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## Wayne OKs pact with city manager

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A three-year contract hiring Joseph Merucci as Wayne city manager was approved by the council at a special meeting Wednesday.

Currently Lincoln Park city manager, Merucci is required to give 30 days notice in his current job. His salary in Wayne will be \$99,200, with the city making a 10-percent contribution to a defined contribution retirement plan on

his behalf.

Council members James Henley and Susan Rowe voted against the contract after criticizing some terms of the agreement.

For Henley, the issue was changes to the contract requested by Merucci after an agreement had been approved by council. Rowe was unhappy with some of the contract provisions.

"The contract was negotiated and approved. Why are you coming back (with changes)?"

Henley said. "I don't agree with this. He verbally said yes. I know these are minor details but we're setting a bad precedent."

There was some discussion by council about whether there was an actual agreement with Merucci or there had still been negotiation taking place.

"I don't think he agreed. We agreed to submit it (a contract) to him on the recommendation of staff," Councilman James Hawley said.

Changes sought by Merucci

included the 10-percent retirement contribution — an increase from the 7 percent offered — with immediate vesting.

If terminated without cause, Merucci would be entitled six months' salary to be paid within 30 days — the city normally pays severance on the next regular pay day. Under that scenario, the city would pay half the cost of medical coverage for Merucci if he has no alternative medical insurance.

"That's a benefit to the city. Originally, the city paid 100 percent," Interim City Manager/Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib said.

Other changes were that Merucci would have seven sick days and two weeks vacation available when he is hired. Merucci would also have 14 days vacation available for 2015. During 2016, Merucci would be under the city's ac-

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## Westland's new City Hall moving toward September opening date

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Traces of the former Circuit City store are being replaced by Westland's new City Hall, with new windows on the front of the building and walls creating a council chambers and offices.

"We'll move in the first week of September. July was initially our goal. We didn't know what the winter would be like and what we could do," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said.

Along with replacing the existing City Hall on Ford, the new City Hall will provide space for offices that currently have to be housed off-site. That includes Westland Youth Assistance, which will have a private entrance on the west side of the building.

WLND will have studios located next to the new council chambers rather than on Warren Road. The city will no longer need to rent storage space for items such as voting machines, which will have a secured storage area.

City Hall will also have two rooms available for community rentals — each can be

divided into small rooms as needed — and a warming kitchen that can be used for events.

In July, the building's technology and furniture will start arriving, Smith said.

"We won't be bringing furniture from the old City Hall," he said. "For documents, we will schedule shredding days. Over 40 years, you accumulate a lot. We will check the requirements for keeping documents."

With current technology, Smith said many documents can be scanned and stored electronically.

Moving in September should make things easier for City Clerk Eileen DeHart and her staff. Smith noted the scheduled September move is after the August primary and before the November general election.

"We're looking at a couple of options for moving with as little disruption as possible," Smith said. "We need to work with the council and employees on that."

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Tom "Mayor of Muskegon Court" Miller, who's lived in the same Norwayne home for 71 years, rakes compost in an asparagus bed. Kyle Chandler and Jared Cramier help. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## EARTH DAY IS EVERY DAY IN WESTLAND

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Officially, Earth Day is April 20 each year, but in Westland every day is Earth Day, according to Westland Mayor William Wild.

During an Earth Day program held at the Norwayne Community Garden, Wild presented Mission: Green awards and highlighted green programs, including the garden.

"We have had curbside recycling for five years. Over 1 million pounds of trash are recycled each year," Wild said. "We have had one of the highest participation rates in the nation — nearly 80 percent — since we started."

The drop-off recycling program has been expanded to take electronics — anything with a plug or microchip, Wild said — along with fluids and clothing.



Norwayne Community Garden volunteers celebrate Earth Day with spring cleanup, a fresh layer of compost and new wood chips between the raised beds.

"There is no better way to celebrate Earth Day than cleaning up the winter debris and putting down new soil in the Community Garden," Wild said. "We expect the garden to provide over 2,000 pounds of produce."

Thanking the Norwayne Community Citizens Council

for its support of the garden, Wild said Westland's oldest subdivision faced years of neglect.

"With initiatives like this, we are bringing Norwayne back to being a community of choice," Wild said. "The future

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As work on the new Westland City Hall progresses, little is left of its previous life as a Circuit City store.

## Come join the fun, enter to win at Tuesday's O&E Expo

Exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, prizes and entertainment are all part of the lineup for Tuesday's Spring Expo, sponsored by Observer & Eccentric Media.

Life in Go is set for 2-7 p.m. April 29 at Vis-TaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Come early, starting at 1



p.m., for the pre-event entertainment and play a version of the popular game Family Feud to win prizes.

More than 50 exhibitors will take part. Be among the first 100 through the door and receive a prize.

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and be noticed by more than 125,000 readers in print and thousands more online at hometownlife.com.

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Adults, teens, children and families are invited to participate.

The winner will be selected

in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OEHometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook begins May 2 and ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

The winning adult, teen, child or family will be featured on the cover of the Christmas in July special section, published July 24, and receive a \$100 gift card.

Contestants must be photo-

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is promising.”

Mission: Green awards were presented to: National Faith Homebuyers, which donated T-shirts, refreshments, soil and mulch for the program; North Brothers Ford for recognizing an energy efficient lighting upgrade at the dealership; the Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church youth group, which volunteers to work on the garden; and Hegira Services.

“This year, we were so blessed. Over 600 homes were purchased and the economy rebounded. We were able to do a lot more,” said National Faith Homebuyers CEO Dina Harris, adding the non-profit still has down-payment money available for eligible would-be homeowners.

North Brothers will continue to work to reduce the dealership's carbon footprint, said Doug North, working to be good neighbors and citizens. Wild noted the dealership is the only Ford dealership on Ford Road.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Ss. Simon and Jude youth group, youth minister Margaret Reyez noted



Seven-year-old Austin Roy plants flowers on Earth Day.



Asparagus pokes through the warming soil.



Asia Yharbrough spreads wood chips between the raised planting beds. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the young church members had been involved with the community garden since its inception.

“I think they are a wonderful group of young people. They do a lot of work in the garden,” Reyez said. “I thank you for allowing us to help the communi-

ty.” With a large group of youngsters ready to get working on the garden, Westland Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson, who heads Mission: Green, said the program has gotten better year after year. “What it comes down

to is to help the kids. Being green is for the children,” he said. “We’re taking the lead and making a difference. I’m happy to see that.”

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# Pair charged in Taco Bell robbery

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer



Cabbil Muhammad

Two men have been charged with Saturday night's robbery of a Westland Taco Bell.

About 9:45 p.m., two men were reported to have entered Taco Bell, 201 S. Merriman. One of the men was reported to have shown a semi-automatic handgun to the cashier and demanded “everything from under the counter.”

The men grabbed the cash drawer from the register and fled on foot southbound on Merriman, according to the witness who called police.

One of the subjects pointed the handgun at the witness and demanded that the witness cash off, according to police.

Westland Police responded to the area and officers were able to locate the suspects running through yards on Fernwood Street. After a foot pursuit, Westland

officers reported taking the suspects into custody. A handgun and other evidence was recovered, police said.

Demarco Muhammad, 16, of Inkster and Devin Cabbil, 19, of Brownstown, were arraigned Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court. Both have been charged with armed robbery. Muhammad has also been charged with carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm.

Muhammad and Cabbil are both being held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond and are scheduled for preliminary examination May 1.

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crued vacation and sick day schedule that covers exempt employees.

Rowe was unhappy that issues such as retirement and accrued sick leave payoffs weren't addressed.

“I thought we were going to look at ending accrued sick time and look at short-term and long-term disability,” Rowe said. “He (Meruc-

ci) is not contributing a dime towards his retirement. The city will pay \$9,200 every year. We need to make changes.”

A 28-year veteran of local government, Merucci served as assistant city manager in Garden City in the early 1980s and subsequently served as city manager in Pleasant Ridge, Clawson and Fowlerville before going to Lincoln Park in April 2013.

Lincoln Park is in a financial crisis and could possibly soon have

an emergency financial manager appointed. Wayne is also in financial crisis and has been in contact with the state Office of Fiscal Responsibility.

Merucci will be the first Wayne city manager not promoted from within in decades. El-Gharib has been interim city manager since Robert English retired in September.

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tographed at the Spring Expo to be eligible for the contest.

## 'Dear Dad' contest

Also at Tuesday's Expo, celebrate your dad and show him how much you love him by entering the inaugural O&E Media “Dear Dad” contest.

You must enter the contest in person at the expo, at which time you and your dad will have an impromptu photo taken (which will also serve as the photo for the contest). On the entry form, you must answer the

question: “Why is your dad worthy of a tribute?” The photos and responses will be uploaded on FB.com/OEHometown and voted on by the public. The winner will have their photo tribute featured in a local print edition. Up to 13 winners are possible.

Selected winners will:

- » Be featured in a quarter-page color promotional ad in their local community newspaper.
- » Receive movie passes to any Emagine Theatre.
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# Cemetery theft suspect headed to circuit court

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

A Westland man suspected of taking several pieces of jewelry from a mausoleum in a Livonia cemetery will stand trial in circuit court.

Essa Ghanem, 30, was bound over to circuit court after he waived his preliminary examination on several charges Thursday morning before 16th District judge Sean Kavanagh in Livonia. His arraignment is set to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Ghanem is charged with larceny of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, larceny in a building and possession of a controlled substance.



Ghanem

He was arrested by Livonia police earlier this month after police say he stole some jewel-

ry from two niches that contained remains and family keepsakes at a mausoleum at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park cemetery on Eight Mile in Livonia.

Police say Ghanem broke the glass that the remains and keepsakes were displayed at in the building on April 12 and took some jewelry from the grounds. He was found after evidence was collected and arrested the following week. It appears two niches were broken into and items

reported missing. Police said previously they were able to recover most of the jewelry taken.

If convicted, Ghanem faces up to life in prison because of a habitual offender status. State corrections records show Ghanem was sentenced to prison on felony charges in 2005 and 2013, both related to illegal substances. Records show he was released from custody this past February. Records also indicate Ghanem was on probation at the time of the incident at Glen Eden.

Ghanem has a \$500,000 cash or surety bond in the case. As of Thursday afternoon, he remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail.

# Relay for Life team holds vendor fair today

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

CHECKMATE, Garden City's longest-running Relay for Life fundraising team, is holding a special vendor fair from noon to 5 p.m. today Sunday, April 27, at the St. Dunstan Church community room.

CHECKMATE stands for City Hall Employee Cancer Kickers Making a Team Effort. The team is mostly made up of present and former city employees, retirees and family and friends.

The church hall is located on Belton, west of Middlebelt and south of Ford.

"St. Dunstan was kind enough to rent us the facility," said Penny Albitus, the team cap-

tain. "CHECKMATE is running the vendor fair. We have Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Avon, Thirty-One and a few crafters participating."

This is the first year for the vendor fair. CHECKMATE will get a percentage of their sales. Admission is \$1, which includes the door prize ticket. There will be a 50-50 raffle and refreshments.

"We are also having a bake sale that day," Albitus said.

Most vendors will also have online ordering available.

"We will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food, new or gently used paperback books, children's games, etc., for the Parish Pantry at

Saint Dunstan Church," Albitus said. "Last year, the pantry helped more than 1,400 families and continues to service families from Garden City and Westland."

At the annual 24-hour Relay for Life event, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 14, on the field of Garden City Middle School, the team also plans on having tattoos and a dog tag station.

Team members have worked hard through the years. "We have also collected bottles, sold pies and sold candles," Albitus said.

For more information, call Albitus at 734-765-9213.

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# BeckRidge On-Stage auditioning for 'Odd Couple'

BeckRidge On-Stage is auditioning for its production of the Neil Simon classic, *The Odd Couple*.

Auditions will be held from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 28, at BeckRidge Rehearsal and Performance Studio, 40525 Koppernick in Canton.



Rhodes

The play will be directed by Olivia Rhodes, who BeckRidge officials said has choreographed and/or directed a large volume of work at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, where *The Odd Couple* will be staged. Rhodes is currently finishing her mas-

ter's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

Performances are scheduled for June 19-22 at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

*The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon centers around the relationship between Felix Ungar, a neurotic, neat-freak news writer who is thrown out by his wife and moves in with his sportswriter friend Oscar Madison. The cast consists of six male characters and two British sisters who live in Oscar's apartment building.

Brandon Waldenmayer will be playing the role of Felix Ungar. Connor Rhodes is playing Oscar Madison, the slovenly, recently divorced

sportswriter.

"We believe in casting Brandon and Connor as main leads, we can offer an educational experience for less experienced actors by working with and learning from two really gifted performers and a wonderful director," said Michael Gross, BeckRidge's artistic director.

BeckRidge On-Stage is an educational theater program dedicated to developing young talent (middle school through college) by offering specialized training, educational experiences and performance opportunities. For more information, visit [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) and click On-Stage or call 734-667-3127.

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## Employers, students make the most of Madonna Career Fair



Madonna students majoring in early childhood and teacher education interviewed with representatives from 13 area schools and school districts during the job fair.

Some 37 employers and more than 145 students and alumni attended the Madonna University Spring Career Fair on April 3. Employers were recruiting students for part-time and full-time work and internships. Employers represented at the fair included Home Depot, CVS, Quicken Loans, the Michigan State Police, Hyatt, U.S. Marines and several restaurants and marketing companies.

The following day, future teachers from Madonna's College of Education participated in a job fair specifically for teachers and child care providers. There were 13 schools or school districts in attendance and more than 50 Madonna juniors and seniors interviewed with some or all of the representatives.



Criminal justice major Don Owens of Detroit talks with recruiters from the Michigan State Police at Madonna's Spring Career Fair. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

"We're starting to see many more openings for teachers and substitutes," said Karen Obsnik, dean of the College of Education. "And the market for students majoring in early childhood offers

additional opportunities, because the government is funding numerous preschool programs."

"We were thrilled with the turnout of employers and students," said Christine Brant, director of

Madonna's Career Services Office. "We haven't set a date for our next career fair, but we are looking forward to growing the event and building on this year's success."

## Scholarship opportunities available for women

Woman's Life Chapter 827 — Chicks 4 Charity — will be offering one or more \$500 scholarships for part-time students and \$1,000 for full-time students to women residing in Canton and the surrounding areas who are looking to improve or expand career advancement opportunities.

Applicants must be attending an accredited undergraduate Michigan college, university

or trade school in fall 2014 or spring 2015. Preference will be given to women that demonstrate financial need, education and training needs and those who are involved in the community.

For an application or for more information, contact Zlatina Dimova at [dimova.zlatina@gmail.com](mailto:dimova.zlatina@gmail.com). Applications must be postmarked by May 15. Winners will be notified by June 6.

## Applications sought for trustee seat

The Livonia school board is seeking applications for the open board seat created by the resignation of trustee Julie Robinson, who is moving.

The deadline to submit applications is noon April 28. Public interviews will be conducted the evening of May 6 and, if necessary, May 7.

By law, the board must appoint a replacement with 30 days of the effective date of a resignation. Robinson's resignation was effective Monday.

The selected candidate will be appointed May 6 or May 7, following the interviews. The candidate will serve as a trustee on the board through Dec. 31, then will need to run for election to fill out the remainder of her term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016.

Applications may be completed online by clicking on the top item, entitled, "Applications being accepted for Board of Education appointment," at [livonia-publicschools.org](http://livonia-publicschools.org). Hard copy applications are

also available at the Livonia Public Schools Administration Building, 15125 Farmington Road, and at every LPS school building.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

» Be 18 years of age or older

» A citizen of the United States

» A registered voter who is a resident of the Livonia Public Schools School District

» A resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days

» A resident of the Livonia Public Schools School District on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date service on the board begins.

Robinson was elected to the board in November 2012.

She is married to former City Councilman Tom Robinson. The family is moving to the Jackson area, where Tom Robinson is employed by Expert Global Solutions.

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Eight-year-old Sydney Spiridon works quickly.



Alex Bazzi weaves a bracelet on his fingers.



Youth Services Librarian Lindsay Fricke, of the Garden City Public Library, works with Sara Alfooady, 8, and her brother, Ali Alfooady, 7. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# ACCESSORY EXCITEMENT

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Making rubber band jewelry is a popular activity for children of all ages.

The colorful kits used are relatively inexpensive to purchase.

Garden City Public Library Youth Librarian Lyndsay Fricke recently guided children in the activity during a mid-Easter break at the library.

She purchased the kits at Five Below in Livonia. They can also be purchased at Michaels in Livonia and Jo-Anne

Fabrics & Crafts in Canton Township.

"It comes with a loom to put on your rubber bands and it also comes with a crochet hook," Fricke said.

There's a clasp to tie off the bracelets.

Additional rubber bands can be purchased. "Some people want specific colors and patterns," Fricke said.

She believes it is beneficial to make the bracelets as big as it needs to be because it is more difficult to go back and add bands.

Different teaching sources can be used. "There are YouTube

videos online," Fricke said.

Alex Bazzi, 10, a student at the Farmington Elementary 5-6 Campus, enjoyed the activity even though he was experienced, having made chains at home. "I have a bunch," he said.

Wendy Hubbard brought her daughter MaryAnne, 5, and a kindergartner at the Lathers Pre-K and Kindergarten campus, to the session. "She first learned how to do it from her friend," Wendy said.

Her mother also showed MaryAnne how to do it on her fingers.

Rubber band jewelry is a hit with kids

Some children trade or sell the rubber band jewelry.

At the Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus in Garden City, for example, a group of girls have made bracelets that they sell at the school store. The proceeds will be donated to a local animal shelter.

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Five-year-old MaryAnne Hubbard carefully weaves rubber bands.

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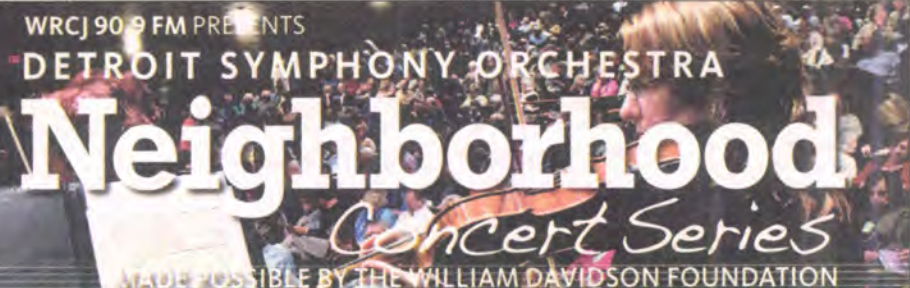
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# Public hearings set for redevelopment districts

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Public hearings to establish Commercial Redevelopment Districts at three Westland locations, including the fire-damaged Village Coney Island, have been set for Monday, May 5.

The districts are proposed for: the restaurant location at 449 N. Wayne Road; the long-closed former Nankin Tavern property at 33700 Ann Arbor Trail; and the multiple tenant Hunter Plaza strip center on N. Wayne

Road at Hunter.

"This is a really exciting time in the Economic Development Department," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "I'm not sure of the exact plans (for the developments). This is to incentivize larger development and reinvestment."

Once the CRDs are established, the businesses could apply for a 50-percent property tax abatement for up to 12 years for new development.

Redevelopment projects in the new district could also qualify for up to a 12-year tax abatement. In the case of improvements to existing businesses, the property value would be frozen at the level prior to improvements being made.

Specific plans for the projects would be submitted and the council would approve the abatements based on the type and amount of investment being made in the projects.

At this point, Fodale said she doesn't have

plans for the Village Coney Island, so she doesn't know if the building would be reconstructed or a new structure would be built.

In the case of the Nankin Tavern, Fodale noted the city currently owns the property. "It is a functionally obsolete site," she said.

For Hunter Plaza, Fodale said the owner is looking at making a significant investment to do upgrades at the strip center.

The council also approved revised site

plans for two Taco Bell restaurants, 6925 N. Wayne Road and 2307 S. Wayne Road. The plans call for exterior upgrades including signage, drive throughs, lighting and the parking lot.

A special land use to allow a proposed car dealer at 840 N. Hix was approved. Since it is a wholesale online business, Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said the business won't impact the surrounding properties.

A special land use to allow used vehicle sales

at a truck and trailer repair facility at 39101 Webb Drive. Owner Ron Kudek said his current customers inquire about buying and selling vehicles and trailers as part of his current business.

Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, received a special use approval to allow a cell tower and equipment shelter building on the property.

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## Wayne gets ready for market season

The 2014 Farmers Market season is right around the corner and final preparations are being made to make this year's Farmers Market what organizers say will be "another fun and productive season."

The location, time and dates are the same as last year — Goudy Park, from 3-7 p.m. ev-

ery Wednesday, May 7 through Oct. 29.

Organizers said the Farmers Market's main goals are to: make high-quality, fresh, nutritious local food available to area residents; enhance the sense of community in the City of Wayne; and invite local businesses to sell their goods or promote their prod-

ucts and services at the market.

Chamber member businesses can set up a booth/tent free of charge for two separate market dates. Contact the chamber office at 734-721-0100 or email director@waynechamber.net.

Chamber officials have special events planned this season. For

instance, the market hosts Flower Day on May 21. Growers and florists will be at the market with flower plants for home and garden, and Northside Hardware will be at the market with topsoil, gardening tools and anything else needed to plant flowers and gardens.

## Zonta Club hears stats on human trafficking

While spending an afternoon of fun and creatively, members and friends of the Zonta Club of N.W. Wayne County mixed in a little information about the dangers of human trafficking in their most recent meeting.

Michigan State Trooper Walt Crider, stationed at the Oak Park MSP Post, talked to Zonta Club members about the incidence of human trafficking in the local area.

Crider and his partner, among their duties, seek out and try to curb trafficking in the metro Detroit area. Crider told club members one of the reasons trafficking is so prevalent in the area is

"the easy access to our state by water." Crider noted that, while Michigan "happens to be one of the top five locations" throughout the country,

"It can happen anywhere."


According to Crider, most victims of slavery are U.S. citizens. Many of them, he said, are young runaway girls. According to information Crider imparted at the

Zonta meeting, 100,000-300,000 victims worldwide are sexually exploited each year.

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# Volunteers plant 400 saplings

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Wearing bright yellow "Mormon Helping Hands" vests, many of the youth volunteers came from congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from all over western Wayne County, including Riverview, Trenton, Canton, Detroit, Livonia, Redford and South Lyon.

Alison and Olivia West, 12-year-old twins from Canton, decided to spend the Saturday before their 13th birthday planting trees.

"I like being outside and helping others," Olivia said. "We don't have school on our birthday, so we'll sleep in late and open presents then." Their first task was to

carry a five-gallon bucket of water to each sapling. Antonio Ordaz, 12, Garden City, said, "My shoulders hurt because I made the mistake of carrying two buckets at a time."

Pablo, 40, and Stephanie, 32, Carbajal of Northville, are currently serving as leaders for the youth in the Detroit River Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They left their house at 8 a.m. with their 6-month-old daughter Olivia in tow, to drive to Detroit and pick up youngsters who committed to help. When they arrived, Elier de la Cruz Garcia, 13, of Detroit, and his friend, Lisandy Felix, 13, of Detroit, were still asleep, but were ready to go within 10 minutes.

Samantha Barrerra, 14, of Detroit, and Hannah Ferencz, 14, of Canton, had met at a church girls camp the previous summer and were delighted to see each other again. When asked why she came, Hannah said, "I like to see my friends and go to activities," she said.



Samantha Barrerra, 14, of Detroit and Hannah Ferencz, 14, of Canton who met at a church girls camp, worked together on the tree-planting project. SUBMITTED PHOTO.



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# Salvation Army again offering summer day camp

The Wayne-Westland Corps, Salvation Army will again offer its fun-filled summer day camp. Dates are June 16 through Aug. 15, based at the corps building, 2300 S. Venoy in Westland.

The day camp is for children ages 6-12, said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries. About 80 kids signed up last

summer.

The day camp serves first children from the corps' service area of Westland, Wayne, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston, followed by others.

"We take field trips," Barylski said. "We're gone two days a week on field trips." Those include the Detroit Zoo, local science center, and swimming.

At the corps in Westland,

activities include arts and crafts, music, gym fun, and Bible study.

Hours at the building on Venoy are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Barylski noted some evening accommodations can also be arranged for registration. Phone is 734-722-3660, Ex10, with registration needing to be done in person.

The annual camp is "for them to have new experiences, to make friends," Barylski said. "We do have a lot of repeats, but new kids every year."

Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, with adults and older teens serving as counselors. Early registration is recommended for camp, which runs about \$50 a

week with discounts for an additional child or children in the family.

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"It's going to be a good year," said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with his wife, Capt. Joanna Rose. "We're excited about it."

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The Berg family of Novi (from left) includes Larry, Kara, Kaitlyn and Lynn; year's benefit race is set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

## Reaching out to raise brain tumor awareness

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Larry and Lynn Berg of Novi are glad their 16-year-old daughter Kaitlyn is in improving health. Their concern for their daughter continues, but the picture is a lot brighter.

Kaitlyn, a junior at Novi High School, began to have headaches in eighth grade. An MRI revealed a non-malignant brain tumor that required two surgeries. The teen also had radiation that ended more recently, also with good news.

"She's doing a lot better," Larry Berg said, noting Kaitlyn's been weaned off anti-seizure medications. She's been on a couple of college tours recently and hopes to study accounting or finance after high school graduation.

Last year, the Bergs organized with others a benefit for the Chicago-based American Brain Tumor Association, held at Eastern Michigan University. The 2013 event raised some \$147,000, well over its goal.

The Bergs are hard at work on this year's ABTA benefit, a 5K Break-

through for Brain Tumors Race, set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital, Beck and Grand River, in Novi.

That day, the program will begin 8:30 a.m., the run at 9 a.m., followed by a walk. Berg is chairman of the event and the family team is "United Against Brain Tumors." For more information, visit [www.bt5k.org](http://www.bt5k.org).

Their family also includes sister Kara, 18, a freshman at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., pursuing journalism studies. Larry Berg is vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions.

He and Kate Butler, advancement manager, marketing and communications for the ABTA, shared their story.

"Larry has been a great advocate for our organization," Butler said by phone from Chicago. "Our goal is to raise money to support brain tumor research."

The ABTA also supports services for patients and their families. Butler said there are seven races around the country involving some 7,000 people, including an estimated 1,100 for the upcoming race in Novi.

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Organizers are pleased with business and community support, including that of Novi and its police and fire departments. "They've really embraced our coming to Novi," Berg said.

## Garden City man arrested in Canton home invasion

By Eric Lawrence  
Gannett Michigan

A couple of Canton teenagers called police and hid in an upstairs closet until officers arrived when a man broke into their home this week.

The man was getting ready to leave with jewelry and jewelry boxes when officers arrested him, according to Canton Police Deputy Chief Debra Newsome.

The arrest of Michael Toth, 28, of Garden City closed out at least four cases in Canton, Newsome said, noting that a number of other departments in the area are also looking at Toth as a possible suspect in other

burglaries.

Toth was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court in Plymouth on nine charges, including home invasion, possession of burglary tools and larceny, according to Canton Police. The most serious home invasion charge carries a possible 20-year prison sentence for a conviction.

Judge Michael Gerou set Toth's bail at 10 percent of \$1.5 million and scheduled his preliminary examination for May 2.



Toth

Toth was arrested Monday morning. Newsome said he pried open a back door at a house on Emerald Pines Drive and the teens, a 17-year-old boy and his 16-year-old sister, called 9-1-1 when they heard loud banging sounds. A dispatcher told them to hide, which they did, while staying on the line, until officers arrived and made the arrest.

Toth was not on "the radar" of Canton Police in two recent break-ins and other attempts, but he's "no stranger to law enforcement," Newsome said without elaborating.

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that from a benefit standpoint you have tax deferral. And in policies add riders dealing with income and health care.

Some people refer to variable annuities as hybrid annuities because they allow you to invest in a guaranteed income option or to invest in a variety of mutual funds. The bottom line is that so-called hybrid annuities are really the same old annuities that have been around for years. They are now called hybrid annuities for marketing purposes.

A Hybrid annuities have become a marketing buzz word used by salespeople. It refers to an annuity policy that can do more than one thing and provides for multiple benefits. There is not one annuity known as a hybrid annuity. There are many different types of annuities that can be called hybrid. For example, the type of annuity you have, an equity-indexed annuity, is sometimes referred to as a hybrid annuity. The reason is

options and they tie your money up in many situations for an unreasonable amount of time.

The main beneficiary of variable annuities is the salesperson. From an investor standpoint, they are not very good. I recognize that one of the advantages of variable annuities is that the money will grow tax deferred. That sounds like a great benefit but keep in mind that money earned in an annuity is taxed at your ordinary income bracket, not the more favorable capital gain rate. By deferring taxes you are actually increasing your tax liability.

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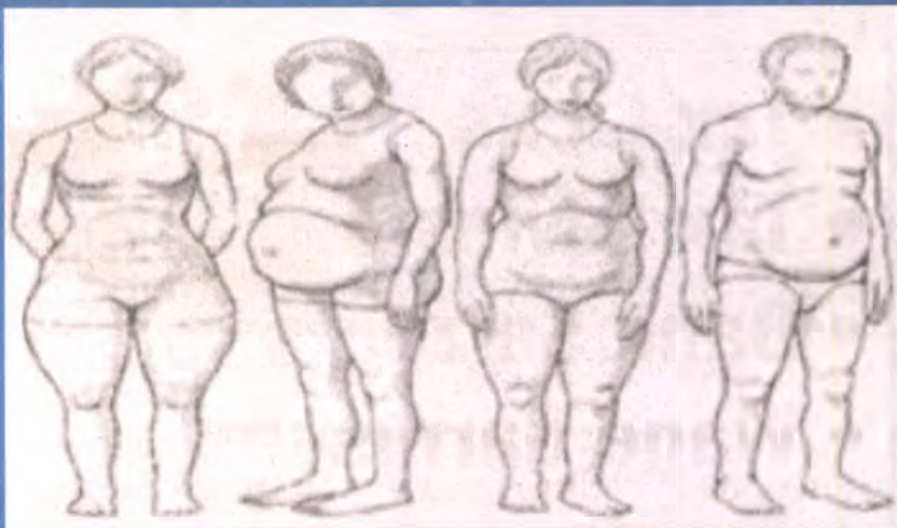
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# Two Schoolcraft College students receive \$30,000 scholarships to continue studies

Two Schoolcraft College students, Jonathan Kris of Canton and Maria Robles of Livonia, are recipients of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke \$30,000 scholarship for 2014.

Kris and Robles are two of 85 recipients to receive the scholarship from the 3,705 applications received this year, representing 737 community colleges in the United States.

Kris plans to study philosophy at the University of Michigan. "The first class I took, Introduction to Philosophy, had a big impact on me," he said. "It fueled my passion for the topic and solidified my decision to become a professor of philosophy and one day impact and guide students like myself."

Besides maintaining a high GPA and being a member of the Schoolcraft Scholars honors program, Kris was a student employee on campus and involved in a number of extracurricular groups including serving as an Orientation Group Leader, a mentor in University Bound, an editorial intern for the college's literary magazine, *The MacGuffin*, and Philosophy Club. He is the son of Kathryn King of Canton.

"Schoolcraft Scholars opened many doors for me," Kris said. "I had wanted to somehow make a positive impact on my community, but wasn't sure where to start. The honors program really helped me make a practical difference and better understand how I can affect others."

Robles is a pre-medical major and is considering University of Michigan, Cornell University or Johns Hopkins to



Jonathan Kris, left, with Schoolcraft counselor Stuart Baker.

study medicine and law. Like Kris, Robles also was a student employee on campus and involved in many student activities including serving as a staff writer for *The Connection* student newspaper, lead coordinator of the Food Pantry at the Radcliff Center, a member of the Schoolcraft Scholars honors program and Phi Theta Kappa honor society, an Early Literacy Volunteer, Freshman Focus mentor, a student researcher at the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center and member of the Math and Physics Club. She is the daughter of Carlos and Minerva Robles of Livonia.

"My two years at Schoolcraft were nothing like I expected," Robles said. "I wished I could fast-forward through my freshman and sophomore years quickly, have minimal involvement and just get into a university setting. To my surprise these past two years have been an amazing journey to self-discovery, figuring out who I am within the classroom walls and outside. My heart grew to become passionate about community service and volun-

teering, while my mind expanded in discovering my interests in both medicine and law. I discovered who I am and who I want to be during my time at Schoolcraft."

Both Kris and Robles were employees in the Registration Center and supervised by Cathy McCardell, director of registration services and the college's Answer Center. "Maria was an excellent employee and very dedicated. When she left our department to pursue her research interests, we were sad to see her go," McCardell said. "This past year and a half, we have enjoyed watching Jonathan grow into an outstanding young man. I am sure both of them will have many more successes in the future."

"Jonathan and Maria are both well-deserving and promising young adults," said Laurie Katuah-Snyder, associate dean of transfer and partnerships for Schoolcraft College. "We were extremely pleased when we learned that there were three students from Michigan who were finalists for this award, and even more excited when we found out two of them were from Schoolcraft



Deborah Taracuk, Schoolcraft Scholars Honors Program coordinator, left, with Maria Robles.

College." Scholars were selected based on high academic ability and achievements, persistence, leadership and financial need. The average GPA of the incoming class is

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said Emily Froimson, vice president of programs at the Foundation. "Since the program started in 2002, the Foundation has supported 643 community college students directly, and thousands more through the Foundation's grant making initiatives."

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## Friends of Rouge to hold river clean-up events; volunteers needed

The Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup takes place in May and June.

Work days have been scheduled for May 3, May 10 and June 7, with the main event on May 17.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate in hands-on activities to care for the Rouge River.

"It is fun and rewarding work that has immediate gratification," said Cyndi Ross, the River Restoration Program Manager for Friends of the Rouge. "Volunteers can see the fruits of their labor in the form of large piles of trash collected from the river, piles of bags of invasive plants, or gardens planted with native wildflowers. There is also the dramatic change in appearance of the work sites in just a few hours. Our volunteers are really making a difference."

Following are the dates and locations for events:

» **May 3:** Stewardship Network Garlic Mustard Pull, Dearborn; Maybury State Park, Northville; Holli-day Nature Preserve, Westland.

» **May 10:** Eliza Howell Park, Detroit; Goff Nature Preserve, Livonia; Park Clean-Up Day with Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Northville Township.

» **May 17:** Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, Beverly Hills; Flodin Park, Canton Township;

Meadows of Canton, Canton Township; Workman Elementary Habitat, Canton Township; Ford Field Greenway Trail, Dearborn; Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn; Henry Ford Estate - Garlic Mustard Removal, Dearborn; University of Michigan Environmental Interpretive Center, Dearborn; Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights; Rouge Park, Detroit; St. Paul of the Cross Retreat, Detroit; Shiawassee Park, Farmington; Botsford Commons Senior Community, Farmington Hills; Heritage Park, Farmington Hills; Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills; Coventry Gardens Park, Livonia; Allen Drive Park, Northville; Linear Park, Northville Township; Mead's Mill, Northville Township; Smith Elementary School - Byron Creek, Plymouth; Plymouth Township Park, Plymouth Township; Lola Valley Park, Redford Township; Beech Woods Recreation Center, Southfield; Berberian Woods, Southfield; Kosch-Headwaters Preserve, Superior Township; Woodside Village Subdivision, Superior Township; Goudy Park, Wayne.

» **June 7:** Booth Park, Birmingham; Mill Race Village, Northville; Rotary Park, Novi.

Event details are provided on the Friends website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

## Cruel winter: Wildlife 'exhausted and emaciated'

By Amanda Whitesell  
Gannett Michigan

The harshest winter in decades not only affected Michigan residents, but its furry and feathered inhabitants, too.

The season included near-record snowfall in metro Detroit, the second-most days below zero in a winter in the Flint area, and a Great Lakes system that reached 92 percent ice cover this month, the most in 34 years, and the second-most ever.

Howell Conference and Nature Center Director Dana DeBenham said the center saw an increase in intake numbers, as well as the amount of differing species in residence. The center is just now releasing animals back into the wild, as cold temperatures and ice delayed releases.

"Just because it's a natural phenomenon doesn't mean we should just let nature take its course," she said. "We believe it's our duty to help our wild friends."

An unusual number of fish-eating diving ducks and grebes came to the center "exhausted and



Howell Conference and Nature Center rehab assistant Robert Kidder checks the keel, or breastbone, of a rescued male canvasback duck being nursed back to a weight that will increase its chances for survival when released to the wild. GILLIS BENEDICT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

emaciated," DeBenham said.

The birds migrate to the Southeast in the fall, and are signaled to return to nesting grounds in the Northwest and northern Canada by lengthening daylight, she said. Frozen inland lakes as well as the Great Lakes left them with no source for food to con-

tinue their migration.

Some birds, like grebes, can only swim or fly but not walk, DeBenham said. The creatures will sometimes mistake parking lots for bodies of water, leaving them with no way of getting airborne again, as they must take flight from water.

Last week, the center still had two ducks in rehabilitation, a male canvasback and a redhead. Workers and volunteers have been tasked with cleaning up the birds and helping to nurse them back to a healthy weight, but it wasn't easy. Many of the birds would only feed on live minnows, and 120 to 180 grams per day at the least.

"The live minnows were very costly to the rehab program," DeBenham said.

The redhead came to the center March 12 at 728 grams, 322 grams under its recommended body weight, said wildlife infirmary manager Max Biber. The bird weighed a healthy 1,044 grams, or about 2.3 pounds, on April 2.

Rehab assistant Robert Kidder said, "for every bird that was

brought to the center after being found in a parking lot, think of all the birds that weren't recovered from a field."

The center also took in close to 15 opossums during one two-day period this winter. The animals, which DeBenham said aren't well-suited for winter due to lack of fur on their ears and tails, arrived with black toes, half tails and missing ears due to frostbite. Kidder said some had to be euthanized.

Russ Mason, chief of the state Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, said a deer die-off is expected in the Upper and northern Lower peninsulas. How bad it will be is still unknown by biologists, he said.

It could mean fewer or no antlerless deer licenses in the U.P. and northern Lower Peninsula next deer season, Mason said.

Also expected are severe impacts on turkeys throughout the Lower Peninsula. Mason said residents have reported the creatures at their bird feeders for the first time, which is a sign that they're "highly stressed."

## Better Health Market hosts job fair April 29

Looking for a new job? Better Health Market is hiring and ready to restock its stores with employees.

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Visit [www.betterhealthstore.net/jobs/Employment](http://www.betterhealthstore.net/jobs/Employment). Application.php to fill out an application beforehand or apply in person at the April 29 job fair. Please email [chris@thebetterhealthstore.com](mailto:chris@thebetterhealthstore.com) with questions.

**CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **May 8th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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Sealed bids will be received until **12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of May, 2014**, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening.**

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit of compliance- Iran Economics Sanctions act of 2012. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement attached. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

Bid forms, specifications are available at [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled **QUICK LINKS, Purchasing Bids**. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

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# Madonna University president to retire in 2015

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, CSSF, has announced her intention to retire June 30, 2015, following her 14<sup>th</sup> year as president.

"The timing is right for me as we celebrate the completion of our \$50 million comprehensive campaign and the accomplishment of several projects, including the Gold level, LEED-certified Franciscan Center for science and media. It is time for new leadership to implement several visionary plans that are in various stages of development, and to bring fresh ideas to the table," Sister Kujawa told the university's Board of Trustees on Wednesday.

Her plans for retirement include a sabbatical, writing an update to her book *Madonna Milestones* and supporting the work of the Felician Sisters in Kenya, and South America.

Sister Kujawa, 71, said she is most proud of not only the Franciscan Center, but the Franciscan values taught and practiced at Madonna, especially the value of showing respect for the

dignity of all people, in addition to the Athletic Complex and athletics program. She said the athletics program has made the university stronger academically, as the athletes are good students.



Sister Rose Marie Kujawa

"Those are all accomplishments I look back on with great pride," she said.

A national search will be undertaken to find her replacement, she said. The new president, who will be the university's seventh in 78 years, will oversee the construction of new buildings, including a student welcome center, and possibly a new athletic building for baseball and volleyball, and the development of new professional programs to reflect changes in society, such as those having to do with technology.

She said she may travel to Kenya, where she hopes to offer Madonna scholarships to some "African Sisters" there.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said Sister

Kujawa led Madonna into the 21st century by overseeing continuous modernization of the school, especially with the state-of-the-art, green-certified Franciscan Center and expanding global learning opportunities for students.

She was also active in the community, once serving as a chamber board member. "We congratulate Sister Rose Marie on a wonderful career of service and education, but we will miss our regular interaction with her smile, wit, and wisdom," West said.

Nursing student Alyssa Cline said Sister Kujawa was one of the reasons she chose to attend Madonna.

"She inspired a sense of family/community. Thank you, Sister," she tweeted upon hearing the news of her upcoming retirement.

Pastoral ministry major Kate Dekoski used to attend early Monday morning Mass with the Felician Sisters, and sometimes have breakfast with Sister Kujawa.

"She was always so encouraging and interested in what I was talking about. It was a joy to share my experi-

ence with her. I see her as being very committed to helping students succeed," Dekoski said.

## Enrollment, retention up

Under Sister Kujawa's leadership, Madonna's retention has improved by 8 percent, enrollment has increased by 10 percent, the university's first doctoral program (the doctor of Nursing Practice) was launched, and Madonna became the first independent university in Michigan to be awarded the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

In addition, the Graduate School moved to renovated suites; two new laboratories, Nursing Simulation and Sign Language Studies, were built to enhance student learning; science laboratories were substantially increased and improved to facilitate more research projects, and the media center now houses the latest high-definition, digital television and radio studios and editing suites.

Leonard Charles Suchyta, chairman of the Madonna Board of Trustees and special counsel

with Hunton & William LLP, said he observed Sister Kujawa's dedication and commitment to Madonna while working closely with her.

"While her presence and influence will be missed, her accomplishments will long be remembered."

"I and the other members of the Board of Trustees thank her for devotion, focus, and tireless efforts on behalf of Madonna University, and we wish her the best as she embarks on her new journey."

Among other accomplishments, Sister Kujawa

also was instrumental in adding acreage and buildings to the 97-acre campus; creating a top-level Athletic Complex, providing all new "green" windows in the Residence Hall, renovating former science and technology wings, updating the vast majority of classrooms with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, and beautifying the grounds with landscaping, sculptures and gardens.

More than \$40 million in capital improvements have been made to the Livonia campus during her tenure.

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Doctors cannot always practice according to the accepted rules. For example: A patient who is undertaking cardiac rehabilitation following a heart attack and placement of a stent, sees her primary doctor because of a swollen knee.

The problem occurred when the patient began stationary bike riding as part of her rehabilitation program. The doctor finds the patient has fluid on the knee; draining the knee will relieve her pain and allow her to continue her rehabilitation program. The physician takes fluid off the joint and injects a steroid. The patient feels well and continues on her rehabilitation program.

However, two weeks after aspiration and injection, knee pain and swelling reoccur; the patient returns to the doctor asking that he drain her knee again, including the injection of a steroid, so she can continue her rehabilitation program with no interruptions.

The standard medical response would be that it is too soon to aspirate and inject a joint again; the expected wait is at least six to eight weeks. But the patient makes the point that with the aspiration and injection now, her rehabilitation continues, without the intervention her program is disrupted.

In most instances, the physician would remove fluid from the knee and inject steroid at this time, the rehabilitation program the patient is undertaking takes precedence over the customary physician response.

It happens repeatedly that what is most beneficial for the patient flies in the face of medical convention. In case of such conflict, what is best for the patient at that moment, wins the day.

## Poll: Majority of voters support 'Classrooms and Kids'

Three-quarters of Michigan voters support the "Classrooms and Kids" budget proposal that would redirect more money into classrooms without raising taxes, a new poll released Monday shows.

The Glengariff Group poll comes as the Michigan Legislature considers at least four school funding proposals: one from Gov. Rick Snyder, two from legislators and the "Classrooms and Kids" plan developed and supported by educators statewide.

The April 12-14 poll of 600 registered voters has a margin of error of 4 percentage points and 30 percent of interviews were conducted on cell phones. The poll was paid for by the "Classrooms and Kids" coalition, a group of educators, superintendents and administrators.

The "Classrooms and Kids" proposal provides a \$250-\$291 increase in per-pupil funding by reducing or eliminating \$186.2 million in line-item categorical programs in the School Aid Fund. The categorical items are mostly programs that reward performance and the adoption of cost-effective practices.

The proposal would also require an extra \$88 million above Snyder's budget, with \$34 million coming from the budget surplus and \$54 million from the general fund.

It is supported by the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Associ-

ation, and the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

"Classrooms and Kids" ensures the \$186 million that would otherwise be spent on special pots of money for some

schools but not for others is instead spent evenly among all schools — and voters like the idea of treating all schools fairly and evenly," said Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa.

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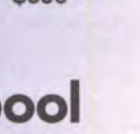
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## Hawks taking flight early on

Huron Valley gets off to 4-0 season start after taking 2 in DH

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls softball team got two for the price of one Thursday sweeping a double-header from visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 4-0 and 9-8 (in five innings). Last year's Division 4 regional finalists improved to 2-0 in the Blue Division of the

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference as Julie St. John pitched a complete-game five-hitter in the opener. The junior right-hander struck out 15 and allowed only one walk.

"Julie gave up two hits to the first two batters she faced, but after that she zoned in on hitting her corners better, mixing up pitches and she did a great job on the mound," HVL coach Eric Ruth said.

The Hawks snapped a scoreless tie with three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning highlighted by Bethany Schaffer's base-clearing singled up the middle as Brooke Kuehn and Anne St. John scored.

Huron Valley then added another run in the sixth to put it away as Inter-City starter McKayla Thoune, who allowed eight hits and four walks while striking out five, took the loss.

Kuehn, a senior, went 2-for-2 with a double and two runs scored, while Jessie Strauch also went 2-for-4 with an RBI and run scored.

Ashley Harrison went 2-for-4, including a double, to lead Inter-City.

"We were not getting barrel of the bat on the ball today, our timing seemed a little off in the box."



Huron Valley Lutheran's Jessie Strauch (left) slides in safely against Inter-City Baptist. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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## MOLDING MOLDOVAN: TENNIS STAR STAYING THE COURSE

Livonia netter climbs back up the national rankings

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Unless she's entered in a weekend tournament, you'd be hard-pressed to find Bianca Moldovan anywhere else during a weekday afternoon other than the Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield.

The 17-year-old junior at Livonia Stevenson High, who moved here permanently as a middle schooler from her native Romania, remains resolute in her quest to take her tennis game to the highest level.

Hitting hundreds, sometimes thousands of balls daily is a way of life and her commitment to the sport of tennis has never wavered.

"She's in the club every day ... for several hours every day," said Phil Eagleson, Moldovan's coach. "It's definitely still there, no question about it."

In 2012, Moldovan registered some signature victories and made a name for herself in the junior ranks.

2013, however, was different story. It was a year of hard knocks.

### Year of reflection

"2012 was definitely a breakout year for her," Eagleson said. "Once she had the great results that she did, it became a test or challenge to continue to perform at that level because it's a lot different to perform when you're at the top vs. when you're trying to get to the top. So the following year became a learning process on how to maintain and progress forward from already being up really high. So that was a learning experience and a tough 2013."

Moldovan is currently listed as No. 17 in the USTA Girls 18 standings by tennisrecruiting.net. She is No. 4 in the Great Lakes and No. 1 in Michigan. Overall she is 21st nationally, according to the same website.

In mid-February, Moldovan captured the USTA National Selection Tournament in Cincinnati where as the seventh seed. She finished 5-0, knocking off Caroline Lampi of Bluemont, Va., 6-4, 6-1, in the finals after upsetting top seed Alexis Nelson of St. Paul, Minn., in a three-set quarter-final.

Most recently, Moldovan fell in the Round of 64 to Andie Darnell (Douglasville, Ga.), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, at the prestigious Easter Bowl ITF Championships in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

And while battling an overnight stay in the hospital due to flu, she was a first-round casualty in a USTA Challenger 50K pro event held earlier this year in Charlottesville, Va.



Livonian Bianca Moldovan is ranked No. 17 in the latest USTA Girls 18s singles rankings. BRAD EMONS

Despite the ups-and-downs, Moldovan, is 50-21 in singles play during the past 12 months, and is encouraged by her recent play.

### Satisfying results

"It's been a much better year so far," said Moldovan, who turns 18 on

Aug. 4. "I'm more mentally mature and I've been able to deal with the pressure of being at the top. So far I'm better with my footwork and my mentality as Phil described. I think just overall it's been a better year."

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### PREP HOOPS

## Off-season basketball carousel is beginning in earnest

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

At least three area schools will have new coaches patrolling the sidelines for the 2014-15 boys and girls basketball seasons.

On the boys side, Dan Young of Westland John Glenn announced prior to the season that he would be stepping down.



Young

In his eight seasons, Young finished 113-60 overall. He guided the Rockets to a 15-6 campaign this past year en route to KLAASouth Division, Kensington Conference and KLAAS Association titles.

His counterpart at rival Wayne Memorial, Mike Schuette, has also resigned following four seasons. Schuette, who is a counselor at John Glenn, went 20-62 overall, including a 3-18 mark in 2013-14.

"I've been at it a long time," Schuette said. "I just thought it was time for a change over there. My wife is still working and I wanted to be a little more accessible when we have some time together. I've been coaching basketball probably my entire teaching career, whether it's ninth-grade or varsity level, or JV. It was just time. Enough is enough."

Schuette has been the boys and girls varsity coach at Wayne, John Glenn and Redford Thurston. His first varsity job was in 1980 with the girls at Wayne.

Schuette's two assistants, JV coach Sean Galvin and varsity assistant Mike Rashad, could be considered as replacements.

"I don't know what they're going to do," Schuette said. "I don't know if they'll find somebody inside the district, or in education, or whatever. I don't know what kind of search they're going to have."

"Sean Galvin is in the

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Crusaders earn pair of WHAC triumphs

MU bats hum in sweep vs. Siena Heights

Behind a 20-hit attack in game one and three late runs in Game Two, the Madonna University baseball team swept its Wednesday afternoon doubleheader against host Siena Heights.

MU won the opener, 10-4 in eight innings before pulling off a 4-1 come-from-behind win the nightcap.

With the two victories, Madonna improved to 24-21 overall an 11-13 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Meanwhile, the two defeats dropped the Saints to 15-25 overall and 4-16 in the conference.

In the opener, sophomore center fielder Shane Dokey, redshirt freshman designated hitter Taylor Grzelakowski and freshman second baseman Ryan Lambrecht each collected three hits. Grzelakowski also drove in five runs, while Dokey and Lambrecht added

three and two RBI, respectively.

Freshman left fielder Thomas Daffern also had two RBI in his return to the lineup after missing nearly a month with a lower body injury.

The Crusaders first three batters – Dokey, Lambrecht and Grzelakowski – went a combined 9-for-14 with 10 RBI.

Senior right hander Dane Staples (Canton) picked up the win, tossing the first five innings, scattering four hits. Staples (2-1) struck out one before senior right-hander Travis Schuba, who went the final three innings to pick up his second save of the season and the 10th of his career to move into a tie with John McCracken (2004-08) and Adam Kline (2002-05).

MU jumped out to a 10-0 lead before the Saints scored three

times in the fifth inning with Logan Curtis delivering a 2-run double, cutting the Crusaders lead to 10-3. The Saints added another run in the sixth to pull within six, 10-4, but never got any closer.

Matt King (2-5) took the loss for Siena Heights, giving up 10 runs in his two innings of work.

In the nightcap, the Madonna bats cooled slightly in the 4-1 triumph as catcher Donny Holland contributed two hits, while Lambrecht had two RBI.

Schuba (6-2) picked up the victory in his second appearance of the day, not allowing a hit while striking out two in his 1½ innings of work in relief of sophomore right-hander Adam Prashad, who threw the first 5½ innings, scattering seven hits while allowing one earned run in the no decision.

SHU took advantage of three hits in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead before MU tied

the game in the top of the third when Lambrecht's RBI sacrifice fly scored Dee Jawad.

MU took the lead for keeps in the top of the seventh as Ryan Lech came home on Zach Schmidtke's bunt single after the Saints threw the ball away. Schmidtke then scored on a Dokey triple for a 3-1 lead before Lambrecht plated Dokey with a sacrifice fly for the 4-1 lead.

Schuba sent the side down in order in the bottom of the seventh to close out the victory.

Taylor Thelen (3-4) suffered the loss for the Saints, allowing three earned runs while striking out two in 6½ innings of work.

The Crusaders regular season home finale Friday against non-conference foe Rochester College was cancelled because of wet grounds. MU's next scheduled game is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, April 28**  
 Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
 Crestwood at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Luth. Westland at Oak Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 HVL at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 Churchill at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi (2), 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Loggett, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
 Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 S'field Christian at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 2**  
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Annapolis, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 N.B. Huron at Wayne (2), 11 a.m.  
 Luth. Westland at TBA, 1 p.m.  
 Franklin at Big 16 Tourney, TBA.  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Sunday, April 27**  
 Macomb Classic at Anchor Bay, TBA.  
**Monday, April 28**  
 Churchill at Novi, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
 Ferndale at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 HVL at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.  
 Luth. Westland at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 Churchill at Wayne (2), 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at John Glenn (2), 4 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.  
 HVL at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
 Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m.  
 Luth. N'west at HVL, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 2**  
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Annapolis, 4 p.m.  
 Regina at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 Churchill at Birch Run Classic, 10 a.m.  
 Wayne at Clarenceville (2), 11 a.m.  
 Salem Tournament, TBA.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Monday, April 28**  
 Clarenceville at Hazel Park, 5:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Luth. Westland at Baptist Pk., 3:45 p.m.  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 Clarenceville at Fordson, 5:30 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Marian, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 30**  
 Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
- Parkway at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 1**  
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 5 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
**TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Franklin at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
 Clarenceville vs. Redford Union at Det. University Prep, 3:30 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne, 3:45 p.m.  
 MIAC Jamboree at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
 Canton at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Canton, 3:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, May 2**  
 S.L. East Sunset Inv., 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Observerland Boys Relays at Canton (CEP), 3:30 & 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Churchill at KLA West, 4 p.m.  
 Franklin at KLA West, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at KLA West, 4 p.m.  
 Wayne at KLA West, 4 p.m.  
 KLA West at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood vs. Mercy at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
 KLA West at Churchill, 4 p.m.  
 KLA West at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 KLA West at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Stevenson at KLA West, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 Stevenson at Howell Inv., 8 a.m.  
 Churchill at Brighton Quaid, TBA.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Churchill vs. Franklin at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Wayne at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
 Wayne vs. Churchill at Gateway G.C., 3 p.m.  
 Franklin vs. Plymouth at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Canton at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. S. Lyon East at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.  
**Friday, May 2**  
 Kensington Tour at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 Northville Inv. at Hudson Mills, 9 a.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 3**  
 Ladywood Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
 Madonna at Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m.  
**TBA** – time to be announced.

## Cards sign spiker

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran senior Dayna Schroeder (left) recently signed an NAIA letter-of-intent to play volleyball at Concordia University. Schroeder, pictured with HVL coach Mike Dest, earned second-team All-MIAC, as well as Division 4 All-District and All-Region honors during her senior year for the Hawks, who repeated as district champions. The High Honor Roll student also participates in basketball, softball and choir. "Dayna will fit in with the team very well," Concordia coach Karen Graves said. "She is another one who has experience in the middle, but will likely be an outside hitter for us. But she will bring us much needed depth in both positions." CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS



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building. He's a distinct possibility. Mike is looking for a full-time position in education. If something did fall into place he'd be a candidate as well."

While new Glenn athletic director John Young has reportedly has already started interviews for Dan Young's replacement, Wayne athletic director Greg Ambrose must hire two new varsity basketball coaches.

The Wayne A.D. also confirmed recently that Joyce Massey, who went 1-39 in her two seasons as the Zebras' varsity girls coach, has also resigned.

Wayne finished this season 0-19 and had only six varsity players available for its first-round Class A district game against Romulus. Massey, a former UMass and University of Detroit Mercy player, started the year with 23 players, but there was no freshman team and the JV squad was scrapped midway through the year.

Ambrose said Massey, who works in Troy, was unable to continue coaching at this time.

Meanwhile, Livonia Clarenceville is also in search of two new varsity basketball coaches as well.

Justin Johnson resigned after five seasons with the Clarenceville boys where he finished 37-69 overall.

During his tenure, Johnson transitioned from playing an independent schedule to becoming a member of the

Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

The 36-year-old Johnson, who teaches at Haviland Elementary School in Waterford, said he wanted to spend more time with his 2-year-old son.

"I didn't see him and it really bothered me this year," said Johnson, who went 7-14 this season. "I would go five days where I probably only see him 10 minutes in the morning. And by the time I got home he'd be asleep with all the driving and the late practice times and stuff, so ..."

"I won't miss summer stuff. I'm looking forward to not playing a summer schedule and driving out there. But I'll miss the first day of tryouts. I'll miss games and the preparation for games. I won't be able to stay out very long, maybe until my kid is out of kindergarten."

Also stepping down after two full varsity seasons as the girls hoop coach at Clarenceville is Brady Gustafson, who took over the varsity as an interim coach midway through the 2011-12 season for Katrina Vanoover.

He was later hired for the job and in his two full seasons as varsity coach with the Lady Trojans, Gustafson finished 15-26.

Gustafson currently serves as the boys and girls track coaches at Clarenceville.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy said he is accepting applications for both positions at kmurphy@clarenceville.k12.mi.us.

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## Adrian College bound



Wayne Memorial High senior Savannah Monette recently committed to attend and play volleyball for Adrian College. The Lady Bulldogs are coming off an 11-17 season and a 4-12 record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. JENNY JOHNSON | WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

### PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

## Tennant's 3-hitter gives Wayne 1st win

It was just in the Nick of time. Wayne Memorial got a sterling pitching performance from Nick Tennant to earn its first baseball win of the season Wednesday against host Livonia Clarenceville, 4-2, in a non-conference encounter. Tennant went all seven innings allowing just three hits while striking out 12. He also walked two and hit two batters. The Zebras (1-9) scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning with Gabe Ramirez coming through with a two-run single.

Clarenceville (3-8) got both of its runs in the first as Mitch Kubiak parlayed a 12-pitch at-bat into a two-run single. Losing pitcher Zach Devon went the first four innings giving up all four runs (only two earned) while walking five and striking out four. Ryan Menifee finished up. Each team had three hits on the day.

**JOHN GLENN 14-16, EDEL FORD 0-12:** On Thursday, Ryan Wheeler went 4-for-6 with six RBI on the day as host Westland John Glenn (8-6) took both ends of a double-header against non-conference foe Dearborn Edsel Ford (5-5). Glenn took the opener 14-0 in five innings as winning pitcher Brendan Wetmore (2-0) allowed just three hits. He struck out 10 and did not issue a walk.

Offensively, Wheeler went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Zach Croft went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks. Christopher Scheffer also added two hits as Glenn broke it open with eight runs in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth. In Game Two, Glenn outlasted the Thunderbirds, 16-14, as Wheeler doubled twice and knocked in three runs to pace an 11-hit attack. Wetmore also went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while DeShawn Baker-Williams collected two hits and an RBI. Kyle Smith (2-0), who pitched three innings in relief of starter Reid Zielenski, got the victory. Wheeler came on to get the save. Austin Atwood went 3-for-5 for the Thunderbirds, who committed seven errors. **HURON VALLEY 9, INTER-CITY 2:** Pitcher Jordan Rundstadler went the distance allowing just four hits without a walk Thursday to lead host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Rundstadler struck out nine over seven innings to pick up his first victory. Ryan Schaffler and Joe Lohman both went 2-for-3, including a triple each, while James Brown also added two hits.

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In the nightcap, Julie St. John doubled twice, including the game-winner in the fifth inning to break an 8-all deadlock and push the Hawks' overall record to 4-0 with the nonconference win. Freshman Sam Golchuk also went 2-for-4, including a double. Winning pitcher Dayna Schroeder, a senior, worked the first three innings allowing five runs on two hits and five walks. Kuehn finished up the final two allowing four runs on one hit and two walks. The two Hawks pitchers combined for three strikeouts. Inter-City starter Ashley Harrison worked the first four innings allowing eight of the nine runs on six hits and six walks. She struck out five before McKenna Howell, who took the loss, came on in the fifth inning.



Huron Valley Lutheran's Anne St. John makes the running catch in the outfield during Thursday's twinbill against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

**CRANBROOK 12, CLARENCEVILLE 6:** Four errors proved costly Wednesday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-5) fell to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in a matchup of old Metro Conference members. The Cranes scored three runs in the first inning and five more in the top of the third to build an 8-0 advantage. First baseman Heather Saylor led Cranbrook's hitting attack going 3-for-4, including three triples. Losing pitcher Emily Schwartz (2-5) allowed 12 runs, but only five earned, on 10 hits. She struck out five and walked one. Clarenceville got three runs back in the bottom of

the third as Logann Sade, who went 2-for-4, led off with a triple followed by RBI singles by seniors Erica Katz and Mikala Kieling, along with junior Mia Sampson. Cranbrook added a run each in the fourth and fifth innings to build a 10-3 advantage, but the Trojans got three back in the bottom of the fifth as Katz tripled home two runs after senior Nicole Kurdzial was hit by a pitch followed by a Sampson single. Katz then scored on a fielders choice groundout by sophomore Kylee Hammond. The Cranes closed out the scoring with two runs in the top of the sixth.

### GIRLS SOCCER

## McKague's hat trick buoys Zebras, 6-0

Sophomore Victoria McKague notched a hat trick Friday as Wayne Memorial pulled away in the second half to post a 6-0 non-conference girls soccer victory over host Livonia Clarenceville.

The Zebras, who improved to 6-3 overall, also got goals from Amiee Hutton, Crystal Fletcher and Shaelyn Wojewski, the latter whom tallied her first varsity goal off a nifty set piece.

Gillian Abicht and Fletcher also contributed two assists apiece for the Zebras, who called up four players from the JV team to fill out the lineup due to spring break.

"I was glad with how they bounced back with little practice in between," said Wayne coach Jason Dean, whose team suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 setback on a last-second PK to rival Westland John Glenn on April 17.

Clarenceville (1-5) trailed 1-0 after 40 minutes, but Wayne exploded for five second-half goals.

Wayne goalkeeper Nikki Tolentino posted the shutout, while Trojans goalkeeper Lindsey Fosth, making her first start, made nine saves.

"We held them defensively the first half, but then we lost our determination and effort the second half and just shut down," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, who singled out the play in the back line from Summer Reddick and Brianna Tuuri-Cesarz.

### East topples Trojans

Sydney O'Donnell and Julia Palushaj each scored a pair of goals Wednesday as host South Lyon East rolled to a 9-0 victory over Livonia Clarenceville.

The Cougars, who improved to 8-2 overall with the non-conference win, also got goals from Rachel Jankowiak, Madison Cook, Heidi Surdyk, Liz Koziara and Katherine Crapps.

"We were hurting tonight with a couple missing players having to move players around on the field," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Moody, whose team slipped to 1-4 overall. "We held our own for a little bit, but had too many shots that were then resulting into goals for South Lyon East."

Clarenceville goalkeeper Jordan See made 16 saves.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Family Kwik golf

Kwik Golf, the newest twist on the game of golf, will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit TrainwithTamiGolf.com or call 734-731-0238.

#### 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.

An open house, which features free golf games for the whole family, will be 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

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

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

Adult drop-in clinics are also

available including: Golf Enhancement sessions - 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday and Golf Conditioning - 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday, both 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.

#### Pats baseball alums

All Livonia Franklin baseball alumni are welcome to come play in the annual alumni game beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the high school.

The cost is \$20 to play. For more information and to RSVP, call Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499 or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

#### Women's golfers

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

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

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"Definitely you can improve everything. Especially, right now I want to improve my serve. I want more consistency of first serves. And I want to be able to hit a more reliable first serve. I'm also really working on volleys and just coming in at the net when I get the chance because I hit aggressive balls from the baseline everybody is stumbling trying to get to balls, and then attacking them."

Beside pro satellite events, Eagleson has also steered Moldovan into ITF junior tournaments while giving her as much exposure as possible.

"The benefit is the talent level is much tighter and higher at the ITF or professional level, so we're basically trying to see some more players and see some more skill levels and some more different looks and different types of player mentalities, that type of thing," Eagleson said. "When you play the USTA (junior) tournaments so long you see the same people over and over again, and you just continuously play those same people. It's like that even as a pro because when you become a pro, you're playing the same pros over and over again. But we're trying to get to that point and trying to supplement our USTA junior with those next couple of steps of tennis in the next few progressions."

#### Academic support

Moldovan has been able to concentrate more on tennis aspirations. She attends three classes during the morning at Stevenson before heading off to the club to practice.



Phil Eagleson (left) of Franklin Racquet Club has served as Bianca Moldovan's coach. BRAD EMONS

Her high school counselor and administrators at Stevenson were willing to work out a program to fit her busy tennis schedule.

"I'm doing three classes online right now, so it's way easier," she said. "I get out of school at 10:35 (a.m.). It's really been great getting out, having more time being on the court, and having the pleasure to do school whenever I have time. I don't have to do tennis around school now. Now I can put school around tennis. They were willing to work with me, yes."

"I went to my counselor (James Miller) and I asked if could do online school because

I heard that kids were doing that. And he said they have a program, Lincoln Interactive, and he would have to talk with the principal (Jim Gibbons). And once he responds I would get an answer if I was able to do that. Actually only about three people in the district allowed to take online school, so I was lucky I was one of them."

Next month, Moldovan will head to Pennsylvania to play in another USTA National Selection tournament before embarking on a busy summer schedule that will take her to the Midwest Closed, a hard-court tourney in Indianapolis, along with the USTA Clay

Courts and Hardcourt events in July and August, respectively.

"For growth purposes, even with college, this is a very big summer because you're kind of looking at how close am I to being a pro?" said Eagleson, who played tennis at Detroit Catholic Central H.S. "I know she can play college tennis at a very high level. I'm certain of that. I know she can play professional tennis. The question is: 'Mentally, where is she at with it?' Does she see and believe that she can play on high tier of college tennis and on the pro tour as well?" So this is a growth period for sure. This is a big summer."

#### College choices

Although becoming a pro is the ultimate goal, Moldovan will most likely have a pit stop at a top 20 NCAA Division I women's program.

"As of right now I'd say we'd go high level Division I tennis," Eagleson said. "I guess if we have sort of a huge breakout summer, I wouldn't rule out that we'd play professionally, but the thought is right now, 'Let's play high-level DI tennis, build some growth and throughout the summers in college, test the waters with professional events. No specific commitments to where she'll be next year.'"

The five-star Blue Chip recruit remains open-minded when it comes to choosing a university to play for.

"I've contacted most top schools and I'm still really deciding where I want to go," she said. "I've only had three unofficial visits yet, so I still want to do a lot more visits to see exactly... Do I want to go where it's more city-type or historical schools? I'm still really deciding."

"I'm not really looking at (NCAA) rankings that much. I'm looking where I like the coach, I like the girls, I like the school. And also, I see that they're developing players, then I can take my game to the next level."

Moldovan's coach also has the job of trying to mold his prized student into a well-rounded player.

#### Technical aspects

"To maintain that and move forward from it requires more mental growth and footwork-type growth, more so than it's stroke growth at this point," Eagleson said. "It's more of a head and feet matter to progress further down."

"I do some footwork with her and she has a footwork coach, George Jones, that is specifically for her footwork. Between the two of us we're getting quite a bit off court and on-court footwork in."

And there's no doubt that Moldovan remains devoted, dedicated and willing to put in the time. But Eagleson also knows when to pull in the reins.

"I'm not the back-off kind of guy myself," he said. "So every blue moon I'll say, 'Hey, look, if you don't want to play, or if you don't want to work out, or whatever ... We had a moment like that a couple of weeks ago where I said, 'Hey, let's not work out.' But it's not very often. She usually doesn't ask for it. Maybe she's thinking it, but she doesn't ask for it. And I usually don't say it, unless I can visibly or clearly see it on her face, or in her responses that she's needing time off. And we've been very fortunate that there haven't been any injuries throughout her career so far."

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## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Whalers' Nedeljkovic hooks top goaltender award

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Anybody connected to what's going on in the hockey world knows about Plymouth Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who is destined to be drafted by a National Hockey League club in late June.

Providing further evidence that Nedeljkovic is a budding star was the announcement earlier this month that he was named the Ontario Hockey League's goaltender of the year.

Often facing 40 or 50 shots per night, keeping the offensively challenged Whalers in the playoff hunt in the OHL Western Conference, Nedeljkovic went 26-27-0-7 in 61 games while making 2,042 saves (second most in the league).

Nedeljkovic, an 18-year-old from Ohio who attended classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park during 2013-14, posted an admirable 2.88 goals-against-average and .925 save percentage (second best in the league). He currently is listed fourth among North American goaltenders by NHL

Central Scouting.

"To receive this award is an incredible honor," Nedeljkovic said. "There were many other goaltenders in the league this year that also had great seasons. Credit must be given to all of my teammates that helped me to achieve this award."

"Game in and game out they would do their best to help make my job easier, and I would try my best to do the same for them. This award recognizes what a goalie has accomplished ... but it is also a symbol of what the entire team did over the course of the season to be as good as they possibly could defensively."

#### No surprise

His goaltending was a primary reason why Plymouth qualified for the OHL playoffs for a record 23rd consecutive season.

That fact was not lost on veteran Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that Alex is receiving this award," Vellucci said. "I



Stretching to make this glove save during a recent playoff game against Guelph is Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

thought he was by far the best goaltender in our league this season and was certainly our team MVP in both the regular season and playoffs.

"We had such a young team this year and needed the stability in goal that Alex provided, and without him I don't think we would have kept our playoff streak alive."

Nedeljkovic was recognized as a star of the game 25 differ-

ent times and made at least 40 saves in 19 different games — including four performances with 50 or more saves.

OHL general managers from other clubs were eligible to vote for Nedeljkovic, who tallied 67 points ahead of Sault Ste Marie's Matt Murray (57 points).

"The Whalers have a history of outstanding goaltenders that have come through our

organization with guys like Michal Neuvirth, Jeremy Smith, Justin Peters, Matt Hackett, and Scott Wedgewood, who are all great goaltenders," Vellucci said. "At this stage of his development I think Alex is farther along than all of those players."

"He was a playoff starter at 16-years-old last season (2012-13) and to accomplish what he has in such a short time is impressive and speaks volumes about his character and goaltending ability."

Nedeljkovic is currently representing the United States at the 2014 IIHF Under-18 World Championship. He helped backstop the team to a 3-0-0-1 record in preliminary play, followed by Thursday's 6-2 win over Slovakia in the quarterfinals. Team USA is slated to play against Sweden in Saturday's semifinal match-up.

He will be presented with the OHL's Goaltender of the Year Award on Tuesday, June 3 at the OHL Awards Ceremony held at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

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## PREP COLUMN

## Salem girls still have fired coach's back

By Mick McCabe  
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At first glance, it appeared Salem's home-opening girls soccer game had turned into a family reunion.

Every player's name on the backs of their jerseys Monday night, April 7 was "Duhl."

"Yeah, well, I'm not going to comment on that so ..." Salem's Tom Willette said. "You can just say 'no comment' from the athletic director."

No comment from the athletic director or the superintendent or anyone else in authority at Salem. But senior captain Olivia Kaye was happy to comment on why all of the jerseys had the same name on the back.

"We thought that would be a subtle way to show our support for him," she said.

She was talking about former coach Scott Duhl, who was fired last month after a conversation he had with a freshman.

Duhl is also the boys varsity coach at Salem and still has that position, so he did not want to talk on the record about what happened — nor did girls JV coach Mike Stratton, who also was at the meeting with the freshman when she was told she would be on the JV team.

After speaking with multiple sources, it is apparent Duhl had a lapse in judgment when he used a slang term for a male body part in describing the freshman's style of play.

He actually was trying to compliment her in describing the edge — the swagger and presence — she had when she played. He said it reminded him of guy players he grew up playing with.

Evidently the girl went home and told her mother the word Duhl used and that is when all hell broke loose. Salem officials took the easy way out — or, I imagine, so they thought — and

fired Duhl from the girls job.

But in trying to placate one parent, Salem officials enraged the parents of the other players who believe that while Duhl made a mistake, it should not have cost him his job.

And then there are the feelings of the varsity, JV and freshman players, who are furious over the decision and attended a school board meeting to show their support for Duhl.

"We're, obviously, very devastated," said Kaye, who signed to play at Northwood. "Losing him this year has been a tough loss because he really knows how to connect with us. It's just sad seeing something like that happen to someone you know is a good guy and doesn't deserve it."

At a school board meeting a couple of weeks ago, Superintendent Michael Meissen insisted Duhl's firing was the decision of CoachEZ,

a contracting agency for coaches and school districts. However, CoachEZ serves as a third party for paying coaches and it is not possible that it would have the authority to demand a district fire a coach.

#### Out of control

The situation has spiraled out of control. The mother of the player, who chose not to speak with the *Free Press*, evidently fears for her daughter's safety and has not permitted her to ride the bus with the team to away games.

"I don't think she understands all the effects it's had on her daughter," Kaye said. "She definitely put her in an uncomfortable situation. I don't know if they knew it would come to all this."

Of course, the mother didn't realize the unintended consequences of her actions. Neither did Willette when he showed up at the April 8 soccer practice and spoke to the players about the jerseys they wore in the 3-0 loss the previous night to

Plymouth.

"Tom actually came up to us at practice and told us that we're not allowed to wear them and he threatened to suspend us," said Kaye, who helped turn the T-shirts into jerseys and even went to the Michigan High School Athletic Association website to get the specifications to make sure they were legal.

"All the girls are freaking out and he pretty much told us that we lost because we wore our shirts. He told us he's been hearing that we're the better team and he's like: 'If you guys didn't wear those shirts, you would have won.' Everyone took high offense at that. Nobody liked that comment."

Again, Willette refused to comment to the *Free Press*.

#### Staying out of it

Former Livonia Churchill High standout George Kithas, who was serving as Churchill's JV boys coach, was hired to coach the Salem girls

varsity and is just trying to stay out of the line of fire. "They've welcomed me and I just want to focus on the season," said Kithas, who played at the University of Detroit Mercy. "I'm here to do my job — coach soccer. That's all I want to do."

That's all Duhl wants, too, but Salem officials have made a mess of the entire situation. They lost sight of trying to do what is in the best interest of the students.

Instead, they have given their students a life lesson in how not to run a school.

"They're just trying to appease all these separate parents because parents know, if they don't like something, they can run and complain and they can get what they want," Kaye said. "That's not OK. That's just going to cause a lot of problems in the future."

At Salem, that future is now.

Mick McCabe covers prep sports for the *Detroit Free Press*.

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## Karmanos Cancer Institute to add music therapy program to improve care

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of 13 organizations nationally to receive the LIVESTRONG Community Impact Project award to implement the Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program. Each of the 13 finalist organizations will be awarded \$15,600 to help replicate and implement the program in cities across the U.S.

Finalists for the project award were determined through an online voting campaign that accumulated more than the 100,000 votes over an 18-day period, from March 24 through April 11. Finalists for the awards were determined by individual votes within each region.

Kathleen Hardy, oncology social worker at Karmanos' Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center in Farmington Hills, submitted the application to the Community Impact Project. Karmanos was selected along with more than 100 other qualified hospitals, cancer centers, university students and community organizations in seven regions across the U.S., to participate in the online voting campaign.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program to our healing arts program and we are so grateful to everyone who voted for us," said Hardy. "Music therapy can help reduce some of the symptoms associated with cancer and cancer treatments such as pain, anxiety and depression. It also promotes a medium for self-expression which encourages relaxation, provides a sense of well-being and enhances the quality of one's life."

As soon as funds become available, Karmanos will begin implementing the music therapy program. A music



Kathleen Hardy

therapist will work with patients in the bone marrow treatment unit to help them through their two-week long hospital stay. The therapist

also will work with outpatients at Karmanos' Weisberg Center who are undergoing chemotherapy.

In addition to the LIVESTRONG Foundation's financial support, Karmanos will receive various materials including facilitator manuals and participant materials; training and support from the model program's staff; and access to additional tools and resources.

The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program has become an essential component of the integrative approach to caring for cancer patients at hospitals and treatment centers around the country. The program is named in honor of Jeffrey Frank Wacks, a gifted artist and writer who turned to music and his guitar to find a measure of comfort during his hospitalization and treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After his death in 1996 at the age of 27, the music therapy program was established in his name.

The Jeffrey Frank Wacks Music Therapy Program at Karmanos is funded for one year. Karmanos will seek additional support from other organizations and individuals to help continue the program after the first year. In addition, musicians who are interested in donating their time and talents to the music therapy program may email Hardy at [hardyk@karmanos.org](mailto:hardyk@karmanos.org).

Call 800-KARMANOS or visit [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org).

## New St. Mary primary care practice in Farmington Hills

St. Mary Mercy Hospital last week opened a new primary care practice, the St. Mary Mercy Medical Group, 36650 Grand River Ave., Ste. 101 in Farmington Hills.

The practice includes Dr. Neesha Berry, M.D., who is board-certified in internal medicine, and Dr. Barbara Alvir, D.O., board-certified in family medicine.

Starting in June, Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians Dr. Catherine Winslow, M.D., and Dr. Karol Otteman, D.O., also will hold office hours at this new location.

The physicians at St. Mary Mercy Medical Group Farmington Hills provide primary care for patients of all ages including general medical exams, yearly physicals,



Barb Alvir, D.O.

acute illness, sports physicals and sports injuries, women's wellness, adolescent and pediatric health care as well as treatment for adults with complex medical conditions.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday with



Neesha Berry, M.D.

extend hours until 7 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The office includes on-site lab draw.

Same-day appointments and walk-in hours are available. For more information, call 734-655-8220.

## Walk for babies, variety of health causes

Lace up those sneakers and get ready to walk for a variety of health causes this spring:

» Walk MS starts at 9 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. and the 5K (3 miles) walk at 10 a.m., at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. Walk as an individual or as a team. Call 800-344-4867; [walk@mig.nms.org](mailto:walk@mig.nms.org).

» March for Babies, sponsored by the March of Dimes, starts at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 27, at 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive on the Wayne State University campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m. for the 3.4-mile walk. Visit [Marchforbabies.org](http://Marchforbabies.org) for more.

» The 2014 Kidney Walk starts with registration at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 8:30 a.m., May 17, at The Detroit Zoo, located at Woodward and the I-696 service drive, in Royal Oak. Detroit Lions running back Joique Bell and PAWS, the Detroit Tigers mascot,



are set to walk. Registration, which includes parking, zoo admission, and activities, is \$20 per person, over 12, and \$10 per child, 2-12. Kids under 2 are free. For more information or to register, call Lisa Schutz Jelic at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455, Ext. 210, or visit [www.nkfm.org/walks](http://www.nkfm.org/walks). On-site registration will also be

accepted.

» Hearing Loss Association of America presents a 5K walk, with registration starting at 9 a.m., followed by the walk at 10 a.m., May 17, beginning at the west boat dock in Kensington Metropark, in Milford. Walk4Hearing will include light refreshments, entertainment, information about hearing, hearing loss and services of the Association. Visit [walk4hearing.org](http://walk4hearing.org).

» Tri County Celiac Support Group, which is based in Farmington Hills, presents "Making Tracks for Celiacs," a run/walk, Sunday, May 18, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Registration starts at 8 a.m., followed by the run at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:30 a.m. Gluten-free food and refreshments will be served after. No dogs are allowed at the event. For more information, visit [tccsg.net](http://tccsg.net).

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Customers at Back to the Past in Redford check out comic book choices last year on Free Comic Book Day



Store co-owner Andy Cirinesi, dressed as Ironman, poses with a young customer during last year's Free Comic Book Day.

## Calling all superheroes — Free Comic Book Day is on its way to your hometown

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

If you can't wait to see the superhero film, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, this summer, you can pick up a new story about its characters for free, next weekend.

And if you're wondering what the future holds for Batman, you won't have to spend a dime to find out.

Both Marvel's *Guardians* and DC's *New 52 Futures* comic books, along with 55 other comic book titles, will be given out during the 13th annual Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 3, at comic book stores nationwide.

"This year, we have over 2,000 retailers involved and 4.6 million comics will be given out," said Deborah Moreland, spokeswoman for Diamond Comics Distributors, a Maryland company that coordinates the event. "There is a good variety of different stories this year ... SpongeBob, Hello Kitty, Teen Titans. You have your superheroes, sci-fi, action comics and ones that are more toward horror, scary."

A California-based retailer founded the event to bring more readers into comic book shops, including first-time comic book readers.

"What was happening around that time was the release of the first Spider-Man movie," Moreland noted. "If you like the movie, you'll like the comics, so come in and check it out."

"We want people to go in and pick up comics they can read and pass on to others and also see what the comic

shop has in store. It allows people to discover new types of comics."

Justin Vahosky, manager of Comic City in Canton, says the event is a good way to "give back" to the community.

"We'll have a separate section where we'll have all the free books," he said, adding that customers may choose three free books. "But what we're also doing is a canned food drive as well. We'll have a box there to collect it for Gleaners."

Patrons can get additional free comic books if they donate canned foods or wear a costume to the event.

"We do get pretty packed and we'll have additional sales going on, too. Our computer crashed on us twice last year and for the first two hours it was a little hectic," Vahosky said. "Everyone comes in and we see new faces, too."

### Costumes to cupcakes

Some customers at Back to the Past Pop Culture Collectibles in Redford dress as their favorite comic book character for the event. Last year, store co-owner Andy Cirinesi donned an Ironman costume to pose for photos with patrons. A few superheroes will be on hand at the store again this year.

"Last year, one of the customers made Captain America cupcakes," said co-owner Scott Lovejoy. "And she made Thor cupcakes that had a hammer made out of a pretzel and a marshmallow."

"The fun thing about Free Comic Book Day is that it runs the gamut with people of all ages. People bring their families and kids through teenagers, on



A comic book fan brought homemade cupcakes, decorated with Batman's insignia, to Free Comic Book Day last year at Back to the Past in Redford.

up through old folks come in. It's cool because it is one of the days you see a giant cross section of humanity."

Lovejoy said some of his regular customers were introduced to comic books on Free Comic Book Day. Lovejoy read his first comics while sick in bed one weekend in 1992. His wife offered to pick up reading material for him and came home with comic books.

"It hooked me," Lovejoy said. "I not

only became a giant collector, but I hooked up with the guy who founded the store. The next thing I know, I got involved in the shop."

### Readership

Lovejoy said comic books have always appealed to mostly men, between 18 and 40. According to Moreland 69 percent of readers are men and 31 percent are women.

"In recent years there has been an effort to diversify the product mix and find things that speak to women and younger kids," Lovejoy noted. "We have a lot more female readers." He said some new superheroes, for example, have been written in a "new voice" from a female perspective.

Independent comic book companies also have found an audience for topics not covered in stories published by DC and Marvel.

"*Walking Dead* is a big one. It's an independent creation and has been out about 10 years now," he said, adding that it spawned the television show of the same name. "What we see is newer readers coming in. They've seen the TV show and hear it's based on a comic book and they want to read the source material."

Back to the Past will give away one free comic book per person from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3. Shoppers get two additional free books with a purchase. The store is located at 12670 Inkster in Redford; 313-533-3130. Comic City is at 42727 Ford Road, Canton; 734-981-3561. For a list of the free titles, see [freecomicbookday.com](http://freecomicbookday.com).

## Mid-Michigan antiques fest finds 2nd home in Detroit area

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The Midland-based Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival will move a little closer to home next weekend when it opens a two-day show in Davisburg, in northern Oakland County.

It will bring with it, many of the attractions that have become favorites of antique-hunters at the Midland show, including a vintage car display, Taste of Michigan and Made in Michigan vendors, live entertainment, and decorating demonstrations in addition to several hundred antique and collectible dealers.

The show runs 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Admission is \$6 per person. Children, ages 11 and under are free. An October show also is planned for the Davisburg site and the Midland shows run May 31-June 1, July 19-20 and Sept. 20-21 at the Midland County Fairgrounds.

"The show in Davisburg is going crazy. I have friends going out and putting flyers up. It's exciting," said Lori Oberlin, the Orchard Lake woman who purchased the 46-year-old show in 2005.

"The owner of the festival became ill and died and his wife wanted to sell the show. What do you buy with a festival? You buy the name and website and lists of vendors. I bought it from the family. It was the worst economy ever at



Shabby Chic items include re-purposed and painted furniture.



Shoppers buy goodies from Taste of Michigan vendors at the festival.

that time, but I brought (the show) back," Oberlin said.

### Closer to home

After nine years in Midland, Oberlin decided it was time to

duplicate the show's success in metro Detroit. Many of her Midland vendors will be on hand in Davisburg.

"I'm thrilled that she is trying to get another venue going," said Faye Ignash, a vendor from Birmingham. "Lori is one of the most upbeat promoters I've ever met. I can't say enough about her because she tries so hard."

Ignash will set up six-eight tables at the show for the jewelry, glass and china items that she sells.

"I don't carry shabby chic — that's kind of an updated girly girl look. I carry a lot of recycled items. I like the clean look," Ignash said.

But because many shoppers

like the "cottage look," Oberlin has set aside space at the Davisburg show for vendors with "Shabby Chic" items, including furniture that has been re-purposed and re-painted. Industrial Way will include vendors with unique industrial items.

Farmhouse painting demonstrations are set for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday; paper decoupage is at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday; and "shabby" lamp shade demonstrations are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

An interior decorator from KH Homes in Clarkston will be on hand to answer questions and offer decorating ideas. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will benefit SCAMP for handicapped children in Oakland County.

Free antique appraisals will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both festival days.

The Michigan Craft Beer Garden with live entertainment also will run both days. The Michigan Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be on display and a flag raising will be at noon both days. Desert Angels will receive donations for Miracle Boxes that will be sent to active military personnel. Boxes include socks, snacks and other items. Festival patrons may submit names and addresses of military men and women.

For more information about the Michigan Antique & Collectible Festival, visit [miantiquesfestival.com](http://miantiquesfestival.com); 989-687-9001.



# Cookie-lovers vote for their favorites at Girl Scouts gala

**G**oogle "World's Toughest Job" to see the commercial that's gone viral and pays homage to Moms. Proactive Moms had the foresight to stock up on Girl Scouts cookies for their kids' Easter baskets last Sunday. Yes, the beloved Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalogs and other flavors stopped being sold for this year in March. But some 300 Girl Scouts supporters — many of whom were Moms — were savvy enough to pick up the last few boxes while supporting Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan at the annual Cookie Gala, held for the second year at the DTE Energy Headquarters in Detroit.

Ten top-area restaurants and bakeries competed for a variety of awards by taking a Girl Scouts cookie and turning it into the finest edible art. More than 300 cookie lovers, who also voted for their favorite dessert or appetizer, helped bring in \$87,131.

The five 2014 Cookie Gala Chef Award winners are: CEO's Choice — Aramark Corporation; Girl's Choice — The Lark; People's Choice — Macomb Culinary Institute; Judge's Choice — Holiday Market; Cookie Diva's (aka Glenda Lewis of



**Julie Yolles**  
SOCIAL SCENE

WXYZ-TV7) Choice — Sweet & Savory Bake Shop; Presenting Sponsor Award — Prime29 Seafood, Steaks & Cocktails.

Money raised from Girl Scouts cookie sales help fund troop activities like service projects and camping.

### Be ALIVE

This year's Alive 2014, to benefit the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, is at a new venue and on a new night: 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Art Moran Buick GMC Showroom, 29300 Telegraph in Southfield. The evening will be jam-packed with casino games, strolling hors d'oeuvres, craft beer tasting and wine and champagne from Barefoot Wines, music by Lyin' Dogs and cool cars and tailgating. Tickets are \$50 and can be ordered by calling 248-770-5172 or going online to [www.donatelifemichigan.org](http://www.donatelifemichigan.org).

### Belle Isle Gala

Make a double-fundraiser evening out of it Saturday, May 3. The Detroit Historical Soci-



ety, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Belle Isle Conservancy are partnering to present a grand evening to benefit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 The Strand Drive, Belle Isle. The benefactor reception begins at 4 p.m. aboard luxury yachts at the Detroit Yacht Club, followed by a 5 p.m. cocktail reception and Belle Isle island trolley tours, 7 p.m. strolling dinner and

entertainment at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. The fun continues through midnight. Next generation tickets for age 40 and under, are \$75; patron tickets are \$200; benefactors pay \$350. Reserve at [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org) or 313-833-1980.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at [socialscenejulie@gmail.com](mailto:socialscenejulie@gmail.com) or leave a message at 248-642-9465.

Photos by Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist



Dennis Dorigo and Liz Austin of Okemos and GSSEM board member and property chair Rick Sundquist of Farmington Hills



Bonnie and Manny Reyes of Plymouth and Theresa Rich of Farmington Hills enjoy the Girl Scouts Cookie Gala. Rich was honored as a "One Tough Cookie for Leadership."



Cheryl Halthco of Farmington Hills, GSSEM Board member Peta Keating of Troy and Jamie Farmer of West Bloomfield.



Jerry Sulak, (left), Carmella Sgroi, and Gerrie Sulak, all of Livonia, enjoy the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus' 50th anniversary event.



Charter member Metro (Mac) Sokolik of Dearborn Heights enjoys dinner.

## Knights of Columbus Council celebrates 50 years

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council 5492 continued its 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration recently with a pasta dinner. It was a fundraiser to support the Stanisz Family Scholarship Fund, started as a memorial to the late Knight Richard Stanisz, instrumental in relocat-

ing the council to St. Colette Parish in Livonia. The fund has provided more than \$16,000.

More than 500 attended the event, which included background music from the 1964 "Keener 13 Top Song Chart."

Metro "Mac" Sokolik was recognized as a charter founding member. Other special guests



Knight Mark Stanisz of White Lake serves Dora Plummer of Livonia.

included Carmella Sgroi, widow of charter member Joseph Sgroi; Knight John Grima, who brought his family of 35; and past scholarship winners.

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Emily Herzog and Derrick Golla announce their engagement. Emily, daughter of Howard and Deborah Herzog of Belmont, Mass., graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in environmental studies and earned a master's degree in energy policy and climate from Johns Hopkins University. She works as an environmental consultant at ICF International in Washington, D.C. Derrick, son of Dennis and Terri Golla of Farmington Hills, is a 2004 graduate of Farmington High School. He graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in environmental studies and sociology. He works as an environmental consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Arlington, Va. The couple currently lives in Alexandria, Va. A June 2014 wedding is planned in Boston, Mass.



Derrick Golla and Emily Herzog

**BIRTH**

**LEAH PAIGE JUNGERHELD**

Leah Paige Jungerheld was born March 18, 2014, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Mark and Jessica Jungerheld of Plymouth. Grandparents are Joe and Marlene Jungerheld of Chesaning and Terry and Laura Coveart of Higgins Lake. The great-grandparents



Leah Paige Jungerheld

are Garry and Patricia Coveart of Sanford and Henry Pelikka of Calumet.

**ANNIVERSARY**



The Lanphears of Plymouth on their wedding day in 1954

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS**

Lawrence Lanphear Jr. and Janet (Schneider) Lanphear, lifelong residents of Plymouth, will mark their 60th anniversary May 1. Bud and Janet were high school sweethearts who married in 1954 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. They raised three children in their home of 58 years across from Smith Elementary School. Bud retired from Don Massey Cadillac in 1994. Janet retired in 1996 from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The couple celebrated their anniversary at home with their children Carol (Mat) Joyce, Leanne (Peter) Baumeler and Larry Lanphear and granddaughter, Kate Joyce.



Janet and Lawrence Lanphear Jr. of Plymouth

**WEDDING**

**WALKER-WILSON**

Emily Walker and Daniel Wilson were married Aug. 17, 2013, in Mt. Morris. Pastor Doug Klein and the Rev. Floyd Wehner officiated. The bride, daughter of Margie Wallace and Frank Walker of Flushing, and the groom, son of Steven and Patricia Wilson of Livonia, both attended Ferris State University and are employed as registered nurses at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. A wedding reception was held in Grand Blanc. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Playa Del Carmen. They reside in Grand Rapids.



Emily Walker and Daniel Wilson on their wedding day

**GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR**

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

**River cleanup**  
Rouge Rescue, the Friends of the Rouge's annual river cleanup is scheduled for Saturdays in May. Volunteers of all ages will pull trash from the river and pull invasive plants, among other hands-on activities. Local work days and sites are 9 a.m. to noon, Maybury State Park in Northville and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Holiday Nature Preserve in Westland, May 3; and Goff Nature Preserve in Livonia, 9-11 a.m., May 10. Sites for the May 17 work day include: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Flodin Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Workman Elementary Habitat and 9 a.m. to noon, Meadows of Canton, all in Canton Township; 9 a.m. to noon, Shiawassee Park in Farmington; 9 a.m. to noon, Botsford Commons Senior Community, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Heritage Park, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, all in Farmington Hills; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coventry Gardens Park in Livonia; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Smith Elementary School-Byron Creek, Plymouth; 9-11 a.m., Plymouth Township Park in Plymouth Township; 9 a.m. to noon, Lola Valley Park in Redford Township and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Goudy Park in Wayne. For more information, including the volunteer projects planned at each site, visit [therouge.org](http://therouge.org).

**Friends of Miller Woods**

The Friends will offer spring wildflower tours through Miller Woods, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 and May 4. Tours are free and typically last about 60 minutes. They leave every 30 minutes from the entrance on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road, between Ann Arbor Road and North Territorial, Plymouth Township. Dogs are not permitted and strollers are not recommended because of the terrain. Website for updates is [millerwoods.com](http://millerwoods.com).

**Livonia Garden Club**

Mary Pulick, a former member, will talk about the history of the Livonia Garden Club and will demonstrate designs and show horticulture from its early exhibits and flower shows, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Pulick is a member of the Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club and a leader of the Landscape Design School. For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167 or view [livonia.gardenclub.org](http://livonia.gardenclub.org).

**Heritage Park**

Full Moon Friday Night Hikes run 9-10 p.m. May 16 and 9-10:30 p.m. June 13. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person. Register for the programs at [recreg.fhgov.com](http://recreg.fhgov.com). Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email [asmith@fhgov.com](mailto:asmith@fhgov.com) for more information.

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**BREITMEYER, LOIS PATRICIA (FROMM)**

Age 91, born February 16, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, died April 24, 2014 at home in Royal Oak. Daughter of Bess (Meech) Fromm and Eric Fromm, proprietors of the Detroit area Fromm's Hardware chain from the 1930s until the late 1960s. Widow of lawyer and restaurateur John F. Breitmeyer, Jr., to whom she was married for 46 years. Lois is survived by her six children, Susan Payne, Thomas Payne, Carol Breitmeyer (Don Jones), Patricia Breitmeyer (Tim Batchelder), John Breitmeyer (Gina) and Jennie Breitmeyer (State Rep. Jim Townsend) and has 10 loving grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. Lois was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law James and Joanna Fromm and Harold and Sue Fromm (also Lois's college roommate and dearest friend), and sister-in-law and her husband Lorraine (Breitmeyer) and Jack Prock. Visitation at William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Memorial Service at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., to be followed by a celebration of her life Friday evening. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the American Civil Liberties Union or the United States Fund for UNICEF.



**DEUBY, MONICA MARIE (MAHONEY)**

55, passed away on March, 29, 2014. Monica was born on June 25, 1958 in Boone, Iowa to Dr. Lee and Eileen (Whelan) Mahoney. Monica grew up in Livonia, Michigan. She graduated from Bentley High School in 1976. After high school she attended Schoolcraft College where she studied business administration and began work for Michigan National Bank (which later became La Salle Bank and then acquired by Bank of America) where she worked for over 30 years. Monica was a licensed stock broker, financial planner and worked at a number of bank branch offices throughout her career. She adored her customers and coworkers - with many she developed deep, lifelong friendships. Monica was a member, and first female president, of the Kiwanis Club of Livonia Early Risers. Monica had a boundless heart; throughout her life she donated her time and gifts to numerous charities. Monica had an unforgettable sense of humor; a passion for music, reading, traveling, partying with family and friends and, most of all, performing random acts of kindness. Monica was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother; she embodied her favorite sayings "Live, Laugh and Love" and "Don't Stop Believing". Monica was preceded in death by her treasured parents Dr. Lee Mahoney and Eileen (Whelan) Mahoney. Monica will be deeply missed by her beloved daughter Danielle Deuby and precious granddaughter Madison Walcheck of Westland, Michigan; siblings Kathleen (Thomas) Schmidt, Richelle (Francis Olewnik) Mahoney, Marian (Bill Rouston) Mahoney, Lee Mahoney, Arthur (Glen Geiss) Mahoney and Michael Mahoney; 10 nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind M.F.C. A Celebration of Monica's life is planned for May 10, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan. Please send an email to [monicalifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:monicalifecelebration@gmail.com) to request event details. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Gleaners Food Bank ([www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org)), It Gets Better organization ([www.itgetsbetter.org](http://www.itgetsbetter.org)) or Salvation Army ([donate.salvationarmyusa.org](http://donate.salvationarmyusa.org))



**GARRETT, MARDELL**

Passed away Sunday, April 20, 2014 at age 92 in South Lyon, MI, where she was residing at the South Lyon Sr. Care and Rehab Center. Prior to 2012, Mardele had been residing in Duluth, Minnesota, where prior to retirement she had been an Office Manager at Northwest Artificial Limb & Brace Co. She attended Bethany Lutheran Church for most of her years in the Duluth area, and was proud to be a founding member of the Duluth chapters of Beta Sigma Phi service sorority. She was predeceased by her parents, K. Otto Holmstrom and Helma (Carlson) Holmstrom, of Duluth. She is survived by her only son, Bill Garrett and his wife Claudia, of Whitmore Lake, MI; four married grandchildren, Wendy Sly, W. Patrick Garrett, Mark Garrett (all in Michigan), Joy Harris (in Washington); 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 at Cornerstone EPC, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton, MI 48114. In lieu of flowers, love offerings are encouraged to Bethany Lutheran Church, 2308 W. 3rd St., Duluth, MN 55806 or to Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon, MI 48178, where Mardele had been attending during her recent years in Michigan.



**GARY, JON**

Passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the age of 68. Jon was born in Pontiac, the son of George E. and Ester (nee Heitman) Gary on February 8, 1947. He graduated from Clarkston High School and then continued his education at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University. He obtained his Bachelors in Hotel Management degree from Michigan State and his Masters of Vocational Education at Wayne State. He taught for 34 years, first at North East Oakland County Educational Center and then at the William D. Ford Vocational School in Westland, retiring in 2006. Together with his wife Carey, whom he married in 1981, they ran the 932 Penniman Bed & Breakfast in Plymouth until its sale in 2012. Jon had numerous interests, including a love of cooking, woodworking and home renovation. Reading, playing golf and supporting the University of Michigan football team also brought great enjoyment to him. He is survived by his wife and his daughters, Krista (Randy) Mince and Kaarina (Tim) Bodnar; four grandchildren, Nolan, Madison, William, and Emilia; and siblings George (Cathy) Gary and Elizabeth (John) Rogala also survive. He was preceded in death by his sister Mae Anne Schryver. Services were held on Wednesday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia. Contributions are suggested to the church, the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club, or the Culinary Arts Department of Salem High School. Share your memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com).



**McKEAGUE, TIMOTHY J.**

Passed away on April 6, 2014, age 72. Beloved husband of Beverly of 52 years. Dearest father of Denise (Mark) Adams, Cindi Kozlowski and the late Deborah Eagle. Loving grandfather of Brian, Luke, Clare, Caitlin and Lauren. Brother of Patricia Nehls. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Tim was a retiree of the Ford Motor Company where he was a systems analyst. He loved to play golf. Tim will be missed by many friends. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corp. Visitation will be today and tomorrow at L. J. Griffin funeral home, Canton, MI, [www.griffinfuneralhome.com](http://www.griffinfuneralhome.com). Memorial Mass Tuesday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 Lilly Rd. Canton, MI.



**MERKER, FRANCES WILSON**

April 18, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Henry. Loving mother of Marilyn Fisher, Marcia Bennet (David), and the late John (Pam Welch). Devoted grandmother of Jake Bennet. Sister of the late Howard Wilson and George Wilson (Doris). Also survived by her sister-in-law Jean Wilson, four nieces and three nephews. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, April 22 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the Church. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com).

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**HERRICK, JEAN A.**

Age 88. April 21, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Vern. Dear mother of Dick (Georgia), Bob (Muriel), Judy (Jeff) Jones, and Don (Peggy). Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of eight. Visitation Thursday, May 22, 2014, 4-8 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Friday, May 23, 2014, 10 a.m. followed by the 11 a.m. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Warren Rd.). [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

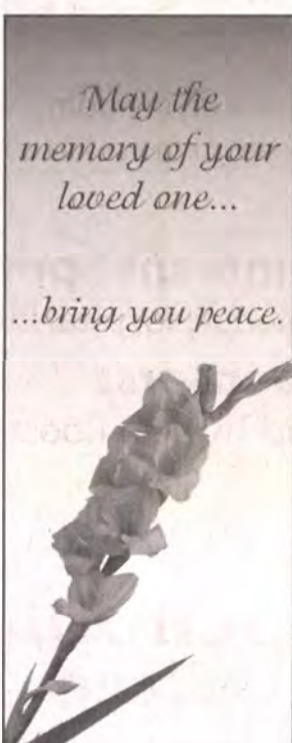
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Whether you're a practice manager, billing administrator, registered nurse, or physician assistant, you need a resume to find a job in today's healthcare industry. This is especially true if you plan to utilize job boards when searching for your next position. While employers can use social media as a tool to get to know potential job applicants, most prefer job boards when they're ready to hire. In fact, a recent survey by Job Board Doctor found that 68.4 percent of hiring managers and recruiters rely on job boards due to the higher quality of candidates found.

Unfortunately, many healthcare professionals make mistakes on their resumes that hamper their ability to connect with the employers who use these job boards. Some oversights will prevent managers from ever viewing your resume. Others will land it in the discard pile. If you want to maximize your employment chances, avoid these top five healthcare resume mistakes at all costs.

### 1. Paltry proofing

Submitting a resume with poor spelling, grammar, and punctuation may not mean you don't know how to suture, draw blood, or run a medical office—but it could still turn off an employer. In fact, one survey on the topic found that more than 60 percent of hiring managers immediately discard resumes with typos. Frequent mistakes include neglecting punctuation entirely, misusing words such as "which" and "that" or "affect" and "effect," and commonly misspelled words.

Fortunately, you don't need a PhD in English Composition to produce a well-

written resume. Editing and proofreading are key strategies, so recruit a few peers to review yours or hire a professional resume writer.

### 2. Believing one size fits all

Anyone who has ever purchased a "one size fits all" t-shirt knows that the phrase is anything but accurate—and it doesn't work for resumes, either. More than 19 percent of employers consider submitting a generic resume to be the biggest mistake a job applicant can make.

Fortunately, crafting a resume for a specific position is not rocket science. It's as simple as changing the language in your objective or career summary, rewording your experience descriptions, and switching up references to highlight the skills relevant to this particular job.

### 3. Ignoring keywords

Hiring has always been a time consuming business, but modern technology can make it easier. For this reason, many busy healthcare employers use applicant-tracking systems (ATS) to sort and rank resume submissions. These software programs basically work by scanning the data included in each resume before assigning a relevance score. Professionals with the most relevant resumes move to the front of the line.

Keywords are one thing ATS always look for, so include them throughout your resume. Your objective or professional summary, skill descriptions, and accomplishments are all perfect places to include keywords. Refer to the employer's job description to identify some keywords for your resume.

For example, a medical office manager may write,



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"Busy practice seeks compassionate, organized, team player to fill challenging role as a physician assistant." Keywords you would use should include "physician assistant," "compassionate," "organized," "challenging," and "team player."

### 4. Telling rather than showing

Healthcare jobs are demanding, and employers look for candidates who can deliver results under those conditions. Use your resume to communicate your abilities with details and specifics. Numbers are important and more likely to attract favorable attention than a list of "responsible for" statements.

For example, a hospital admissions professional might write, "responsible for checking in patients." A better description would be, "Facilitated a 50 percent improvement in check-in efficiency by reducing patient wait time to less than 10 minutes."

### 5. Using complicated formatting

Leave the fancy fonts and graphics to professionals in creative fields. It won't impress a healthcare hiring manager and may even

confuse the ATS, resulting in a lower resume relevance score. In the study mentioned previously, 14.8 percent of employers responded that poor format is a big resume mistake.

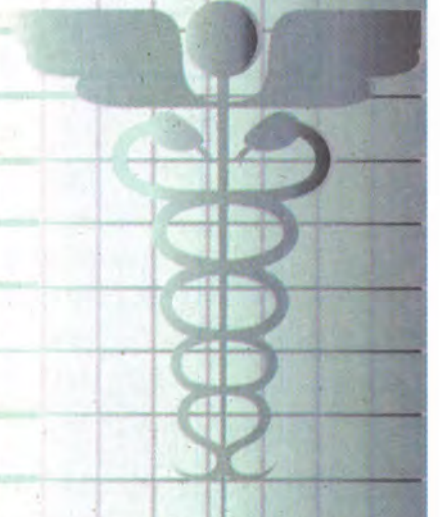
For best results, whether you're dealing with an ATS or submitting your resume directly to a hiring manager, keep your name and contact information at the top of the document. Avoid creative section headings, sticking instead to standards such as "summary," "employment history," and "education." And if you're going to include lists, use standard bullet points, as the ATS may not recognize others.

Avoid these top five mistakes in your resume and improve your chances of landing a new job. For more insight into the healthcare industry, job search tips, and thousands of postings from physician offices, hospitals, clinics, and other medical facilities across the nation, visit HEALTHCAREERS Network.

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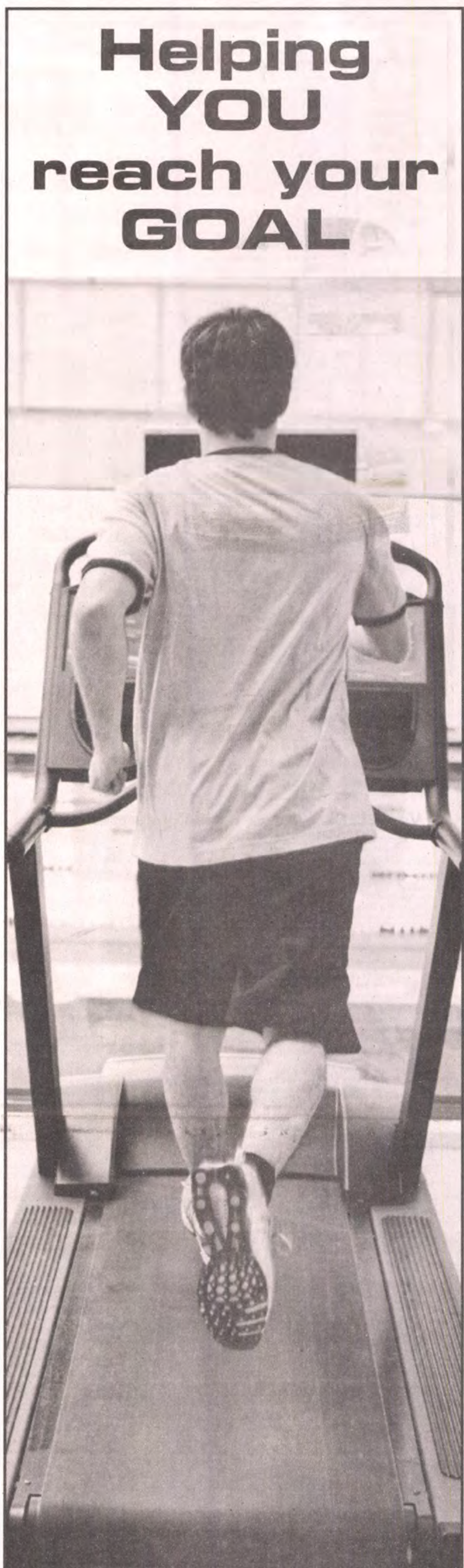
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**Car Report**

**Ford Ramps Up Attention to Coming Launch of New Mustang**



By Dale Buss

Ford has a pretty clear field for promoting the new 50th-anniversary version of Mustang these days, right up until the car goes on sale in the fall. And the company is taking maximum advantage of the opportunity with a variety of marketing initiatives designed, among other things, to broaden the traditional market for each new version of its iconic muscle car. These gambits range from the big splash that the new Ford Mustang made at the New York International Auto Show last week, to co-branded promotions with nail-polish brands and fashion designers, to clever new product placements on hit TV shows such as *The Blacklist*. Each of these moves is designed to help restore Mustang to the place of high cultural relevance that

it still enjoyed long after the original pony car's debut in 1964. And with about six months to go until launch of the 2015 Mustang -- and no new-model introduction scheduled in the meantime by any other brand that could match Mustang's star power -- Ford will command a lot of media discussion and consumer attention for its biggest move of 2014. Take *The Blacklist* placement. Mustang, of course, has been celebrated over the years for its effective and trailblazing role on TV and in movies ranging back to its first on-screen appearance, in *Goldfinger*, to the Mustang convertible driven by Efreem Zimbalist Jr. in *The FBI* television series in the late Sixties. More recently, Ford scored an appearance for the new version of Mustang as the hero car in the movie

*Need for Speed*. Ford's latest placement twist involved a clever TV commercial for the car about half-way through the latest episode of the hit drama, *The Blacklist*, that drew on a significant plot twist that occurred in the show just seconds before the ad was aired. It's unlikely to be the last innovative example of placement undertaken by Ford before the Mustang's launch. The car probably would have served as a great getaway vehicle for Jack Bauer in next month's revival of the 24 franchise on Fox -- but the show is set in London this time. Meanwhile, Ford also this month announced a "global fashion collaboration" marking Mustang's 50th anniversary and heralding the new version. It will cooperate with five top fashion designers from around the world -- including Detroit's Anna Sui -- in Mustang Unleashed, a limited-edition line of 15 Mustang-inspired t-shirts. Mustang has always been a big seller for Ford in its mammoth licensing business, ranging from apparel to key chains to metal and plastic models of Mustang and even a Mustang-themed pool table. Expect the revelation of many more licensing deals for Mustang wares in the months ahead. Not coincidentally, Ford also announced another Mustang tie-in to



The fashion designers behind Mustang Unleashed

fashion as it attempts to broaden the demographic for the 2015 version to include more women, especially Millennials. Ford announced the OPI Fore Mustang collection of nail lacquers designed to put the "pedi to the metal." Developed by the co-founder of the Coy-owned major brand in nail care, Ford Mustang by OPI will sport six shades when it hits U.S. stores in July, including Race Red, Queen of the Road, and Girls Love Ponies. You get the idea. All of this news came only after Ford pulled a remarkable stunt during the press preview at the New York auto show by displaying the 2015 car on top of the Empire State Building, just as it did in a 1965 stunt with the original Mustang. Ford had a prototype of the new version cut into pieces and took it

up the freight elevator of the world's most iconic skyscraper to the famous observatory on the 86th floor, then reassembled it and displayed it as part of a New York-based celebration of the 50th anniversary. During the hubbub, Ford Chairman William C. Ford II also announced a 50th Anniversary Limited Edition of the car that would be available only in 1,964 copies -- to commemorate the year of the car's launch. No, Ford isn't missing a trick so far in building pre-launch hype for its new Mustang. And at a time when its main rival is hobbled by bad news about a recall that is obfuscating the appeal of GM's cars and brands, Ford could end up making more hay out of its celebration of the new Mustang than its marketers imagined even two months ago.



A bird's eye view of the new 2015 Ford Mustang

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