money.

» The manager of A&W Restaurant, 35000 Warren Road, told police April 16 that a counterfeit \$20 bill had been accepted at a cash register the previous day. He said he was counting money for a deposit when the bill didn't look or feel genuine.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 34000 block of Algonquin told police April 16 that his wife arrived home to find the garage side entry door open about two inches after it had apparently been pried. The door was closed when he left, the resident said. No entry was made.

Fraud

On April 17, a Westland man told police he attempted to file his 2012 federal income tax return late but found someone already used his Social Security number to file a return or claim a refund for that year.

By LeAnne Rogers

Liquor violation

Just after 3 a.m. April 18, an officer was dispatched to Wayne Bar and Grill, 32036 Michigan Ave., on a disorderly person complaint. The offi-cer reported the bar seemed to be operating and entered through the unlocked front door

Approximately eight patrons were seated at the bar, the officer noted, with several three-quarters full cold beers on the counter. The patrons were asked to leave since it was past the hours of operation.

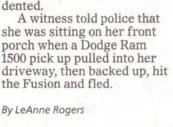
The only employee pre-sent, a Wayne woman, was unsteady and appeared intoxicated, police said. She told the officer she had consumed six shots of liquor during her shift, police said. She had a .25 blood alcohol level, police said. She told the officer she had served several patrons after 2 a.m., police said.

Later in the day, an officer returned to notify the business owner that a violation would be forwarded to the state Liquor Control Commission.

Vandalism

Police were called to the 4500 block of Carnegie on

drunken driver. The witness told police he was following a Avenue







Youngsters chase after marshmallows at annual drop

20,000 treats fall from helicopter

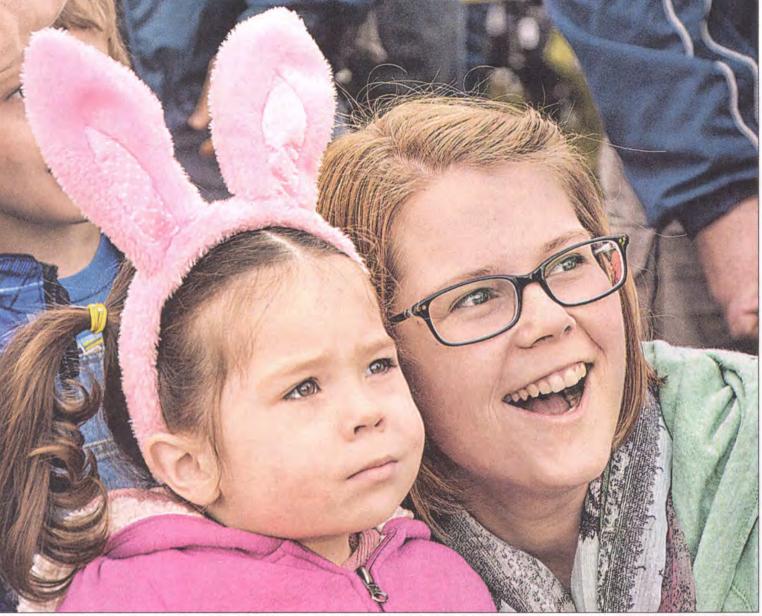
It may have looked gloomy with a chance of rain, but that didn't put a damper on the enthusiasm of children who waited for the chance to chase after marshmallows that fell from the sky Friday morning.

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

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 Bundzlic, 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.



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.

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The helicopter spreads marshmallows across the field in Hines Park.



The race for marshmallows begins.



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

LOCAL NEWS

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 Fausti-na 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 dona-tions. 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.opnunsfh.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 Do-minic 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-

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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

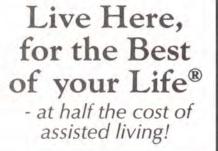
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Ashley's showcases Michigan beers at Cask Ale Fest

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The Michigan Cask Ale Festival returns Saturday, May 3, to Ash-ley'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 its 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 (Kalama-zoo), Brewery Vivant (Grand Rapids), Founders Brewing (Grand Rapids), Greenbush Brewing (Sawyer), Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales (Dexter), Dragonmead

Brewing (Warren), Lat-itude 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



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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-Festi-

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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 Rate-Beer.com.

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.parksidecu.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.

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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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Mullin

elor'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 Attack Squadron-223 the "BullR.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



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Visit www.parksidecuorg for more information about Parkside Credit Union.

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

dogs,' 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 administrations 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 Opera-tion Iraqi Freedom.

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

Medal with the numeral "9," the Navy and Marine Corps Commenda-tion 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."

Serving as a reliever airport for Detroit Metropolitan, Willow Run Airport handled nearly 80,000 aircraft landings and takeoffs and more than 83,000 tons of cargo last year.

A SUNNY NOTE Inaccurate assumptions have major consequences

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.



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

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

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

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Beware of subprime mortgage offers



couldn't believe it when I read that some banks are once again starting to market sub-

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prime 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. All mortgage companies or banks care about is whether you qualify for a mortgage, not if you have the means of repaying it.

I know the general rule is that renting is not a good option and that people should consider buying as soon as they can. I believe that logic is wrong. In many situations, renting is a financially better alternative.

Many people think that if they're renting they are throwing away their money. That is not the case. When you do the math and factor in the costs of maintaining a house, it is not necessarily a great investment.

Don't buy a home from an investment standpoint. A home purchase is about one's quality of life. However, if a home doesn't increase the quality of your life, don't buy it.

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. Too many people took advantage of these gimmicky mortgage

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. These costs tend to be much higher

than if you rented. I believe you must be able to put 20 percent down on a home in order to afford it. There are some rare cases when 10 percent is acceptable. however, those cases are rare

Keep in mind that just because the mortgage company says you qualify for a mortgage doesn't mean you can actually afford it. Remember, in addition to paying your mortgage you also have to consider such things as retirement. Don't sacrifice your retirement to purchase a home. Anyone who thinks that a home is a great investment that can eventually be sold and used for retirement is mistaken.

Unfortunately, some of the same predatory lending practices that existed before the financial crisis are creeping back into the market. The number of those refinancing is down. Mortgage companies are looking for new ways to market their products.

Consumers must be careful. Remember, it's not the mortgage company that determines whether you can actually afford a mortgage, you do. You must determine what your other costs are, such as saving for retirement and a child's college education.

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 isor His website is

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 judgement 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.

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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. The Intensive Law & Trial program is described as offering high-achieving students an opportunity to gain insight into the legal field and learn from legal professionals, including Stanford Law School faculty.

Along with academic success. Baker has participated in soccer, track, cheer and dance. She received an MVP Athletic 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. She is a member of Word of Faith International Christian Center's Youth Group and has tutored students in lower grades as well as her peers.

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. The cost is \$25 per person.

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

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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 undersourced 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-toteam 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 firsthand 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 a 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 noisemakers 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 stiffs something 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 every thing 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. Algie 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



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 Passaic, 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

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

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

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

WILDFLOWER WALKS Dates/Times: Sundays, April 27 and May 4.

Location: Miller Woods (entrance is on Powell, just east of Ridge, in Plymouth Township). Details: Joint the Friends of Miller Woods for its annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends. The walks will highlight the beautiful native spring wildflowers along with the history of the woods and the Miller family's donation to the community. Tours are free and last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed, and strollers are not recommended.

Contact: For last-minute weather changes that may affect the bloom times of the flowers, visit millerwoods.com

GLUTEN FREE FAIR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting a Gluten Free Food Fair on Saturday, April 26. Enjoy free samples, shopping, door prizes, raffles and more gluten-free fun. No charge for members; \$5 charge for non-member individual or family.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

Location: Community Room on the Lower Level of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

FLEA MARKET

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine). Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Details: Space is available for a flea market at Kirk of Our Savior. Space rental is \$25, which is non-refundable. Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and also a Bounce House.

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

HEALTH EVENT

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31.

Location: Community Room (Lower Level) of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

Details: As caregivers, career women, volunteers and wives, women have the unique role of wearing many hats, often at the expense of their own health. Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout her life's journey. These dis-cussions will be led by board certified physicians and other health care specialists. Hats Off to Women will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch. The event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited.

Contact: To RSVP, call 734-458-4330 by May 21.

EDUCATION WILLOW CREEK

Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/ Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. Contact: 734-326-0078.

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland. Details: St. Damian Catholic

School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8. Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available. Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10.

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarteneighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.

Contact: For more information, call the school office at 734-721-1240

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Livonia group adopts three families for Easter



Livonia Neighbors and Friends adopted three local families for Easter, donating three vans full of food, paper products, personal products and gift cards. The families included a widower with six children ages 8-18, a single mom with five children ages 3-9 and a young mother with four children ages 4-11. The deliveries were made April 8. From left are Livonia Neighbors and Friends members Lila Pope of Westland, Geri Soelz and Jan Nadratowski of Livonia and Kaye Martin of Redford.

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

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

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events. Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY

Time/Date: noon every Tues-

days.

Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue. Details: Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about.

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

WIDOWED MEN

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

portation.

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

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

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

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Details: Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible.

Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Contact: 734-728-0527.

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER

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

City.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

Contact: 734-459-7744. ANNAPOLIS RETIREES

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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month. Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Details: Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has

volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community. Contact: 800-370-8592.

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council CLC is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in vour area. Contact: 734-416-4906.

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

Details: Garden City Hopsital's next Lunch and Lecture will be 'Healthy Aging, Healthy You.' As we get older, we all experience moments of forgetfulness, such as at the refrigerator, where we parked, and acclimating to new technology, but what you may not know is that during the aging process, memory loss and learning ability are the first brain functions to decline. Aging is inevitable, but is it possible to slow down these gradual losses of brain function? Are age-associated neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson's, preventable? Join GCH Health Expert and Neurologist Dr. Aaron Ellenbogen as he addresses what's normal and what's not, and how to take better care of our brains. The free event features Q&A lecture, lunch, health screening and prize drawings. Seating is limited and early registration is encouraged.

Contact: Call 734-458-4259 to reserve your space.

PRESCHOOL SIGNUP

Location: Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland.

Details: Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for 2014-2015. A Christian preschool, it offers classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

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

FIVE WISHES

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

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

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

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

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FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center offers a variety of programs for older adults.

Contact: 734-722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us.

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland.

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: 734-419-2020.

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City. **Details:** The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age

50 and older. Annual membership is \$55 per year. A daily pass is \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day. Contact: 734-793-1870.

SENIOR SERVICES

Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly from 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Material Girls from 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays and bingo at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.

Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

ORGANIZATIONS FRIENDS OF ELOISE

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

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

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

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

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

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

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

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

9765 or kuschjt@yahoo.com. LIONS CLUB

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

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

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

TOASTMASTERS

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

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

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to nonemergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transChurch, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

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

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

GARDEN CITY KIWANIS Time/date: 12:15 p.m. Thurs-

days. Location: Amantea Restaurant,

32777 Warren Road, Garden City

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

GARDEN CITY ROTARY

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

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

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

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. Contact: 248-967-8361,

www.vna.org

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for

Contact: 888-973-1145

clerical services.

running, grief support and

FOR YOUR HEALTH SAFE PLACE

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

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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

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



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Huron Valley ace Schaffer Ks 15 in victory

Left-hander controls Trojans in 8-1 victory

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-

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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 firstyear 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."

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 Schaewe said of his ace. "He's looking strong. He's had good control so far.



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

overall.

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

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"We've got a lot of young guys, but

we don't take an aggressive enough

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



The Crusaders celebrate following Caitlyn Keuvelaar'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 Keuvelaar's walkoff 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 6¹/₂ 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-

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

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-dueled 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.

Piechota

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.

LOCAL SPORTS

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 Covote 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 openinground 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 Schlender was individual medalist with a 36-hole, two-day total of 77-77-154.

Madonna junior Chel-



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

finish.

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

ishers 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 pro-ductive 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 In-vitational, April 13, in Ostrander, Ohio, and fourth April 6 in the Ohio Valley Invitational in Marietta, Ohio.

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

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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

Other top-10 finishers

for the Crusaders in-

alie Blazo (Dearborn

cluded: freshman Nat-

thought we'd come out and explode the second game. We had every thing 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.

wrapped up the regular season and is idle until Wednesday, April 30, when the WHAC playoffs commence at Pacesetter 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.

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.



all came in the top of the seventh with the final two coming with the bases load-

strikeouts

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

tory. 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 243 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 num-ber 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.

Her 11th, 12th and 13th

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 nonconference 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. larenceville 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 Kurdziel 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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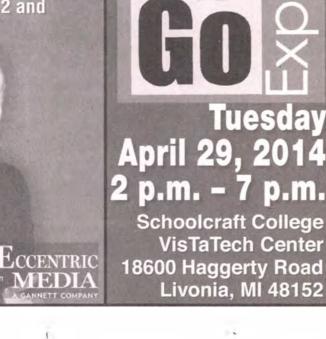
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GIRLS SOCCER

Trojans' defense proves stout despite 2-0 loss

Cranbrook pulls out win in final 8 minutes

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Write

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 gamewinning 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 Clarence-ville 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 sparkled 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 were 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 De-troit 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 trap-ping 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 KLAA

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

Canton led 1-0 at the hait, but the Patho 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 Purceday the host Borker (3-2, 3-1) screed

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 KLAA 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 Maeve 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 Ken-sington 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



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 Gabbeart, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division.

in playing senior soft-ball," Gabbeart 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," Gabbeart 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. Gabbeart 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.

before the runner crosses the scoring line that is established three feet to the left side of the plate," Gabbeart said. "In addition, a 'commit-

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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,' Schaewe 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

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

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 Gabbeart, who coordinates the KVSSL's Northville Division and plays with Who Let the Dawgs Out?

The league began when Novi team manager Ron Megesi contacted Gabbeart in summer 2011.

"They were tired of practicing five days a week with an occasional pick-up game here and there," Gabbeart 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 faceto-face, 'Hi, I'm so and so and was wondering if you would be interested

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

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ment 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," Gabbeart 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.

For more information, email Gabbeart at cgabbeart@ci.northville.mi.us or call 248-449-9947.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer.

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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," Schaewe 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

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 Scheffer pitched all five innings to earn the victory to spark Glenn to the runrule win in the opener.

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

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

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 5% innings before needing

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

Scheffer 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

Novi at Franklin, 4 p.m. South Lyon at John Glenn, 4 p.m. 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 Madonna, 4 p.m.

FUN WAY TO LEARN GOLF

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 Luttikhuis 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 avail-

able 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





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-yearolds Brayden Niemiec, Nick Barrett and Delaney Kowalczyk.

And in the process, their parents were thrilled their kids were finding out from Hickorv 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.

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.

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 Kowalc-zyk said. "I did the holein-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

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

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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

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:

THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED Section 1. 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 That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law. Section 2. 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

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Matthew Miller City Clerk

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"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

"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 previ-ously 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 withpique 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 lim-ited on time."

tsmith@hometownlife.com



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.

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THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Contact: 313-534-7730 for

Way of Life Christian Church

Saturday from October through

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third

Location: 9401 General Drive,

Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100,

Details: Women's fellowship is

question to know God more in

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Location: The Solanus Casey

1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Center, a Capuchin ministry, at

Details: Led by Capuchin friar

Larry Webber, the director of

the Solanus Casey Center, the

tour focuses on the spirituality

and holiness of Father Solanus, a

humble Capuchin friar credited

valued for his wise and compas-

soup for the hungry, kind words

for the troubled and a healing

touch for the ill. No reservations

are needed, although the center

requests an advance phone call

for groups of five or more. No

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149;

cost for the tour, although

donations are accepted.

www.solanuscenter.org

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additional information

Contact: Child care, 248-374-

7400: www.celebraterecovery-

.com and www.wardchurch.org/

APRIL FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Time/Date: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. April 27 Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgcparish.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April

27 Location: In the community

room at Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: Judy Galperin will lead a Swedish weaving (huck embroidery) workshop. Attendees will be in creating bookmarks, place mats and challah covers. The group also will prepare for its display, May 1-3 at the Farmington Festival of the Arts, "Grow with the Arts."

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

RECOLLECTION DAY

Time/Date: Registration at 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, located at West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford

Details: The Rev. Ben Luedke will lead participants through a day of prayer. The program, which runs until 3 p.m. is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Cost is \$5. Participants may bring a sack lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided

Contact: Antoinette McDermott at 313-255-9676 or email Kris at fuzziandcompany@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/Date: Doors open 6 p.m., game begins 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: Cost is \$20 per team of up to four individuals and includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, six hot dogs and six chips per team. No registrations at the door;

www.stsimonandjude.com/ trivia.html

Contact: Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436; stsimonand-judge@gmail.com

YOM HASHOAH

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27

Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: In recognition of Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Memorial Day — the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will show I Believe: A Shoah Requiem, a film featuring 150 choral voices singing an a cappella cantata composed by Cantor Daniel Gross of Adat

COMMON GROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton Details: Girl's night out with a God focus for women and girls, 13 and over. Includes teaching, outreach for homeless veterans, giveaways and party. Lifesavers, Rice Krispies Bars, packaged plastic utensils, Ritz snack mix, and easy-open cans of fish or meat will be collected at the

event Contact: 734-397-1777, Ext. 111; tami@connectionchurch.info

RUMMAGE ITEMS NEEDED

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 12-14 Location: Antioch Lutheran

Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Items are needed for the church's rummage sale. Leave donations in the church hallway. Donation receipts will be on a table near the back door Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia Details: \$2 admission per adult

Thursday only; free admission Friday and Saturday. Saturday half-price sale. Contact: 734-422-0149

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE,

ROUND-UP Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon and

1-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19; kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool roundup, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 9 Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Preschool through

eighth grade. School tours available Contact: 734-425-4420

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

734-464-9491 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441 **RELIGION CALENDAR**

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers

of infants through kindergartners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at

248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463 Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. **Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed. Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-

an Church Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield **Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net. SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding

available from TSA, AÁA 1-C Older Americans Act. **Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive

behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling. Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519 » Riverside Park Church of

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

God

Contact: 734-421-8451 » St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information » St. Thomas a' Becket

Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the

organization to lose weight and keep it off for good. **Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-

0322 for additional information » Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722:

information

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ville Township

How to reach us:

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www.oa.org for additional

» Ward Evangelical Presby-

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op-

tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m.

small group discussion; 9 p.m.

Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/

Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

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pulsive behaviors); child care is

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Northville, April 18, 2014.

Age 69, of Livonia, formerly of

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helps men and women find

hangups (addictive and com-

Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. The film version was recorded last year at the Orchestra Hall in Detroit **Contact**: jccdet.org

MAY

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4

Location: Commerce United Methodist Church, 1155 Commerce Road, Commerce Township

Details: \$5 donation for each item appraised; silent auction and lunch items available. Proceeds go toward restoration of 1841 chapel

Contact: Linda Komatowski at 248-505-3191

Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: The Salvation Army, Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9

p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org for additional information

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and

fourth Thursday

Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food

Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

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father to his children, and regu larly provided advice and counsel to their friends. His loyalty to friends was legendary, and he will be remembered for his compassion, support and sense of hu-mor. Don is survived by his wife Michelle Hicks; mother Sharon Hicks; son Ronnie Schan; daugh-ter Heather Hicks; sister Christy Hicks; brother Tim Fife; stepdaughters Marie Depoorter, Nicole McCubbin and Rachel McCubbin; and step-grandsons Jacob, Jonathan, Julian, and Carsyn. In accordance with Don's final wishes, his body has been donated to medical research at Michigan State University. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be sent to the American Cancer Society. A celebration of Don's life will be hosted by his family in the near future.

HICKS,

DONALD JAMES

"DON"

Of Perry, MI, passed away after a courageous battle against Mel-

anoma, on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the age of 48. After at-

tending Farmington High School, Don set out with an ad-

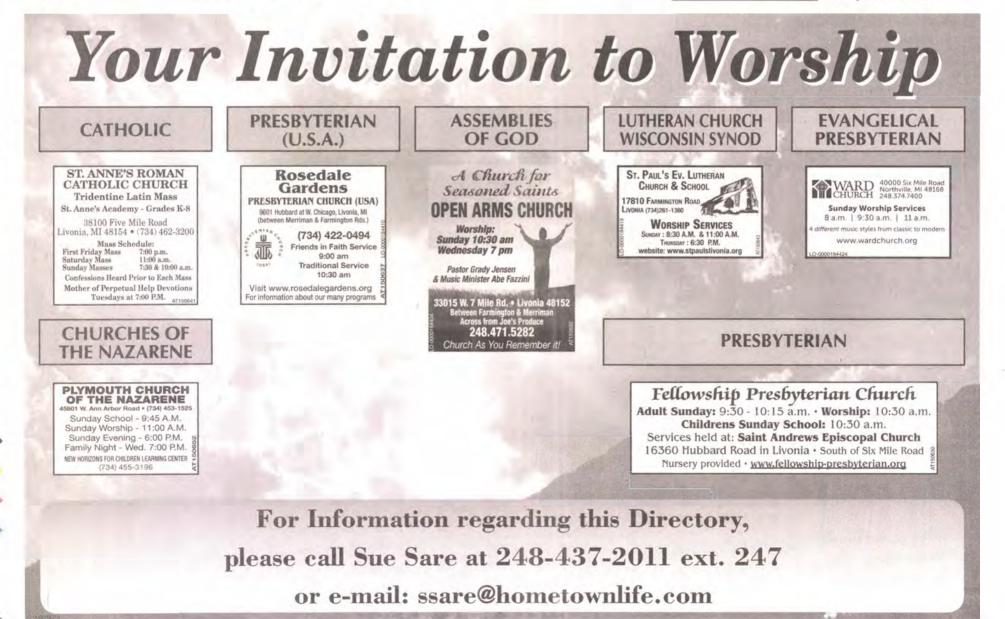
venturous spirit and sense of cu-

riosity. He was able to explore

much of the United States

through his career as a truck

driver. Don was an extraordinary



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HURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 **OBSERVER** & ECCENTRIC MEDIA HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

Local choirs pay tribute to Gershwin, Broadway, Hollywood, the heavens

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Bid in a silent auction and hear a mix of contemporary and classical tunes Sunday,

April 27, in Bloomfield Hills. Celebrate the sun, moon and stars with celestial songs next weekend in Livonia.

And give a nod to Gershwin the week after that in Garden City

Local choruses, chorales and choirs are wrapping up their seasons with annual spring concerts over the next month with a wide variety of music and themes.

"We do a show, not just a concert," said Shelly Addison, manager of the Farmington Community Chorus. "We'll have dancers from the chorus dance and small acts, from solos to quartets. We have one guy doing a comedic song. We try to put on almost like a variety show.'

The group of approximately 60 singers, accompanied by drums, piano, saxophone, clari-net and flute, will pay tribute to the music of George Gersh-win at 8 n m Friday. Saturday win at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, at Garden City High School, located on Middlebelt between Ford and Warren roads. Tickets are \$12 in advance from chorus members and at farmingtonchorus.com; and \$15 at the door.

The chorus will give listeners a taste of their upcoming concert from 2-2:30 at the Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 3, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. It also will sing some Gershwin tunes during its appearance Aug. 28 in Heritage Park, as a part of the annual Stars in the Park summer music series.

"Everything on this show is a Gershwin tune," said Ginny Lundquist, soprano, and a chorus co-founder. "We memo-rize our music, so we're not holding pieces of music up between us and the audience. It helps us make a connection with them.



Lundquist joined the group when it was called the Kendallarks, after the neighborhood, Kendallwood, where its mem-bers, "basically wives of Ford executives," lived. Lundquist said the all-women choir added men to its ranks, changed its name and became a city parks and recreation-sponsored activity in 1980. She said the chorus is beginning to plan for its 35th anniversary next year.

Challenging music

The Madrigal Chorale, which rehearses at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, also got its start as an all-women choir. It originally was called the Madrigal Club of Detroit when it was founded in 1914. Its members joined with singers from the all-male Orpheus Club to form the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield in 1980. The new group, which later shortened its name, broadened its repertoire to include jazz, popular, spiritual and ethnic songs, in addition to classical music.

"We are a semi-professional choir. The music is challenging," said Mary Simmons, vice president of development. "The year I joined, I got all this music and the first thing they went over was Verdi's Requi-em. I thought, oh, dear, what have I done?'

Simmons, a Farmington resident, stuck it out and now looks forward to both rehearsals and concerts

"It feeds my soul. I get home Tuesday nights (after practice) and I'm physically exhausted, but it feels so good.'

Fundraiser concert

Simmons and other members of the 40-voice choir will sing a variety of "favorite songs" including Shenandoah, Ching-a-Ring Chaw by Aaron Copland and Easter Hymn by Pietro Mascagni , at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills. The Academy of the Sacred Heart Upper School Concert Choir and Middle School for Girls Advanced Choir, will be the guest singers. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$40 for a family of two adults and two children, 18 and under. They cost \$2 more in all price categories if purchased at the door. Buy them in advance at mcsnotes.org or by calling 248-804-

1377

The performance will include a silent auction to raise money for scholarships.

Here's a sampling of other local choirs with upcoming concerts:

» Livonia Civic Chorus: "Touch the Sky," 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, available from chorus members, at the Livonia Recreation Center or by calling 734-542-9071. Tickets at the door are \$15.

"We'll sing songs about stars, sun, moon and wind," said Peggy Gaskill, president. Selections include Aquarius, Good Morning Star Shine, When You Wish Upon a Star, Fly Me to the Moon, It's Raining Men and more.

» HarmonyTown Chorus: "Barbershop Showstoppers," with special guest quartet, Bucket List, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The show will include musical hits from Hollywood. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for youth. Call 734-394-5460 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

» Plymouth Oratorio Society: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The concert will consist of Te Deum by Antonin Dvorak and St. Nicolas by Benjamin Britton. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist Mary Ann Balduf also will perform. A free will offering will be taken. For information, call 734-455-8353 or visit: ply-

mouthoratoriosociety.org. » Cherry Hill Singers: "It's a Grand Night For Singing," includes Broadway classics, 7:30 p.m. May 2, at The Village Theoter at Charm Hill 50400 Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$12. Call 888-459-4887 or visit beckridgechorale.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

by airbrush master Tom Thewes Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older, and a caregiver admitted free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. Features live music, tractor train tours, bingo and senior resource area

Greenfest: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27, featuring earthfriendly crafts, endangered species and green scavenger hunt, rock climbing wall, family yoga classes, animal enrichment, exhibits by local conversation groups and entertainment by Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners. All activities are free with zoo admission. Anyone who brings a wine cork, rinsed Capri Sun pouch, empty chip bag or cell phone for recycling or is carrying a refillable water bottle, will receive a reduced admission price of \$8

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 through June 26

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

Details: The works of Avraham Loewenthal are on exhibit. Loewenthal's paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design

Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, May 2-30

Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, located on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The club, which was founded in 1960, will hold its 54th annual Exhibit Contact: Yvette Goldberg at 248-476-2313

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through April 26 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Detritus," an exhibit of works Contact: 248-344-0497; http:// www.northvillearts.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY **ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date:7-9 p.m. Friday, April 25 Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: An open life drawing event for artists with costumed professional model and an Arabian Nights theme, is open to all ages, although children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own art supplies. \$10 at the door includes refreshments Contact:734-416-4278 or email lisa@plymoutharts.com

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances; artist reception, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass orbs and columns created by Paul Stankard and photography by Ron Farina, Bernie Meyers, Dave Chiemelewski and Dennis Krukowski; lunch buffet and panel discussion by the artists will be held at noon, Wednesday, April 30. Tickets are \$15, available at cantonvillagetheater.org Contact: 734-394-5300

COMEDY **EMERGENT ARTS**

Time/Date: Open mic, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27, following 5 p.m. "Comedy Dojo" class

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

Details: Chili Challis, national headliner comedian and former staff writer for The Tonight Show With Jay Leno, coaches new and experienced comics in the nuances of their craft during his Comedy Dojo. Mark Sweetman emcees the open mic. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more about the fee-based classes, visit ChilliChallis.com Contact: 734-985-0875

DANCE **MUSIC HALL**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Location: 350 Madison, Detroit Details: Moscow Festival Ballet performs Giselle. Tickets range from \$30-\$50

Contact: 313-887-8501

FILM **PENN THEATRE** and May 1, Friday, April 25; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: The Lego Movie, admission \$3 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26 Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit Details: Three Stooges Film Festival, \$6 Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSEUM **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL** MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 8 Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Vintage Runway exhibit features men's and women's clothing fashions from 1820s-1970s; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17 Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC **BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY**

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., April 26 Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Featured performer is "Soundcheck;" consisting of Frieda Dickason, Carol Sissen, John Craven and Steve Heavrin. Jessica Carmichael hosts. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com for additional information

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: On April 29, Johnny Trudell Quartet will play jazz favorites. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC



Aaron York (left, standing), Pam Gunderson, Randall Birk, Rachel Kain (left, seated) and Catherine Rayes will sing songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, May 2-4 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

Paul's Players sing **Rodgers and Hammerstein**

Paul's Players presents "Some Enchanted Evening," a musical revue of songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein shows, 7:30 p.m. May 2-3 and 2 p.m. May 4, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Songs will include Surrey With the Fringe on Top, A Grand Night for Singing, There Ain't Nothing Like A Dame, Do I Love You, Oklahoma, Bali Hai and others. Tickets are \$12 for

adults, and \$10 for seniors and students. To reserve tickets, call 248-347-4134, or email paulsplayers@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cast members are Pam Gunderson of Redford, and Randall Birk, Rachel Kain, Sue Krekeler, Catherine Rayes, and Aaron York, all of Livonia. Patricia Hutchsion directs this performance, with Sandra Main-Niemisto as pianist.

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

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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

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 MUSICALE 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; TuesdayMusicaleofDetroit.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,

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Hills Details: Paul Vondiziano, a 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

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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; at https://recreg.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

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SWEET 'N SAVORY TERIYAKI **KABOBS**

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 (1/2 to ¾ pound)
- 1/2 cup olive oil 1/2 cup prepared mango chutney, chopped if coarse
- 1/2 cup bottled teriyaki sauce
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 18 large bamboo or metal skewers (about
- 12 inches long) 1 medium yellow
- onion, cut into 1/2-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 I 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

MAKE DINNER SIZZLE WITH GRILLED KABOBS

Kabobs are a simple way to enjoy many of your favorite fresh flavors in a single meal. With their easy preparation and quick cooking time, kabobs make a perfect weeknight meal when served over rice along with a crisp salad.

The potential combinations of meat, vegetables and fruit on a kabob are nearly endless. Spring/summer varieties of onions are especially well-suited for kabobs. Their flavor ranges from sweet and mild to slightly pungent. Easily identifiable by their tissue thin skin, spring/summer onions are higher in water content, which gives them a tender crisp texture when grilled.

Kitchen tips

GINGER MANGO DIPPING SAUCE

Makes about 1 cup

I 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.

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AVOCADO CITRUS SALAD WITH MARINATED ONION

Makes 4-6 servings Marinated Onions (recipe below) 2 oranges 1/2 cup olive oil



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ers until cooked through. If needed, use spatula to gently loosen skewers before turning as they may stick

marinade and turn skew

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.

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.onionsusa.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

1/4 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 1/4 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 marinade 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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Realtors are pleased with solid sales in 2014. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

ECONOMIST: HOME SALES STEADY FOR 2014

Existing-home sales are expected to retain the healthy gains seen this year, while prices will stay on an uptrend in 2014, according to a forecast presentation at a residential forum during the

2013 Realtors Conference & Expo. Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales have shown a 20 percent cumulative increase over the past two years, while prices have gained 18 percent, but incomes have risen only 2 to 4 percent in the same timeframe.

"We've come off of record high housing affordability conditions in the past year, and are now at a five-year low, but conditions are still the fifth best in the past 40 years," Yun said. "While the median-income family in many areas will still be well positioned to buy a home in 2014, income is barely budging given growth in consumer prices.

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnec-essarily stringent. "Although home sales have recovered over the past two years, mortgage purchase applications have been flat for the past four years, even with rising sales," he said. With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancings to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. "This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales," Yun noted. Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making

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chief economist of the National Association of Realtors

them available to mortgage borrowers. He said job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales this year are forecast to rise 10 percent to nearly 5.13 million, but should hold fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014.

Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existinghome price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000; then increase nearly 6 percent this year.

Yun expects the inventory shortages to be felt again this spring. "Housing starts are the only way to alleviate inventory shortages," he said. "Housing starts need to rise 50 percent to meet underlying demand. Housing starts are forecast to hit 917,000 this year and reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales were forecasted to total 429,000 in 2013, and grow to 508,000 this year. Inflationary pressure may begin to build during the course of 2014, with consumer prices projected to rise 2.7 percent, but Yun said inflation could reach 4 to 6 percent in 2015. Mortgage interest rates are expected to trend upward and reach 5.4 by the end of next year. Yun projected growth in Gross Domestic Product to be 1.7 percent in 2013 and 2.5 percent in 2014. "If not for the housing recovery, we could be on the

verge of a recession," Yun noted. "The rent component of inflation is rising, so the only way to tame price growth is new home inventory.

Since the economic downturn, 8.8 million jobs were lost, but only seven million have been regained. "We need another six to eight million jobs to get back to normal," Yun said. The states with the fastest job growth are North Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, Georgia, Washington, Arizona and New Jersey. The unemployment rate is projected to decline to about 6.7 percent around the end of 2014.

Based on the forecast, the top 10 markets to watch for a housing turnaround in 2014 are Salt Lake City; Naples, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta; Boise, Idaho; Houston; Charlotte, N.C.; Den-ver; Seattle; and Tucson, Ariz.

Also speaking was John Krainer, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, who said near-term economic momentum is weakening, but improvement in growth is expected going forward. "Inflation has been subdued, and is expected to remain below the Fed's 2 percent target over the next few years," he said. Despite improvement in the labor market, the unemployment rate re-

Cuba: Interesting land, some old

Q: We are thinking about visiting Cuba through a cultural exchange; can we buy real estate there?

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A: As best I can tell from talking to Cubans on my visit, you must be a resident or have close relatives such as a wife or parents or have business with the government to own real estate. Surprisingly many of the apartments in Havana are owned by their inhabitants and over the last two years, the government has al-

lowed them to sell them. Nor do they pay any taxes at this time but the government is looking into implementing it for the first time. The housing in downtown Havana is extremely overcrowded, but in the Miramar region, where Castro pur-



Robert Meisner

portedly lives, there are upscale private homes formerly owned by upper crust families before the revolution in 1959, but don't count on investing there for the foreseeable future.

O: I have heard about cultural exchanges between the United States and Cuba where you are able, as U.S. citizens, to learn more about the country and its neigh-borhoods. Do you have any experi-ence or knowledge about that? A: Yes, I recently went on an edu-

cational-cultural exchange which is allowed by the U.S. government under certain circumstances. Because of the shortage of raw materials and almost everything else, because of the embargo, etc., Cuba must be creative and innovative in not only fix-ing its old U.S. cars, but building and refurbishing homes and apartments. I visited a neighborhood where a famous artist not only artistically decorated his own house, but much of the neighborhood in graphic and colorful designs, similar to what we have seen by an artist in Detroit attempting to cover up blight. Many of the homes that were formerly owned by rich Cubans before the revolution are now embassies and government offices which are well maintained on beautiful boulevards; yet much of the exterior of many of the homes and buildings remains unpainted. It was an interesting visit.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a

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mains elevated but will be falling slowly.

Krainer notes improved household net worth, aided by rising home values, is supporting consumption spending, but home sales and inventories are not growing as expected. "New-home sales are significantly underperforming, and have been bouncing around World War II lows," he said.

"There is a big disconnect between rising home prices and inventory slowing down," Krainer said. Normally, higher levels of new construction would be expected in a rising sales environment.

Krainer notes there is a relationship between the share of underwater mortgages and the number of homes for sale. "In markets where we saw a high percentage of underwater home owners, we also saw lower inventory levels.

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