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Goci: Resignation not due to plea

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A former Wayne-Westland school board trustee said a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney has nothing to do with him giving up his board seat. John Goci of Westland resigned from the school board May 9, after the plea agreement was filed in U.S. District



Goci

from Tomo Duhanaj. "It made no sense to challenge them," said Goci about

Court on April 22. In the agreement, he acknowledged he had made false statements to federal agents in 2012 about a \$30,000 a loan he had obtained

the agreement. "I felt it was in the best interest of my family, I have four young children and it wasn't worth it to fight it." Under terms of the agreement, Goci could face up to six months in prison and probation of up to three years. He also will have to pay a \$100 special fine. He is scheduled to be sentenced in U.S. District Court Aug. 7.

Questionable loans

Goci was arrested in August 2012, following a federal investigation into a loan sharking operation run by Duhanaj, the owner of Bray's Hamburgers in Westland and an undocumented alien from Kosovo. The federal government maintained that Duhanaj had loaned thousands of dollars to

residents in the Albanian community. The loans, in most instances were undocumented promissory notes, issued with "exorbitant annual rates of interest usually exceeding 46 percent and sometimes exceeding 100 percent." Duhanaj pleaded guilty to charges of making extortionate

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King Duncan (Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia) greets Lady Macbeth (Jane Ulrey of Livonia). He doesn't know that he's not long for this world. Also in this scene are Donalbain (Timothy Contreras of Ypsilanti), McDuff (Wesley Schumacher of Westland), Lennox (Laura Sillanpaa of Dearborn), Ross (Lauren Tischler of Novi), Angus (Jonah Lambert of Garden City), Apparition (Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn) and Banquo (Kole Niemi of Garden City). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students connect with Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Kate Ulrey makes no bones about it; she loves Shakespeare. In fact, her favorite play is *Macbeth*.

So it comes as no surprise that Ulrey, the head of the drama department at Lutheran High School Westland, selected *Macbeth* as the final theatrical production this school year. The play will be presented Friday and Sunday, May 16 and May 18.

"It's absolutely my favorite," Ulrey said. "*Macbeth* has some very teachable moments in it. The teachable moments run through the play and the kids can make the connection."

Work on the play started in March, less than two weeks after the curtain fell on the musical *Annie*. Working around spring break, the spring sports season and concert, a cast and crew of 60 students have been rehearsing after school.



Macbeth (Brandon Kruger of Ann Arbor) returns to Lady Macbeth (Jane Ulrey of Dearborn) after meeting with the witches, who prophecy that he will be Thane. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The cast also includes teacher David Kusch as the Old Man and siblings Aaron Wentzel and his 9-year-old sister Elise, who play Doctor and the Macduff child.

"We're also fortunate to have some athletes in the show," Ulrey said. "We were able to work with the athletic director to let them come in for some practice."

Costume stash

This is the third Shakespeare play Ulrey has produced at the high school. She has staged *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet* previously.

For this production, she dipped into her stash of costumes used by her Backyard Shakespearean Players, a children's troupe that performed in outdoor settings like her backyard. She estimates that 95 percent of the

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Mayor: Police contract helps right Westland

'Post-age 65 medical coverage huge for city'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Westland Mayor William Wild is saying that a new agreement with Westland Police Officers Association will help address "legacy costs and unfunded liabilities going forward."

"I think this goes a long way toward in righting the ship on this," said Wild about the five-year agreement covers police officers and dispatchers. "This is one thing that can turn around the city."

The agreement includes no pay raise in 2014, 2 percent raises in 2015 and 2016 and a wage reopener in 2017 and possibly 2018. While there is a slight increase in paid leave time for long-serving employees, there are reductions in benefits, allowances and leave time for new hires.

According to Cindy King, the city's personnel director, "among the most significant changes are the current employees contributing 5 percent toward their pension and new hires 3 percent and being placed in a less costly retirement plan." New employees also will receive a health care savings plan for their retirement health coverage.

Healthcare changes

Retirees are guaranteed the healthcare package they had when working. The contract changes that with retirees receiving whatever the current employees have.

"The post-age 65 medical coverage is huge for the city," Wild said. "With this agreement, at age 65, Medicare will become the primary insurance, the city will provide the secondary insurance."

Also changed is the amount of time needed to retire. That figure has been 25 years, but under the new agreement, officers will need to be age 50 and have 25 years of service to retire.

The current retirement multiplier of 2.8 is being

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Girls injured in golf cart-vehicle crash

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A 13-year-old girl was seriously injured Saturday evening after the golf cart she was riding in struck a Chevrolet Trailblazer at Block and Garden.

The girl, a Melvindale resident, was thrown from the golf cart and sustained head in-

juries, Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery said.

"They life-flighted her out with life-threatening injuries. I am not aware of her prognosis," Muery said. "We kind of rely on the family for that."

A 14-year-old Wayne girl who was driving the golf cart was also seriously injured in the accident. Two other passengers, Garden City girls

ages 7 and 11, were evaluated at the scene by Fire Rescue but not transported to the hospital.

The driver and two passengers are related, Muery said, but he was unsure if the most seriously injured girl was also a family member.

The accident occurred at about 7:50 p.m. Muery said witness reported the girls had been riding in the golf cart on

the streets for about an hour before the crash.

"The golf cart went through a stop sign at the intersection. The Trailblazer tried to take evasive action but it didn't work," Muery said. "It was more of a T-bone collision. The driver was not at fault."

The driver of the 1997 Trail-

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GOCI

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extensions of credit and money laundering on Dec. 19, 2013. He was sentenced to serve 41 months in prison on March 24. Hej will be deported to Kosovo at the end of his sentence.

According to Goci's plea agreement, "at the time the loans were made, Duhanaj and the borrowers both understood that failure to make repayment on the loans could result in violence being perpetrated on them."

Goci had told federal agents that the interest rate on his loan was 15 percent. However, an FBI forensic accountant analyzed paperwork found in Duhanaj's car when he was arrested, and found that Goci's payments reflected interest at more than 45 percent.

A 2012 indictment also detailed a conversation between Goci and Duhanaj, who was the subject of FBI wiretapping. The transcript of one conversa-

tion had Duhanaj doing most of the talking, telling Goci to stick with the 15 percent interest rate story.

The FBI also intercepted a June 26, 2012, telephone call from Goci to Duhanaj seeking help with a fundraiser for his 13th District congressional campaign. Goci subsequently lost his bid for the Democratic nomination to U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit.

Goci, who had served on the Wayne-Westland school board since 2009, said the plea agreement would not have affected his ability to serve on the school board.

"There are other individuals in the state, Bert Johnson is a state senator, has been convicted of a felony and is still serving in office," he said. "I could have held office. With me, the issue was my health. I couldn't dedicate myself to the district."

Health and family

Goci had submitted a letter of resignation May 9, saying that "my health and my family

need my attention at this time." Goci was hospitalized in March after having a stent put in following a heart attack.

"The doctor told me to take it easy and eliminate things that cause me stress," he said.

On Tuesday, the school district formally announced that the board is seeking applicants for the vacancy.

Goci was elected to the board in May 2009 to fill the remainder of a term that had been held by Frederick Weaver and was elected to his first four-year term in 2010. His current term expires this year, and the person selected to fill the vacancy will serve until November when a new trustee will be elected.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure serving the community these past five years on the Wayne-Westland school board," he said. "I wish you, the board, all district students and employees the best."

The board will accept letters of interest, resumes and/or any other information from

candidates until 4 p.m. Thursday, May 29. A special meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, to interview candidates and make a selection.

Residents applying for the position must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the state of Michigan and the school district. They also must be a registered voter in the Wayne-Westland school district and otherwise eligible to hold office.

The board is looking for an individual who is a trusted member of the community, has a commitment to educational excellence and to representing the community, a record of fiscal responsibility. The individual also should have experience in reasonable decision making and a desire to work as a team member.

Applications are being accepted in the superintendent's office at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, Westland.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Veterans Parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post on Wayne Road at Avondale. Anyone interested in helping organize and present the annual parade held on the Sunday before Memorial Day is welcome to attend.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 3323 is looking for 100 or so walkers to participate in the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade. Women interested in participating can call Kathy Carroll at 734-895-1279.

Buddy poppies

Members of American Legion Westland Post 251 will hold their annual poppy sale Thursday through Saturday, May 15-17. Members will be at various businesses raising funds.

For more information, call 734-326-2607 or 734-

455-3415, or visit www.post251.org.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will hold its used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, when it will be a Bag Day sale. Bring a medium size bag or buy a reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2 and get a bag of books for \$4.

There will be hard covers, DVDs and CDs for \$2, hard cover books for \$1, large paperbacks for 50 cents, paperbacks, videos, cassettes and record for 25 cents and romance novels and magazines for 10 cents. Buy one hard cover fiction and get one free. There will also be a separate table of books from the 1800s to the 1940s.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123.

CONTRACT

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reduced to 1.75 and the average final compensation will cover five years as opposed to three years. According to Wild, the average final compensation rolls in insurance, but under the agreement there will be no roll-ins other than the base wage.

"People were complaining about officers going out making more money, all new hires with their base wages will go out with pensions of about \$45,000 and a health savings account."

Cost savings

Wild said if the city hires a police officer, the cost is \$131,000. Under the new contract, the cost is \$82,000, representing a savings of about \$50,000. The difference in costs for dispatchers is \$101,000 to \$74,000, for a \$27,000

savings. "This goes a long way in moving our long-term unfunded liabilities and pension in the right direction," Wild said. "It goes a long way in tackling our long-term costs."

The city will have to address its Act 345 millage which funds police and fire retirements. The tax levy is expected to increase 2.5 mills this year.

Wild praised the city's negotiating staff and the members of the WPOA who he said "came to the table and have been with us going back several years."

"It sets the table for the other unions (lieutenants and sergeants and firefighters) and shows we have to make reforms," he said. "We need to stick with this and remain constant with the contracts we need to negotiate going forward."

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costumes "came out of my garage."

The witches will wear white dresses and have blue, green and purple makeup because they will show up on stage and "be unexpected," Ulrey said.

She also called in friend Jim Piche, who helped her with the Players, to provide two hours of stage sword play training.

"He showed them specific moves so they wouldn't hurt themselves," she said. "We'll open the whole thing with a battle scene and renaissance music. We also have a surprise planned for the banquet scene. It's very dark and we want to lighten up the mood."

Ulrey's daughter Jane, a veteran of the Backyard Players, is playing Lady Macbeth. She didn't expect to get the role, and her mother admits she actually saw her playing one of the witches. Ulrey gets help from Kusch and Jeanne Wiley with auditions.

"When we do the call-backs, we allow the students to be in the room. It's a meeting of the minds," she said. "It was a surprise."



Hecate (Carrie Caruthers of Redford) talks to the witches: Emily Blasiola of Ann Arbor, Natalie Freeman of Livonia and Sarah Braden of Dearborn.

MACBETH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18

Location: Lutheran High School Westland, 33300 Cowan, east of Wayne Road, Westland

Tickets: \$5 at the door

'Couple of lines'

"I thought I'd be a walk-on with a couple of lines," Jane Ulrey said. "It's really fun, but I wasn't expecting a lot of lines to memorize."

Jane Ulrey is very familiar with Shakespeare. She's been doing the Bard with the Players for 13 years.

"When I was very young, I wanted to be Juliet, but as I got older I wanted to be Lady Macbeth," she said.

"She has a lot more going on."

Of course, Jane is getting advice from her mother and calls her sister Nora who's acting in Chicago, too.

A senior at LHSW, this is her last play and she's "really enjoying doing it."

"This is a good way to end high school. I like this show a lot," she said.

Jane also is working with Annalee Kuhr and Bethany Hoehne in cho-

reographing the dances. Kuhr, who plays Fleance in the play and is stage manager, joined the Backyard Players at age 9 and became Jane's best friend. When Jane decided to attend LHSW, Annalee did the same.

Playing Macbeth is Brandon Kruger. He, too, didn't expect to get the role. A veteran of the theater — he's done six plays at LHSW and productions in his hometown of Ann Arbor — drama "is my life, I love it."

"I tried out for a main character, a minor character or a walk-on; I wanted a main role, Duncan, I think," he said. "I was thrilled when I got called back. My mouth dropped when I heard. It was an awe-inspiring moment. It was overwhelming, one of the most exciting moments for me."

Kruger is trying to channel the character of Kevin Spacey, who did Richard III. He describes Spacey as a "good person to learn from."

"I do get nervous, because there's so much to learn and it's not in modern day language," he said. "It's more challenging, but it's a beautiful way of speaking."

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INJURY

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blazer was identified as a 52-year-old man from Dearborn Heights.

A low-speed vehicle

under state law, it is illegal to operate a golf cart on public streets. If a golf cart has been equipped to meet state and federal vehicle standards to allow street travel, state law requires the operator to be licensed and the vehicle registered and insured.

"The golf cart shouldn't have been out

there. Some people think because it is a smaller motorized vehicle that is in the capacity of a kid to operate it," Muery said. "Kids get carried away with the excitement and fun. Traffic safety is not at the forefront of their thinking."

Garden City Police have been seeing an increase in golf carts —

which also can't legally be driven on city sidewalks — around the city.

"We've been talking about that at the Police Department but we don't know why we're seeing the increase," Muery said.

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Westland market has June 5 opening date

The Farmers Market season in Westland will be starting later this season and will have a new market manager.

The market, in its fifth season, will be open from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 5. The market will continue to be held in the parking lot of Westland City Hall as work continues on the new Market Building in Central City Park.

"I look forward to the market's opening every year because it has become a celebration of our local community in Westland — from the local vendors and rich culture to increasingly health-conscious residents with a commitment to buying local," Mayor William Wild said.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is managing the market for the 2014 season and is still accepting applications for new vendors. Farmers and artisans interested in being a part of the market can contact Mary Vellardita at the chamber at 734-326-7222 for more information.

Returning this year is bus service to the market from six locations in the city. And on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month there will be entertainment and activities for the entire family.

In addition to a new location, the Farmers Market website is in the process of integrating with the newly redesigned City of Westland website. Residents can also stay up-to-date on the market at www.Facebook.com/WestlandFarmersMarket.

"Last year the market was really able to further its commitment to customer service, and I think the new location opening in July will build on the momentum from last year," Wild said. "I am excited to see the market's continued positive impact on the community."

Hearing set for men charged in deaths

A preliminary hearing for two men charged in the deaths of two Westland teens in July 2012 has been rescheduled for July 9.

The hearing for 23-year-old Ferlando Hunter of Jackson and 25-year-old Fredrick Young of Detroit will be held before 36th District Judge Michael Wagner. The two men were arrested late last month in connection with killing of Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17.

Young and Hunter have each been charged with first-

degree murder, first-degree felony murder, torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young also is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the victims were robbed, tortured, imprisoned and then killed.

The arrest came almost two years after the Westland teens failed to return home from visiting a relative in Detroit. Their bodies were both found

fatally shot in a field several days later on July 27, 2012.

Both Young and Hunter were among seven suspects arrested by Detroit Police during an investigation into crimes, including homicide cases, that happened over a two-week period in 2012. Police have described it as a crime spree that began with the slaying of the Westland teens.

Part of the described crime spree allegedly included the slaying of John Villneff, a 62-year old Vietnam veteran

described as being shot in Detroit trying to protect his granddaughter in August 2012.

Hunter is serving life in prison after being convicted of a number of charges in Villneff's death, including felony murder, armed robbery and home invasion. Hunter was also convicted of felony murder of Joshua Hayes in Detroit during a home invasion.

Young is jailed awaiting a June 16 trial on murder and other charges in the death of Villneff.

Volunteers needed for Wayne Rouge Rescue

Rouge Rescue, the annual event to clean up the Rouge River, is breaking with tradition this year. Unlike in past years, when the event was held the first Saturday in June, it will be held Saturday, May 17, in the City of Wayne.

Volunteer sign-up will begin at 9 a.m. at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. Organizers have several projects planned, including opening up logjams downstream of Goudy Park. The goal is to get the river opened up for canoeing and kayaking between Goudy and Venoy-Dorsey parks.

Last year, volunteers opened up the river between Commerce Court (just east of Hix Road) and Goudy Park, a section of the river where the Logjam Classic Canoe Race took place during Rouge-A-Palooza in October.

"We would like to have a longer race at this year's event in the fall," said Rouge Rescue coordinator Kurt Kuban, also the co-founder of Rouge-A-Palooza. "But we have about a half dozen logjams we need to open up."

Clean up trash

Kuban stressed the fact that Rouge Rescue volunteers only clean the trash out of the logjams and remove the wood that floats, rather than completely remove all the wood.

"We use the clean and open method when working on logjams," he said. "Wood is an



One of the objectives of this year's Rouge Rescue event in Wayne is to clean up logjams between Goudy and Venoy-Dorsey parks so that stretch of river is open for canoeing and kayaking.

important component of any river system. It is important to maintain woody debris because it provides wildlife habitat, stabilizes river banks and even helps oxygenate the river when the current flows over it. We just remove the smaller wood and cut openings in the larger trees that fall into the river."

Other Rouge Rescue projects include removing invasive honeysuckle and garlic mustard from nearby Mill Trail and Dynamite Park, creating a rain garden with native Michigan wetland plants at Dynamite Park, and building a trail and benches along the river in Goudy Park near where the Wayne Road dam removal project took place a

couple years ago.

"We're going to build a couple benches so folks have a place to do some fishing or just sit and enjoy the river," Kuban said. "Since I've been involved with Rouge Rescue, we've seen some big improvements in the river. I think the people of Wayne are really starting to take ownership of the river again and see all the recreational opportunities it has to offer."

"I've seen a lot of people fishing in the river, and I'm even starting to see people kayak the river. Who would have thought that even possible 10 to 15 years ago," he said.

Kuban said he is hoping to have about 80-90 volunteers

come out for the event, which is a similar number as in previous years. Rouge Rescue T-shirts will be given to volunteers, and refreshments will be available.

Annual event

The annual event, which dates to the mid-1980s, takes place throughout the Rouge River watershed, which includes 48 communities and well over a million people. The overall Rouge Rescue event is organized by Friends of the Rouge, a volunteer-based organization that has led the restoration efforts and stewardship of the Rouge.

"Rouge Rescue 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."

For more information about Wayne's Rouge Rescue event, contact Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783. For more information about how you can help the Rouge River or get active with Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.



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Fashionista Runway
Thursday, May 8
6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun and fashion as we celebrate Mother's Day! Our resident models will be dressed by Advantage Apparel and made-up by Mary Kay Cosmetics. Family members will proudly escort these divas around the Thunderbird Dining Room. Elegant desserts will be served.

RSVP by May 5.

Spring Fling
Wednesday, May 20
1:30 p.m.

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RSVP by May 18.

Memorial Day Celebration
Friday, May 23
12:00 p.m.

Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served.

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Mother's Day Fashion Show
Wednesday, May 7
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Elder Law Workshop
Thursday, May 22
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

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Sen. Anderson receives Nonprofit Champions Award

State Senator Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has been honored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association for his outstanding work in office supporting volunteerism and civic engagement, particularly his victory in securing a \$65 million increase in early childhood education funding.

Anderson and fellow lawmaker Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw, were presented with the Nonprofit Champion Awards at the 2014 Giving and Volunteering Celebration, hosted in the Boji Tower, near the State Capitol.

"I am humbled to be honored in such a way," Anderson said of the award. "I can't say enough about the Michigan Nonprofit Association and what they do. There certainly is 'profit' in nonprofits. It's not the profit you measure in financial terms; it's measured in all of the good works done by groups in Michigan's non-profit community, enriching our state and making lives better. That's lasting profit."

Anderson was elected to represent the 6th District in the Michigan



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, shows of the Nonprofit Champions Award he received from the the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

State Senate in 2006 after representing Michigan's 18th State House District for three consecutive terms. Prior to his legislative service, he served on the Westland City Council for nine years.

In addition to his support of early childhood education, Anderson has championed such causes as breast cancer awareness and screening, environmental conservation, public education and anti-bullying initiatives. He is continuing his work to address the rising cost of higher education and post-

graduation debt in this legislative session.

"I want to say thanks to all those in our state who give their time in the pursuit of public good without the expectation of personal financial gain," Anderson said. "It is all of you that make our communities and state the great place we call home."

Anderson serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. His 6th Senate District includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, and Redford Township.

Advice to consider when buying a home

Spring begins the home-buying season and it's important to take some precautions to protect yourself.

Home ownership is a great way to improve your quality of life, but it is not necessarily a great financial move. Many people believe that their house is a great investment when it is not. Renting may be a better option. If the house will not increase your quality of life, then walk away.

When it comes to purchasing a home, the most important document that you sign is the purchase agreement, which sets forth all financial terms of the sale and includes other things, such as any warranties, terms of inspection and any items that go with the home.

In many cases, a purchaser will not have an attorney review the document before it is signed but instead will



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trust the agent. As far as I'm concerned, trust has nothing to do with it. Prior to signing a purchase agreement, have an attorney review the document.

Not all purchase agreements are the same, and don't believe Realtors who tell you that they are all standard.

I recognize that a lot of Realtors will say that you have to sign the purchase agreement now or you risk losing the home. As far as I'm concerned, that is a marketing tactic. You have to protect yourself, and the only way of doing that is to make sure that the purchase agreement has the protections needed.

Once you sign a purchase agreement and the seller accepts, it is

too late to make any adjustments. That's why it is important an attorney - who represents you and only you - reviews the agreement.

It is exciting to buy a new home. Home ownership is great, but when your home owns you, it's not so good. Don't get caught up in the excitement of buying a new home and overspend.

Don't forget that in addition to a home, you have other issues such as saving for your retirement and potentially a child's college education. If you overspend on your home, you may find your retirement or your child's college education is jeopardized and that is something that will ruin the joy of home ownership.

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Kosowski supports Woehlke Memorial Highway bill

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, is applauding the members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for unanimously approving a House bill that would dedicate a portion of a state road as a memorial highway.

Kosowski testified before the committee in support of House Bill 4985, which dedicates a portion of M-153 (Ford Road) as the Firefighter Brian Woehlke Memorial Highway. The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

"I want to thank the members of the committee for hearing my testimony and voting in support of this bill," Kosowski said. "I look forward to working with the rest of my colleagues to get this bill signed into law."

Brian Woehlke was a Wayne-Westland fire-



State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, testifies in front of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on May 13 in support of House Bill 4985, which renames a portion of Ford Road as the Firefighter Brian Woehlke Memorial Highway.

fighter who lost his life last year in the line of duty. If the bill becomes law, the portion of M-153 between Newburgh Road and Wayne Road will bear his name.

"Our police officers and firefighters give so

much to their community, and Brian Woehlke made the ultimate sacrifice," Kosowski said.

"This bill is just a small way of showing our support and honoring Brian's life and his service."

YAM board chairman named to Aviation Hall of Fame

The chairman of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors has been selected for inclusion in the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

A retired Air Force colonel, Raymond F. Hunter of Ann Arbor will be formally enshrined in the Hall of Fame during ceremonies Saturday, May 16, at MAHF in Kalamazoo.

"This is important and the entire Yankee Air Museum community is applauding the selection of our chairman and friend, Ray Hunter," said Bob Hynes, board member and chairman of the Public Relations Committee. "Today, airplanes and helicopters are woven so intrinsically into the fabric of our culture, we take aviation for granted. This wasn't the case in 1954 when Ray Hunter enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating from high school at the age of 17.

Now, 60 years later, and still flying, it's fitting that he take a place among those who advanced Michigan aviation."

Hunter was born into a Pennsylvania coal mining family, raised himself from humble beginnings by taking advantage of every educational opportunity that came his way, Hynes said. Citing the official MAHF nomination, Hynes said that after Hunter was honorably discharged from the USAF in 1959, he used the GI Bill and part-time employment to attain a bachelor of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1962. He also completed the Air Force ROTC program at Pitt to earn the gold bars of a 2nd Lieutenant and began USAF pilot training in 1962.

Hynes added that the Hall of Fame nomination was prepared and submitted by Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe (USAF, Retired) and it details Hunter's career path from his early days flying an Aeronca Champ, through 7,000 hours of flight time in myriad aircraft, including jets and helicopters.

Highlights include Hunter's initial assignment in England where he flew air-to-air refueling missions. In 1969, he volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam flying Air Force Special Operations rescue helicopters.

By 1975, Hunter had attained the rank of major and was in command of the Special Operations helicopter rescue unit, serving the Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

"Ray places strong value on education and along the way, he continued pursuing his formal education through many service schools, including the Air War College," Hynes said. "In addition, he obtained a master's degree in education in his off-duty time."

From 1977 to 1981, while stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Hunter planned, directed and monitored the U.S. Air Force recruiting program for the state of Michigan.

Hunter rose to the rank of colonel by 1985 and he reported for duties in Ann Arbor as commander of the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Michigan. He retired from the Air Force in 1988. He and his wife Stephanie have made Michigan their home for the last 29 years.

"Col. Hunter has been a volunteer with the Yankee Air Museum since 1986 and has been on the Board of Directors since 1990," Hynes said. "He still flies, and as a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, he has just been upgraded to Captain."

"Those of us who have had the pleasure of serving with Ray at the Yankee Air Museum are grateful for his dedication, his vision and his friendship," Hynes said. "When the Yankee Air Museum was rededicated Ray was quoted regarding the effort, 'Make it happen, make it better.' He has continued to do just that in all his pursuits. Those of us fortunate enough to serve with Ray are very proud of his accomplishments. He has made it better."

The MAHF was established in 1987 to recognize men and women who have made significant contributions to aviation. It is located on the Air Zoo's Main Campus in Kalamazoo. Although not affiliated, the YAM and MAHF both share a similar mission to preserve the facts of aviation history and the memories of its participants.

For more information on MAHF, visit www.airzoo.org.

The Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On May 20, 2014, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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|------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------------|
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| 1999 | PLYMOUTH | BREEZE | Black | 1P3EJ46X1XN504245 |
| 2000 | CHEVROLET | MALIBU | Blue | 1G1ND52JXY6273719 |
| 1996 | BUICK | REGAL | Gold | 2G4WB52K3T1519144 |
| 2007 | FORD | FOCUS | Black | 1FALP34N17W299752 |
| 1997 | FORD | ESCORT | White | 1FALP15P7VW374667 |
| 1995 | FORD | RANGER | Green | 1FTCR10U1SPA47480 |
| 1994 | FORD | Crown Vic | BLUE | 2FALP74W1RX137081 |
| 2000 | CHEVROLET | IMPALA | RED | 2G1WH55K6Y9138856 |
| 1997 | FORD | ESCORT | Green | 1FALP13P8VW184752 |
| 1985 | CHEVROLET | k20 | White | 1GCGK24J4FF425802 |
| 1999 | CHEVROLET | Tahoe | Black | 1GNK13R6XJ561590 |
| 1994 | GMC | Safari | Green | 1GKDM19WXR8518738 |
| 1999 | FORD | Econoline | White | 1FDRE1420XHA98027 |
| 1994 | FORD | Explorer | Green | 1FMDU32X4RUB96835 |
| 1988 | FORD | Taurus | Gold | 1FABP58UXJG123196 |

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1453G, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Greater Beginnings Child Care, 170 S Venoy, Cherry Hill Venoy Plaza, Parcel #066-01-0543-301, West Side of Venoy Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Charlene Parks (Harry Attisha)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.



Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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Stolen vehicle

It took a phone call from the Michigan State Police for the facility manager to discover that a 2014 Ford Focus was missing from Voith at 36555 E. Michigan Ave. The State Police contacted the business after the car was recovered in Detroit on May 6.

The manager told police that the vehicle had come off the line at the Michigan Assembly Plant at 8:30 a.m. May 3 and had been parked in a space next to the Ford Paint Plant. It was recovered by the State Police near Harrow Street and Pembroke at midnight May 6.

The manager said that officer had told him he thought the vehicle was stolen and contacted Voith. The car was valued at \$27,000.

Larceny from a building

A Wayne resident reported her cellular phone missing after she left it on the counter of a gas station at 2910 Venoy on May 7. The woman said she had set it down while getting money from her pocket.

She had walked outside when she had realized she had left her phone on the counter. When she went returning, she found it missing.

Vandalism

The owner of JJ's Styling Station, 1313 S. Wayne Road, went to work May 9 and discovered that the glass in the entry door was broken and the drywall inside the door cracked. She told police that the damage occurred sometime between the time she closed the shop at 10 p.m. May 8 and returned back at 9 a.m. May 9.

The damage is estimated at \$300.

Larceny from vehicle

A Dearborn Heights man told police that sometime between April 7 and May 8 someone removed the catalytic converter from his motor home while it was parked and locked at Westland Truck Wash, 28735 Joy.

Larceny

A Detroit woman reported that sometime between 2:30-3 p.m. May 8 the license plate was stolen off her car while it was parked in the parking lot near JCPenney at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland.

Stolen motorcycle

A 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle was reported stolen from a home on Berville Court sometime between 9 p.m. May 8 and 6 a.m. May 9.

The motorcycle had been parked in the driveway. The owner told police he had given no one permission to use or take the motorcycle. He had all

of the keys and the factory locking devices had been engaged.

Vandalism

» A librarian at the Wayne County Library for the Blind, 30555 Michigan Ave., told police that four windows on the south side of the building had been broken out overnight May 8.

The librarian said the building had been secured about 8 p.m. May 8. The damage was discovered at 7:45 a.m. Windows were broken on the southwest corner of the building, on several entry doors.

» A resident of an apartment at 33935 Fountain Blvd. discovered a window on his vehicle shattered when he went outside at 6 a.m. May 11. Nothing appeared to have been taken from the vehicle.

Stolen bike

A Taylor man told police that his 29-inch mountain bike was stolen around 11 a.m. May 7 while he was inside the

WESTLAND COP CALLS

O'Dell Chiropractic Life Center at 1214 S. Wayne Road. It was valued at \$200.

Identity theft

» A Westland woman told police May 9 that she believes someone used her personal information to open an account with Sprint PCS. The woman said she became aware of the matter while checking her credit report. She has never had a Sprint account and she doesn't owe them the money they claim she does.

» A resident of the 2000 block of Edgerton Avenue told police May 9 that when she went to use her Capital One credit card, it was declined. She was told that the card had been used six times at a Fry's Fuel and that there five \$1 charges pending and an additional \$150 charge.

She also reported that she received a phone call from a man in Orlando, Fla., telling her she had been approved for an auto loan. She said she has noticed several inquiries on her

credit report over the last three-four months for auto loans and credit card applications, however, they were always declined and never approved.

Hit-and-run crash

An Oak Park man told police he was alerted by a customer that someone had struck his car while it was parked at the Cherry Hill Mini Market, 35035 Cherry Hill, around 7:30 p.m. May 9.

The car, which had been parked in the northeast section of the lot, had damage to the right front fender and bumper.

Break-in

An employee of KC Construction called police about the theft of copper pipes from a bank-owned home in the 2000 block of Steiber.

The theft occurred sometime between March 3 and May 10. The man told police that the doors were secured but a rear basement window was shattered.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A resident in the 29000 block of Bock told police that someone stole his 2005 Ford pickup truck, which had been parked and locked on Brandt beside his home at 11 p.m. May 11 and discovered missing at 7:45 a.m. May 12.

He had the keys to the vehicle and owes no money on it. He told police it's the second time the truck has been stolen.

Fraud

A Garden City resident told police she hadn't activated or opened an envelope containing the pin number for an ATM card for Co-Op Services Credit Union when she noticed unusual activity on her account May 8.

She contacted the credit union but was told they couldn't access the account. When she went to the credit union the next day, she found \$526 was withdrawn from her

savings and checking account. The woman then transferred her remaining balance to her mother's account.

She returned card and the unopened envelope containing the pin number to the credit union and they were deactivated.

She also told police she has never had any problems like this and had no idea who had access to her account.

Larceny from a building

A resident in the 1300 block of Radcliff reported \$6,500 in jewelry taken from a dresser drawer May 10.

The jewelry included her wedding rings, which she had taken off due to her pregnancy and put with a slip of paper showing the sex of her child. She told police her husband said he knew where she put her rings.

She said she joked to a Garden City man about her husband trying to find out the sex

of the baby since she keeps the paper with her rings in the drawer. The man is a childhood friend of her husband who had recently been released from prison, she said.

Police found no signs of forced entry into the home and no search activity in the bedroom.

The woman was advised to check with local pawn shops about her jewelry.

Break-in

An employee of S&S Reservation Inc. called police to a home in the 30000 block of Rush on May 9 after discovering the furnace and kitchen cupboards were missing.

The company had been contracted by Green Tree Bank to manage the foreclosed home.

The employee said the doors had been locked, but could not provide a time frame as to when the theft occurred.

He said he didn't know when the bank took possession of the home.

Larceny

» A central air conditioning unit was reported stolen from a home in the 31000 block of Florence May 8.

The owner told police the tenants sent her an email saying the air conditioning wasn't working. When she got to the home, she found the unit missing. She said the home has been occupied since early March and believes the theft may have occurred before then.

» A resident in the 27000 Block of Cambridge reported that sometime between May 6-8 someone stole the catalytic converter from her car, which had been parked in the street in front of her home.

She said she noticed a suspicious vehicle parked west of her home during the daylight hours of May 6.

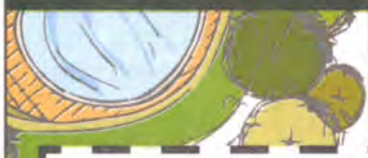


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GOURMET GROWTH

Mama Mucci's marks 25 years making pasta the old artisan way

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Vince Mucci remembers his mother, 76, waking up early each Sunday morning to make pasta from scratch, rolling it out by hand and laying it all over the kitchen table to dry.

She followed a recipe she learned at her mother's side while growing up in Montelongo, Italy.

Today, she no longer has to go through that arduous process because her sons Vince and Frank make a variation of that same recipe at Mama Mucci's Pasta in Canton, a company they founded 25 years ago this month.

"We still do it the way my mother did it as a girl," Vince, 52, of Plymouth said during a recent tour of his plant. "It's still made in batches, the old artisan way."

Vince and Frank, 47, started the company in their parents' basement in Plymouth. Mama Mucci, Margherita, was the quality controller. "In the beginning, she threw away more pasta than we sold," said Vince, the company's president.

They took it to chefs at area restaurants, asking them to sample it. Their first buyer was Ernesto's Italian Country Inn in Plymouth, now the Courthouse Grille.

Today, Mama Mucci's Pasta Co. sells to 200 restaurants in metro Detroit, as well as food service clients in 12 states and Canada. Customers include US Foods, Sysco Corp. and Gordon Food Service. The company makes more than 100 products, including fresh, dry, frozen and filled pastas. It plans to expand its territory from Michigan to Florida.

Consumers can purchase Mama Mucci's dry and frozen pasta at Holiday Market in Canton and Royal Oak and Mama Mucci's dry pasta at Hiller's Markets, which has stores in Plymouth and Canton.

Helping the company grow has been the explosion in pasta's popularity, fueled by cooking shows and people traveling more. At the time the brothers founded Mama Mucci's, fresh pasta was gourmet, Vince said. "Now everyone's eating pasta" and it's on nearly every menu, not just those of Italian restaurants.

Process, ingredients are key

What sets his company apart from some competitors is the quality of ingredients and the manufacturing process, Vince Mucci said. The brothers use more eggs — some manufacturers don't use any eggs, he said — and 100-percent semolina flour made from durum wheat. Mama Mucci makes its pasta in smaller batches and rolls it, unlike some companies that use Play-Doh-like machines to extrude it. Rolling gives the pasta more texture so sauce will stick to it, Vince said. He slowly dries the pasta at low temperatures for 18 hours instead of four hours, so it retains its flavor; it is then packed by hand.

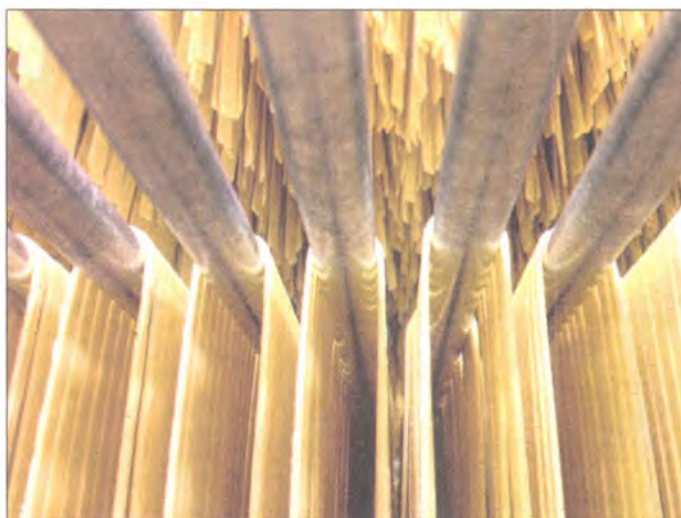
The company has focused on selling to chefs, instead of directly to consumers, because "chefs are a lot more demanding and particular than the consumers," Vince said. For example, he sells lobster-filled ravioli wholesale for \$10 a pound. For him to sell it to a consumer for \$10 a pound, he'd have to cheapen the product, substituting large chunks of lobster



Joseph Styke (left) and Frank Mucci get a batch of lobster-filled saffron ravioli rolling at Mama Mucci's Pasta. PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN



Joseph Styke pours into a hopper lobster meat that will be stuffed into saffron ravioli.



Fresh fettuccine hangs to dry in a special room at Mama Mucci's.



Jorge Hernandez stands at the end of a machine that freezes the ravioli to minus-137°F before it is packed into five-pound boxes.

claw and knuckle meat for minced or pureed lobster. "I refuse to do that," he said.

The company employs 20 people, including Ed Kennedy of Westland, who has been with Mama Mucci's for 23 years. He is the production manager. "It changes all the time," he

said of his job, as the company is always coming up with new products.

Mama Mucci's has been in Canton for 17 years, after it was moved from the parents' basement to a rented space in downtown Plymouth, where dad Pietro, 88, operated his shoe-making business.



Silvia Gomez sorts through the ravioli, picking out "bad" ones as they pass down the line.



Pat Mulroy stacks five-pound boxes of frozen lobster-stuffed saffron ravioli onto a pallet.

Pietro and Margherita Mucci have been married 58 years. Their oldest son, Tony, is in computers.

Margherita Mucci said she couldn't have imagined the business her two boys started in her basement would grow into what it is today, producing one million pounds of pasta per

year. "I'm really proud," she said. "They work hard."

And that means she no longer has to work hard each Sunday morning to enjoy authentic Italian pasta like her mother used to make.

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Oakwood to host wellness makeover event

Oakwood Healthcare System wants all women to get the makeover they deserve and is hosting an event to do just that.

The Women's Wellness Event will be held at the Oakwood Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17. The event is completely free and includes many wellness makeover features, including:

- » Zumba classes at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- » Cardio Jam class at 11 a.m.
- » Stretch and Tone class at 11:30 a.m.
- » Wellness presentations.
- » Pelvic Floor Disorder at 9 a.m.
- » Eat Right for Life

and Healthy Eating On-the-Go at 11 a.m.

» 15-minute Intro to Exercise sessions.

There also will be blood pressure and glucose screenings. Another feature of the event will be breast cancer risk assessments based on family health history, conducted by Oakwood geneticist Dr. Julie Zenger Hain.

"We will conduct breast cancer risk assessments and determine if a woman is at the general population risk or at high-risk for breast cancer," Zenger Hain said. "It will only take a few minutes and it is very valuable information to have. I will also be available to discuss other

family health history questions regarding diabetes, heart disease, asthma, osteoporosis and other chronic conditions."

"Knowing and passing on your family's health information may be one of the greatest gifts of disease prevention that you can provide you and your family," she added.

Oakwood OB/GYNs and other physicians also will be available to talk personally and answer questions one-on-one. There also will be information on Oakwood's medical avatar application, minimally invasive procedures, diabetes prevention classes and more.

Oakwood nurses and



Participants work out in a fitness class at the Oakwood Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn.

recipients of the 2014 Governor's Fitness Awards, Trina Miller and Team Trina, will be attending the event to discuss their journey to conquering obesity. Mil-

ler was on ABC-TV's *Extreme Weight Loss* last year. She and her team of other Oakwood nurses have lost a combined total of more than 500 pounds.

"There is something for everyone at Women's Wellness Event. Not interested in Zumba? No worries, you can attend the Eat Right for Life presentation which will go over healthy dining at restaurants and healthy grocery shopping. Or you can come in for a glucose screening and enter to win some prizes," said Nancy Gray, Oakwood's Women's Service Line Administrator.

To learn more about the Women's Wellness Event and to register, visit Oakwood.org/Womens-Event or call 800-543-WELL. Spaces for the free fitness classes are limited. Healthy refreshments will be provided at the event.

State sponsors virtual career fair

Job seekers and Michigan employers can connect with each other through a State-sponsored virtual career fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 21.

MiVirtualCareerFairs, a tool of Pure Michigan Talent Connect, bring together Michigan employers and talent from across the state and the globe in an online, virtual environment.

"With more than 70,000 jobs currently posted on the Pure Michigan Talent Connect website, MiVirtualCareerFairs are another innovative tool to connect employers with qualified talent, and job seekers with job opportunities and career development resources," said Amy Cell, senior vice president for talent enhancement at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "Since the first virtual career fair in February 2012, more than 122 employers and more than 16,700 job seekers have been connected through the state's 11 virtual events."

There's no cost for job seekers to participate. Registration information can be found at www.mitalent.org/

virtualcareerfair. During virtual events, job seekers can explore customized employer booths, interact one-on-one with participating employers and search and apply for job opportunities.

In addition, job seekers can access information about career development programs and resources in the Pure Michigan Talent Connect booth. All job openings posted during the events are accessible to participants for 30 days after event. Post-event, employers receive in-depth analytics including candidate resumes, applications, chat transcripts, and booth visit data, which further solidify connections made during the event.

Jobs with 30 Michigan employers will be featured at the May 21 event, making it the second largest to date. With assistance from the Michigan Works! System and event partners Capital Area Michigan Works! and the Capital Area IT Council the May 21 MiVirtualCareerFair will feature employers like Aflac, Avon Products, Consumers Energy, Dart Container Corporation, Great Lakes Regional Care,

Hillshire Brands, Ingenuity IEQ, Lansing Community College, Shinola, Speedway, State of Michigan, Trilium Staffing and Verizon Wireless.

More than 4,250 job seekers participated in the February 2014 MiVirtualCareerFair. Additional virtual event opportunities are scheduled for Aug. 27 and Nov. 12.

Employers interested in exhibiting in one of the upcoming MiVirtualCareerFair events are encouraged to contact Andrew Belanger, Talent Enhancement Project Coordinator for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at belange-ra2@michigan.org. Exhibitor information can also be found at www.mitalent.org/virtualcareerfair.

For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit michiganbusiness.org. For Michigan travel news, updates and information, visit michigan.org. Michigan residents interested in seeking employment with any of Michigan's growing companies should check mitalent.org, where more than 76,000 jobs are currently available in a variety of industries.

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The company is a Canton-based graphic/web design, Internet marketing and public relations consulting firm.

"We strive to create unique imaging for your company's print and web marketing materials that are professional, efficient, functional and geared to enhancing your company's bottom line," founder/CEO Brandon Green said in a release issued by the company. "The SEO consulting services we offer allow us to utilize our resources to increase the organic traffic to your website and to assist with getting higher rankings on all the major search engines."

By producing work of the highest quality and through the creation of some of what Green called "the most innovative and effective online marketing and SEO campaigns," the company quickly grew and now

has more than 20 employees, with clients in the United States and Canada.

While the size of the staff, offerings and clients have grown exponentially, one thing remains constant. "The way Greenway Multimedia Group treats its clients has not changed since day one," Green said. "We treat every client's project as if it were our own and look to enhance our client's bottom line as if our bottom line depended on it ... which, of course, it does."

Greenway Multimedia Group has assembled a team of designers, developers, web marketers, communications specialists, project managers and business consultants who Green said are "some of the best in the industry."

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Ambassador Award

Marty Johnson, a documentation specialist with Auto Club Group (ACG) Program Management Office, has been named "AAA Ambassador of the Year" for his outstanding participation in AAA

of Michigan's community outreach activities.

The Westland resident was presented with the Auto Club's top volunteer award as part of National Volunteer Week by AAA of Michigan President and Auto Club Group (ACG) Field Operations North, Steve Wagner. Johnson's volunteer efforts include:

» Holiday Nature Preserve Association (500-acre nature area and part of the Wayne County Parks System): Served as a tour guide, coordinated communication, print and social media functions.

» Angela Hospice: Provide weekly respite care and company to hospice patients over a four-year period.

» St. Timothy Presbyterian Church: Served on a variety of committees to include the leadership board and chairman of the Personnel committee, as well as, a substitute Sunday school teacher. He coordinated communications, editorial and publishing.

» Clare County Historical Society: Served over a four-year period as Communications Director. Responsibilities included editorial, design, communications, social media and publishing functions.

» Clare County Railroad Depot Restoration:

Assisted with marketing, social media, communications print and web design over a three-year period.

New locations

Cellairis (cellairis.com), one of the world's largest wireless accessory retailers, has announced the opening of two new retail locations in Michigan. Located in Westland Shopping Center in Westland and Genee Valley Center in Flint Township, the new additions are Cellairis' 12th and 13th locations in the state. Three additional store openings are slated for later this year.

Cellairis offers a wide variety of products, including cases, screen protectors, headphones and other accessories to enhance wireless devices. The new locations provide a personalized shopping experience and exceptional customer service to meet every customer's specific needs.

"We are pleased to grow our presence in Michigan by opening two additional locations," said Jaime Brown, COO of Cellairis. "We look forward to interacting with new customers and sharing our extensive selection of products and customized services."

Hours for the new Cellairis at Westland Shopping Center are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.cellairis.com.

New physicians

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of two

new physicians:

» Dr. Lawrence S. Singer, Podiatry. Dr. Singer is board certified in Podiatry. For more than 28 years, he has been

treating patients of all ages and focusing on the medical and surgical treatment of foot disorders. Dr. Singer believes prevention is the key when dealing with diseases such as diabetes or circulatory problems. He places great emphasis on health education programs and in answering all patient questions and concerns.

» Dr. Jeffrey G. Cramblett, Podiatry. Dr. Cramblett is board certified in Podiatry and is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

They both have offices at 30730 Ford Road, Garden City (734-427-6300), and a second office in Livonia.

Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care-related programs to the community at large. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral Line at 877-717-WELL or visit GCH.org.

Livonia Public Schools
Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Eight seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and Eight seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2014-15 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 9-May 23, 2014.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 9 - 23, 2014 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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Motor City Comic Con celebrates 25th anniversary this weekend

Living long and prospering for 25 years, Motor City Comic Con celebrates its 25th anniversary by transporting fans into the mystical world of captivating comics, fascinating fantasy and spectacular sci-fi this weekend.

William Shatner, Captain Kirk in the TV series *Star Trek*, has been recruited to join the all-star line-up. This will be his first appearance at Motor City Comic Con.

In addition to Shatner, Motor City Comic Con will include Karl Urban, Lindsey Wagner, Lee Majors, Andrew McCarthy, Burt Young,

Mark Waid, Chris Claremont, Jose Luis Garcia Lopez, James O'Barr and Gerry Conway.

This year's event will feature over 300 comic and media guests, including comic book creators, writers, artists and actors from TV and movies. Guests will sign autographs and sell original art, while others will be featured on a panel discussing their latest comic ventures and characters. Motor City Comic Con will also have a variety of pop-culture merchandise available for purchase from several comic book and multi-



Shatner

media dealers, partners and vendors, including comics, art, movie memorabilia, posters, apparel, etc.

Traveling across galaxies and beaming across nations, fans from all over the region can participate in several weekend activities including the fascinating Costume Contest on Saturday afternoon, sponsored by the Specs Howard School of Media Arts. Local celebrity judges will determine who will win cash and gift packages. Sunday is also Kids Day featuring kid-friendly activities with the comic and media guests.

Cycling enthusiasts prepare for 23rd annual Michigander Bike Tour

The 23rd annual Michigander Bike Tour is fast approaching and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance wants to help participants prepare for the upcoming ride at the 2014 Michigander Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Maybury State Park.

Along with Michigander coordinator Barry Culham, who will highlight the 2014 Michigander stops on this year's "True North" tour, bicycle experts and outdoor gear enthusiasts will be on hand to provide information about the latest bicycle gear and resources.

For newcomers to the Michigander bicycle tour, experienced riders will be sharing their

experiences about touring the state on a bicycle seat.

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance executive director Nancy Krupiarz will update attendees about the newest trail and greenway information and a light lunch will be served during the expo.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their bicycles to experience Maybury's mountain bike and paved trails to get a jump start on their Michigander training.

The Michigander, a bicycle tour showcasing the trails and beauty of Northern Michigan, takes off July 12-18. The two-, six- or seven-day ride is a summer tradition for hundreds and will carry riders through

picturesque towns, including Leland, voted the second "Best Place To Watch a Sunset" by *USA Today*, and Sleeping Bear Dunes, winner of *Good Morning America's* "The Most Beautiful Place in America."

The family-friendly two-day tour takes off in Farwell on the paved Pere Marquette State Trail, while the six-day ride continues to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, the Betsie Valley Rail Trail, Leelanau Trail and TART Trail.

Admission to the expo is free, but registration is required. A state park sticker is necessary to enter Maybury State Park by vehicle.

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/1mjGpp4>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOM 2 MOM SALE
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17.
Location: McKinley Co-Op Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland.
Details: The sale will be held in the hall of St. John's Episcopal Church. Moms will be selling children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items that their families have outgrown.
Contact: Interested in renting a table? Visit www.mckinleypreschool.org/mom2mom for more information.

5K WALK/RUN
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Sunday, May 18.
Location: the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 100 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting its 13th annual 5K Run/Walk. Visit www.celiacwalk.org to pre-register or same day registration opens at 8 a.m. the day of the event. The race begins at 9 a.m., the walk at 9:30 a.m.

BOWL-A-RAMA
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday May 17.
Location: Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.
Details: John Glenn High School football is holding a bowling benefit. Bowling participation is \$20 per person, maximum of five bowlers per team, and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pitcher of pop per team. Other games taking place during the evening include Lucky Strike and Mystery. There also will be a Tin Can Raffle, 52-Card drawing for an iPad Air and 50/50 Raffle. Send your name and names of team members, address and checks can be made out to Rocket Football Alumni Association Inc., to Rocket Football Alumni Association, 6011 Morley St., Westland, MI 48185.
Contact: For more information, call Patricia La Rowe at 734-552-7441.

GOLF OUTING
Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. Aug. 9
Location: Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Plymouth.
Details: The Lyman Foundation is accepting registrations for its 35th Annual Golf Outing benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. There will be starts at 7:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Register now at www.lymanfoundation.org.

RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10.
Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne across from the Wayne Post Office.
Details: First Methodist Church is holding a three-day spring rummage sale with Saturday as bag day. Fill a grocery bag for \$2 and a plastic lawn bag for \$5. Homemade baked goods and refreshments will be available for sale.
Contact: For more information, call the church at 734-722-4801.

PRESCHOOL SIGNUP
Location: Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland.
Details: Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for 2014-2015. A Christian preschool, it offers classes for 3-4-year-old children. It offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all the basic preschool academic skills as well as a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.
Contact: For more information, to schedule a tour or to enroll, call 734-728-3559 or visit wfmppreschool@yahoo.com.

FLEA MARKET
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine).
Location: Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.
Details: Space is available for a flea market at Kirk of Our Savior. Space rental is \$25, which is non-refundable. Provide your own tables. There will be a hot dog vendor on site and also a Bounce House.
Contact: Contact Sharon Garcia at 734-728-1088 or send an email to churchoffice@wow-way.biz.

HEALTH EVENT
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31.
Location: Community Room (Lower Level) of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland.
Details: As caregivers, career women, volunteers and wives, women have the unique role of

wearing many hats, often at the expense of their own health. Garden City Hospital invites all women to join in on a lively discussion of women's health issues and concerns throughout her life's journey. These discussions will be led by board certified physicians and other health care specialists. Hats Off to Women will also feature fabulous raffles and brunch. The event is free for women 18 years and older. Registration and Brunch begin at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited.
Contact: To RSVP, call 734-458-4330 by May 21.

EDUCATION
WILLOW CREEK
Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.
Details: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.
Contact: 734-326-0078.

ST. DAMIAN
Location: 29891 Joy, Westland.
Details: St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: 734-427-1680, www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL
Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education

Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.
Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10.

ST. MARY
Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.
Details: St. Mary School offers pre-K 3 and 4 and kindergarten-eighth-grade. St. Mary has been recognized as a School of Distinction.
Contact: For more information, call the school office at 734-721-1240.

SENIORS
FRIENDSHIP CENTER
Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.
Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center offers a variety of programs for older adults.
Contact: 734-722-7632, www.ci.westland.mi.us.

DYER CENTER
Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland.
Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.
Contact: 734-419-2020.

SENIOR FITNESS
Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City.
Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. Annual membership is \$55 per year. A daily pass is \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.
Contact: 734-793-1870.

SENIOR SERVICES
Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.
Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly from 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Material Girls from 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays and bingo at 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.
Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

ORGANIZATIONS
FRIENDS OF ELOISE
Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and

November.
Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.
Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY
Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.
Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.
Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Visit www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.
Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

WAYNE ROTARY
Time/Date: noon every Tuesdays.
Location: Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.
Details: Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about.
Contact: Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

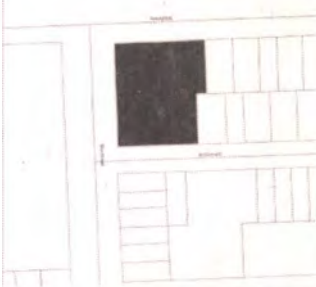
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1985G, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Nurse Aide Training Center, 4693 S. Middlebelt Road, Parcel #083-02-0007-302, Southeast Corner of Annapolis Avenue and Middlebelt Road, Amelia McDonald (Mike Hamame)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission



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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1690T, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Biggby Coffee with Drive-Thru, 36640 Ford Road, Parcel #031-00-0013-704, North Side of Ford Road, West of CC Pkwy, Mo Elfakir (Keff Sobel)

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING MTG. 9 5/5/14

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Kehrre, Reeves
 93: Appr. req. for closed study session re. WPOAM CBA.
 Mtg. adj. at 5:47 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
 Council President

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OUR VIEWS

Council needs to carefully consider HYPE proposal

Wayne city officials are exploring a proposal by HYPE Athletics to take over operation of the Wayne Community Center.

At first blush, it sounds like a good plan. A non-profit, HYPE is interested in a long-term arrangement — not less than 10 years — either as a management service or lease/license agreement to operate the community center.

It would offer community activities, recreational programs and “outreach” to Wayne-Westland residents, and with some exceptions would “pay all items of expense for the operation, maintenance, supervision and management of the facility from funds generated by the operation.”

The devil, as they say, is in the details. The recreation center hasn't been profitable, and even with the merger of the Wayne and Westland Parks and Recreation Departments there hasn't been a large influx of new people using it. Last year, the city subsidized its operation by about \$1 million; this year, the amount is \$800,000. And the projection is \$667,000 for next year. Even if it is closed down completely, there would be the cost of keeping the lights and heat. Last year they came in at \$455,000.

HYPE's plan is to have the city float a 10-year, \$500,000 municipal bond. The proceeds would be used to upgrade the facilities and provide state-of-the-art amenities to attract more users. A majority of that money would be specifically earmarked for capital improvements while a portion would be set aside in a fund that HYPE would add to “on a regular basis” to help ensure repayment of the bonds.

HYPE has indicated that it would honor the current memberships until they expire, at which time they would be brought in line with the fees it charges at its center in Dearborn Heights. Its goal is to make memberships the center's primary source of revenue, but for at least the first year, HYPE will need a \$120,000 subsidy.

It also is proposing that its costs for maintenance and repairs be capped at \$10,000. Anything in excess of that would be the city's responsibility. HYPE has made it clear that as an asset of the city, the community center will remain under its control. The parking lot is in need of repairs or replacement, because it is an asset, the city would be responsible.

What was rolled out at last week's council meeting is a starting point for negotiations. The council needs to carefully investigate all parts of the plan before making a decision. It needs to see what HYPE offers at its Dearborn Heights center and make sure that what it has matches up with what has been said that it has.

Balancing the budget certainly won't be easy, but the council needs to ask questions and get answers. It can't be swayed by the fact that the HYPE proposal would erase \$500,000 of the deficit. It has to be sure that in the long run, having HYPE operate the center is a good fit for the community and a good fit for the city budget. The last thing Wayne needs is a failed agreement that will end up costing money it doesn't have.

OUR VIEWS

Legislature cutbacks miss the mark

When your car malfunctions, the first thing a good mechanic has to do is figure out exactly what's going wrong. Replacing the tires won't help if the problem is that the car won't start. And swapping out parts in the hopes you replace the right one can quickly become an expensive proposition.

Doctors call the process diagnosis. There can be a lot of reasons why you're coughing — a cold, allergies, smoking, or more serious diseases like pneumonia or cancer. It would be downright dangerous to start treatment without really knowing the cause.

The petition drive to make Michigan's Legislature part-time is exactly that, treatment with a good diagnosis. And this petition drive is major surgery.

If the problem is poorly thought-out legislation coming out of Lansing, restricting lawmakers to 60 session days per year will only make that problem worse. If all of the state's business has to be done in that time, severely limiting the time legislators have to debate and discuss their proposals won't help.

If the problem is that bills are passed with too little chance for the public to give input, tightening the deadlines will only force legislators to rush faster.

If the problem is that lobbyists and special interests have too much sway in Lansing, cutting the time lawmakers have to consider other opinions and viewpoints will only make it worse. Lobbyists know how to talk to lawmakers, and how to provide them with figures that support their positions. And they will still work year-round.

It's the average citizen who, when confronted by a bill he or she doesn't like, has to figure out how and when to appear before a com-



A more productive way of straightening out Michigan's Legislature is old-fashioned citizen involvement. When you see a bill you think is stupid, write your legislator. With the Internet, you can email them all.

mittee hearing or put information and views in the hands of a number of lawmakers.

A group known as The Committee to Restore Michigan's Part-Time Legislature is hoping to gather enough signatures to put the part-time Legislature question on the ballot this November. It would limit session days to 60 per year and cut legislative salaries to \$35,000. It would also cut legislative staff to 250.

Interestingly, it would supposedly increase transparency by requiring in the Michigan Constitution that all bills be posted on the Internet for at least five days before adoption. But all bills are already posted on the Internet and have been for years. Go to www.legislature.mi.gov to give them a read. And rules are already in place about how quickly legislation can be adopted.

Too often, legislative activity seems misdirected toward issues that are not the top priority. And

too often, laws get passed with unanticipated consequences that quite frankly should have been anticipated.

We'd suggest a different approach would be more productive at straightening out Michigan's Legislature — old-fashioned citizen involvement. When you see a bill you think is stupid, write your legislator. With the Internet, you can email them all.

Attend a committee hearing. Better yet, testify before one. Talk to your lawmaker, or his or her office, about your views. Provide information to back your opinion.

Most importantly, find a thoughtful candidate for the state House and Senate and volunteer for the election campaign. This is an election year.

Citizens can have more influence in Lansing than typically they think they can. But it takes being involved.

LETTERS

Oppose HYPE takeover

I oppose HYPE taking over the Wayne Rec Center. They have their hands full in Dearborn Heights with half of an oversized facility still under construction.

They claim that along with sports they offer tutoring and computer classes, but their library that I saw was a very small room with multiple copies of the same books. Their computer lab had about seven low power personal computers in it. When I was on tour there I witnessed unsupervised children in the room roughhousing. There are no computer books around and the monitors, keyboards and mice were mounted on movable tables.

If the rec center director had concentrated on saving and expanding the center, it would be the model and anchor it is intended for by the people of Wayne. I am sure HYPE means well and is eager for this handout, but is time to find a manager to make rec center work for Wayne rather than an overloaded enterprise that seems intent on breeding professional athletes.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

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Competence and compassion

Recently, a roof fire happened in the afternoon at the Four Seasons Nursing and Rehab Center on Newburgh Road in Westland. I witnessed it while visiting my husband, Bill.

Congratulations and a pat on the back to all the workers on duty that day. With calm, professional and speedy action, everyone was quickly evacuated to safety — the folks living there, family and visitors on site. They even triple counted to be sure no one was missed.

How reassuring to know and see

the competence and compassion of people who really care and do “extra” while doing their jobs.

Kathryn McNamara
Plymouth

Letter to Mom

I can't express how much you mean to me. You always help me; you are the best mom ever. You are always there when I need to talk; you are my strength and made me the woman I am today. I love you to the moon and back mom.

Love,
Your daughter,

Kathy Bentz

GUEST COLUMN

Working on an antidote for lip service

“Lip service: Verbal expression of agreement or allegiance, unsupported by real conviction or action; hypocritical respect.”

Sorry to say it, but our political system works on lip service.

Our parties appeal supposedly to “patriotic Americans” as a whole.

But visit any serious political operation, and you'll see the genus “American” sliced and diced into exquisitely refined groups, each structured for focused, efficient, narrow-casted appeal.

They slice them by race (black, white, Hispanic); gender (male, female, LGBT and so forth); geography (urban, suburban, rural); income; education; ethnicity; age.

They divvy us up by



Phil Power
COLUMNIST

ideology: conservative, liberal, centrist, middle of the road, “tea party,” lefty, libertarian and anarchist. By habit: churchgoing, martial arts watching, classical (or hard rock) music listening, fly-fishing, running, couch sitting and tube-skimming.

Once you know that, it's pretty easy to look at a political TV spot and work out to which group the appeal is being made.

Which raises the question: Does all the fragmentation underlying our political discourse make it impossible today to bring people together to

express their views as ordinary Americans?

We hope not. And in the latest issue of the nonpartisan Center for Michigan's online magazine *Bridge*, we set out the ongoing attempt by the center to call forth the collective views of Michigan residents. Contained in the report, “Michigan Speaks,” this process has resulted in nothing less than a citizens' agenda for Michigan.

For more than half a year, the center has brought citizens together to take part in often lengthy “community conversations.” These consist of small (usually 10-15, but occasionally as large as 50) groups meeting in relaxed settings designed to provide a space for thoughtful and mutually respectful conversation about the issues of the day. We got feedback from 5,500 Michiganders.

Most of those have taken part in community conversations — though we solicited the views of another 1,200 in two statewide polls designed

to provide statistical rigor to the findings.

This process of the mutual working through of varying viewpoints is essential to the formation of a broad-based public attitude that we believe should underlay our political process. This would be far superior to the “lip servicing” we see so much of today.

The center has been doing this work for the past six years. During this time, we have brought together some 30,000 Michiganders whose diverse demography in age, gender, race and geography looks exactly like the face of Michigan.

This has been the largest continued public engagement campaign in Michigan history and one of the largest in the country.

It's not a poll, which is a quick attempt to take a momentary picture of public opinion. Rather, it is a process I call “deliberative democracy,” one meant to cut through lip service and dreary political rhetoric to reveal the true underlying attitudes

of our people.

During election years, this work has often served the important purpose of turning political discourse and debate away from a focus on the sensational, the ideological or the merely irrelevant during election years. Four years ago, in our first report, “Michigan's Defining Moment,” the center set out the views of 10,000 Michigan citizens. Every single candidate for governor came to our office to probe deeply into our findings. The report turned out, we believe, to have a significant influence on Gov. Rick Snyder's legislative agenda for the first couple of years of his administration.

We hope Michigan Speaks has the same effect this time around, during another election year. During this year's public engagement process, we discovered at least two newsworthy majority attitudes held by Michiganders.

No surprise is the importance they place on fixing the roads and

bridges that were already bad and have deteriorated especially rapidly over the harsh winter. What's much more surprising is that a majority of participants are also willing to pay more taxes to do so.

But there is much, much more in the 30-page entire report, which includes both demographic cross tabs and a careful explanation of the methodology used in the public outreach process. You can read the entire report at www.bridgemi.com.

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CLOSER TO HOME

Cancer center, local Relays forge strong partnership in Plymouth-Canton community

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

On nice days, 76-year-old Rosalie Dalton of Canton could walk, if she chose, to get the chemotherapy treatment for the lung cancer she was diagnosed back in September 2010.

She doesn't usually walk — on this day, she drove over from her job as an instructor at the local Curves fitness center — but the fact she could hoof it to the St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center in Canton is one of the things she likes best about being treated there.

Having the center right in her neighborhood, instead of having to go to the hospital's Ypsilanti location, is one of the pluses the cancer center's patients benefit from.

"It's wonderful ... it's less than five minutes from home," Dalton said. "This is a beautiful facility here. They make you feel like you're part of their family."

That's exactly what St. Joe's officials had in mind when they opened the center in 2010. Doctors had been hearing for a while that people in the community were tired of driving to Ypsilanti, that Plymouth and Canton patients wished for something closer to home.

And for the five years since the center opened, it has had something of a natural partner in the Canton Relay for Life, one of the American Cancer Society's largest fundraisers in the state, and in the smaller, but equally significant, Plymouth Relay for Life.

Strong partners

The Canton relay is held just a stone's throw from the cancer center in Heritage Park, a juxtaposition that makes the need evident. Hundreds of people affected by cancer — including survivors, family members and friends — are walking within yards of a center that benefits from the very money they're raising.



Jill Penna celebrates her last round of chemotherapy, part of her battle against breast cancer. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

... it's less than five minutes from home," Dalton said. "This is a beautiful facility here. They make you feel like you're part of their family."

"The Canton Cancer Center, with its advanced treatment options, programs and services, and American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center is a prime example of how the dollars raised by relayers are helping our loved ones right here in our community every day," said Abby Stonebrook, the American Cancer Society partner who helps organize both the Plymouth and Canton relay events, as well as similar events in places like Westland, Garden City and Wayne. "The cancer center is a closer option for most of my constituents and provides not only treatment, but programs and services like 'Look Good

Feel Better,' a program to teach women going through treatment how to combat the physical side effects of cancer and an in-house American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center."

The need for a cancer center closer to home is borne out by the patient listing: The center treats maybe 50 patients a day, with some 25-30 of those getting radiation treatment, according to radiation oncologist Dr. Salam Jafar.

And when it decided to build it five years ago, St. Joe's decided to staff it with local residents, giving the center a real "hometown" feel.

"Employees are from Plymouth and Canton. ... We like that because they know more about the community," said Jafar, who has been with St. Joe's for 25 years. "It makes a big difference to the patients and their families. You're serving the community where 75 to 80 percent of the (can-

cer) patients have a curable (form of) cancer."

Mixed feelings

Jill Penna found a lump with a self-examination in August and was diagnosed with breast cancer in September. She's no stranger to cancer — her mom is a breast cancer survivor and her dad has been a cancer survivor for 33 years — but she still found it "shocking" to discover she had it.

She thought she knew what she'd found but, since "you don't feel it" at first, the initial diagnosis still came as a shock. She said the response of her physician, Dr. Tari Stull, helped.

"She's passionate and personal. ... It wasn't like she diagnosed me and then said, 'OK, who's next?'" said Penna, single mom to 12-year-old Emily and 11-year-old Kyle. "(Her concern) made me feel like I was the only one who had it."

Penna, who said it was an enormous help to have the center nearer to home, was at the cancer center recently for her final treatment. She hasn't missed a lot of work, though the treatments have been very tiring. And moving forward without cancer is something of a question for her.

"I've been working and other than being a little tired, I've been OK," Penna said. "You hear horror stories about chemo, but it hasn't been that for me. (Being done) is mixed feelings. You're excited you're done, but you're like, 'Now what?' It scares you to think, 'What's next?'"

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Police begin increased seat belt enforcement

The first phase of the annual Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization began this week with an advertising campaign designed to remind motorists of upcoming enforcement. The goal is to increase seat belt use to reduce traffic deaths and injuries.

"Just like drivers plan for road closures and construction, we're also reminding people they'll be encountering safety belt enforcement zones and extra enforcement next week. To ensure smooth travel, simply buckle up," said Michael L. Prince, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning director, in a release.

In recent years the state's seat belt use rate has fallen from a high of 97.9 percent in 2009 to 93 percent last year. Since that all-time-high belt use rate, the state's

traffic deaths have increased from 871 in 2009 to 951 in 2013.

"Every 1 percent drop in belt use means about 10 additional traffic deaths," Prince said. "Absolutely no one is expendable. These are more than numbers; these are family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Traffic safety is community safety."

The advertising component ensures motorists are aware of extra enforcement. The combination of education and enforcement is documented as the most effective means to raise seat belt use, Prince said. While messages will be seen throughout the state, the campaign is focused in the metro Detroit, west Michigan and the tri-county areas and includes TV, cable, radio and Internet sites as well as billboards.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Spartans' Moccia repeats as KLAA 'A' singles champion

Northville runs away with conference title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Aimee Moccia would be the first to admit she certainly put in an honest day's work in repeating as the Kensington Lakes Activities Association "A" Tournament No. 1 singles champion. The senior opened with a 6-2, 6-1 first-round victory over Novi's Erin Day, but had to

sweat out a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4 tie-breaker) win over Grand Blanc freshman Kayla Grundy before earning the title at Plymouth-Canton's Centennial Educational Park with a 7-6 (7-1), 7-5 triumph in the finals over Walled Lake Northern's Sophie Reismuller.

"All three of them were really tough actually," said Moccia, whose only loss this season is to Ann Arbor Huron's Isabel Zheng in a third-set super-breaker. "As usual, they progressively got tougher and the final was a long one. It was like a two-hour match ... it's

been a little bit since I played a match like that because it was not only physically tough, but it was really mentally tough, too."

The steady hitting Reismuller, a senior exchange student from Austria, made Moccia work for just about every point. The match didn't end until well after 8 p.m.

"I had to tell myself that I did not want to go into a third set and I had to get it done right there," Moccia said. "Just because she really had a grinding-type game, so she was getting everything back and I

just had to keep up with her."

Moccia, a two-time MHSAA Division 1 No. 1 singles qualifier, has a career record of 82-16. After finishing 23-2 a year ago, she has taken a more cerebral approach to improving her game as a senior.

"I've been trying to work on my strategy and thinking through my points, forming to my opponents' game, just so I know how to be against a specific person ... if that makes sense," Moccia said.

The Stevenson senior, a three-time first-team All-Observer selection, will also try



Moccia

to defend her regional title this Friday at Brownstown Woodhaven.

"I'm not expecting it to be easy because I still have the same people I usually play," Moccia said. "Franklin (Carolyn McCullen) is still going to be a tough one and now we

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John Glenn High's Daron Cruickshank (left) won a first-round TKO against Erik Koch in his UFC lightweight bout Saturday at US Bank Arena in Cincinnati. PHOTOS BY JOE MAIORANA | USA TODAY SPORTS

UFC's Cruickshank leaving an imprint

Former Rocket wrestler turning heads in MMA

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Rung by rung, Daron Cruickshank is making his way up the ladder in the sport of mixed martial arts.

The former Westland John Glenn High wrestler, who turns 29 in June, is coming off a breakthrough victory Saturday night in Cincinnati where he defeated Milwaukee's Erik Koch at 3:21 of the first round on a TKO to run his professional record to 15-4.

The lightweight bout was part of the main card on UFC Fight Night 40 event at U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati. It aired live on FOX Sports 1.

Cruickshank's main blow was a huge left high kick that sent Koch crumbling to the floor followed by a barrage of elbows and punches that forced a stoppage of the fight.

Following the impressive win, Cruickshank said he felt his performance proved to the world that he was deserving of his spot on the UFC roster.

Cruickshank, nicknamed the Detroit Superstar, trains out of the Michigan Top Team gym in Dearborn where he has been a co-owner the past eight months. He was a betting underdog and earned the victory over his toughest opponent to date.

Signature win

"That's a great fight for me," said Cruickshank, who pushed his UFC



Daron Cruickshank celebrates with his fans after winning his UFC lightweight bout against Erik Koch Saturday night at US Bank Arena in Cincinnati.

record to 5-2. "I really showed up, and when I do that, I can beat anybody. You've got to follow it up. Sometimes you don't do everything. You got to go for the kill, go for the truth."

Koch, meanwhile, fell to 14-4 overall and 3-3 in the UFC.

"I know I belong here, but I feel I just proved I belong here," Cruickshank said. "Erik Koch was top 10 at 145, so it was a pretty big name to go against, a little higher caliber fighter than I've had so far."

Cruickshank was not only elated with the win, but also the turnout of local fans who made the four-hour drive to Cincinnati.

"There were about 40 people that

drove down from Michigan to support me," said the 2004 Glenn grad who hails from Wayne. "They were all in the stands. It was nice to have that."

Before Cruickshank began his climb up the MMA ladder, as a youngster he was intrigued by the sport.

Eye on MMA

"I enjoyed it as a kid," Cruickshank said. "I was always around martial arts when I was young because my family did it. I kind of took it one step further and did it at a real professional level where I could make a living doing it."

While at Glenn, Cruickshank was a

KLAA GIRLS TENNIS

Franklin earns 3 titles in 'B' event

McCullen nets No. 1 singles flight crown

Livonia Franklin made a strong showing in Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association "B" girls tennis tournament held Saturday at Novi Middle School and South Lyon East High School.

The Patriots, who captured three of four singles flights while finishing runner-up in another, scored 20 points to place second only behind Salem's team-high 29 in the 12-team field that included the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place teams from the KLAA's South, Central, North and West divisions.

The Patriots were led once again by the singles combination of senior Carolyn McCullen (No. 1) and sophomore Kendall Payne (No. 2)

McCullen, now 17-1 overall, lost only four games in six sets en route to the title, capped by a 6-2, 6-0 victory in the finals over Chelsea Yu of Salem.

Payne, who improved to 18-0, was even more impressive, yielding just one game in three matches as she cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Salem's Bianca Ghita.

"This is one of the best one-two singles combination in the KLAA with a record this year of 35-1 together," Clack said. "Each has played every match this season and have been very dominant in play, with no three-set matches. They both are seeded high at regionals and it's going to be real exciting matches to watch. Based on this past weekend, they both are playing their best and are ready for regionals. It is going to be very important to start well against Mercy and Stevenson — they are really tough."

Franklin's Morgan Witherspoon captured the No. 4 singles crown with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 win in the finals over top seed Hannah Turnbull of Hartland after another three-set victory, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, against Salem's Tiffany Chan in the semifinals.

"Morgan has been very tough in close matches and knows how to mix up her shots with long rallies," Clack said.

And despite being seeded fourth, the Patriots' Madison Eisenhauer reached the finals at No. 4 singles before being upended by Salem's Kyle Enright, 6-1, 6-0.

Eisenhauer, now 8-8 overall, reached the final with a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over top seed Heather LaVanture of Howell.

"Madison gave a super effort in the first two rounds of the tournament," Clack said. "The Howell match was the best she has played at Franklin. However, in the finals Salem was the stronger opponent."



McCullen

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA "A" GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

May 10 at Canton-Salem-Plymouth
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 34 points; 2. (tie) Novi and Grand Blanc, 20 each; 4. Walled Lake North, 15; 5. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Brighton, 10 each; 7. Canton, 7; 8. Livonia Churchill, 6; 9. Hartland, 5; 10. Plymouth, 3; 11. Walled Lake Central, 2; 12. White Lake Lakeland, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Sophie Reismuller (WLN), 7-6 (7-1), 7-5; **semifinals:** Moccia def. Kayla Grundy (GB), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Reismuller def. Reehma Kumar (N'ville), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 2: Emma Worley (N'ville) def. Jessica Lypka (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; **semifinals:** Worley (N'ville) def. Loren Nelson (GB), 6-1, 6-4; Lypka def. Alex Haver (WLN), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Sydney Wisniewski (B), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Gao def. Haycinth Villarin (GB), 6-1, 6-2; Wisniewski def. Jasmine Najm-Henry (Canton), 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 4: Amelia Albanelli (N'ville) def. Haley Guffey (GB), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Albanelli def. Macy Abel (WLN), 6-2, 6-0; Guffey def. Allison Lollo (Novi), 6-4, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Anika Mulkerji-Danielle Romano (N'ville) def. Asawari Kanitkar-Amy Zhou (Novi), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Mulkerji-Romano def. Christine Colasanti-Madelaine Austermann (GB), 6-2, 6-0; Kanitkar-Zhou def. Aryn Thomas-Paige Voelgraf (WLN), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

No. 2: Claudia Ma-Paige Baal (N'ville) def. Rachel Bailey-Dina Fawaz (Novi), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Ma-Baal def. Idara Ubong-Cayla Rimmel (GC),

6-3, 6-0; Bailey-Fawaz def. Katie Mishnaec-Tessa Vanbenthal (WLN), 6-0, 6-2.

No. 3: Jordan Hermiz-Alex Jeannotte (N'ville) def. Harika Bollineni-Dhiya Sridar (Novi), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Hermiz-Jeannotte def. Olivia Velarde-Pooja Patel (GB), 6-0, 6-1; Bollineni-Sridar def. Kirstie Waller-Sam Meyer (B), 6-4, 6-0.

No. 4: Libby Quinn-Chloe Page (N'ville) def. Sam Martin-Carolyn Zhang (Novi), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Quinn-Page def. Quinn Hibner-Caitlin Knedgen (B), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; Martin-Zhang def. Brittany Noye-Sydny Lushin (GB), 6-1, 6-3.

No. 5: Malika Sachdev-Molly Bis (N'ville) def. Tia Patrick-Danielle Fortin (GB), 6-3, 6-4; **semifinals:** Sachdev-Bis def. Ashley Hitchcock-Paige McClintock (WLN), 6-0, 6-2; Patrick-Fortin def. Shalika Khan-Teja Mogasala (Novi), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

KLAA 'B' GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

May 10 at Novi M.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 29 points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 20; 3. Howell, 14; 4. (tie) Milford and South Lyon East, 13 each; 6. South Lyon, 12; 7. Pinckney, 10; 8. Walled Lake Western, 7; 9. Wayne Memorial, 5; 10. (tie) Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott, 2 each; 12. Westland John Glenn, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Carolyn McCullen (LF) defeated Chelsea Yu (Salem), 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** McCullen def. Shannon Parr (Milford), 6-0, 6-1; Yu def. Carolin Piniewski (Pinckney), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 2: Kendall Payne (LF) def. Bianca Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-1; **semifinals:** Payne def. Sarah LaVanture (Howell), 6-0, 6-0; Ghita def. Linnea Kynast (Milford), 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-1.

No. 3: Kyle Enright (Salem) def. Madison Eisenhauer (LF), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Enright def. Holly Vasher (Pinckney), 6-3, 6-1; Eisenhauer def. Heather LaVanture, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 4: Morgan Witherspoon (LF) def. Hannah Turnbull (Howell), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Witherspoon def. Tiffany Chen (Salem), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; Turnbull def. Sarah Ploheski (SL), 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Kiley Flynn-Madison Kulik (Salem) def. Chloe Gordon-Pauline Parr (Milford), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; **semifinals:** Flynn-Kulik def. Aki Suzuki-Darya Vasileva (WLN), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; Gordon-Parr def. Lea Fields-Molly Young (SLE), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 2: Ashmi Nagar-Ashley Henderson (Salem) def. Prachi Gokhale-Tulsi Sadasivan (WLN), 6-3, 6-3; **semifinals:** Nagar-Henderson (Salem) def. Mary Hansen-Breanna Keeney (SLE), 6-3, 6-3; Gokhale-Sadasivan def. Lauren Folk-Makenzie Knue (Pinckney), 6-4, 7-5.

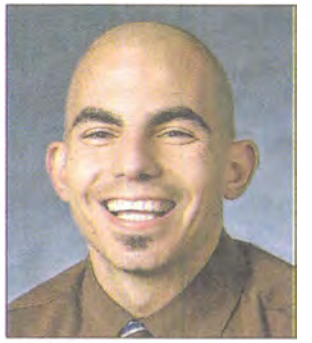
No. 3: Kendall Berghofer-Hershock (Salem) def. Taylor Brophy-Ashley Hartford (Howell), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Berghofer-Rachel Hershock def. Rachel Erikson-Lili May (Milford), 6-0, 6-3; Brophy-Hartford def. Kelsey Hanson-Kaitly Swenson (LF), 6-1, 6-2.

No. 4: Megan DeLuca-Devyn Schafer (SL) def. Alyssa Bucciarelli-Grace Martin (Salem), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; **semifinals:** DeLuca-Schafer def. Bridget Dolan-Emily Plave (SLE), 6-7 (4-6), 7-6 (7-3), 6-4; Bucciarelli-Martin def. Blake Newberry-Ashlee Mahoney (LF), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 5: Vanessa Swain-Rachel Egbert (Howell) def. Brooke Hudson-Lucia Rinkel (SLE), 6-2, 6-3; **semifinals:** Swain-Egbert def. Kim Boyne-Gursh Dhalwal (Pinckney), 6-3, 6-4; Hudson-Rinkel (SLE) def. Alayna Schwartz-Rachel Godfrey (Salem), 6-1, 6-4.

PREP BASEBALL

Wade racks up 150th win as Warriors sweep



Wade

Lutheran High Westland baseball coach Kevin Wade notched his 150th career win Saturday as the Warriors swept a double-header from host Southfield Christian, 6-3 and 5-2.

"It was good to come out and get two wins," said the 10th-year coach. "I thought we played well for the most part and made some big defensive plays to keep us in the lead, especially in Game One."

Lutheran Westland starter Jordan Williams went all seven innings to win the opener. The sophomore allowed six hits, walked two and struck out eight. He also helped his own cause going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Nick Flanery also added two hits, while Drake Snyder and Brandon Ruelle each drove in two runs.

In Game Two, lefty Nate Abbott also pitched a complete game for the Warriors. The sophomore gave up only four hits, walked three and

struck out one.

Flanery also went 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Mark Mika and Ruelle each contributed an RBI as the Warriors improved to 8-3 overall and 4-0 in White Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Meanwhile, Southfield Christian falls to 4-6-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the MIAC White.

VICKSBURG 17, CLARENCEVILLE 2: It took just three innings Saturday as the Bulldogs downed Livonia Clarenceville (4-15) in the Walled Lake Western Tournament.

Clarenceville jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning lead before Vicksburg exploded for five runs in the second inning and 12 more in the third.

"We gave three extra outs in the second and third innings on errors," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We also walked five and hit two batters. When you do that against a team like Vicksburg, which has a solid program year-in and year-out, you shoot yourself in the foot every time."

Mitch Kubiak, Zach Devon, David Curvin and Adam Sade had the lone hits for the Trojans.

W.L. WESTERN 11, CLARENCEVILLE 3: Ryan Menifee took the loss as Livonia Clarenceville (4-14) couldn't hold an early 3-0 lead before being swept by the Warriors 9-10 in the Walled Lake Western Tournament.

"Ryan Menifee did a great job for us on the mound," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We had to go to our bullpen early though and they jumped all over us. We are starting to hit the ball, which is a good sign for things to come. We only struck out twice."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL BOYS TRACK MEET

May 10 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Garden City, 159 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 95; 3. Redford Thurston, 82; 4. Detroit Loyola, 59; 5. Royal Oak Shrine, 26; 6. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 25; 7. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 24; 8. Plymouth Christian Academy, 21; 9. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 20; 10. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 14.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Andrew Strzelecki (OLL), 44 feet, 3.25 inches; 2. Thomas Krueger (WLN), 42-8; **discus:** 1. Krueger (WLN), 125-2; **high jump:** 1. Brown-Bayko (GC), 6-1; 2. Daniel Roberts (WLN), 6-0; 3. Darryl Nykiel (WLN), 5-8; **long jump:** 1. Arce (ROS), 19-3.75; 4. Roberts (WLN), 18-8; **pole vault:** 1. Newman Harper (WLN), 11-0; 5. Josh Kuhn (WLN), 8-6; 6. Jacob Kuhn (WLN), 8-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Huetwitt (Loyola), 15:25; 2. Austin Olson (WLN), 15:33; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brown-Bayko (GC), 42:33; **100 dash:** 1. Fry (RT), 11:13; 5. Nykiel (WLN), 11:96; **200:** 1. Fry (RT), 23:09;

3. Roberts (WLN), 23:83; **400:** 1. Franklin (RT), 52:77; 3. Harper (WLN), 54:29; 6. Jake Davenport (WLN), 55:79; **800:** 1. Johnson (GC), 2:03.2; **1,600:** 1. Johnson (GC), 4:41.8; **3,200:** 1. Hardrick (GC), 11:20.3; **400 relay:** 1. Thurston, 45.83; 4. Lutheran Westland, 47.32; **800 relay:** 1. Thurston, 1:34.9; 2. Lutheran Westland, 1:36.5; **1,600 relay:** 1. Garden City, 3:38.0; 2. Lutheran Westland, 3:44.3; **3,200 relay:** 1. Garden City, 8:50.7.

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

WARRIOR INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 10 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Garden City, 114 points; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 104; 3. Lutheran Westland, 68; 4. Redford Thurston, 49; 5. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 47; 6. Newport Lutheran South, 27; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 24; 8. Detroit Edison Academy, 20; 9. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 17.5; 10. Plymouth Christian Academy, 16; 11. Novi Franklin Road Christian, 12; 12. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 9; 13. Romulus Summit Academy,

8; 14. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 3.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Kristi Smrcka (LS), 31 feet, 11 inches; 5. Mackenzie York (WLN), 26-10.5; **discus:** 1. Smrcka (LS), 95-10; 5. Caitlin O'Banion (WLN), 72-9; **high jump:** 1. Peaslee (ROS), 5-0; **long jump:** 1. Liggett (SH), 14-8.5; 5. Lis Ivey (WLN), 13-8.5; **pole vault:** 1. Vicky Denison (GC), 9-0; 3. Becky Priese (WLN), 6-6; 4. York (WLN), 6-0; 5. Eleanor Stork (WLN), 5-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Peaslee (SH), 16:7; 3. Sabrina Morrison (WLN), 17:39; 3. Morrison (WLN), Romano (ROS), 50:33; 3. Morrison (WLN),

51:67; 5. Stork (WLN), 56:52; **100 dash:** 1. Moing (GC), 12:76; **200:** 1. Collier (GC), 26:45; **400:** 1. Johnson (RT), 1:03.6; 4. Elizabeth Matthews (WLN), 1:07.5; **800:** 1. Jenna Wisner (WLN), 2:26.6; **1,600:** 1. Fornari (OLL), 5:22.3; 2. Wisner (WLN), 5:29.3; **3,200:** 1. Fornari (OLL), 11:52.0; 6. Michelle Greening (WLN), 13:47.3; **400 relay:** 1. Edison, 52.32; 5. Lutheran Westland, 57.96; **800 relay:** 1. Edison, 1:51.0; 5. Lutheran Westland, 2:05.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Garden City, 4:32.3; 3. Lutheran Westland, 4:39.9; **3,200 relay:** 1. SH, 11:01.1; 6. Lutheran Westland, 12:34.9.

TENNIS

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have Mercy (Winnie Karoub) that we'll see, so it's going good match, too, if I get to play these people. It's going be another long day, I can just feel it."

Moccia is following in the footsteps of her two older sisters, Ashley and Amanda, all-state players at Stevenson who combined for 279 singles and doubles victories during their days (2006-11) at Western Michigan University.

But Aimee is following a slightly different college career path where she is headed to Allendale (Grand Valley

State University) instead of Kalamazoo.

"I went and watched the team and everyone looked like they were really having a good time," Aimee Moccia said. "I met coach (John) Black and he was very nice. The facilities were really nice. I liked the school, too, just the area is by my sister (Ashley). The school is fairly new, so the campus is really nice, the dorms are really nice and their team is doing fairly well."

Moccia was the only player to break of Northville's team dominance as the Mustangs won the remaining three singles flights and all five doubles flights to score 34 points en route to the title

Grand Blanc and Novi tied for second with 20 each, while Northern took fourth with 15. Stevenson and Brighton tied for fifth with 10 apiece.

"Our team had a tremendous day finishing tied for fifth in one of the most competitive leagues in the state," Stevenson coach Don McCathney said. "We had many 'big win' matches led by our four-year No. 1 singles player Aimee Moccia. She has had a stellar year and career. She is currently 17-1 this season, peaking at exactly the right time."

The regional begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Woodhaven.

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **May 22nd, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

DEMOLITION OF 7365 NANKIN BLVD, WESTLAND, MI 48185

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

Devin J. Adams
 Controller

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-13

May 6, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 8:00p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of silence for Art Elander. APPROVED: minutes of reg. meeting of April 15; minutes of spec. meeting of April 23; proclaim May 18-24 as DPW Week; trans of SDD at CVS 2950 Newburgh Rd.; reappt. of Jorge Manzano to Dang. Bldgs. Appeals Board; reappt. of Mike O'Brien as Hearing Officer for Dang. Bldgs.; appt. of Ira Bunek to Dang. Bldgs. Appeals Board; separation agreement with DC/FM Shawn Bell; cemetery buy-back for Donald Law; lot split of #55-018-07-0220-304 Rite-Aid Plaza; interlocal agreement with Wayne County for Wayne Rd; waive permit fee for Tae Keuk Village in lieu of replacement of a portion of Williams; rescind ward/precinct resolution from April 1 meeting; ward/precinct resolution for Nov. 4 Election; rescind term limit resolution from April 1; term limit resolution for Nov. 4 Election; separation agreement with Ramzi El-Gharib; interlocal agreement with Westland for sharing services of Ramzi El-Gharib. consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:35 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
 City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

MTG. 10 5/5/14

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Kehrer, Reeves
 95: Appr. Farmers Market every Thursday from 6/5-10/30, 2014 in City Hall parking lot.
 - Bid for demolition of condemned bldgs to Berkshire Dev.; amt. \$31,164.
 - Bid to purchase 7 garbage trucks to Bell Equipment Co., amt. \$1,764,000.
 - Appr. purchase of approx. 28,000 garbage/recycling carts from Toter; amt. \$57,39/cart.
 - Contract ext. w/Strategic Comm. Solutions for consulting svcs. amt. \$7,500/mo.
 - Contract w/Tetra Tech of Mich. PC for MDOT reconstruction along Cherry Hill.
 - Contract w/Tetra Tech of Mich. PC for MDOT resurfacing work along Newburgh Road from Palmer to Cherry Hill.
 - Appr. contract w/Basic HR Solutions for COBRA & FMLA Svcs; amt. \$12,000/yr.
 - Appr. 1 yr. MSB contract for Park Ranger services; amt; \$60,000.
 - Appr. 5 yr. contract w/Midwest Sanitation for professional consulting services & collection/disposal of solid waste & recyclables; amt. \$5.01 per unit per month.
 - Intro. Ord. 7-A to define & restrict the tethering of dogs.
 - Adopt Ord. 31-A-1 re. landowners responsibility to replace/repair sidewalks
 - Adopted NSP disposition resolution for 1 property (499 Hix).
 - Adopted NSP disposition resolution for 3 properties (28991 Currier, 2877 Donna & 36010 Rolf).
 - Adopted NSP acquisition resolution for 4 properties (2104-06-08-10 Emerson).
 96: Closed public hearing on 2014-2015 Budget.
 97: Adopted resolution re. Taylor Towers property transfer.
 98: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 5/21/14.
 99: Set 5/19 as Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-449 N. Wayne Rd.
 100: Set 5/19 as Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-33700 Ann Arbor Tr.
 101: Set 5/19 as Public Hearing date for prop. Comm. Redevelopment District-PID #034-99-0030-703.
 102: Intro. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/14 - 6/30/15.
 103: Waived procedure to intro. & adopt Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/14 - 6/30/15.
 104: Adopt. Final Statement for CDBG Annual Action Plan 7/1/14 - 6/30/15.
 105: Adopt. prep. res. to adopt CDBG & HOME Program Annual Action Plan 7/1/14 - 6/30/15.
 106: Appr. 2014-2019 WPOAM CBA for Patrol Officers & Emergency Dispatchers.
 107: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,893,536.63.
 Mtg. adj. at 8:41 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
 Council President

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
 City Clerk

May 15, 2014

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Salute This Year's Graduate!

Send a message to your "special" Class of 2014 graduate with an ad in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

On June 22, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will publish special "Salute to Grads" page. Be sure to include your 2014 graduate in these pages

See requirements below:

Color photo, no more than seven lines of copy (includes name of grad and school graduating from)

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:
 Name of Graduate: _____
 Graduating from: _____
 Any Special Awards: _____
 Message: _____
 (20 words or less- use separate sheet if needed)
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 Deadline is:
Friday, June 13th.

For more information contact
Char Wilson at 586-826-7082



Catholic League champs



Livonia Ladywood captured its third straight Catholic League Division girls lacrosse title Saturday with a 19-8 victory over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. The Blazers, who improved to 14-2 overall, got five goals apiece from seniors Rachel Donabedian and Jess Snyder, along with four goals and one assist from senior Megan Leon. Also contributing two goals each for Ladywood were seniors Hanna Daniels and Theresa Micallef, along with sophomore Shannon Murphy. Senior goalie Sabine Hutter made 13 saves for the Blazers, who led 9-1 at the outset and never let the Fighting Irish get any closer than six the rest of the way.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Lakers' Taylor named Midwest Player of Year

Franklin graduate set high standards for Grand Valley State

Grand Valley State University senior shortstop Brianna Taylor became the second Laker softball player in as many years to be named as Daktronics Inc. Midwest Region Player of the Year.

The Livonia Franklin High grad was joined on the first team by Laker teammates Miranda Cleary, a senior third baseman, and Lauren Gevaart, a junior pitcher.

This is the third time in the past four seasons that a GVSU player has been tabbed the Midwest Region Player of the Year. In 2011 and 2013, designated player Katie Martin was named the region's top player.

It is the third Dak-

tronics All-Region award for Taylor, who was also a first-team honoree in 2011 and a second-team member in 2012. Taylor also was a Daktronics All-America honorable mention pick in 2011.

A four-time All-GLIAC selection and three-time member of the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first-team selection, Taylor, along with her twin sister Brittany, enjoyed a banner senior season for the 30-14 Lakers, who were ousted Saturday by the University of Indianapolis in the NCAA Division II Sub Regional.

Taylor finished 2014 with a .413 batting average, 11 home runs (tied for the team lead) and 56 RBI. The senior led the Lakers in runs (45), slugging percentage (.748), stolen bases (eight), and triples (four), while start-

ing all 44 games at shortstop. Her homers, RBI total, and slugging percentage all rank in the single season top-10 in school history.

One aspect of Taylor's game that is overshadowed by her stellar offensive numbers is her defense. In 185 chances, she committed just nine errors for a .951 fielding percentage, an outstanding figure for a shortstop.

Only one player in the GLIAC had more defensive assists and fewer errors (just one less error) than Taylor, who was a part of turning six double plays this season. One of the most athletic players to ever play at Grand Valley State, she consistently showed more range and arguably covered more ground than any player in the conference.

Taylor's name can be found throughout the



Taylor

Laker record book.

Identical to former teammate Martin, she ranks in the GVSU career top 10 in 11 offensive categories, including eight marks in the top five. Taylor is third in Grand Valley history in batting average (.393), slugging percentage (.645), runs (169), and total bases (391). She is also fourth in home runs (33) and RBI (169), while tying for fourth in triples (16).

A more infamous record, Taylor was plunked by 19 pitches, the most in Laker history. She is seventh in on-base percentage (.443), tied for seventh in hits (238), and tied for 10th in stolen bases (29).

COLLEGE BASEBALL

3 Crusaders get All-WHAC recognition

Madonna University landed first-team honors on the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball team as voted upon by the nine WHAC coaches.

Leading the way for MU was senior catcher Donny Holland (White Lake Lakeland), senior pitcher Travis Schuba (Rapid City/Kalkaska) and sophomore second baseman Shane Dokey (Brighton).

Holland is making his second straight appearance on the squad after being tabbed for the honorable mention team as a junior. The Crusaders' team MVP controlled a young pitching staff from behind the plate while posting a .252 average with 32 hits and 15 RBI.

Holland also fielded a .985 average, picked off five runners and threw out 22 base stealers this season.

Schuba becomes the first male student-athlete in MU history to earn All-WHAC first team honors in two sports after being tabbed to the All-WHAC basketball first-team in each of the last two seasons.

The jack-of-all-trades for the Crusaders this season, Schuba posted five saves while also making three starts in the rotation. In addition to a team-best seven wins, Schuba collected five saves with a 1.86 earned run average in 20 appearances after joining the squad following the completion of basketball season.

Schuba is second in career saves with 13 and tied for fourth in single-season appearances with 20 in 2014.

Dokey ranked third on the team with a .291 average, collecting 51 hits while scoring a team-best 53 runs. MU's leadoff hitter most of the season, Dokey drew a team-best

33 walks while stealing 31 bases.

A trio of Crusaders were named to the WHAC's honorable mention including sophomore pitchers Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) and Adam Prashad (Mississauga, Ontario), along with freshman designated hitter Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser).

Piechota went 5-3 with a 2.55 earned run average this season in MU's weekend rotation. He struck out a team-leading 49 batters in 70.2 innings of work while holding the opposition to a .233 average.

Prashad posted a 4-3 record with a 2.62 ERA in 72 innings. He was second to Piechota with 40 strikeouts, while walking just 19 batters.

Grzelakowski hit .287 this season, including eight doubles a team-best 36 RBI. He also went 17-of-19 in stolen base attempts.

Seniors Ryan Lech (L'Anse Creuse North), Tyler Schofield (Windsor, Ontario Brennan) and Dan Stoney (Canton), along with redshirt sophomores Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) and Piechota were all named to the Academic All-WHAC team.

To be honored on the academic team, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior academically and have a grade-point average of 3.25 or better.

Holland, meanwhile, earned his second straight WHAC's Champions of Character Team honor. He was selected by his coaches as the student-athlete who best displays and lives the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, integrity and sportsmanship.

The Crusaders finished 29-25 this season, including 13-14 in the conference.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna ace Crampton leads WHAC honorees

Pitcher Bree Crampton leads the way among 10 Madonna University women's softball players who were honored recently by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Crampton, a junior from New Baltimore, was named WHAC Pitcher of the Year after racking up 225 strikeouts, an average of 9.7 per outing. The right-hander was third in the conference with a 1.85 earned run average and was also selected as a member of the All-WHAC first team.

Joining Crampton on the All-WHAC first-team was four-time selection Erin Mayes, a senior first baseman from Ida, along with first-time honorees Emma Cook

(Marysville), a sophomore second baseman and Kristen Drabek (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central), a senior catcher.

Mayes was second on the team with a .386 batting average while leading the team with eight homers en route to setting the MU career record with 27 homers in her four seasons. She also tied for the team lead with 11 doubles while driving in a team-best 39 runs.

Cook paced the Crusaders with a .429 average with 54 hits including 10 doubles, two triples and a homer while hitting in the leadoff spot most of the season. Cook struck out just seven times while walking 17 times and posting a .500

on-base percentage.

Drabek, the Crusaders' everyday catcher, was hampered by a shoulder injury most of the season, but still posted a .327 average with 27 RBI to go along with 11 sacrifice hits and a .997 fielding percentage.

Freshman shortstop Nicky Salloum (Livonia Churchill) was named All-WHAC honorable mention after hitting .314 average, including eight doubles and three homers to go along with 30 RBI.

A total of seven Crusaders were named to the Academic All-WHAC team.

Among the juniors or seniors who carried a 3.25 grade-point average or better included: Karleigh Creighton (North

Farmington), journalism and public relations; Katie Fenech (Northville), nursing; Caitlyn Keuvelaar (Essexville Garber), nursing; Carlee Meek (White Lake Lakeland), psychology; Kasey Trierweiler (Grand Ledge), accounting; Crampton, marketing; and Drabek, childhood development.

Trierweiler was also named as MU's selection to the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best represents the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

MU finished the season 34-10 overall record and 15-3 in the WHAC, good for second place.

GIRLS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Spartans take 3 of 4 in Bedford Tourney

The Livonia Stevenson girls softball team climbed back to the .500 mark Saturday by winning three of four games in Gibraltar Carlson Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament.

The Spartans, now 10-10 overall, lost their opener to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, 3-2, as the Kestrels tallied the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh after Stevenson had tied it with two in the top half of the inning.

Losing pitcher Erika Randall went all seven innings allowing one earned run on six hits and a walk. The senior right-hander struck out seven.

Senior Natalie Reilly had the lone hit for Stevenson and scored a run following a stolen base, fielder's choice and er-

ror. In Game Two, Reilly threw a two-hitter and struck out five as the Spartans topped Dearborn, 9-2.

Maddie Omietanski, Courtney Carter and Reilly each knocked in a run, while Cassidy Lipinski reached base three times and scored twice.

The Spartans then defeated Flat Rock, 3-2, as junior pitcher Natalie Moore went all seven innings, allowing just two hits and a walk while striking out seven. Both runs were unearned.

Moore also had the game winning RBI, a bunt single in the bottom of the sixth, while Alex Knorp and Reilly each collected a hit and an RBI.

In the tournament finale, Stevenson took six innings to mercy

Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 12-1, as Lipinski clubbed her third homer of the year and Randall hit her first homer of the season.

Randall and Reilly shared the mound duties combining on a two-hitter. They walked four and fanned eight.

HURON VALLEY 5-4, A.A. HURON 2-8: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-1) had its 12-game winning streak snapped Saturday as host Ann Arbor Huron captured the nightcap of a non-conference double-header.

The Hawks captured the opener, 5-2, in 10 innings, as winning pitcher Julie St. John went 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI double, while Anne St. John contributed a 2-run double.

It was 1-1 after eight innings with the Hawks scoring a run in top of the ninth on Ashley Hewer's sacrifice followed by a wild pitch. Huron's Kara Wilson, who went 2-for-4, countered with an RBI double.

In the 10th, playing under the international tiebreaker rules, Julie St. John singled, Sam Golchuk reached base on an error and Anne St. John clubbed a 2-run double to give HVL a 3-run cushion.

Winning pitcher Julie St. John went all 10 innings, allowing just three hits and no walks while fanning 12. Losing pitcher Krista Lynch gave up five hits, one walk, hit two batters and struck out 12.

In Game Two, Lynch went 2-for-3 with a

double and two runs, while Wilson went 2-for-4 with a double, two runs and an RBI in an 8-4 River Rats victory.

Top hitters for the Hawks included Jessie Strauch, who had a double and triple, along with Bethany Schaffer, who added a sacrifice and double.

Winning pitcher Grace Kent scattered eight hits, walked two and struck out four, while Julie St. John allowed nine hits, one walk and fanned four.

"It was great game experience for our team to play with the tiebreaker situation," HVL coach Eric Ruth said. "We did not hit real well today."

BEDFORD 3, FRANKLIN 2 (9): On Saturday, the host Kicking Mules pulled out a nine-inning victory over Livonia Franklin (5-15) at the Temperance Bedford Tournament.

Losing pitcher Courtney Garbarino scattered nine hits, walked two and had one strikeout. She also collected three of the Patriots' 13 hits.

The Patriots also got RBI singles from Colleen Mandrill and Sarah Franklyn. **EDWARDSBURG 3, FRANKLIN 2:** Livonia Franklin (5-14) jumped out to a 2-0 first-inning advantage before the Eddie's, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, rallied for one run in the fourth and two in the top of the seventh for the victory Saturday in the Bedford Tournament.

Brooke Garbarino tripled in Becky Giacobbi and Garbarino scored on Sarah Cramton's RBI doubleout. Giacobbi made an outstanding diving catch in center field as the winning run tagged from third to score.

Megan Chapman, who scattered nine hits and two walks in seven innings, was the losing pitcher.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, May 15

Luth. Westland at HVL (2), 4 p.m.

Friday, May 16

Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

PCA at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

W.L. Northern Tourney, 9 a.m.

Luth. Westland at Annapolis (2), 10 a.m.

Monroe at Franklin (2), 11 a.m.

W.L. Central at Stevenson (2), 11 a.m.

C'ville at Clawson Tourney, TBA.

Taylor Kennedy Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, May 15

HVL at Luth. Westland (2), 4 p.m.

Friday, May 16

Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

PCA at Clareville, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Annapolis at Luth. Westland (2), 10 a.m.

Clareville at HVL (2), 11 a.m.

Mattawan Invitational, TBA.

Michigan Challenge Invitational at Canton Sports Center-Heritage, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, May 15

S.L. East at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

Baptist Park at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 16

Garden City at Clareville, 6 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD REGIONALS

Friday, May 16

Division 2 at Monroe-Jeff, 8:30 a.m.

Division 1 at Canton, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Division 1 at N. Farmington, 8 a.m.

Division 4 at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.

Division 2 at S.L. East, 11:30 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS REGIONALS

Thursday, May 15

Division 4 at A.A. Greenhills, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 16

Division 1 at Woodhaven, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

Thursday, May 15

Churchill vs. Northville

at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

John Glenn vs. S.L. East

at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.

Wayne vs. South Lyon

at Coyote G.C., 3 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Blazers best field at Williamston tourney

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood notched a hat trick in Saturday's Williamston girls soccer tournament. The Blazers went 3-0 on the day in a trio of 60-minute matches capped by a 3-1 victory over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in the finals. "This was a nice bounce back for us," said Ladywood coach Ken

Shingledecker, whose team improved to 11-5-3 overall after losing four of its previous five matches. "We have been struggling of late, but found a nice rhythm offensively and defensively. I'm proud of our effort across the board."

In the championship match, Ladywood led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Kennedy Bullard in the 10th minute (from Taylor Bullard) followed by Sam

Riga's goal from Clare Kelley in the 19th minute. Ladywood, which out-shot the Yellowjackets 13-7, also got a second-half goal from Marissa Ozog in the 32nd minute from Emily Huddleston. Michelle Manning scored for Country Day in the 48th minute to spoil Whitney Bauriedl's shut-out bid. Bauriedl made one save, while Isabel Nino made seven stops for Country Day.

Ladywood reached the final with a 2-1 semifinal victory over DeWitt as Riga tallied the game-winner from Huddleston in the 51st minute after Mackenzie Dawes had tied it for the Panthers at the 20-minute mark. Kelley opened the scoring in the 12th minute from Jenna Urso. Bauriedl made one save in the win, while Brooklyn Holley had two for DeWitt.

In the quarterfinals, Ladywood used a 9-4 shot advantage to beat Grand Ledge, 4-1, with goals coming from Urso, 14th minute (from Huddleston); Ozog, 41st minute (from Emma Smalley); Kennedy Bullard, 45th minute (from Smalley); and Taylor Bullard, 53rd minute (from Urso). Sophie Guzman scored for Grand Ledge in the 41st minute to tie the match at 1-1.

Bauriedl had three saves, while the Comets got one save from Hannah Menne. Urso, Huddleston, Ozog and Conner Huggins made the all-tournament team. "We received a special effort from our back line of Abby Pelon, Conner Huggins, Mykela Hawkins, and Elise Smalley all day long," Shingledecker said. "They played all 180 minutes of the tournament."



Wayne native Daron Cruickshank (left) avoids a punch thrown by Erik Koch in Saturday's UFC lightweight bout held Saturday night in Cincinnati. JOE MAIORANA | USA TODAY SPORTS

UFC WIN

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two-time individual state qualifier, but did not place in the Division I finals.

He went on to wrestle two seasons at Muskegon Community College and was an NJCAA runner-up at 157 pounds during his sophomore year. Cruickshank then transferred to Olivet College where he was a two-time NCAA Division III national qualifier and wrestled at both 184 and 165 pounds. (He has a degree in Fitness Management from Olivet.) "His family grew up boxing, kickboxing and all that stuff," Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk said. "He always kind of dabbled in it a little bit. I don't think he took it super serious until he graduated from college. But this MMA stuff is even more up his alley than wrestling."

Polk was in the stands Saturday night to see Cruickshank notch his third win in his last four fights.

Thrilling night

"It was incredible," he said. "We had such a good time. I watched him a bunch of times

and followed him when he started as an amateur getting his first fight going. I've been to quite a few pro ones. When they're close I'll go. He took care of business ... first-round knockout. Exciting, it was a lot of fun."

Polk said Cruickshank "was without a doubt the most exciting kid I ever coached."

"I say it all the time, he's probably the single most fun I've ever had coaching a kid there," Polk said. "It's not because he won all the time, he just gave you everything he had and knew exactly what to expect, and he was like a robot. He did what you told him to do. He really didn't pay attention to the score of matches very much. I think that's why ultimately he would lose a few here and there that he wasn't supposed to, then he'd beat somebody that he wasn't supposed to because that's the way he wrestled. He let it all hang out."

Cruickshank, who has a second degree black belt in Taekwondo, was 8-1 as an amateur. He began his pro career in 2009 and won his first five matches.

His big break came in 2012 when he was invited to take part in

the weekly televised *Ultimate Fighter* series on Fox, which was filmed in Las Vegas. It culminated with a unanimous decision win over Chris Tickler.

Paying his dues

"I got into UFC through the *Ultimate Fighter*," said Cruickshank, who also took bouts on both the King of the Cage and Bellator series. "I learned I had the stuff to fight with the best in the world. The show taught me that I am worthy where I'm at. It was an awesome experience. I love being in the house. I was in the house for 13 weeks. My show was the only show that was 13 weeks. It was a live season."

After Cruickshank won six straight pro bouts, he was derailed March 16, 2013, in Montreal during the UFC 158 pay-per-view prelim by John Makdessi, losing via unanimous decision.

In the final 10 seconds of the Makdessi fight, Cruickshank badly injured his nose. He wound up having surgery to repair what his doctor called "the worst thing he's ever seen."

He underwent the surgery in May 2013, but bounced back July 27, 2013, with a split decision over Yves Edwards

on *UFC on Fox*.

That was followed up by a loss Nov. 9, 2013 in Goiania, Brazil, to Adriana Martins on a straight armbar submission.

Learning lesson

The losses not only made him wiser, but stronger mentally and physically. He is now on a three-bout winning streak.

"A few things I've learned is that you can never be complacent with yourself," Cruickshank said. "You've got to constantly get better and grow, and never put your opponent on a pedestal. It doesn't matter what they can do. It matters what you can do."

Cruickshank eagerly awaits what's next after his signature win over Koch. He will confer with his team of advisers, which includes his father Dean Cruickshank, Jiu-Jitsu instructor John Toth, MTT trainer Cody Staman and manager Tom Burman.

"I'm supposed to meet with my managers this week and try to get the ball rolling," Cruickshank said.

Just another rung up the ladder.

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Stevenson secures 1-1 draw vs. Rocks

Livonia Stevenson's Kaitlyn Foster scored the game-tying goal with only seven minutes remaining Tuesday night to enable the Spartans to earn a 1-1 girls soccer draw against visiting Salem.

Sari Rackowicz's corner kick set up the goal as the Spartans stand 6-6-3 overall and 2-6-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Salem (3-3-3, 2-6-1) got a rebound goal in the first half against Stevenson goalkeeper Rylee Jayson, who made eight saves.

Patriots fall, 5-1

In a KLAA South Division match Tuesday, host Livonia Franklin (2-7-2,

1-6-1) couldn't overcome a 5-0 halftime deficit en route to a 5-1 setback to Plymouth (8-4, 6-2).

The Patriots got an unassisted second half goal from Riley Burnette to avert the shutout.

Franklin goalkeeper Katherine MacRae made six saves.

"We played really well the second half and we just hope to build off it," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said.

Postponements

The following KLAA South matches were postponed until Wednesday because of inclement weather: John Glenn at Wayne (4 p.m.) and Livonia Churchill at Canton (7 p.m.).

College-bound spikers



Livonia Clarenceville volleyball players (from left) Ayanna Buckley and Kelsey Griffin will continue their careers at the collegiate level. Buckley, a first team all-Observer selection, has signed a letter of intent with NCAA Division II Ferris State, while Griffin has committed to play at NCAA Division III Heidelberg (Ohio) University. WENDY MERSCHMAN

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU signs Clio cager

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced the signing Monday of Cara Horst, a 5-foot-10 forward from Clio.

Horst, who led Clio to a pair of Metro League titles (2011, 2013) is the third to sign an NAIA letter-of-intent this off-season with the Crusaders, joining Lindsey Hernden, a 5-6 guard and 1,000-point plus career scorer from Romeo, along with Kacy Robinson, a 5-8 guard-forward from Clarkston.

Horst was a two-time second team All-Metro performer as a junior and sophomore and a first-team All-League and team MVP as a senior. She also lettered in volleyball for the Mustangs.

"Cara has enjoyed an incredible high school career, and I'm pleased that she has chosen to join our family," Graves said. "She will be a great fit, and brings the right attitude and commitment to the program. I'm certain that today's signing makes the future of this program a bit brighter. My staff, my captains and returners are all very excited for next season."

Churchill scholars

For the 14th year in a row, the Churchill Athletic Patrons

recently announced its eight \$1,000 senior student-athlete scholarship recipients.

The award is open to all senior athletes at Churchill and requires no minimum grade point average. Applicants are requested to fill out an application, which is due April 1 of each year.

A committee of five individuals then assigned point values to the responses with the top eight point earners being Julia Cavagnini, Jake Hage, Andrew Malik, Erin McDonald, Megan McFarlane, Colin Murphy, Katie Shereda and Julia Twigg.

Dynamo unbeaten

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-12 girls soccer team coached by Laura Litfin and Don McDougall, went 3-0 in the Garden City Friendlies Soccer Tournament.

Team members include: Andrea Abramson, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Isabella Jabour, Mandy Laiaco, Sofia Rodriguez, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods.

Spartan 5K run

Ally Physical Therapy, Livonia, is the presenting sponsor for this year's Livonia Stevenson Spartan 5-kilometer run beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 18, at the high school.

The run-walk starts on the Stevenson campus and will take participants through the adjacent neighborhood before finishing under a balloon arch on the Stevenson track.

This year's run-walk, also sponsored by Sir Speedy Printing and Brooks Running, will feature a live DJ, finisher medals, post-run refreshments and random drawings for prizes from additional local merchant sponsors.

For more information, call 734-748-4909. To register online, visit runsignup.com.

Tim Shaw camp

The annual Tim Shaw "Dream it, Do it" free football camp, open to grades 4-12, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

Shaw, a former Clarenceville High and Penn State standout, who recently retired from the NFL after stints with the Carolina Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Chicago Bears and Tennessee Titans, will direct the camp, which will also feature NFL players, college players and local area coaches.

The camp is open to the first 150 registrants. To register, visit www.timshawfootball.com.

For more information, email johnshawfam-

ily@gmail.com.

Family fun golf

Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, will stage a free "Family Fun Golf Day" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

Boys and girls of all ages are encouraged to participate in free golf lessons, SNAG Golf, Golfzilla and an official Drive, Chip, Putt practice stations.

Also, beginning at noon, trick shot artist Dennis Walters will give a demonstration along with his opening act Super Dog. There will also be a challenge putting course and a hole-in-one contest for adults.

For more information, visit www.livoniagolf.com or call the city of Livonia Golf Division at 248-471-3400.

Collins golf outing

The second annual Livonia Stevenson Nick Collins Memorial Scholarship golf outing will be held Sunday, June 8, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Registration is at 7 a.m., followed by shotgun start for a four-person scramble at 8 a.m. Lunch and a general raffle follow at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$75 (includes lunch and cart) or \$25 (lunch only).

Hole sponsor signs are available for \$100. (Deadline for entries is May 28).

For more information, call Jim Omietanski at 734-542-0776 or Dan Omietanski at 734-542-9675. You can also email james_omietanski@att.net or domietanski@mi.rr.com. To download an entry, visit www.golflivonia.com.

Gymnastics coach

Livonia Red (Churchill and Franklin) is in need of an assistant high school gymnastics coach for the 2014-15 season.

If interested, contact Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at 734-744-2650, ext. 46117, or fax resume and letter of interest to 734-744-2824.

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 held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Hickory Creek.

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

You can also visit www.TrainWithTami.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY BETHANY
Time/Date: 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 31
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Admission, \$13, includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual.

Contact: bethanysemi.org
BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, ham, apple-sauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for

children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421
CATHOLIC VIEW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday; series started May 13
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, between Farmington Road and Merriman, Livonia
Details: Author and Catholic apologist, Gary Michuta, explores the pros and cons of the

explosion of TV programs highlighting the paranormal
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200
DINNER DANCE
Time/Date: Social hour at 5 p.m., buffet dinner, 6 p.m., May 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: "Spring Celebration"

dinner dance is sponsored by the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit to benefit retire Orthodox priests and priests' widows. \$40 per person; children, 12 and under free
Contact: Mihaela Charlier at 313-595-7640 or coccddetroit@yahoo.com
RUMMAGE SALE
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May

16 and 10 a.m. to noon May 17
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Bag sale and half-off prices on Saturday. The church also will accept used ink cartridges, eye glasses and cell phones for recycling
Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

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BRISBOIS, JOHN E.
 Age 78, of Farmington, retired owner of J. Brisbois Tool, died May 8, 2014. He is the beloved husband of 55 years to Joan; devoted father of Tim (Carla Brisbois-Gribbs), Kathy (Al) Maximiuk, Mike (Lynn) and Mary Edward; grandfather of 10; and brother of Patricia and Janet (Pat). Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 13, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to Sweet Dreamzzz, sweetdreamzzz.org or American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org Arrangements entrusted to Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. heeneey-sundquist.com



MORAN, JEAN C.
 Age 68, daughter of Genevieve Curry and the late William Lamar Curry, Sr. of Lakeland, Florida passed away due to ovarian cancer on Monday, March 10, 2014 with the family by her side at Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, Florida. She was born August 3, 1945 and grew up in Lakeland, FL. A graduate of Furman University in Greenville, SC, she married the love of her life, Mike Moran, at The Citadel chapel in Charleston, SC in 1967. In 1979, she settled in Farmington, MI with her family. She was an active volunteer member of many organizations throughout her life. A Troop Leader, Trainer and Neighborhood Service Unit Director for Michigan Metro Girl Scouts, former chapter president of AAUW and adult Sunday school teacher at Forest Park Baptist Church. A lifelong artist and gardener, she was a Master Flower Show Judge and attained Master status in the Schools of Gardening and Landscape Design. She was a former President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and served on the National Garden Club's Flower Show Committee as the Accrediting chairman for the Pacific and South Atlantic Regions as well as the Chairman of Youth Activities. She also served as President of the Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas. She is predeceased by her father and brother, Stephen. She is survived by and will be missed by her mother, Gene Curry, brother William Curry Jr., sister, Sue Schambers, husband, Mike Moran, two daughters Carolyn (Ritesh) Tanwar and Ellen Corrie, son Andrew (Shelley), and two granddaughters (Kaitlynn and Ava). A private memorial was held by the family in Lakeland and a Celebration of Life will be held at Forest Park Baptist Church: 26805 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, MI on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 11am.



PARENT, ROBERT EDMUND "BOB"
 Age 78, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on May 10, 2014 at his home in Bloomfield Hills. Bob graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1954, served his country for two years as a proud member in the 82nd and 11th Airborne Divisions of the Army, and graduated from Michigan State University in 1961. Bob is survived by his four children Kathy (Jim) Harris, Bob (Melanie) Parent, Julie (Mark) Scarpelli, and John (Kristin) Parent, as well as the love of his life, Nancy Walsh, and her four children, Kelley Walsh, Shannon (Pete) Lawlis, Patrick (Cathy) Walsh and Meredith (Patrick) Sheehan and Nancy and Bob's 11 grandchildren. Bob especially enjoyed boating, fishing, sharing time with his friends and family, and the 19 years they lived in Florida. Per Bob's wishes, no services will be held. A celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 at 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice, 1111 West Long Lake Road, Suite 102, Troy, MI 48098 or American Cancer Society 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. Share a memory at www.sawyerfuller.com



SUTTON, MARY EVANS
 Age 91, of Canton Township, Michigan, Sun City West, Arizona, and Allegan, died Saturday, May 10, following a life-altering struggle with vascular dementia. Mary was born April 21, 1923, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Wilson and Lillis (Oakes) Evans; however, she spent most of her childhood in Detroit and Ypsilanti, Michigan. She graduated from Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1946, spending the last year as a cadet in the Army Nurse Corps in Battle Creek, Michigan. Mary worked in many roles throughout her long professional career: labor and delivery, pediatrics, adult medicine, office practice, and in extended care facilities. Following retirement, she spent countless hours volunteering at Sun Health in Arizona and Allegan General Hospital in Allegan, Michigan. In 1946, she married Gerald (Bud to some, Jerry to others) Sutton in Canton Township, Michigan, following a two-year letter correspondence prearranged by his mother and her aunt, while Bud was in the Army. They fell in love and were engaged before they ever met, and spent the remainder of their lives giddy with love, holding hands, dotting on each other all ways. After spending the first half of their lives in Michigan, Mary and Jerry spent many happy retirement years in Arizona, where they enjoyed the warm sun and playing golf with their friends. Mary wove a deeply-patterned and richly-stitched life. Candies (in the red glass container) and homemade, fiber-filled cookies (in the blue jar) always awaited guests and grandchildren. She set a beautiful Sunday table, proudly displaying family heirloom china, linens, silver and crystal, for which she had developed a deep affection after working in her aunt and uncle's china shop as a young woman. She was also proud of and passionate about (aka, obsessed with) keeping house and home, famous in the family for her "unnatural thrill for clean windows." She completed crossword puzzles daily for as long as we can remember, usually before she had finished breakfast, thinking that it would stave off Alzheimer's. She loved reading the newspaper, especially in order to clip coupons and recipes, often finding of interest something using spiced or candied nuts, or anything into which she could slip a secret, nutritious ingredient, like parsley or wheat germ.



THORNTON, ROBERT
 80 years, of Newport, Michigan passed away Friday, May 9, 2014 at Regency Health Care Center in Taylor, Michigan Born September 2, 1933 in Frankfort, Indiana, Bob was the son of the late Alva and Mary (Evans) Thornton. Bob attended school in Detroit and was a graduate of Mumford High School. On July 11, 1953 Bob married his beloved wife, the former Carol M. Fennessey in Detroit, MI Bob served his country honorably and proudly as a corporal in the United States Army. Bob was employed as a repairman for General Motors Willow Run Assembly Plant for 30 years from which he retired. He also served as a union committee man for local 1776 for over 10 years. Bob was a member of Union Local 1776. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing horseshoes, and bowling. He also enjoyed coaching his son, Tim in sports. More than anything Bob loved family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Carol, three children: Timothy R. Thornton of Clark Lake, MI, Pamela Jo Cantrell of Monroe, MI, and Julie A. Allera of Newport, MI, seven cherished grandchildren: Jenny, Bobby, Joe, Tim, Jessica, Samantha, and Shannon, four treasured great grandchildren: Alton, Victoria, Ryan and Clara, and a brother Michael (Judy) Thornton of Milan, MI. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by a son Billy Thornton and a brother: Bud Thornton. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-8 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI, 48161 where funeral services celebrating his life will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 11:00 AM. The Rev. Roy Southerland, pastor of Monroe Missionary Baptist Church will officiate. The V.F.W. Post 1138 will conduct military honors at the funeral. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Bob's family.

KIMMEL, ALICE J.
 89, of Farmington Hills, died May 9, 2014. She is the devoted mother of Bud (Patty), Tim (Keri), and the late Marty (Lynn). Loving grandmother of Mark, Dan, Phil, Julie, John, and Sarah; great-grandmother of Carolyn, Joe, Leona, Griffin, Lily, Oliver, and Cassidy. Sadly, Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; and siblings, Helen, Frank, and Donald. Funeral service were held Wednesday, May 14, at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment Glen Eden, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Association, heart.org, or Ward Presbyterian Church. heeneey-sundquist.com

MITCHELL, WILLIAM T.
 Age 80. Husband of the late Judith. Beloved father of Laura Denton and Rebecca Mitchell. Loving grandfather of Robert, Jacob, Sarah, and Daniel. Great Grandfather of Valery. Brother of James Mitchell. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 3-8 pm at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Rd. (between 6 and 7 Mile). In state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Service at St. Christopher's - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 20750 W. McNichols (5 blocks east of Grand River). Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Contributions to Gideon's and Alzheimer's Association appreciated. Condolences to www.charlstepfuneralhome.com.



WADE BRYAN DOUGLAS
 Age 53, formerly of Garden City, Son of the late Lorne Wade and Angela Wade Skene. Brother of Debra (Jeff) Talcott, Gordon, Sheila (George) Sayers, and Pamela (Dino) Tata. Father of Audrey Augur and uncle of Lindsey Talcott and Kelly Sayers. He was a loving pet owner, and he had a strong aptitude for information technology. A memorial luncheon was held in his honor at Amantea Restaurant, where Wade Family events have been held throughout the years.

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Plymouth theater stages funny, poignant sides of motherhood



Cast members from Barefoot Productions' *Motherhood Out Loud* show just how fun motherhood can be.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Get ready to celebrate Mother's Day for one more weekend with Barefoot Productions' *Motherhood Out Loud*, Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, in Plymouth.

The play, which closes Barefoot's 2013-14 season, takes a look at motherhood from pregnancy and labor through great-grandmotherhood in scenes and monologues written by 14 American writers, including Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Beth Henley. It replaced the theater's annual production of *The Vagina Monologues* in this season's line-up.

"We decided to put more variety into the season," said Craig Hane, who is co-directing the play with Dana Naughton. "We thought we'd drop it (*Vagina Monologues*) for a year and we found this great little script celebrating motherhood."

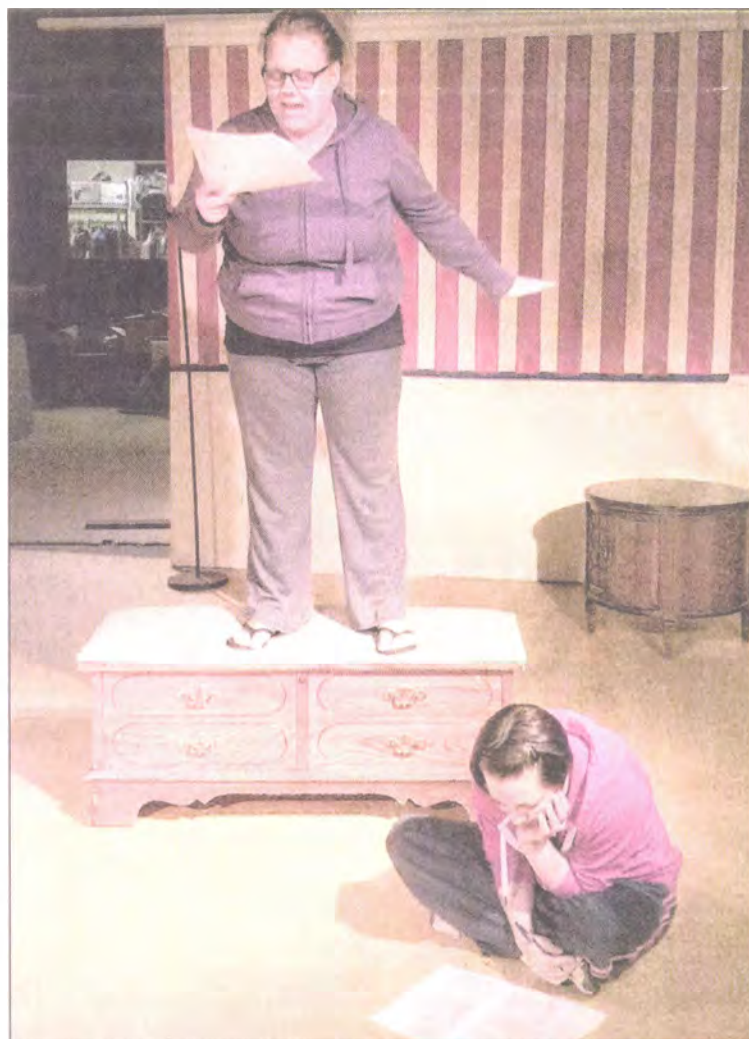
Like *The Vagina Monologues*, some of the scenes in *Motherhood Out Loud* are read and some are acted out. Monologues and sketches are arranged along a time line that's divided into chapters.

"The first chapter is all about labor and newborns. The second chapter is the first day of school ... the reaction of mothers when their children go away," Hane said. "Parts of the show are about the fun of motherhood, but also about the craziness."

"There is a wonderful scene about a son who has gone to Afghanistan and another about an autistic son's very first date. The scenes vary from comedy to poignant, but they're all very true to life."

Casting moms

Although the script calls for just four actors playing multiple roles, Hane and Naughton cast 12 actors, including two men.



Amanda Durham of Westland (left) rehearses a scene with Nicole Holiday of Plymouth.

"Being a community theater, we wanted to use as many people as we could. Each scene represents different people anyway," Hane said. "I would say there are six people who are new to our stage. Half who came in to audition are brand new and the other half are veterans."

"I was surprised to find out how many mothers we have in the show."

Naughton, who had a baby last summer, will perform the opening and closing scenes of the show. Hane tapped her to help direct the play because of

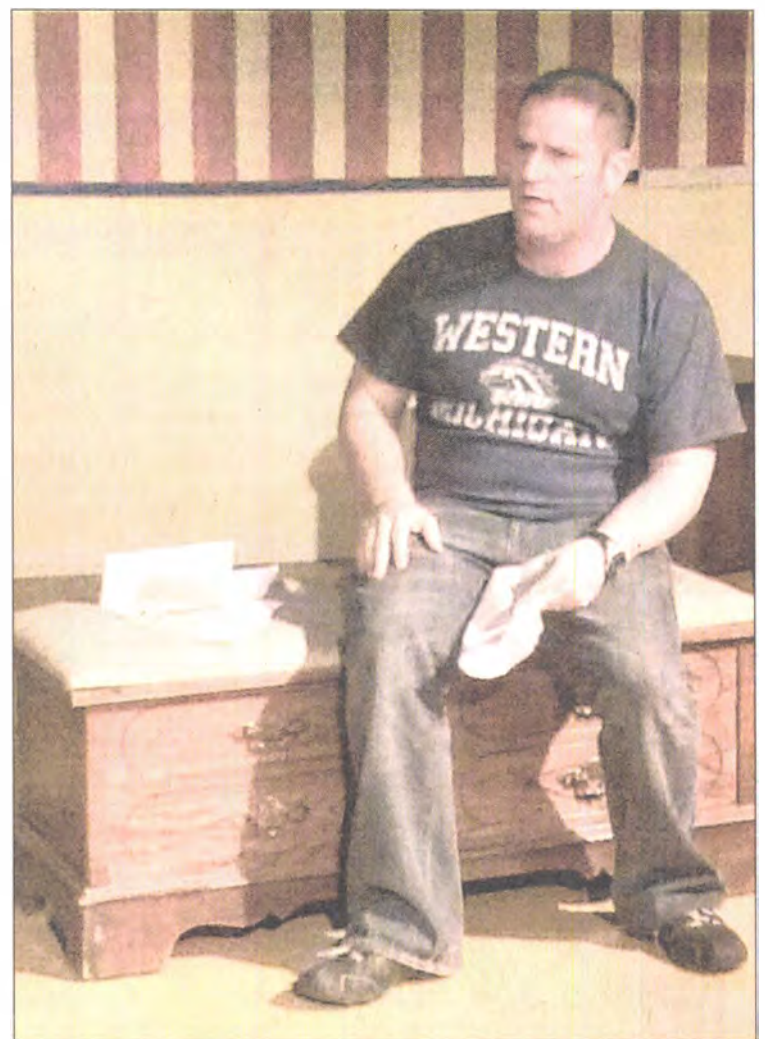
its large cast. He also was happy to let Naughton choose the scenes that resonated with her, but that left him a bit bewildered.

"She'd say I want this one, I know what this is about. And I'd say, good, because I don't."

Dog dad

Hane doesn't have any human children but has cared for three rescued dogs. His current furry child is Murphy, a shepherd mix.

"Many people say to me 'You treat your dogs better than I know some parents treat



Sean Randolph of Canton is one of just two men cast in *Motherhood Out Loud*.

their kids.' My pets are my everything," Hane said. When Murphy temporarily slipped away on a recent trip to Maine, Hane panicked.

"My heart went into my throat. I know how a mother feels when she turns around and her child is gone," Hane said. "I think I can identify with a lot of this."

The play starts at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Barefoot Productions theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$15, available in advance at justgobarefoot.com or at the thea-

ter box office, which opens one hour before the show.

Tickets also are available for Barefoot Productions' fundraiser event with the band, McLaughlin's Alley, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31. The band, which includes sisters Tina and Maureen Paraventi, Rebekah Poxson, Stuart Tucker and Norm Andresen, plays upbeat Irish music. Tickets are \$20 per person, available at justgobarefoot.com.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

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

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

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; chil-

dren under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

MAYBURY FARM

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17

Location: 50165 Eight Mile, Northville

Details: Visit bunnies, lambs, pygmy goats and calves, and many other farm animals at Farm Fest. Face painting, spinning and dairy demonstrations and hayrides begin at 10 a.m.; llama shearing and blacksmith demos begin, 11 a.m.; gardening activities for kids, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; story time, noon and 2 p.m.; making fresh cheese, 1 p.m.

Contact: Jessica Striegler at 248-374-0200

ART & CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 7 p.m. Wednesday, through June 2

Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clinton Snider's oil paintings include landscapes and scenes with an

introspective mood
Contact: 248-473-1856

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

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

GET OUT

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Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: The works of Abraham Loewenthal are on exhibit. Loewenthal's paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design
Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, through May 30
Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, located on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The club, which was founded in 1960, will hold its 54th annual exhibit
Contact: Yvette Goldberg at 248-476-2313

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through May 17
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 15th annual Northville Student Art Exhibition features the work of students in sixth-12th grades. Includes metals, painting, ceramics, photography
Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Collective Reading: Works on Paper & Beyond," runs through May and features book and paper art by nine artists
Contact: 734-394-5300

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 16 and Thursday, May 22; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: *Divergent*, admission \$3
Coming Up: *Muppets Most Wanted*, 7 p.m. Friday, May 23 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17
Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit
Details: *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, \$5
Coming up: *Imitation of Life*, 8 p.m. May 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 31
Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORY

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 24 and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 24-26
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Details: Civil War Remembrance includes 450 history re-enactors, a period dress fashion show and



This watercolor by Al Weber of Canton is among the art works on display through May 30 at Livonia City Hall.



Zach Damon and Megan Shipltett rehearse a scene from *Appointment with a High Wire Lady* at The Mix Studio Theater in Ypsilanti.

other events during the Memorial Day weekend celebration. Admission is \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, 62 and up, and \$17.50 for youth, 5-12. Children four and under are free
Contact: 313-982-6001

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 6-Sept. 7
Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor
Details: The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things" examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of similar use and/or appearance. Opening lecture by Donna Braden of The Henry Ford is 6 p.m. June 6. Admission is free
Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., Saturday, May 17
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Featured performer is Judy Insley & Almost Perfect. Scott Ludwig hosts. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission. Proceeds will benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BfSpresident@aol.com for additional information

JAMMIN' TO END FAMINE 2014

Time/Date: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. May 30
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The Grunyz, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Dayz Gone and Playing Mantis perform at this annual concert to raise money for Kids Against Hunger. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and include free pizza, salad and cash bar, along with the music. Buy them at the door or in advance by phone or email
Contact: Tom Birchler at 248-722-1820; tom-birchler1@gmail.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge



Psychostick plays June 5 at the Token Lounge in Westland.

1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: On May 27, Dennis Tini Trio will perform, with April Tini on vocals, Dennis Tini on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass and Dave Taylor on drums. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TOKEN LOUNGE

Time/Date: Doors open at 5 p.m., June 5
Location: 28949 Joy Road, Westland
Details: Dog Fashion Disco, Psychostick and The Bunny The Bear perform this concert for all ages; advance tickets, \$12, at the door, \$15
Contact: 734-513-5030

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Don Ross with Calum Graham, May 17; Open Mic, May 20, June 3 and June 17; Anthony Retka of Tone and Niche with Great Alexander and Chris Degnore, May 30; Julianne and the Rogues, May 31; Annie and Rod Capps and Joel Palmer, June 1; The Flying Latini Brothers,

June 6; The Reverend Robert Jones, June 7; Christopher Williams, June 12; Mark Stuart, June 13; The Blue Flowers with Ryan Dillaha; Steve Kovich, June 20; Tracy Kash Thomas, June 21; The 77's, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27; Wisaaal with The Webbs, June 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: *Motherhood Out Loud*, is collection of monologues and sketches that look at motherhood from labor through great-grandmotherhood. Tickets are \$15
Contact: 734-560-1493; just-gobarefoot.com

MIX STUDIO THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday May 21 and Thursday-Saturday, May 22-24, 29-31, June 5-7; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 and June 8
Location: 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti
Details: *Appointment With a*



Book art from the current exhibit at the Village Theater in Canton.

Highwire Lady by Russell Davis tells the story of a man in a mental hospital trying to regain his memory. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 senior and student admission. Buy online at www.emergentarts.com or with cash or check at the door
Auditions: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, and 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, for the comedy, *The Complete History of America (abridged)* by Adam Long, Reed Martin, and Austin Tichenor. Three actors step in and out of roles while racing around the theater creating chaos and laughter. For more information, call Paul Bianchi at 734-408-1592
Contact: 734-985-0875

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 4-5, 7 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Spotlight Players' senior troupe presents *Murder's in the Heir*, a murder mystery/comedy about a group of greedy relatives counting the hours until their billionaire uncle passes on. The audience decides who the killer is. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and youth, available at cantonmi.org/villagetheater
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SUMMER COLOR

Food stylist offers advice on how to make your meals pop

Unforgettable spring and summer moments are typically defined by family, friends and great weather — and made even more memorable by the meals. Take warm weather gatherings to a new level of festive by adding fresh pops of color to everyday meals and outdoor celebrations.

For inspiration, try these warm weather tips from food stylist and loyal Aldi shopper Janice Stahl:

» **Mason Jar Salad:** Keep salads fresh and delicious by layering nutritious goodies in a mason jar. Start with dressing on the bottom, then layer veggies, cheese, lettuce and your favorite protein or topping. Everything stays separate and dressing-free until you toss the salad together in a bowl.

» **Sweet Summertime:** End your meal with a light but special sweet treat by serving fruit for dessert. Summer fruits can be baked, grilled, frozen or simply used as fresh pops of color on top of your favorite sorbet.

» **A Toast to Summer:** Raise a glass this summer in a toast to refreshing seasonal beverages for all ages. From the sunny yellow of

lemonade to the ruby red of sangria, these drinks can double as centerpiece for all your backyard get-togethers.

Aldi style tip: Fill ice cube trays with lemon juice, fruit or fruit juice to add to your drinks. This will help keep them from getting watered down as the ice melts.

Grilling tips:

» Prevent food from sticking by oiling your hot grill rack with an oil-soaked paper towel. Hold it with tongs and rub it over the rack.

» Before using a marinade, divide it into two containers. Use one part as a marinade and the other as a dipping sauce, once the food is cooked.

» Grill meat with a dry spice rub instead of a traditional sauce. Supply a buffet of sauce choices that complement the rubs for guests to choose and try.

» Use cinnamon sticks in place of skewers when grilling fruit kabobs. These spicy skewers not only hold the fruit together, but also impart a bit of flavor as they caramelize on the grill.

For more tips and recipes, visit www.aldi.us.

RASPBERRY LEMONADE ICE CREAM CAKE

Recipe courtesy of Chef Jonathan, Aldi Test Kitchen
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes, plus 2 hours to freeze
Makes 8 servings

Lemon Curd:

½ cup frozen lemonade concentrate
½ cup granulated sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, divided
2 large eggs
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed, room temperature

Cake:

1 cup vanilla ice cream, softened
1 cup raspberry sherbet, softened
4 ounces loaf cake, sliced

To make lemon curd: In medium sauce pan, combine lemonade concentrate and ¼ cup sugar, bring to boil. Continue cooking for 2 minutes. In medium bowl, whisk remaining sugar with eggs. Slowly temper lemonade mixture into eggs; whisking small amount in at a time until all of lemonade mixture is incorporated.

Return mixture to saucepan. Slowly bring to simmer over medium heat and continue whisking until thick and resembles pudding, about 3 minutes.

Strain lemon curd into medium bowl, place over bowl of ice water. Whisk butter into lemon curd, stirring every 5 minutes until mixture is reduced to room temperature. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

To assemble cake: Line one pound loaf pan with plastic wrap, spread vanilla ice cream on bottom, followed by raspberry sherbet, lemon curd and top with loaf cake slices. Cover with plastic wrap and place in freezer for 2 hours. To serve, invert cake and slice.



BROCCOLI SALAD WITH BACON & TOMATOES

Recipe Courtesy of Chef Apdiel, Aldi Test Kitchen
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Total Time: 15 minutes
Makes 8 servings

1 head broccoli
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
½ cup chopped red onion
½ cup raisins (optional)
8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, cubed
½ cup halved cherry tomatoes
1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons white vinegar
¼ cup granulated sugar
Salt, to taste
Ground black pepper, to taste

Wash broccoli thoroughly. Cut head into florets, and stem into small bite-sized pieces.

Place broccoli in medium bowl. Add crumbled bacon, onion, raisins, cheese and cherry tomatoes.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add to broccoli mixture; toss until well coated. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



PINEAPPLE MINT JALAPENO SMOOTHIE

Recipe Courtesy of Chef Michelle, ALDI Test Kitchen
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 10 minutes, plus two hours to freeze
Makes 8 cups

1 pineapple, peeled and diced
8 mint sprigs
¼ jalapeno, seeded
1 ½ cups ice cubes

In blender, puree all ingredients. Pour into glass and enjoy.



New home building on a rebound, skilled workers in demand

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, isn't the only one who's glad spring is here.

"It is a frustratingly old story," Stoskopf said of this winter's impact on home construction. Even in March, builders could continue work on some existing projects but starting new home development was difficult.

He was at an existing Canton home development in mid-March. "You could barely drive through because there was so much construction activity," Stoskopf said. "Now we're seeing that pick up in April" regionally.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, 245 such permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in March 2014.

That was 15 percent higher than February 2014 but nearly 36 percent less from March 2013 (381). HBA expects a surge of new, single-family home permits beginning in April.

Local areas on upswing

"The city of Novi got a lot of activity," he said of current home building. For 2014 through March, new home permits show Lyon Township first, Novi second and Orion Township third, with Oakland Township fourth.

"If you don't have a job, you're not going to be able to buy a house," he said. The report shows local unemployment for February 2014 at 8.9 percent. Last February, it was 10.2 percent.

"Obviously that positive growth is what makes a difference," he said. "That has been going up every month," with nine consecutive months of local employment growth, figuring in the active job-seeker factor.

The number of people em-



Carpenters are among those in demand in construction work. GETTY IMAGES/HUNTSTOCK

ployed grew faster than people seeking work locally in that February to February time, he explained.

"There is a shortage of qualified labor, or experienced labor," he agreed, in fields such as carpentry.

For example, there are fewer local excavator companies. "They only can do so much work," Stoskopf said.

Some businesses and workers relocated to places like North Carolina during the recession. "They haven't returned yet," he said, noting weather is a factor for those businesses.

He anticipates new local businesses forming to address that.

"We support trade education at the high school level," as well as college, but don't have their own academy. His association provides continuing competency training for licensing, as well as at the national level certification.

Stoskopf and other industry leaders advocate for high schoolers interested in construction. Such teens are often

"geeked" about the work, he said.

He said of the current auto industry, "They're turning and burning at a high rate," similar to local home building.

Getting the word out

He wants parents, media and government leaders to recognize, "Housing and new home construction is a valid field here."

His alma mater, Michigan State, leads in construction management bachelor's degree training, also offered at Eastern Michigan University and well regarded. Ferris State University has a strong HVAC mechanical bachelor's degree program, he added, and community colleges like Henry Ford and Schoolcraft do well in qualifying students for building licenses.

He doesn't see Realtors as competitors. "In my personal experience, it's a symbiotic relationship," Stoskopf said, adding in the boom years six existing homes were sold for each new one built. That declined in the recession, but is

beginning to trend back upward.

His daughter and son-in-law, recently married, will likely buy an existing home due to financial reasons. The home they buy, however, will perhaps prompt another homeowner to build a new home.

Stoskopf said both new and existing home sales are crucial at all income levels and home types. He added that a strong housing market indicates a strong, improving economy.

The HBA/ASA *New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,475 permits will be issued in the six-month, April-to-September time frame. If activity is limited to the forecast level, it would represent a 10 percent decline compared to the same period in 2013 (2,756). However, if adjustments are made to account for "pent-up activity" that was not possible during the past four months, the six-month permit forecast is for 2,755 permits, equal to activity in 2013.

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Community gardens often bloom where planted

Q: I have heard that the popularity of community gardens has exploded in recent years nationwide. Can you give some idea of what at community garden is?

A: Community gardens are shared spaces at associations, apartment complexes, and other housing sites where residents gather to garden and grow food. They can range in size from one communal raised bed, to hundreds or thousands of square feet of individual plots, to several acres. They can serve just a few residents or as many as 50 or more, and can serve special populations of residents, such as seniors, youth, or residents with disabilities. Some communities have gardens that generate income to benefit the garden program or for residents themselves, and grow a diverse array of vegetables, flowers and herbs for sale. Some communities use their gardens to teach classes and empower disabled residents and young people.

Community gardens provide numerous benefits to residents and to associations such as: 1) beautifying community grounds; 2) increasing community property value; 3) creating social activities for residents; 4) empowering youth and disabled residents; 5) encouraging water conservation, waste reduction and recycling; and 6) giving residents access to fresh, healthy food. A good idea if the circumstances warrant.

Q: One of our neighbors lives on a manmade lake and claims he has riparian rights to it. We have been telling him that he is wrong, but I would like your opinion.

A: In a recent case, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that riparian/littoral rights do not attach to land abutting a large manmade body of water. In doing so, the court seems to have put to rest any issue that may have existed as to whether the Inland Lakes and Streams Act abrogated the common law definition of riparian rights. In effect, the case establishes that lands abutting artificial surface water bodies do not abut a natural water course so that your neighbor may well be out of luck.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 23-27, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| BEVERLY HILLS | |
| 16236 Kirkshire Ave | \$125,000 |
| 18177 Saxon Dr | \$190,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM | |
| 2276 Avon Ln | \$615,000 |
| 1577 Derby Rd | \$287,000 |
| 2768 Derby Rd | \$223,000 |
| 643 Emmons Ave | \$390,000 |
| 282 Greenwood St | \$1,500,000 |
| 820 Hazel St | \$860,000 |
| 1011 Smith Ave | \$535,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS | |
| 4805 Stoneleigh Rd | \$955,000 |
| 3027 Anthony Ln | \$607,000 |
| 7310 Kingswood Dr | \$200,000 |
| 462 Steeple Chase Ct | \$460,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | |
| 1264 Club Dr | \$783,000 |

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 3746 Darlington Rd N | \$790,000 |
| 7410 Glengrove Dr | \$220,000 |
| 1854 Hunters Ridge Dr | \$277,000 |
| 3672 Middlebury Ln | \$235,000 |
| COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP | |
| 3147 Belle Terre | \$75,000 |
| 5305 Inverrary Ln | \$230,000 |
| 2798 Lauryl Dr | \$179,000 |
| 3061 Massena St | \$25,000 |
| 8604 Palomino Dr | \$170,000 |
| FARMINGTON | |
| 22779 Hawthorne St | \$110,000 |
| 33234 Kingslane Ct # 1 | \$36,000 |
| FARMINGTON HILLS | |
| 37814 Amber Dr | \$290,000 |
| 31028 Applewood Ln | \$325,000 |
| 27944 Brandwine Rd | \$223,000 |
| 28248 Brookhill St | \$135,000 |
| 25438 Brookview St | \$183,000 |
| 21564 Colwell St | \$92,000 |
| 31217 Country Ridge Cir | \$250,000 |
| 29235 Creek Bend Dr | \$270,000 |
| 23912 E Newell Cir | \$180,000 |
| 36255 Hardenburg Rd | \$218,000 |
| 36914 Kenmore Dr | \$340,000 |

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| 28024 Larson Ln | \$400,000 |
| 29267 Laurel Dr | \$118,000 |
| 29624 Middlebelt Rd | \$100,000 |
| 29613 Pendleton Club Dr | \$64,000 |
| 39359 Silverthorne Bnd | \$365,000 |
| 23209 Tuck Rd | \$116,000 |
| 26586 Valhalla Dr | \$340,000 |
| FRANKLIN | |
| 30655 N Greenbriar Rd | \$256,000 |
| LATHRUP VILLAGE | |
| 28408 Eldorado Pl | \$148,000 |
| MILFORD | |
| 2181 Applewood Ln | \$229,000 |
| 125 Cottage Ln | \$35,000 |
| 2928 Duana Dr | \$312,000 |
| 646 Village Ln | \$120,000 |
| 1665 Wixom Trl | \$226,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 22274 Lujon Dr | \$91,000 |
| 51090 Park Place Dr | \$600,000 |
| 38242 Southfarm Ln | \$270,000 |
| NOVI | |
| 45539 Addington Ln | \$445,000 |
| 2219 Austin Dr | \$160,000 |
| 50241 Langley Dr | \$550,000 |

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| 50457 Langley Dr | \$641,000 |
| 23767 Maude Lea St | \$150,000 |
| 23977 Meadowbrook Rd | \$128,000 |
| 41616 Monterey Dr | \$199,000 |
| 25628 Portico Ln | \$171,000 |
| 47097 Scarlet Dr S | \$243,000 |
| 46050 West | \$133,000 |
| SOUTH LYON | |
| 52401 10 Mile Rd | \$155,000 |
| 631 Kestrel Ridge Dr | \$190,000 |
| 25785 McCrory Ln | \$275,000 |
| 404 N Lafayette St | \$165,000 |
| 512 Orchard Rdg | \$30,000 |
| 52201 Red Cedar | \$330,000 |
| 58678 Swing Beam Ct | \$79,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD | |
| 27335 Berkshire Dr | \$93,000 |
| 15629 Jeanette St | \$176,000 |
| 24860 Lois Ln | \$47,000 |
| 28450 Maitrott St | \$60,000 |
| WHITE LAKE | |
| 644 Red Bank Dr | \$329,000 |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 21-24, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| | |
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| CANTON | |
| 44215 Arlington Rd | \$150,000 |
| 42195 Briarcliff Ct | \$200,000 |
| 1794 Brookdale Dr | \$265,000 |
| 231 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr | \$160,000 |
| 49950 Hancock St | \$393,000 |
| 329 Harvard St | \$197,000 |
| 45548 Holmes Ln | \$245,000 |
| 43782 Leean Ln | \$184,000 |
| 6249 New England Ln | \$185,000 |
| 1401 Oakview Dr | \$143,000 |
| 3642 Parklawn Dr | \$180,000 |
| 45668 S Stonewood Rd | \$171,000 |
| 3638 Shepherd Ct | \$222,000 |
| 3652 Shepherd Ct | \$245,000 |
| 3680 Shepherd Ct | \$211,000 |
| 44128 Somersset Sq | \$190,000 |
| 1715 Steeplechase Rd | \$80,000 |
| GARDEN CITY | |
| 29729 Balmoral St | \$18,000 |
| 28549 Barton St | \$58,000 |
| 658 Belton St | \$43,000 |
| 30410 Brown St | \$95,000 |
| 31492 Chester St | \$98,000 |
| 33647 Florence St | \$84,000 |
| 6501 Henry Ruff Rd | \$72,000 |
| 31996 Kathryn St | \$90,000 |
| 33020 Rosslyn Ave | \$79,000 |
| 27715 Sheridan St | \$79,000 |
| 31045 Sheridan St | \$67,000 |
| LIVONIA | |

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| 32421 Allen Ct | \$170,000 |
| 14797 Auburndale St | \$140,000 |
| 17511 Bell Creek Ln | \$200,000 |
| 14255 Berwick St | \$162,000 |
| 14659 Blue Skies St | \$129,000 |
| 10055 Camden St | \$147,000 |
| 14240 Cardwell St | \$135,000 |
| 29500 Clarita St | \$42,000 |
| 19315 Fairlane Ct | \$345,000 |
| 36140 Fairway Dr | \$30,000 |
| 36168 Fairway Dr | \$40,000 |
| 36300 Fairway Dr | \$65,000 |
| 9904 Flamingo St | \$137,000 |
| 20637 Golf Ridge Cir | \$35,000 |
| 20658 Golf Ridge Cir | \$38,000 |
| 37541 Grantland St | \$140,000 |
| 32224 Hees St | \$150,000 |
| 18961 Hillcrest St | \$104,000 |
| 9466 Houghton St | \$106,000 |
| 9236 Idaho St | \$115,000 |
| 32205 Jamison Ct | \$100,000 |
| 35646 Joy Rd | \$107,000 |
| 20561 Middlebelt Rd | \$260,000 |
| 30490 Munger Dr | \$415,000 |
| 28143 N Clements Cir | \$98,000 |
| 31783 Norfolk St | \$204,000 |
| 34198 Orangelawn St | \$69,000 |
| 16350 Ronnie Ln | \$217,000 |
| 37700 Saint Martins St | \$480,000 |
| 31756 Scone St | \$140,000 |
| 32929 Summers St | \$180,000 |
| 17853 University Park Dr | \$94,000 |
| 18149 University Park Dr | \$91,000 |
| 18451 University Park Dr | \$88,000 |
| 9556 Wayne Rd | \$220,000 |
| 29680 Wentworth St | \$154,000 |
| NORTHVILLE | |
| 48055 Seven Mile Rd | \$555,000 |

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| 16748 Dover Dr | \$157,000 |
| 48317 Four Seasons Blvd | \$1,070,000 |
| 18489 Fox Hollow Ct | \$510,000 |
| 16997 Highland Ln | \$475,000 |
| 50358 Mulberry Ct | \$348,000 |
| 19663 Northridge Dr | \$81,000 |
| 18183 Pinebrook Dr | \$485,000 |
| 45893 Riviera Dr | \$558,000 |
| 19261 Surrey Ln | \$70,000 |
| 50034 Venice Ct | \$430,000 |
| 16277 Weatherfield Dr | \$325,000 |
| PLYMOUTH | |
| 9263 Hackberry Ave | \$196,000 |
| 663 Herald St | \$191,000 |
| 42499 Lakeland Ct | \$88,000 |
| 44517 Marc Trl | \$174,000 |
| 9244 Morrison Ave | \$153,000 |
| 40606 Newport Dr | \$100,000 |
| 8925 Northern Ave | \$115,000 |
| 40433 Pinetree Dr | \$175,000 |
| 49910 Pointe Xing | \$142,000 |
| 49225 Quail Run Ct | \$345,000 |
| 11829 Sycamore Dr | \$90,000 |
| 9157 Tavistock Dr | \$181,000 |
| 46565 W Ann Arbor Trl | \$70,000 |
| 46857 W Ann Arbor Trl | \$439,000 |
| REDFORD | |
| 17702 Beech Daly Rd | \$57,000 |
| 9196 Berwyn | \$110,000 |
| 17446 Brady | \$37,000 |
| 26814 Dover | \$68,000 |
| 20450 Garfield | \$77,000 |
| 19345 Indian | \$30,000 |
| 9419 Jerome | \$176,000 |
| 14851 Kinloch | \$375,000 |
| 20473 Lexington | \$42,000 |
| 11372 Marion | \$60,000 |
| 9199 Rockland | \$87,000 |

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| 9054 Sioux | \$75,000 |
| 18706 Sumner | \$56,000 |
| 17438 Wakenden | \$46,000 |
| 14280 Westgate Dr | \$92,000 |
| 15801 Wormer | \$65,000 |
| WAYNE | |
| 4137 Fourth St | \$59,000 |
| 4286 Adams Cir | \$56,000 |
| 4423 Chamberlain St | \$68,000 |
| 3340 Rivers Edge Dr | \$142,000 |
| 35207 Stellwagen St | \$80,000 |
| 34204 Van Born Rd | \$91,000 |
| WESTLAND | |
| 1110 Abbey Ct | \$143,000 |
| 1116 Abbey Ct | \$145,000 |
| 1122 Abbey Ct | \$160,000 |
| 6915 Apache Trl | \$96,000 |
| 35025 Avondale St | \$66,000 |
| 6541 Deerhurst Dr | \$115,000 |
| 711 Denice St | \$90,000 |
| 8155 Emerald Ln W | \$170,000 |
| 8420 Flamingo St | \$57,000 |
| 31814 Hazelwood St | \$67,000 |
| 36130 Hazelwood St | \$70,000 |
| 29846 Lonnie Dr | \$70,000 |
| 35013 Melton St | \$85,000 |
| 8324 Milburn St | \$89,000 |
| 38336 N Jean Ct | \$73,000 |
| 638 N Lincoln St | \$175,000 |
| 6010 N Newburgh Rd | \$109,000 |
| 35582 Pheasant Ln | \$80,000 |
| 7383 S Kingston Ct | \$78,000 |
| 32613 Sandra Ln | \$90,000 |
| 34321 Shawnee St | \$87,000 |
| 7535 Terri Dr | \$104,000 |
| 8136 Tom Brown Dr | \$220,000 |
| 1430 Westchester St | \$110,000 |

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- Apply creative solutions to "new" challenges

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FARMINGTON HILLS - ESTATE SALE!

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23040 Manning, Furn, fixtures, household items, glassware, clothing, books, Hammond organ, etc. EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD!!

MILFORD - May 16 & 17 9-5pm

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NOVI - 28075 DIXON RD

S of 12 Mile off Novi Rd. May 16-17, Fri-Sat, 9-5. Antiques, Mission Oak Grandfather Clock, orn set, bdrm set, couch, LG washer/dryer, misc. Pictures at estatesale.net

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CANTON

47232 Larchmont Dr., N. of Ford, E. of Beck. May 15-17, Thur-Sat. Dickens Dept. 56, Disney Goofy Collection, household items, new variety of clothes, and more!

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Thurs-Sat, May 15-17. N of Ford Rd., S of Warren, btwn Canton Center & Lilley Rds.

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Moving Fursale, (48188) 47109 Yarmouth Dr. Thomasville bdrm., 2 wing recliners, oak table, 4 chairs, oak antique dresser, desk, etc.

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Canton: Multiple homes cul-de-sac garage sale

May 16 & 17 Fri Sat 9am-7 43500 Lotus around the corner from Canton Country Acres sub sale.

CANTON MULTI-SUBS

Oakville, Stonegate & Cherry Hill Orchards, N. of Palmer, S. of Cherry Hill, E. & W. of Lilley. May 15-18, look for signs.

Garage/Moving Sales

Canton: Sunflower Sub, Thursday 5/15/through Saturday 5/17, 9am - ? West of Canton Center and North and South of Warren. Look for signs and yellow balloons.

Canton - Whole Block Sale!

Multi-family 43603 Gent Dr. S. of Ford, Sat. & Sun. only. 9am - 5pm. Tools, hardware, fish, furniture, antiques, collectibles.

CANTON:

Windermere Sub-Wide Garage Sale: Thurs-Sat, May 15-17, 9am-7. Off Warren, btwn Sheldon & Canton Center.

ESTATE SALE - LIVONIA

This Fri & Sat, 10a-4p, 36901 Sunnydale. 5 Mile and Levan. House full 50 yrs accumulation, Reasonable prices - don't miss! Pictures on estatesale.net

FARMINGTON HILLS

FARMINGTON HILLS - May 16-17, 10AM-5PM. 25528 Bridlepath Lane.

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Hunt Club Sub Sale - Sat. & Sun. May 17-18. 9-5pm. 15 homes, E. of Halsted, S. of 11 Mile. Household & Lots more!

FARMINGTON HILLS - May 17 & 18, 9am - 5pm

22339 Tredwell, 1 blk. W. of Inkster, S. off 9 Mile. Household goods, tools, sports equipment.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Multi-family

May 15 - 17, 9am-5pm Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Rd., 10 Mile & Power.

GARDEN CITY - Huge Sale!

31518 Brown, May 15-17, 9a-5p. Tools, clothes, furn, household items, and more!

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LIVONIA: 31657 Foville

3 family, lg variety plus vintage. Fri, May 16, 9a-6 & Sat, May 17, 9-5. 7 Mile & Merriman.

LIVONIA: Burton Hollow Sub Sale.

Over 50 homes, May 17-18, Sat-Sun, 9am-5pm. S. of 6 Mile, W. of Farmington Rd.

Livonia - Garage Sale!

May 15-18, 9am-5pm, 14128 Hubbert St., Merriman & Schottcraft. Freezer, clothing, recliners, fire cabinets, end table, office chairs, lots of misc. & scrapbooking.

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LIVONIA - MOVING SALE!

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NOVI - 28075 DIXON RD

S of 12 Mile off Novi Rd. May 16-17, Fri-Sat, 9-5. Antiques, Mission Oak Grandfather Clock, orn set, bdrm set, couch, LG washer/dryer, misc. Pictures at estatesale.net

NOVI: 46481 Galway Dr.

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