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Only 1 applicant for W-W board vacancy

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday to appoint a new trustee, and the selection comes down to one person — Cindy Schofield.

The Wayne resident was the only person to apply by Thursday's 4 p.m. deadline for the vacancy created by the sudden resignation of John Goci on May 9.

"I'm really surprised we didn't have more people apply for the position," school board President Shawna Walker said.

"I would have hoped we would have had at least a handful."

Schofield is no stranger to Wayne-Westland Community Schools or the school board. She co-chaired the citizens committee and is a member of the citizens' construction committee for the 1998 bond issue before being elected to the school board in 2000. She successfully ran for re-election in 2004 and 2008 before stepping down in 2012.

She has also been active in Wayne Ripple Effect and its successful effort for the City of Wayne to receive a Michigan Main Street Program select-

level community designation.

A lifelong resident of Wayne and Westland and a graduate of John Glenn High School, Schofield is employed by Norplex Associates, a family owned rental property management business located in Westland.

"Our one candidate will be an awesome choice because of her past experience and her knowledge of the district," Walker said. "As board president, I'm grateful she decided to step up and fill the position until the election."

Goci was in the final year of his first full term on the board

when he resigned. He said "my health and my family need my attention at this time."

If appointed, Schofield would serve until the November election, when the six-year term will be filled by voters. At that time the board will need to decide if Schofield should serve until the end of December.

The decision stems from a move away from four-year terms beginning in July to six-year terms beginning in January; it's the result of a state law that shifted spring school elections to November general elections in even years.

In addition to filling the vacancy, the board also will be asked to approve a contract for the district's next superintendent, Michele Harmala.

The board selected Harmala, an associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership in the Farmington Public Schools, to become superintendent May 22. She'll replace Greg Baracy who is retiring July 1 after almost 17 years as the district's top administrator.

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STUDENTS FIND HEROES IN TEACHER, RELATIVES

By Sue Mason
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In a writing contest that asked eighth-grade students to explore the greatness of America and its people, Sydney Lowery didn't have to think twice about who her personal Michigan hero was.

Sitting in a desk at Stevenson Middle School, she read her essay to her hero, her fourth-grade teacher Tim Sullivan.

"He helped me get to where I am at today," said Lowery, whose essay was selected as the first-place winner at Stevenson in the annual America and Me essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. "He's the reason I'm in advanced classes for math. When I was going into fourth-grade I didn't know my two times table. He made math very entertaining for me."

Three Stevenson students were selected as school winners. In addition to Lowery, Jenna Dering received second place for her essay about her grandmother. Torriannah Miller, whose essay about her uncle and his life's journey, took third place.

Lowery's essay advanced to the state competition where 10 essays were selected.

This was the first year ELA teacher Mary Guerra had her students enter the contest. She presented the school awards to the three students during the school's honors program last week.

"There were 4,500 essays, and they picked first, second and third for Stevenson," Guerra said. "We now have a plaque to hang in the hall."

'It's wonderful'

Lowery didn't find out until the presentation that Sullivan was coming to the school. He teaches at Edison Elementary in



Fourth-grade teacher Tim Sullivan is Sydney Lowery's hero for helping her improve her math skills. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Farmers Market opens for fifth season

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Tents will be popping up in the parking lot between Westland City Hall and the Westland Police Station as the city's popular farmers market opens for a fifth season Thursday, June 5.

Operated by the Westland Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Westland Downtown Development Authority, the market will be open from 3-7 p.m.

To expand the number of vendors, chamber President Brookellen Swope has been visiting other markets to recruit vendors — and it's worked.

"We have 17 vendors signed up. That's more than last year, but we're still accepting applications," Swope said. "Some vendors come every week and some for a couple weeks a month, but we're always looking for new vendors."

The market will feature fruits, vegetables, plants, homemade jams, scented candles and wax, sun catchers, gluten- and sugar-free baked desserts, cake bites and pies, jewelry, sun catchers and even Woolly Balls, an eco-friendly substitute for dryer sheets. There also will be a hot dog vendor and entertainment and activities for the whole family on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

The chamber also is offering sponsorships, including a \$500 one for the market's newest feature — four-wheeled carts for shoppers.

Returning for second year is the farmers market bus route, which is making five stops around the city. It will pick up shoppers, drive them to the market and then take them home. The bus program is

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Westland holding groundbreaking ceremony for fire station

New construction is coming to the Westland Shop and Dine District as the city breaks ground Tuesday on a new fire station on Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard.

The ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. on the site of the long-closed Service Merchandise building, where the city will build a 11,223-square-foot fire station with three bays and up-to-date technology. It will bear the name of the city's first fire chief, Ralph Savini.

"Our Shop and Dine District is in the midst of a much-needed economic and community redevelopment," Mayor William Wild said. "The city's reinvestment is a positive course for business owners, residents and visitors to follow



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The new Westland fire station will be named for Ralph Savini, Westland's first fire chief.



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being funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Promotion Program grant meant to improve and expand initiatives that bolster the connection between agricultural producers and their consumers, while improving access to healthy food.

The grant also allocates funding to the Westland Farmers' Market for management and marketing to aid with market expansion. The Westland chamber has taken over operation of the market from the Ypsilanti-based non-profit Growing Hope.

When the city put the market management out for bid, Swope thought it was a "perfect fit for the chamber."

"I talked with other chambers that have farmers markets and when I realized the scope and ramifications, I thought, 'We can do this,'" she said.

The market will be in the parking lot on Thursdays through the end of June. There will be no market July 3, and when it re-opens July 10 it will be at its new home in Central City Park.

The city is in the process of constructing a 1,700-square-foot Farmers Market Pavilion in Central City Park along

Carlson. "We're looking forward to the shelter opening," Swope said. "We hope to get in there this season and look to open a year-round market next year."

Mayor William Wild believes the new pavilion will build on the momentum developed last year.

"I am excited to see the market's continued positive impact on the community," he said. "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."

Swope is using a "plenty of signage," radio and print ads to get the word out about the farmers market. She also has spoken before the Westland Rotary and would like to do more talks before local groups.

The market also has a website, www.westlandfarmersmarket.com, and a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/WestlandFarmersMarket. New vendors can contact Mary Vellardita at the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222, for more information.

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3 redevelopment districts approved

By LeAnne Rogers
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Westland Council recently approved three Commercial Redevelopment Districts, which are designed to improve the property of businesses.

"This is another tool in our tool box in redeveloping properties that are considered obsolete," Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson said.

A CRD was approved for the Village Coney Island, 449 N. Wayne Road. The restaurant is currently closed after being damaged by fire.

The long-closed Nankin Tavern, 33700 Ann Arbor Trail, was approved for a CRD. The city currently owns the property, which was acquired through tax foreclosure.

Plans for the actual redevelopment are submitted separately but a new restaurant, described as family-friendly, is expected on the parcel.

The third CRD was approved for Hunter Plaza on the northeast corner of Hunter and Wayne Road. The strip center includes the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille, which were destroyed in a 2013 fire that killed Wayne-

Westland Firefighter Brian Woelke.

In the CRD, property taxes could be frozen for up to 12 years when an existing property is redeveloped. Council can determine the length of the abatement based on the individual project.

Development of vacant property in the district, as opposed to redevelopment of existing businesses, would qualify for a 50-percent tax abatement for up to 12 years.

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Westland.

"I think it's wonderful," he said. "I'm going to steal her and have her read the paper to me. I haven't heard it yet."

In her essay, Lowery acknowledged that "without him I'd be significantly behind, especially in math." In third grade she struggle with math and didn't know her multiplication tables. The turning point came when her mother heard about Sullivan's summer math program. She and her sister were signed up for the program and they spent 1½ hours one day a week in the school library working on math.

"At first, I wanted nothing to do with him because I despised getting help from people," she wrote in her essay. "Then, as the classes went on, math got easier. The best part was he made math pretty entertaining. If I didn't understand something, he wouldn't let me leave until I was breezing through it."

Lowery took the summer class through sixth grade. She ended up in advanced classes and in the Talented and Gifted Program for fifth- and sixth-graders.

"Mr. Sullivan pushed

me to become the best I am," she said. "He not only helped me, but assisted other kids struggling with math as well. I'm not struggling in math anymore simply because he never gave up."

"I have a board in my classroom for students who challenged themselves," Sullivan told Lowery. "There are eight or nine on it. They're students who are now in college or middle school. I can use you to show my students what it's like if they try and let people help them."

'Little things in life'

Miller said that her uncle Ralph Lord showed her "to enjoy the little things in life that he didn't get to."

"It was kind of hard, he came back to the United States after living in Mexico," she said. "I didn't really know him. I had to get to know him to do this essay. I didn't think that it would be motivational or inspirational."

The oldest of eight children, he cared for his siblings while his mother worked. The children ended up in foster care for three years until his mother remarried a military man. As he grew up, friction developed between he and his mother and he eventually entered the military

and served for eight years. He married but that ended in divorce. He settled in Los Angeles where he worked as a computer specialist for 24 years before losing his job.

Her uncle became homeless and wandered the streets for a year before going to Mexico where he became an English teacher. When he decided to return to the United States to see his family, he wasn't allowed to leave because his visa had expired. Eventually the Mexican government allowed him to go, but he couldn't return without the correct proof of citizenship.

"Ralph has done an amazing job overcoming obstacles in life," Miller wrote. "He has taught me to be myself and never give up in life. I am blessed with an inspiring hero and outstanding uncle."

Deering picked her grandmother for her essay because "she is always positive and happy."

'Bright side'

"It's great to have someone like that in hard times," she said. "She always looks on the bright side of things."

She knew right away she wanted to write about her because of what she has gone through.

"Basically, she's a robot," she said. "She's had her hips replaced and her knees replaced. Her favorite song is Titanium."

"I've always wondered how my grandma is able to brighten a room," Deering wrote. "Through several surgeries on joints, ten grandkids and three daughters, she still has a favorable outlook on life. Even though she may not have had an easy life, she stayed positive. She always inspired me to be a better person."

"I chose her as my Michigan hero because she can brighten a room with her presence," she added.

The essays were written last November, and Dering gave it to her grandmother at Christmas.

"She really liked it," she said. "It was more valuable to her than any gift I could have bought her."

Her grandmother, Sue Kopko, was at the honors program.

"She made me cry," she said. "I feel very proud of her, she's a wonderful human being," Dering said. "She's everything I said about her in my essay."

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to ensure the continued growth."

The new fire station, with a \$3.1 million construction cost, will replace fire station 1 located east of Westland City Hall on Ford at Carlson. City Hall will relocate into the retrofitted former Circuit City building on Warren Road just east of Central City Parkway.

The new City Hall is slated to open by late

2014. The fire station is projected to be completed by November. Longer term, plans call for the demolition of the vacated City Hall and fire station as well as the closed Bailey Center.

Both the City Hall and fire station projects are being funded through the Local Tax Increment Financing Authority, which recaptures property taxes for reinvestment within its district.

"We welcome everyone to come out and join us for this historic celebration," Wild said.

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SMART seeks voter approval of millage increase

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

John Hertel, general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, commonly known as SMART, is promoting an increased millage that's on the August primary ballot. "SMART is the largest system in the state for transit," Hertel said in a speech before the Garden City Rotary Club. "SMART covers all of Macomb County and parts of Wayne and Oakland counties. There are 75 communities that we serve in the three counties. The



Hertel



LeBlanc

other nine major transit systems in the state do not equal the number of square miles that we cover with our one system."

Likewise, he said, if the population of those nine systems were put together, they don't equal the population served by SMART, which has 800 employees and 600 vehicles.

"We operate with the lowest millage of the 10 systems," he said.

Grand Rapids gets 3 mills, Ann Arbor gets 2.7 mills and Lansing and Port Huron get 2 mills, he said. The SMART system currently gets less than 0.6 of a mill, he said.

"We put 98 percent of our buses on the road every day, and we have won awards for keeping up our schedules and for our buses being on time," Hertel said, adding that 70 percent of passengers are riding to work. The other 30 percent are

divided into people going to school, those with special needs and seniors who no longer drive.

Revenue decreases

In 2008, property values decreased, and since that time Congress has also discontinued passing earmarks to get transportation money, he said. The federal government puts SMART in a pie in southeastern Michigan with D-DOT, which has cut routes. This creates a formula where SMART gets less money every year, he said.

"We lost \$48 million over the last four years," Hertel said.

Also, the federal government says that line-haul buses should only operate up to 500,000 miles, he said. "Over 80 percent of the buses that I operate at SMART are over 500,000 miles," Hertel said.

Maintenance costs are increasing, Hertel said

he's cut staff 20 percent over the last three years.

Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties residents will decide in the August primary whether to increase their taxes to keep supporting bus transportation services under SMART. The proposal, if approved, would renew a 0.59-mill levy for public transportation and also tack on a 0.41-mill increase, bringing the tax to 1 mill.

About \$112 million of additional revenue over four years would be raised, if passed in all three counties.

Hertel said he went to each county's board of commissioners to gain permission to put the millage on the ballot. In Oakland County the vote was 13-6, in Macomb County the vote was 10-3 and in Wayne County the vote was 10-4, he said.

"If we don't get this

passed, within two years SMART will cease to exist because we can't keep operating buses with over 600,000 miles on them," Hertel said.

Most of the millage money will go to purchase buses, he said.

Hertel also said: "SMART has 11 security cameras on every bush."

"SMART doesn't intend to merge with D-DOT. "It is extremely inefficient; it is the lowest-rated system in the nation," Hertel said.

"SMART has six buses for every mechanic. "Detroit's ratio is two buses for every mechanic," he said.

"SMART fare is \$2."

"The voters' decisions will be respected according to each county."

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc opposed putting this millage on the Au-

gust ballot and plans to vote against it because he doesn't believe SMART has benefited the general public for as much as it costs. He favored putting it on the November general election ballot instead when more people will vote.

LeBlanc spoke about the increase to 1 mill — "this would increase a homeowner's property taxes by \$0.67 per \$1,000 of SEV. The overall cost would then be \$1 per \$1,000 of property assessment."

Years ago, when LeBlanc was a state representative, he complained profusely when SMART service was reduced on Ford Road. "Now, they want those same people to vote for this millage," he said.

LeBlanc believes the various mass transit systems should try to merge.

Safety check



Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Nicholas Baughman of Westland uses a fluke meter to verify the electrical safety of a charger in the electrical safety office aboard the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington. The carrier and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interest of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST SEAMAN APPRENTICE OSCAR ALBERT MORENO JR.



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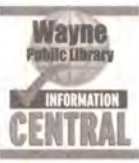


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Wayne library offers summer programs

Dear parents, grandparents and caregivers, Your children are invited to join Wayne Public Library's Summer Library Program and attend the fun programs and events we are planning for children ages 0-13. This summer's theme, "Fizz, Boom, Read!," explores all kinds of science topics, including chemistry, sound, dinosaurs, geology and more. The programs are free and open to children of all abilities.



The programs will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (sign-up is required for a few of our programs this year). Family fun story time and craft day will be on Thursday at 2 p.m. The public library cares about your children and has planned programs to keep them reading and learning all summer. Children who join the summer library program keep their minds active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and ready to succeed.

For every 30 minutes the child reads or is read to, they will receive a point. They can then cash in those points for prizes. Children who complete 25 hours will be entered into the grand prize drawing.

Remember, you are your child's first teacher. Look at picture books with your children who have not learned to read and point out people, animals and objects in the pictures. Read to your children and ask them to read to you. Set a good example; let your children see you reading just for the fun of it.

Your librarian will be happy to help you find books that are just right. We hope that you and your family enjoy looking at books and reading together and that you discover the treasures of your library.

Area teens, ages 12-18, are encouraged to participate in "Spark a Reaction," the Wayne Public Library's teen summer library program 10 to July 31. Teens are invited to come to read for prizes and take part in special events throughout the summer.

Special events this summer will include robotics workshops and a scavenger hunt. Beginning June 10, teens in

junior high and high school can register to attend these free events at the adult services desk of the Wayne Public Library.

Those who succeed in reading will receive an entry into our grand prize drawing for each book they read (of appropriate reading level). After five books are read, they will choose a free book prize and receive an invitation to the Teen Finale Party on Aug. 1. The reading doesn't stop there though. Continue reading and continue earning entries and book prizes. Teen programs will take place on Fridays, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

There will be an adult cooking class called "Cooking Matters" on Wednesday 5-7 p.m. beginning July 2. Registration is required for this program and space is limited. To register go to www.oakwood.org/classes or call 800-543-WELL.

Summer Reading sign-up for both programs begins June 10. Only reading between June 10 and July 31 will be counted. Teens and children who register in June will have a chance at the candy guessing jar. All reading must be

turned in by July 31. Visit the library for more information, reading inspiration, and to sign up.

The "Spark a Reaction" and "Fizz, Boom, Read!" summer library programs are sponsored by the Wayne Public Library, the Friends of the Wayne Public Library, the Wayne Civilians Club, Captain Nemo's Submarine Sandwich shop, Warrior 3 Comics and Games and many others.

Upcoming Events
Drop-in storytime for kids of all ages, 2 p.m. Thursdays in the Multipurpose Room in the Youth Area - We'll read stories, sing songs, have a door prize drawing, and crafts! Join us June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. Storytime will last for approximately 30 minutes. No registration is necessary.

Teen Robotics Workshops, 2-3 p.m. June 27, July 11 and 25 - Hands-on learning about and building robotics.

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

Treat 401(k) retirement money as sacred

Q: Dear Rick: I just lost my job and was told by the company's human resources person that I have to transfer my 401(k) out of the company's plan. After reading some of your past columns I am going to roll it over into an IRA at Fidelity. I have an outstanding loan of about \$12,000 on my 401(k) plan. The company said that when I close out the 401(k) the loan will be treated as distribution which means I will be taxed on the money. I don't think it's fair that I should be taxed on this money because I have no choice but to move the money. I was told the only way to avoid the tax is to pay back the loan. I don't have the money, however, I can take cash advances on my charge cards and repay the loan. Is there anything else I should do? I do have money in an IRA and my house is paid off.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

effective alternative. However, you do have a good alternative to consider and that is a home equity loan.

Because your home is paid off, you have substantial equity and can borrow from that. The interest rate on home equity loans is a fraction of what you would pay on a cash advance from your charge card. Unlike charge card interest, home equity loan interest is tax deductible.

Like any other loan, it is important to shop around for a home equity loan. Not only do you want to look at the interest and how it is calculated but also, any and all costs.

In shopping for a home equity loan consider your local bank, and if you belong to a credit union you should also discuss a loan there. Credit unions are very consumer-friendly and many times have better terms on home equity loans than banks and traditional mortgage companies.

In the past, credit unions were a little difficult to deal with but that is no longer the case. They offer the same services as banks but at a much lower cost.

One last note, in general I am not a fan of 401(k) loans. There are exceptions to the rule. However, let's never forget the 401(k) is for retirement and that money is sacred.

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However, many people do more than just walk. For example, the patient who plays golf or tennis or works out with weights, wants to know how soon after a shoulder injection can one return to those activities.
Doctors cannot answer such questions because no studies exist that have studied the effect of waiting time and gradual return to golf or tennis to know if waiting needs to be no longer than one day or to be no less than one week.
The common sense answer of return to activity that doesn't hurt and stop any activity that brings on pain is too broad. If one commits to a tennis match or goes with a group to golf or bowl, then injection or not, there is a need to show up and play the match. Furthermore, pain comes from prior layoff and one expects aching before getting back in shape.
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STUDENTS TURN INTO CIRCUS PERFORMERS FOR A DAY

Everyone was a star at Grant Elementary in Livonia during the school's recent Circus Day.

All 444 students performed a circus act in front of a live audience May 23 after learning juggling and other circus skills from Cirque Amongus entertainers.

"Every kid felt like they had a talent, and they got to showcase it," said Sandy Christofferson, the school's administrative assistant. "Whether it was rolling in a barrel, walking on stilts or riding a little bike. 'They were all involved.'"

Christofferson said the all-day program was paid for by the PTA and the school. It started with the educational organization Cirque Amongus introducing the students to the fundamentals of circus arts at various stations, and then ended with the students putting on a circus performance.

Christofferson said the idea for a Circus Day, proposed by a PTA mom, met the school's objectives of having an assembly that got the students actively involved instead of just passively watching while learning something new. And unlike a field trip, where a



Elaine Skinner learns to spin a plate on a stick.



Third-grader Owen Penny learns to juggle. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

select few parents chaperone, it involved a lot of parent volunteers, which was another goal.

"It was a good learning experience for them," Christofferson said. "We had a lot of volunteers."

In fact, everyone had so much fun that no one wanted it to end. "It went until after the bell rang," she said, adding the buses had to wait for the students rather than the other way around.

By Karen Smith



Third-grader Madison Allen, dancing Gangnam-Style.

ACHIEVERS

» **Jessica Drife** and **Sarah Salter** of Garden City, **Zakkary Hardyniec** of Wayne and **Frances Jackson** of Westland have been named to the Alma College Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2014 Winter Term.

Students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade-point average (out of 4.0) during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, were named to the Dean's List.

» **Adam J. Bonner** of Garden City, was among more than 1,600 students at Coastal Carolina University who made the Spring 2014 Dean's List. To

qualify for the Dean's List, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade-point average and upper-classmen must earn a 3.5 grade-point average.

Bonner is a sophomore with a marketing pre-major.

» **Laura Gisondi** of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2013-14 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better during the semester based on 4.0 for straight A's.

» University of Detroit Mercy recently celebrated the commencement of its graduat-

ing students from the undergraduate and graduate programs, School of Dentistry and School of Law.

Receiving their degrees were **Jamie McKenna** of Garden City, bachelor of science and certificate in dental hygiene; **John McNally** of Garden City, bachelor of mechanical engineering; **John Haddad** of Garden City, bachelor of social work; **James Hammer** of Garden City, juris doctor; **Shannon Hodges** of Garden City, bachelor of science in nursing, and **Michelle Longe** of Garden City, bachelor of science in nursing.

» Named to the Adrian Col-

lege Dean's List for spring 2014 were **Amanda Adams**, a senior from Westland; **Lindsey Bunio**, a senior from Garden City; **Adrian Krauss**, a senior from Westland; **Sierra Johnson**, a sophomore from Garden City; and **Jacob Adams**, a sophomore from Westland.

» Receiving their degrees from Alma College during the April 19 commencement ceremony were:

Zakkary Hardyniec of Wayne, bachelor of science degree in integrative physiology and health science. He is a 2010 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School;

Adam Karson of Wayne,

bachelor of science degree in biology. He is a 2010 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School;

Nicholas Mills of Wayne, bachelor of science degree in biology. He is a 2010 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School;

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Family secrets

Son turns detective to find out about aunt he never knew

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Steve Luxenberg has met many people and heard many things at the talks he has given since he wrote a book about an aunt he never knew existed. But the one that piqued his interest was a woman who told him she had met his aunt when she was 12 years old. He was skeptical, but listened as she explained that, after reading his book, *Annie's Ghost: A Journey into a Family Secret*, he realized the young woman she and her sister had met at the soda fountain at Eloise was his Aunt Annie.

"She told me, 'I called my sister and asked if she remembered and she said the one with the wooden leg,'" Luxenberg said. "She told me, 'I came tonight because I want you to know from my perspective Annie was happy.' It's nice to know she was happy in those moments."

Luxenberg was at the William P. Faust Public Library for the final author event of Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read. Luxenberg's book was the 2014 selection for the biennial program.

Family mystery

Luxenberg, a Detroit native, delved into his family's history to unravel the mystery of why his mother identified herself as an only child and how his aunt ended up at Eloise, the name given to the sprawling Wayne County Infirmity, Psychiatric and General Hospital complex in Westland.

Most of the people in the overflow audience had read his book that he describes as part "memoir, part detective story, part history." A journalist by

trade, Luxenberg became an investigator to find out why his mother said she was an only child and his aunt ended up spending most of her adult life at Eloise.

The journey began after his mother's death, when he and his siblings received a letter in 2000 from the cemetery inquiring about flowers for three graves, two of which were his grandparents.

"I was curious and the journalist in me kicked in," said Luxenberg, an associate editor at the *Washington Post*. "I started in 2005" when an agent read something he had written in the *Washington Post*. He did an "elevator pitch" and she was interested.

"I tried to stand in mom's shoes; I tried to see what happened through their eyes then, not 50 years later," he said.

Annie's life

Luxenberg's talk was as much about the differences about mental services then and now as it was about his Aunt Annie, who had a deformed leg.

She was delayed in starting school and, at 16, her leg had to be amputated and she was given a wooden leg. The idea that there was a mental issue associated with her physical problem wasn't realized until she was 18 or 19.

"The first 16 years of her life, all the attention was focused on her physical deformity. If it was today, she would have gotten counseling; she didn't get that," he said.

At age 21, Luxenberg's grandmother "gave Annie over to Eloise" and in a letter, asked that they "take care of her." His grandmother also told a social worker that "everyone is going crazy because of Annie."

Alice Andre of Westland quizzed Luxenberg about his aunt's diagnosis.

"There was no diagnosis required at the time of admis-



Nancy Liebau of Garden City was among more than 125 people who listened to author Steve Luxenberg's talk at the William P. Faust Public Library. PHOTOS BY SUE MASON



Pauline Martin of Livonia talks with author Steve Luxenberg as he autographs her copy of "Annie's Ghost."

ward the fact that he didn't know," Luxenberg said.

Among those listening to Luxenberg was Nancy Liebau of Garden City, who praised him for all he has "done for the people who were exposed to Eloise."

"Bless you, you did a great job," she said. "The book read like a history book because I grew up her and went by Eloise; it was very real for me. The other part was the background and how the people felt about mental illness. It was a good read."

Pauline Martin of Livonia waited in line to have Luxenberg sign her book.

"I loved his book; I read it in five days," she said.

Having his book selected for the Great Michigan Read gave Luxenberg "so many opportunities." It also has made him more aware about the treatment of mental illness.

"In learning more and more about the treatment of mental health, I know things are so much better than things were back then," he said. "There is the stigma with mental illness and it's still with us. Every generation has its taboos and one way to get rid of this stigma would be to open up mental health records from 100 years ago."

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tion," he said. "On her death certificate, it says undifferentiated schizophrenia. I'm not sure when they attached that to her case. I think her mental health issues were overlooked because of her leg."

When the family moved out of their Detroit neighborhood, his mother reinvented her identity and "Annie lost hers." His mother became an only child, a lie that continued for years and was even perpetuated in his grandparents' obituaries.

"When Eloise closed, much

more of the responsibility was put on families," Luxenberg said. "My mother didn't take care of Annie, Eloise took care of Annie."

Thanked for book

One member of the audience thanked Luxenberg for writing the book and "letting people know there were others like Annie out there." Another asked if his father was aware of Annie.

"I thought it was impossible to be married for 35 years and not know, but I'm leaning to-



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Zombie Run will get hearts racing

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

If you're the kind of athlete who needs a little motivation to get running, Lyon Township's newest planned event at James F. Atchison Park might be just what you need to push you forward.

The Zombie Run is bound to get some hearts and feet racing June 14. Runners will get the adrenalin rush of being chased through a multi-challenge, 3.1-mile course as zombies pursue them and try to capture flags on their bodies.

People who want to participate, but don't want to be chased, can sign up to be a zombie. And those who don't want to run or be a zombie, but think it might be fun to participate, should consider volunteering.

The Zombie Run is organized by South Lyon native Jeff Suffolk, founder of Colorado-based Human Movement Management, an event management company that produces more than 300 programs annually.

There will be two runs.

The Zombie Run Extreme, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will include waves of 200 people released every 15 minutes. Participants will select wave times during registration.

The second group will be released after sun-



Runners will have to avoid zombies along the course at James F. Atchison Park. THEZOMBIERUN.COM

down in groups of 100 every few minutes.

Three lives

Runners get three lives, represented by flags or balloons they carry on their bodies, and those who manage to keep at least one flag from the grasp of a zombie will receive survivor medals showing they survived the apocalypse. Runners who have all their flags taken will receive medals indicating they were infected. Obstacles, mud and smoke will make the run more interesting.

The registration fee to be a zombie is \$45 until June 13 and \$50 at the park. Costs to run are \$85 until June 13 and \$100 June 14. Registration to be a runner all day is \$120 until June 13 and \$150 June 14. Runners are invited to pur-

chase an additional flag, representing another life, for \$10. Spectators are admitted to the event without charge.

About 2,000 people had signed up by May 23 and another 2,000 or so are expected. A beer tent will also be available.

A portion of each registration will go to Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Md., dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with pediatric developmental disabilities and disorders of the brain, spinal cord and musculoskeletal system, through patient care, special education and research.

Go to thezombie-run.com to register and for more information.

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Madonna professor in the running for Music Educator Award

Madonna University music professor Linette Popoff-Parks, of Plymouth, is one of nine Michigan educators named a quarterfinalist for the second annual Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation.

A total of 222 music teachers from 208 cities across 41 states were announced as quarterfinalists. In total, more than 7,000 nominations were submitted from across 50 states.

The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment

to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.

Popoff-Parks, an accomplished pianist, has been teaching at Madonna University for 34 years. She has served as chairperson for the Music Department since 1995. She was instrumental in establishing a major in Film Scoring, the only one in the state, at Madonna. She is known as a tireless advocate for fellow music faculty members who goes above and beyond to support and showcase the talents of Madonna students majoring in the many different music programs offered at the university.

She received two awards for teaching at Madonna University: The Faculty Excellence Award in 1992; and the Faculty Excellence

Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation in 2003.

One recipient will be selected from 10 finalists and will be recognized for his/her remarkable impact on students' lives. The winner will be flown to Los Angeles to accept the award, attend the GRAMMY Awards ceremony and receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The nine finalists will each receive a \$1,000 honorarium and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants. The honorariums and grants provided to the finalists and schools are made possible by support of the GRAMMY Foundation's Education Champions Converse, Disney Performing Arts, Ford Motor Company Fund, and Journeys.



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Human trafficking solutions topic of Citizens for Peace meeting

Deena Policicchio will share her 19 years of experience working with exploited young girls and women during the next Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Policicchio is director of the Outreach & Education Services Department at Alternatives For

Girls (AFG), a Detroit-based nonprofit organization providing services to girls who need respite and resources from predators.

The organization's efforts help participants to heal and move forward with their lives.

"The damage on their psyche is worse than being at war," Policicchio has said.

In the past several months, Citizens for Peace has been collecting travel-sized toiletries to donate to Alternatives for Girls. Donations will be accepted at the meeting, which is free and open to the public.

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The show, which will feature about 500 custom, restored and historic vehicles, is sponsored by the Friends of the Wilson Barn and the Road Knights Auto Club.

"It's a great show, plus it helps to support the Wilson Barn," said Ken Stempien, president of the Friends group, adding it is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the barn.

The barn's gently rolling and sprawling grounds provide the perfect backdrop for viewing the cars, he said.

A donation of \$5 per person is requested. Children under age 12 are admitted free with an adult. Proceeds will go toward improvements to the historic dairy barn, located at West Chicago and Middlebelt roads. The barn is currently being stripped down to bare wood and repainted.



Proceeds from the car show will go toward improvements to the historic dairy barn, located at West Chicago and Middlebelt roads. The barn is currently being stripped down to bare wood and repainted.

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Car owners who wish to compete pay \$20 up to 11 a.m. the day of the show.

The nonprofit Road Knights co-sponsor the show to help support the barn. The Road Knights club was formed more than 60 years ago in northwest Detroit by a group of teenagers whose love of hot rods, drag racing and street

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Air Museum hosts free veterans seminar

The Yankee Air Museum will open its doors free of charge to veterans and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, for a veterans seminar.

The presentations will include eligibility for benefits, financial assistance and planning, health care and disability claims, among others.

The Veterans Seminar is the result of a partnership between Brig. General Carol Ann Fausone (ret.) at Legal Help for Veterans, Comerica Bank, and the Professional Resource Alliance of Greater Michigan.

While the event is free, space is limited to 300 people. Reservations can be made through Monday, June 9, by emailing kbdermody@gmail.com or calling 734-740-8867.

Fausone, the event's organizer, said that veterans and their families simply are not aware of the resources available to them, which was a primary motivator for putting the seminar together.

"Since retiring from the service in 2011, I have encountered countless veterans and families who don't even know

where to begin looking for the help they need — it can be overwhelming," Fausone said. "This event will provide veterans with a great opportunity to learn about the benefits to which they're entitled and how to apply for them."

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Bible school

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will hold vacation Bible School from 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 25, for children in kindergarten through fifth-grade. Registration will be at 5 p.m., followed by a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and the program.

The theme is "Neighbors around the World." Youngsters will visit Australia, Zimbabwe, Japan, the United Kingdom and Mexico through life lessons. There also will be Bible time, music and recreation.

For more information, call the church at 734-721-4801 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday. The church is a 3 Town Square in downtown Wayne.

Bova VFW

The VFW Bova Post 9885 is holding a golf outing Saturday, June 7, at the Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Ypsilanti.

The outing, which will benefit the John Dingell VA Hospital, has a best ball format. The cost is \$65 per person and includes a full-course dinner. Contact Rick at 734-634-4487 or Jerry at 734-765-0028 or email oldvetran68@yahoo.com.

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a garage sale at the post from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Table rentals are \$15 (round) and \$20 (long). There will be almost 100 Cherished Teddies and Boyd Bear Collectables.

Proceeds will go to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Contact Becky at 734-729-4234.

The post also hosts a car show, featuring the Motor City Hot Rod Club from 4:30-8 p.m. Thursdays and a Fish Fry every Friday.

The Bova Post is at 6440 N. Hix, between Ford and Warren Road,

in Westland.

Rotary

Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Comerica Park to see the Tigers play the Cleveland Indians at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, July 20?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community. The suite also includes a \$300 food credit, three parking passes and your name on the scoreboard.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Juenemann Insurance Agency or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. July 10 at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club.

For more information, call Jeff at 734-261-5010.

Teen volunteers

The Westland Public Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2014 Summer Reading Program, "FIZZ, BOOM, READ!"

Volunteers will help in the Youth Services Department and assist at many of our summer events. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization. Volunteers should be entering ninth grade or above in the fall of 2014.

Applications are available now at the library or downloaded from the library's website, westlandlibrary.org. Applications should be submitted to the Youth Services Desk before attending a "walk-in" training session at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, in the Youth Activity Room of the Westland Library.

Most applications are accepted as long as space allows, but earlier appli-

cants have priority in scheduling. For more information, call 734-326-612 or contact claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org.

Wine Tasting

The Western Metro Detroit Alumni Club of Michigan State University will host a wine tasting event from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the new Cantoro's Market on Haggerty Road just north of Five Mile Road. This is a fundraiser to provide scholarships to students transferring from local colleges to MSU.

Enjoy a selection of eight or more wines and hors d'oeuvres by Cantoro's. Live music will be provided by an ensemble of musicians from the College of Music and a talk will be given on the Wines of Michigan by MSU Professor Ron Perry.

The event will be held on the large upstairs mezzanine and guests may stroll the market during the evening. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$45. Go to eventbrite.com/e/cantoros-festive-market-wine-tasting-event-tickets-11579413337 to purchase tickets. For more information, call Tom Hess at 248-380-8519.

Butterfly garden

Brenda's Butterfly Habitat will open for the season Thursday, June 5, at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Westland.

The habitat features native butterflies from this area. It also has the host plants of these butterflies. The complete life cycle of these winged beauties can be observed.

Admission is by donations. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Sept. 6.

For more information, visit butterflyinthegarden.com.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 9, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:55 pm.** regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

ORDINANCE 14-xxx

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES SECTIONS 53.02 THROUGH 53.05 OF CHAPTER 53

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 53.02 THROUGH 53.05 OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY; PROVIDING FOR RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR OFFSETTING THE EXPENSE INCURRED BY THE CITY IN PROVIDING WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL; PROVIDING FOR METERING OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER; PROVIDING FOR BILLING FOR WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.

Sections 53.02 through 53.05, of the City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

53.02. BASIS OF CHARGES AND RATES; WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE.

(A) Water service and sewer disposal service rates shall be based on water consumption as measured by a meter installed on the premises of the water supply customer by the Department. Sewage disposal service rates shall be based on water consumption as determined by the meter installed on the premises of the sewage disposal customer. No free water service or sewage disposal service shall be furnished to any person or property.

(B) Rates and charges for the use of the sewage disposal system of the city shall be based upon the methodology in the User Charges System approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Revisions to the rates and charges for water service and sewage disposal service shall be established by Resolution of the City Council which shall be enacted apart from the published ordinances as necessary to ensure sufficiency of revenue in meeting operation, to meet operational, maintenance and replacement costs, as well as debt service.

(C) User charges hereby established for operational, maintenance and replacement costs shall be subject to annual review. User charges shall be the same for all customers of the system regardless of geographical boundaries subject to Section 53.03(c).

53.03. WATER SUPPLY RATES.

(A) Consumption base rate \$28.96 per 1,000 cubic feet of water.
(B) Annual fixed user charges, in addition to those in division (A) above: **\$48.09**
(C) Service outside City. Water service rates charged for water service outside the City shall be 150% of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above, or as may hereafter be established for City water service by City Council Resolution.

53.04. SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.

(A) Consumption base rate, including excess sewage: \$52.35 per 1,000 cubic feet.
(B) Annual fixed user charges: **\$48.09**
(C) Sewage disposal rates outside the City. Charges for sewage disposal service to premises outside the city shall be 150% of the rates and charges set forth in division (A) and (B) above or as may hereafter be established for sewage disposal service by City Council Resolution.

(D) Industrial waste control (IWC) charge. All non-residential users shall pay an IWC charge based on meter size. This is a flat rate without regard to consumption. The following rates shall apply: Rates shall be based on meter size as prescribed by the wholesale supplier.

(E) Industrial waste surcharge. Commercial and industrial users who discharge wastes into the public wastewater system in excess of the strength of normal sewage shall be charged a surcharge which reflects their equitable share of the costs of wastewater treatment. The surcharge shall be determined as follows.

(1) Purpose and objective. This section has as its purpose the protection of public health and safety, and because of the widely varying quality characteristics of the sewage discharged by different users of the public sewer and the publicly-owned treatment works, it is the objective of this section to impose sewage charges which reflect the cost of treating sewage strength factors as well as sewage volume. These charges to commercial and industrial users will be in the form of a payment called a surcharge and will reflect industries equitable costs of wastewater treatment in excess of the strength of the domestic sewage. Sewage charge will be based on a volume rate and surcharge based on volume of discharge and the strength of BOD, suspended solid, phosphorous, fats, oil and grease or other pollutants present in the wastewater. In the event other pollutants are required to be surcharged under this subchapter, authorized variances, or by special arrangements with the owner of the publicly-owned treatment works, the rules and regulations adopted herein will apply, the rules and regulations being on file with the City Clerk.

(2) Authority. This section is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Federal Law Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1231 et seq. and applicable Federal Regulations, the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in U.S. v City of Detroit, et al, Civil Action #7-71111.

(3) Industrial waste pollutant strength surcharges. It is ordained that the Schedule of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharges is hereby adopted and made effective for users of the wastewater system of the city. The surcharges are to be computed as follows.

Computation of Industrial Waste Pollutant Strength Surcharge
The industrial waste pollutant strength surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the following formula.

SC = 0.0624 V a(BOD-275) + b(TSS-350)+c(P-12)+d(FOG-100)

In which the following apply:
SC = Pollutant strength surcharge fee in dollars for the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).

V = Volume of waste discharged in the billing period in Mcf (1000 cubic feet).
BOD = Five-day biochemical oxygen demand of the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).
TSS = Total suspended solids in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).
P = Phosphorus in the waste expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).
FOG = Fats, oils, and grease expressed in milligrams per liter (ppm).

a, b, c, d = Surcharge rates, \$/pound for treating BOD, TSS, P, and FOG respectively.
0.0624 = Factor which converts Mcf to MM lbs.
a = \$.254.285/pound.
b = \$324.341/pound.
c = \$3.7293.862/pound.
d = \$.221/2.55/pound.

(4) Compliance required. In accordance with the basic service agreement between the city, the county, and the Wayne County Board of Public Works or other properly designated agent of the county named pursuant to M.C.L.A. §§ 46.171 through 46.185, and M.C.L.A. §§ 123.71 et seq., this section provides that any person, firm, or corporation discharging wastewater into the publicly-owned sewer system shall comply with the standards, rules and regulations controlling the quality or quantity of discharge or wastewater into the system. The standards, rules, and regulations shall be established from time to time by the county or its designated agent.

53.05. BILLING.

(A) All meters shall be read and all water service and sewage disposal service shall be billed and collected no less than quarterly (every three months) or more often, but not less than approximately one-third in the amount of the bill shall become due each month. All bills shall be immediately due and payable, and may be paid without penalty by the due date shown thereon.

(B) The charges set forth in §§ 53.03 and 53.04 shall be effective as to bills paid on or before the due date, which date shall be clearly marked upon the face of the bill. The bill shall be mailed to the customer at least 14 calendar days prior to the due date. If a bill is not paid on or before the due date, a penalty of 10% shall be added to the amount thereof.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the City of Garden City shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

St. Mary Mercy president/CEO wins Call to Justice Award

St. Mary Mercy President and CEO David Spivey accepted an award for the contributions he's made to making life better for elder adults at the sixth annual

Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Awards ceremony, which took place April 28 in Farmington Hills. In 2010, Spivey oversaw the implementation

of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Senior Emergency Department, which was developed for the specialized care of seniors age 65 and older. The Senior ER at St. Mary

Mercy was the first ever in Michigan, as well as the first to open of the eight Senior ER locations within Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. In that same year, he also oversaw implementation of the hospital's first Graduate Medical Education program, which has grown to more than 130 resident physicians and seven programs.

"It's great to be able to share this award with my colleagues Michelle Moccia, Karen Bostick and Carrie Hays McElroy. They are the reason I'm up here today," Spivey said in his acceptance speech. "Without their hard work and dedication, the senior services at St. Mary Mercy would not be what they are today."

The Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Awards honor and celebrate the leadership of individuals and organizations that share Elder Law of Michigan's mission to promote, pro-



Karen Bostick (from left), director of the Emergency Center; David Spivey, president and CEO; Carrie Hays McElroy, service line administrator for Senior Services; and Michelle Moccia, program director of the Senior ER, during the Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Awards program.

tect and advocate for the rights, health, nutrition, housing and economic well-being of vulnerable

adults by providing information, legal advice, training and professional services.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT and HOME PROGRAMS
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 7/1/2014-6/30/2015 --- FINAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF NO FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On or about June 15, 2014, the City of Westland will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under the CDBG and HOME Programs:

USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS
CDBG funds (\$987,385; reprogram \$64,000; program income \$130,000):

- Grant Administration - 197,477
- Public Service Activities: - 221,500
 - Senior Programs, Youth Assistance
 - Community Policing, Domestic Violence
- Code Enforcement - 175,000
- Rehabilitation Projects - 65,000
- Friendship Center Improvements - 45,000
- Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures - 157,918
- Norwayne Infrastructure and Parks - 71,000
- Section 108 Loan - 54,840

HOME funds (\$251,927; program income \$75,000):

- Grant Administration - 25,193
- Housing Rehabilitation - 80,000
- Homebuyer Assistance - 63,250
- Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation - 150,984

Environmental Review Records are available for review, Housing & Community Development Department, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI. 48186, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All parties disagreeing with the decision may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland by 5:00 p.m., June 15, 2014. The City will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the above projects prior to June 15, 2014.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with CDBG and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Westland certifies to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor William R. Wild, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the CDBG and HOME funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the applicant or other officer of the city; or,
- b) That the applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.
- c) Other specific grounds cited in the HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD, McNamara Federal Building, 17th Fl, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. No objection received after 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2014 will be considered by HUD.

William R. Wild, Mayor
City of Westland

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Vista Maria looks for STAR volunteers

Vista Maria, a nonprofit that provides education, treatment, and resources necessary for the full recovery of girls suffering abuse, neglect and trauma, is looking for companies to come in and engage middle school girls about the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) during the summer and fall of 2014.

The work is part of Vista Maria's 21st Century Community Learning Center program called Starting the Afternoon Right (STAR). Vista Maria received the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant for \$540,000 on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education last July to fund STAR.

The girls have been

participating in educational enrichment activities four times a week and every Saturday.

"It is critical for people to come and volunteer their time to the STEM program because the girls get to see women at work in STEM-related fields in an uplifting way and the girls can see that they can do anything they put their minds to," said Ateria Young, Journey to Success residential coordinator. "The girls have built relationships with peers, staff, and volunteers; and enjoy going on field trips and learning new things."

Examples of upcoming STAR Program activities include Michigan State University Extension helping the girls' plant flowers and vegetables. The girls also are going to

the Hands-on Museum in Ann Arbor in June. Recently, Oakland University Medical School's American Medical Women's Association has come out and let the girls learn and touch real human hearts for their healthy heart program.

Additionally, Geonisha Washington, the founder and director of Project: We Hope, Dream, and Believe, has visited and taught the girls important life skills, such as communication, self-esteem, and how to handle their emotions and feelings.

Throughout the school year and the summer, Vista Maria is offering the STAR Program. The agency is still looking for volunteers. If any company is interested, call Young at 313-271-3050, Ext. 313.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
MOM 2 MOM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.
Location: St. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.
Details: Table space is available for the Mom 2 Mom sale. Cost is \$15 for an 8-foot table and \$5 for a card table. Food, drink, and baked goods will be available. A 9-10 a.m. early bird admission is \$2, and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strollers welcome.

Contact: For more information or to purchase a table, Carolyn G. at 734-728-1559 or cgre-gones@yahoo.com or Sandy K. at 734-721-4867 or skop-cak@comcast.net.

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.

TENNIS CLASSES

Time/Date: Monday, June 2-7 July 7.
Location: Attwood Park tennis courts, Howe south of Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Tennis classes will be offered from 6-6:55 p.m. for children age 8 and under. The program is designed to teach basic skills in a way that best suits the young player. The cost is \$45 and the class size is limited to eight students. A skills camp will be offered 7-7:55 p.m. for ages 9-12. The class will emphasize the fundamentals, basic techniques, rules and scoring. The cost also is \$45 and class size is limited to six students. And adult tennis mixer will be offered 6-8 p.m. June 5-July 7 for those 18 years and older. Cost is \$2 per person and fruit and water will be provided. Bring a partner or find one at the courts.

Contact: For more information, call 734-744-7400.

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 Tues-

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

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

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

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Thursdays.
Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

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

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

BURROUGHS OLD TIMERS

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month.
Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

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

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

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.
Location: Rocky's Restaurant at Wayne Road north of Palmer in Westland.

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

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday.
Location: 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

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

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

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE

Details: Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers and phone messengers. Volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, designate days, times, and areas they are willing to drive. Volunteer phone messengers arrange client rides with volunteer drivers one day each week from the comfort of their home. Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is a not-for-profit community service that provides free door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia, and West-



Cecilia Reed (from left), Natasha Zahor, Debi Zahor and Pam Sowa, all of Garden City, strike a Wish You Were Here pose in front of the Louvre in Paris, France, during Spring break. They were among Garden City High School choir members and parents who visited London and Paris with choir teacher Steve Olsen in a combined trip with Livonia Franklin High School. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

land who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation.

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

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia.

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

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Location: Veteran Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road, two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne.
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Contact: 734-728-0527.

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month.
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City.

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

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Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thurs-

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

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

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

Contact: 734-459-7744.

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Time/Date: 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month.
Location: Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne.

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Monday of every month.
Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile.

Details: Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays.
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GIRLS LACROSSE

Blazers storm into Final 4 once again

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

First-year goalie Hutter playing a key role in tourney run

Final Fours and Livonia Ladywood lacrosse go together as Forrest Gump would say, "Like peas and carrots." The Blazers, last year's Division 2 state runner-up, will be making their fourth straight semifinal appearance after an impressive 14-7 regional championship victory

Friday over Ann Arbor Huron a match played at Farmington H.S. Ladywood, which improved to 18-4, got six goals from Jessica Snyder, while Rachel Donabedian and Theresa Micallef each tallied three and Megan Leon added two. And the Blazers are making

another tourney run with a novice goalie, senior Sabine Hutter, who came up with several timely saves to keep the River Rats (11-3) from getting close. "It's extremely fun," Hutter, a refugee from the volleyball and bowling teams. "I never actually touched a stick before

this season. My teammates, who I played volleyball with, kind of forced me to come out because we needed a goalie, so ... " Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said Hutter might have a Gump-like quality being a jack-of-all trades. (This year she was on the All-Observer

bowling team.) "She has been such an asset for us," Sanders said. "We were without a goalie and she said, 'I'll try it,' and I said, 'Great.' She worked with our goalie last year Stephanie Mackley just at practice and the girls are so supportive of her. They really keep her positive and it seemed to really

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Blazers shoot through Farmington into finals

Ladywood throttles Falcons to reach D2 region championship

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

For much of the first half Wednesday, the Farmington girls managed to keep pace and compete with heavily favored Livonia Ladywood in a Division 2 regional lacrosse game.

When the score got a little too close for comfort, however, the Blazers buckled down and pulled away to an eventual 16-9 victory at Farmington High School.

Consecutive goals by Audrey Gagner and Katie Rogers narrowed the Ladywood lead to one goal with just over 10 minutes to play in the first half, 6-5.

At that point, Blazers coach Kris Sanders had seen enough and called a timeout.

"I just told them, 'When we get the ball, we have to work for a good shot,'" she said. "We were too quick to always want to score and not work the ball around."

"When they got to the goal, all they were thinking was 'score, score, score,' and they weren't thinking of how to do it well. They just needed to work the system and trust in what we were doing."

The Blazers (17-4) responded well, scoring four unanswered goals in less than three minutes to regain control of the game and double their lead.

Rachel Donabedian and Nicole Reece scored the first two, and Jessica Snyder, who led the Blazers with a game-high eight goals, got the next two.

"She's a great player," Sanders said of Snyder, a senior and the team's leading scorer overall. "She's always been a very consistent player for us. She moves around the net very well."

"She's just an all-around, good player, and it's very evident in games like this. She really loves to play the game."

After the third of the four Ladywood goals, Farmington coach Mike Mehall had seen enough, too, and called a timeout.

"During that first half, we were holding pretty close to them," he said. "Our girls got a little tired and the communication got lost a little bit. But I

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Farmington's Emily Trombley (left) and Ladywood's Nicole Reece vie for possession in Wednesday's Division 2 regional semifinal. PHOTOS BY DIANE JACOBS

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KRIS SANDERS
Ladywood coach



Ladywood's Jessica Snyder (white jersey) is surrounded by Farmington players Lauryn Johnson (left), goalie Caitlin Kohls (back) and Becky Teeple (right).

DISTRICT BASEBALL

"All year we stressed strong pitching and playing defense. But I'm proud of my seniors ..."

LAWRENCE SCHEFFER
Glenn coach

Belleville's ace Hunter mows down John Glenn

Rockets get just 2 hits in 5-0 tourney setback

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Hits were hard to come by Friday for Westland John Glenn in its Division 1 district baseball semifinal at Belleville.

Senior Hunter Cole allowed just two hits over seven innings as the host Tigers eliminated John Glenn, 5-0.

Cole struck out eight and walked only two as Belleville advanced to the title game against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which went on to win the title and advance to the regional with a 5-1 win over the Tigers.

The only two hits Hunter allowed was a single by Christopher Scheffer in the first inning and another by Ryan Wheeler in the third.

Belleville tallied a run in the first and added three more in the third thanks to a pair of costly Glenn errors.

Lead-off man Eddie McWilliams went 3-for-4, while Drew Letwinski added two hits as Belleville improved to 19-10 overall.

Glenn starter Brandon Smeltzer, who went the first five innings, took the loss. Three of the five runs he allowed were unearned. Brendan Wetmore came on in relief to pitch the final two innings.

The two combined to give up seven hits.

"We came up short and couldn't put the ball in play," said Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer, whose team finished 16-15 overall. "All year we stressed strong pitching and playing defense. But I'm proud of my seniors, though. My seniors stepped up big-time."

Zebras ousted

It was a tough season all-around for Wayne Memorial, which bowed out Friday in the Division 1

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PREP BASEBALL

Lutheran Westland rallies for division title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Warriors slips past rival Huron Valley Lutheran in 8 innings, 6-5

Lutheran High Westland had to do it the hard way Thursday to earn its third division baseball title in five years in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Warriors rallied for runs in the seventh and eighth innings to wrap up the MIAC White crown outright with a 6-5 triumph over next door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Trailing 4-3 going into the bottom of the sixth, the host Hawks managed to take a 5-4 advantage as the tying run came home on a bases loaded

walk followed by an RBI infield single by Joe Lohrmann.

In the top of the seventh, Nick Flanery doubled to right field and P.J. Gusè brought him home with a clutch double down the third base line to even the count at 4-4.

Nate Abbott, who came in relief of starter Gusè in the sixth, kept HVL off the board in the bottom of the seventh and the Warriors eventually tallied the go-ahead run, which proved to be the game-winner in the top of the eighth.

Cleveland Tarp started things off when he reached base after being hit by a Jor-

dan Rundstadler pitch. Tarp advanced to second on Brandon Ruelle's bunt and went to third when Drake Snyder reached base safely on a Huron Valley infield error before coming home on Abbott's RBI single.

Abbott, who did not allow a run over the final three innings, picked up the victory for the Warriors, who captured the MIAC Blue Division in 2010 and MIAC Red in 2013.

"We played with not much emotion until we got down at the end," said Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade, whose team improved to 14-6 overall

and finished 7-1 in the MIAC White. "Huron Valley did a good job. They kept us on our toes and we didn't respond very well. It was good to see us battle after we were down in the seventh. We were down to two outs and we got two big hits by two seniors, which showed a lot of leadership by them, and we were able to finish it out.

"Hopefully we can use that going into Saturday (Division 4 district tourney)."

Flanery went 3-for-4 and scored two runs, while Gusè, Ruelle and Snyder each added two hits.

Huron Valley ace Ryan Schaffer, who went only two innings, went 2-for-5 and scored two runs, while James Brown also went 2-for-5.

Rundstadler, who suffered the loss, went the final six innings allowing five runs on nine hits. Schaffer, meanwhile, allowed one earned run on two hits.

"It was a heartbreaker, we played really well," said HVL coach Matt Schaeve, whose team slipped to 5-6 overall and 2-6 in the MIAC White. "It quite didn't go our way at the end."

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Ladywood cruises to Division 2 district final

Freshman Bullard gets 4 in 12-0 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Freshman Taylor Bullard scored four goals Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood romped into the Division 2 district girls soccer final with a 12-0 semifinal victory over Melvindale.

Also getting into the act for the Blazers, who improved to 14-5-2 overall, included junior Sam Riga, and sophomore Conner Huggins, one goal and two assists each; senior Emily Huddleston, freshman Clare Kelley and freshman Bri Rogers, one goal and one assist apiece.

Other goals came from junior Kennedy Bullard, sophomore Catherine Kenzie and sophomore Elisabeth Pollock.

Senior Mykela Hawkins and freshman Shannon Wolfe also chipped in with two assists each as the Blazers moved into Saturday's district championship against Allen Park, which advanced with a 2-0 victory over Redford Thurston. (Game time is 1 p.m. at Ladywood.)

On Wednesday, Ladywood bested Catholic League foe Dearborn Divine Child for the third time this season in the district opener, 1-0.

The match was a continuation from Tuesday after it was stopped with 11 minutes to play in the first half because of lightning.

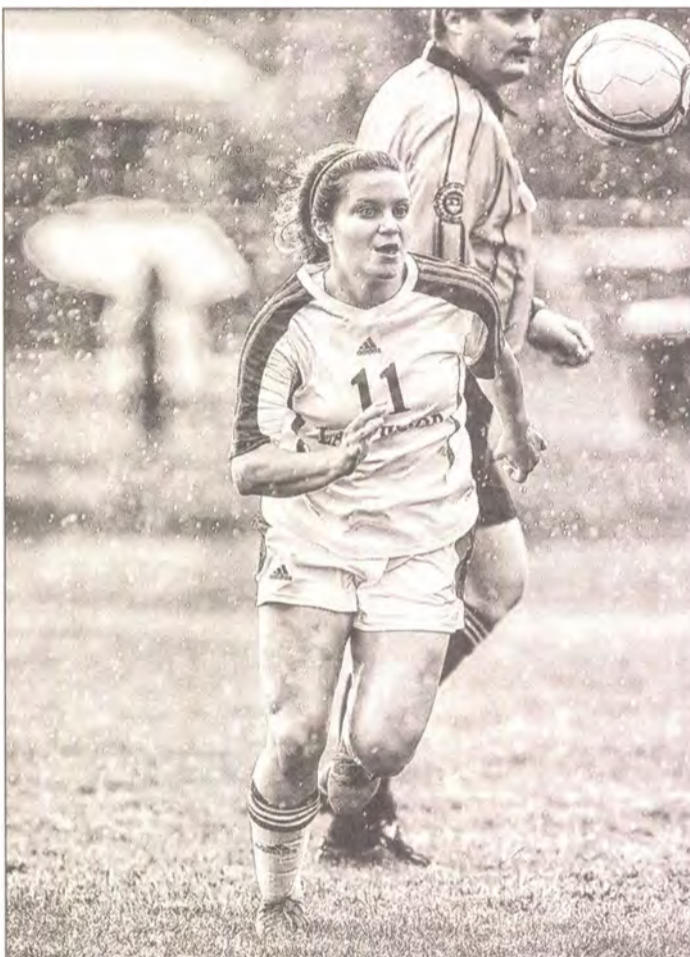
Huggins then scored the game-winner from 20 yards out off an assist from Riga — just coming out of the half-time break.

The Blazers held a 14-2 shot advantage as goalkeeper Whitney Bauriedl had to make just one save, while Sam Cimino had three for the Falcons.

"The game went as expected," Shingledecker said. "Divine Child is good defensively and in the goal. They've got to be the best 3-9-5 team I've ever seen. Conner's finish was excellent. We're excited to advance."

Warriors stopped

Kirin Cromer notched a hat trick and Sarah Gargaro



Ladywood's Marissa Ozog pursues the ball and dodges raindrops in Tuesday's weather-delayed Division 2 district opener against Divine Child. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK



Ladywood's Jenna Urso (left) heads the ball in front of Divine Child's Margaret Lacey. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

added two Thursday as Ann Arbor Greenhills defeated host Lutheran High Westland (9-3-1) in the Division 4 district semifinal.

Cromer scored two goals in the opening half as the

Gryphons led 2-0. She added another in the second half, along with two by Gargaro and one by Lauren Santucci.

Sam Benner tallied the lone goal for the Warriors in the second half after team-

mate Julia Yancy's shot was initially blocked

"We played a strong first half, we just could not get the momentum going tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schaffer said. "The second half we were able to put passes together and move the ball, but could not finish. We played a hard game and fell short tonight."

Sophomore goalkeeper Kyleigh Goodfellow made 11 saves for Lutheran Westland.

Glenn eliminated

On Thursday, Westland John Glenn (5-10-1) put up a battle before losing to Plymouth (11-6) in the Division 1 district final at Livonia Churchill, 3-0

Kathryn Gordon scored two goals and added one assist, while Erin Winters tallied the Wildcats' other goal — all coming in the first half. Megan McCurry also contributed an assist.

"Even though they (Plymouth) had a 3-0 lead at halftime, our goalie Courtney Schaber was outstanding," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said.

Schaber played the first 60 minutes before giving way to recent JV call-up Natalie MacQuarrie.

"I'm really proud of the way they played the second half and I'm looking forward to next season," Cabildo said.

With the win, Plymouth moved into Saturday's district championship game against Salem. (Game time is 3:30 p.m. at the Canton grass field.)

Patriots ousted

After getting washed out Tuesday, Plymouth (10-6) scored four times in the second half Wednesday to oust Livonia Franklin (4-9-2) in a Division 1 district match at Canton.

Franklin goalkeeper Kathryn MacRae made five saves in the setback, while Plymouth's Kylie Robb had two.

"One of our seniors, Shannon Murphy, had an ankle injury in the first two minutes and was unable to finish, while another senior, Michelle Tuyo, couldn't go because of a leg injury," Franklin coach Dean Kowalski said. "But our girls showed a lot of heart and grit."

PREP SOFTBALL

Tigers' soph hurler no-hits Rockets, 10-0

Jackson strikes out 8 in Division 1 district triumph

Sophomore Jayla Jackson proved to be unhittable Friday as host Belleville knocked off Westland John Glenn, 10-0, in the semifinals of the Division 1 district girls softball tournament.

Belleville scored three runs in the fourth, added six more in the fifth and ended the game on the 10-run mercy rule with another run in the sixth.

Jackson struck out eight and did not allow a walk for the Mega Blue Division champs.

Meanwhile, the Tigers' Bailey Kreher finished with three RBI to lead a 10-hit attack as Glenn starter Lexi Lester suffered the loss.

Other top offensive producers for Belleville included Andrea Rodriguez (two hits, three runs); Jessica Sierak (two hits, two RBI); Kendyl Zantop (two hits, two runs); and Ryann Hollis (two hits).

The loss ends Glenn's season at 8-19 overall.

In the other semifinal game Friday, Dearborn Heights Crestwood implemented the 10-run rule after five innings in an 11-1 victory over Wayne Memorial, which ended its season at 1-31 overall.

Jade Walls took the loss for the Zebras, while Micah Hill had the lone RBI on an infield groundout.

"There will probably be a lot of next changes next year, the team is going to look a lot different," Wayne first-year coach Mick Nephew said.

Randall stars

Senior Erika Randall did it with the bat and on the mound Thursday as host Livonia Stevenson downed Birmingham Marian, 9-3, in a non-league girls softball encounter.

Randall, bound for Madonna University, went 4-for-4, including a 2-run homer. She also pitched all seven innings allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks while striking out nine.

Senior Courtney Carter also collected three hits and knocked in two runs for the Spartans (15-16), who bid adieu to six seniors playing their final home game including Randall, Carter, Katie Lipinski (signed with Indiana Tech), Natalie Reilly, Alex Knorp and Maddie Omietskani.

"Just a great group of girls who are all attending college next year," Stevenson coach Mike Reilly said.

Ladywood romps

Livonia Ladywood got in some extended batting practice in Wednesday's Division 2 pre-district opener.

The Blazers unloaded for a total of 31 hits in a 28-2 victory over Detroit Henry Ford in a rescheduled game played at Madonna University Park.

Ladywood (21-14), which moved into Saturday's district semifinal against host Redford Union, scored 13 runs in the first inning, added eight more in the second and finished off the Trojans with seven in the third in a game that was halted by the 15-run, three-inning run rule.

Senior shortstop Haley Lawrence, headed to Hillsdale College, went 4-for-4 with a walk, while Hallea Garcia added three hits, including a fence-clearing 2-run homer.

Christina Meyer also added three hits as coach Scott Combs emptied his bench.

Winning pitcher Rozlyn Price, Sarah Knapp and Sydney Triest each threw an inning for the Blazers as the trio allowed a combined two hits.

Henry Ford tallied a run in the second and one in the third.

METEORS MAKE IMPACT



The Livonia City Soccer Club's under-14 Meteors soccer team won the Novi Jaguar Invitational May 11 with a 4-0-1 record. Competing with teams throughout the Midwest and Canada, the Meteors outscored their opponents, 9-1. The Meteors are (front row, from left) Tatiana Ivanac, Farmington; Gabriela Sgambati, Farmington; Sarah Dressing, Livonia; Loren Kruger, Livonia; Bella Wingate, Canton; (back row, from left) Morgan Rodeheffer, Commerce; Mallory Rodeheffer, Commerce; Leah Kiura, Novi; Kayla Gacioch, Livonia; Amy Babon, Livonia; Anna Barkach, Farmington; Erin Abramczyk, Farmington; Katherine Ristola, Livonia; Natalie Hawkins, Livonia; and Allison Lentz, Livonia. Not pictured are Meghan Swayne, Commerce; and coach Ken Shingledecker, Livonia.

Therapy dog makes patients, staff smile at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Maya Belle and Ray Rauen have been turning heads at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, for nearly three years.

"It shocks the heck out of some people when we walk by. They don't notice me. They notice Maya — 'oh, there is a dog.' I'll walk by (a patient room) slowly and listen. Sometimes they'll say 'Was that a dog?' Or they'll point and I'll ask if they want us to visit."

"They light up and talk about their dogs or the dogs they've had," Rauen said. "There was a patient in ICU that had to wear a full-face oxygen mask. He would pet Maya and try to talk through the mask. One time we came by and there was a sign up that said 'No visitors except Maya.' It cracked me up. He got well and went to another floor and we chased him there. He moved again and we chased him to that spot. St. Mary's has a follow-up program when people who go home, to make sure they are doing well. They said he had a big picture of Maya on his refrigerator. He said that was what made him get well in the hospital."

Since Maya Belle, a therapy dog, and Rauen, her "dad," began volunteering at St. Mary Mercy together, they have comforted countless patients and their families, made numerous friends among staff members, gained a following on Facebook and have become frequent attendees at hospital events.

Along the way they've earned two awards. Maya Belle made hospital history when she became the only canine to earn the L.O.V.E. award in 2012, a year after she started volunteering at St. Mary Mercy. The monthly



Shirley and Ray Rauen of Livonia with therapy dog, Maya Belle, at the American Heart Association Start! Heart Walk at the hospital.

honor recognizes employees or volunteers who are committed to the hospital's core values of reverence, justice, stewardship, integrity and a commitment to the poor.

The hospital honored the pair again, last week. It created the Bow WOW award specifically for Maya Belle and Rauen after they received more than 18 nominations for the L.O.V.E. award while logging more than 2,300 volunteer hours over three years.

"St. Mary is great about the flexibility we have. We can come in whenever we want. We are allowed almost everywhere ... waiting rooms, patient rooms, ICU. It makes it a great place to be a therapy

team. People need it. I've had doctors say, 'Hey, can you stop by and see this little boy or that little girl? They're crying. Can you distract them?' Or we'll get paged — 'Maya the therapy dog to room so and so.'"

Confident canine

Rauen describes the four-year-old German shepherd-Labrador retriever mix as "mellow" with the perfect mix of personality, smarts and obedience for the job.

But her talents weren't immediately apparent.

Rauen and his wife, Shirley, decided to rescue a dog after their family cat died four years ago. They found Maya



Maya wears a vest with a detachable sign. This one marks safety awareness.

Belle, then five months, at the Michigan Humane Society. She was shy and "looked so downtrodden," Rauen recalled. The couple took her home and Rauen enrolled her in six weeks of obedience and leash training, followed by 16 weeks of off-leash training. Trainers told him she would make a good therapy dog, so Rauen had her evaluated when she was 14 months old. She passed her tests and was registered through Therapy Dogs International.

"I started at a Lutheran nursing home. I'd visit once a week for an hour and in the meantime got an invite to a school to show what therapy dogs are all about," said Rauen, who owns a machine shop. He worked for a few months at Botsford Hospital and then started volunteering at St. Mary Mercy.

Social butterfly

"There are other dogs in the hospital that do the same thing we do. But I choose to be there more than most." In addition to

visiting with patients, the pair attends hospital events, such as fundraisers, ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new facilities, or wellness programs.

"We show up and learn about the hospital," he said. "I do sewing, also. I've sewn all kinds of vests (for Maya Belle) with replaceable panels that snap on. The panels sport reminders about breast cancer awareness, peripheral artery disease awareness or numerous other health concerns. It's like a walking billboard."

What does Maya Belle think of her work and her awards?

"People ask me how Maya likes it. I tell them Maya won't talk about it because of HIPAA (privacy rule)," Rauen said. "She loves car rides. We show up at the hospital and there are the people she enjoys seeing, and you can just see her wagging her butt."

For more information on the pet therapy program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, contact the volunteer office at 734-655-2912.

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CHURCH WOMEN PACK GIFT BOXES FOR OVERSEAS TROOPS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will share a little bit of home with overseas troops this summer.

Members will create "Miracle Boxes" on June 21 for the Auburn Hills-based organization, The Desert Angel. The group, founded by Louise Blain of Linden, began sending boxes filled with toiletries, socks, food and other essentials to soldiers "in harm's way" just after 9/11.

"We try to send them to troops on foreign soil because our guys in the States can purchase these items," said Blain, who later named the care package project in memory of Joseph Miracle, a soldier from Ortonville who died in Afghanistan. "I didn't know him, but I went to his viewing. It spoke to my heart."

The Miracle Box project touched Caren Cunningham's heart, too. The St. Matthew's member struck up a conversation with a woman who was sewing a quilt at Art is in Market in Laurel Park Place.

"She told me about Desert Angel and gave me a card. I called Louise Blain. Her energy is contagious," Cunningham said. Although the organization also sends quilts to troops and items to military dogs overseas, Cunningham suggested the United Methodist Women's group at St. Matthew's take on the Miracle Box project as a charitable activity.

"Every year we do a giving project and choose an organization in the area," said Ann Stando, a member of United Methodist Women. "This was a good chance to do something for people who are serving our country."

Stando is organizing donations for the boxes and shopping for items with donated cash. Anyone interested in pitching in at the packing event, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon at the church, 30900 Six Mile, or in donating items or money to the cause can call Stando at 248-474-9311. Volunteers will pack boxes and fill out customs forms at the event.



Members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia show the display they've created about their "Miracle Box" packing party on June 21.

Cards, candies

"You feel like you are making a difference," said Cunningham, who is making red felt prayer cloths with Bible verses for each box.

Blain will supply the boxes and troop addresses. She said volunteers also may include hand-written letters or cards in each box.

"We're always looking for more troop addresses," Blain said. "It's our privilege to give."

With summer approaching, troops especially needs neck coolers. She said they can be purchased at stores but often are homemade and consist of absorbent beads or crystals encased in cotton material. Other needed items include dry beverage mixes and "pocket food," such as protein bars and hard candies.

"No chocolate because it's too hot. We want to think healthy," Blain said.

For a list of acceptable Miracle Box items, visit thedesertangel.org.



Louise Blain of Desert Angel gets ready to mail Miracle Boxes to soldiers.

Working women unite: Putting JVS's Women to Work program into perspective

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

It has been more than 30 years since JVS started the Women to Work Program which helps women acclimate back into the work force, usually following

some type of hardship, by offering assistance in resume writing, job search strategies, interviewing and networking skills. JVS created the Trade Secrets benefit six years

ago to help fund this very important program. The event has grown so big that this year, Trade Secrets was held at Knollwood Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, with a sellout crowd of 400-plus women and a few good men, bringing in more than \$159,000.

FirstMerit Michigan Chair & CEO Sandra Pierce was this year's honoree and keynote speaker. She was candid and honest about women in the workplace, including her industry, banking, where she said only 17.5 percent of women hold executive positions.

"It's up to every one of us to take control of our own life," Pierce told the audience. "We choose our own attitude. Change in our lives is inevitable; growth is intentional. We need to have the courage in our lives to do what Myriam Cohen (JVS Women to Work Award recipient) did."

Next up for JVS is the 17th annual Strictly Business Luncheon, June 12 at The Henry in Dearborn. Ford COO Mark Fields will be the keynote speaker. Shinola will



Trade Secrets event co-chair Mindi Fynke of Farmington Hills (left) and honoree and keynote speaker Sandra Pierce, FirstMerit Michigan chair and CEO PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



Farmington Hills residents Shayna Silverman, event co-chair (left), and Sher Kaplan, raffle coordinator

receive the JVS 2014 Business Leadership award and Cooper Street Cookies will receive the JVS 2014 Rising Entrepreneur Award. Tickets are \$150. www.jvsdet.org.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 1073 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009; socialscenejulie@gmail.com; or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



Heidi Budaj of West Bloomfield and Sandy Kaplan of Farmington Hills



Stacy Ansen of Bingham Farms (left) and Annette Berenholz of Farmington Hills



Colleen Peters of Bloomfield Township, (left) Lisa Lis of Farmington Hills, JVS interim president and CEO Leah Rosenbaum and JVS executive board member Beth Gotthelf of Birmingham

Animal welfare benefit, cat workshop set

Medical aid

Frankie's Friends, a foundation that assists families with pet medical bills, will raise funds Tuesday, June 10, at all eight BD's Mongolian BBQ locations.

Fifteen percent of all sales from both lunch and dinner that day will go toward the foundation. Patrons are encouraged to bring a photo of their pet and get involved in the raffles and contests during dinner, 6-10 p.m.

Frankie's Friends assists families that demonstrate substantial financial need and whose pets, with medical treatment, have a good prognosis for long-term recovery to a normal quality of life.

The organization was founded in 1999 as the Veterinary Cancer Foundation.

In 2008, the foundation's name was changed to Frankie's Friends to honor the spirit and vitality of Frankie, a greyhound from Tampa, Fla.

For more information about Frankie's Friends, visit frankiesfriends.com.

Feral cats

Sign up for the Michigan Humane Society's feral cat workshop, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the MHS administrative office, 30300 Telegraph in Bingham Farms.

The workshop, required for those interested in becoming a feral cat colony caretaker and participating in the MHS Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, will explain the TNR process.

To register, visit www.michiganhumane.org/feral or call 248-283-1000, Ext. 127. Space is limited and an RSVP is required.



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Upcoming

Blood drive

» 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, June 2 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in Fisher Center Auditorium, Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the code PROVSFLD or call Abby at 248-849-3067.

» 9 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Friday, June 6, in the Community Room inside the Administration & Education Center located on the campus of Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter "botsford" as the sponsor code to register. Or call Amy Bowes, Botsford's Employee Services Department, at 248-888-2610.

Lunch workshop

Learn how eating a nutritionally balanced lunch can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost: \$5. Includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Maternity department tour

Tour the maternity department at Oakwood Hospital-Dearborn, from 5-6:30 p.m. June 11, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. No registration required, but guests should call 313-593-7694 to verify date and time. Parking is available in the South visitor's parking deck; meet at the Welcome Desk near the chapel in the main building before 5 p.m.

Movement disorders

Learn more about movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Henry Ford Health System specialists will discuss treatment options, clinical research trials, and community health resources available for patients living with movement disorders. The free event also will include a Q&A session with a panel of medical experts. Register by calling 800-436-7936. Learn more about the Henry Ford Movement Disorders Center at www.henryford.com/neuro.

Stay awake series

Sleep specialist, Mark Villeneuve, M.D.

will discuss sleep architecture and sleep patterns during a seminar about sleep disorders and growing older, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Representatives from companies that produce continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines also will show the latest technology and masks options available. The session is free but registration is required. Call 734-655-4640 or visit stmarymercy.org.

Walk with a Doc

David Sternberg, M.D., a board-certified minimally invasive thoracic surgeon, will talk about lung and esophageal health, noon, June 12, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Sternberg will cover what affects the health of the lungs, esophagus, and throat; signs of problems; how the problem is diagnosed; treatment remedies; and how to stay healthy. Register by calling Botsford at 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option #1

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

12-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The program helps those with eating and exercise disorders find recovery. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the

Gilda's Club honors Botsford Cancer Center



Nicholle Mehr (center) of the Botsford Cancer Center accepts the Program Support Award from Thomas Callan, board chair of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and Laura Varon Brown, Gilda's Club executive director. Families affected by cancer access Gilda's Club programs at the Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills. Programs include the Life After Treatment support group, Yoga Workshop, and the Breast Cancer & You support group. Almost 1,000 individuals have attended these programs during the last two years. Gilda's Club, located in Royal Oak, and Botsford Cancer Center have had a strong relationship since 2009 when the center opened on the campus of Botsford Hospital.

main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway

north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Caregivers support

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need

CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

Diabetes support

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

Food addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. 248-320-6842; www.foodaddicts.org

Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

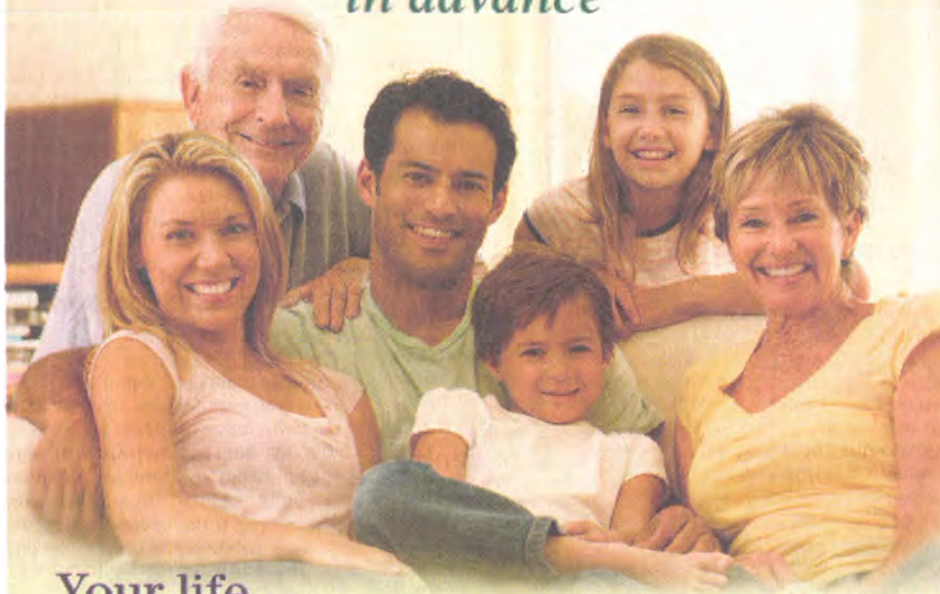
Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact afcrack@comcast.net or 734-664-3297.

Incest survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Paul of the Cross, 23333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at 313-971-4747.

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Q: We recently moved to a new home in a more rural area. There is plenty of room for my kids and dog to play and run around outdoors, but I am concerned about poison ivy and other plants that may be harmful. What should I look out for?

A: While poison ivy, oak, and sumac grow primarily in wooded or marshy areas throughout Michigan, it's not uncommon to find them in the suburbs or cities. These plants are not actually poisonous, but contain a long-lasting oil called urushiol that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it makes contact with skin.

A rash from poison ivy, oak, or sumac looks like patches or streaks of red, raised blisters, which won't spread unless the urushiol is still making contact on the skin. To avoid contact, keep your skin covered by wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves, and closed shoes if you're in an area where these plants may be lurking. You can also use a lotion containing bentoquatam, which acts as a barrier between urushiol and your skin.

Urushiol begins to stick to your skin within minutes of contact. If you know you have had contact with poison ivy, oak, or sumac, immediately wash the area with lukewarm water and soap. If water is unavailable, rubbing alcohol or alcohol wipes can remove urushiol. Keep the affected area cool, dry, and clean.

If someone in your household has poison ivy, oak, or sumac, you can't "catch" it from them, even if you have contact with the blisters. Only direct contact with urushiol causes the rash. Conversely, pets can carry urushiol on their fur and transmit the oil to humans. Make sure to give pets that have come into contact with urushiol a bath. Wear gloves to minimize exposure.

Contact your doctor if the rash develops close to your eyes or is widespread over your body. If needed, oral medications can be prescribed to help with swelling and itching. Go to the ER if you experience nausea, fever, shortness of breath, extreme soreness at the rash site, or swollen lymph nodes.

Never burn poison ivy, oak, or sumac. The smoke can be extremely dangerous, often resulting in hospitalization, and can irritate the eyes, nose, and respiratory tract. Instead, dress appropriately and dig out the plants, getting as much of the root as possible. Put the plants in a plastic trash bag and dispose of them. Be careful, urushiol remains active even on dead plants.

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How to turn your Twitter into a valuable industry resource



By Adrienne Erin

If you already have a Twitter account, no doubt you already know the great value of this social media platform. But did you know that you could turn your twitter into a valuable resource for your industry? It's true; you can, and there are plenty of reasons why you should want to do this. Creating an industry resource with your Twitter builds your reputation and helps you gain influence. Here are the steps to follow to make this happen.

1. Make a list of influencers

Carefully construct Twitter lists of the people you'd like to emulate. These can be leaders in your industry or field, people unanimously respected in the industry, or new up-and-comers that are rapidly gaining popularity in your field. Also, you can look at other influencer's lists,

such as Robert Scoble, to find ideas of people who should be on yours. You can even subscribe to public lists of other people on Twitter.

2. Start curating

Great industry leaders such as Maxwell Systems collect or 'curate' resources that will be useful for their followers. Maxwell has become well known in the construction technology sector for being so good at finding great resources to share with their followers. So how do you find this great stuff to share? You can start by sharing the best snippets of content from the blogs that you're already reading. In addition, you can frequently find good material from your Twitter lists.

It's also a good idea to keep a close eye on news headlines. Watch for any breaking stories with relevance to your field or industry, and share them on

your Twitter. Subscribe to newsletters that you find informative and like pages on Facebook that post interesting content. Be a student of your industry or field and make a conscious effort to always be learning.

Read books and magazine or journal articles written by experts in the field, and listen to podcasts by experts. Attend webinars and conferences, and always have a pen and paper ready to take notes. You never know when you'll come across some inspiration for great content.

While you're curating this content, there are two important things to consider. First, always give credit where credit's due. If



you're using content created by someone else, be sure to acknowledge him or her for it. Also, try not to just pass along this information. If you're really serious about using your Twitter to become a valuable industry resource, you should make your own contributions to the wealth of material that's already out there.

This means that you should expound upon the material that you're curating. Why is it so

good? What makes it valuable? What are some important points that the original creator might have failed to mention? Think about and explain these things to your audience.

Another important tip to keep in mind: you should be using a tool to schedule your tweets. Buffer and HootSuite are two good ones worth checking out.

3. Build a following

Once you've found great influencers and have started to accrue some great content, the next step is to build your own following. One of the brilliant minds behind Tweet Smarter, Dave Larson, says that the answer to building a following on Twitter is finding a 'Super Advocate.' And you find this, Larson explains, by becoming a 'super advocate' for someone else.

This means that you do everything you can to support that person, from retweeting their tweets to commenting on their tweets and giving shout outs that praise them on your own Twitter. Why is this strategy so effective? It all goes back to the golden rule: do unto others, as you would like them to do unto you. Endorsing someone else on Twitter makes it much more likely that

YOU will be endorsed on Twitter. Remember, what goes around comes around. It pays to be nice.

Becoming an industry resource on Twitter is an essential part of establishing yourself as a leader in your industry. With the right influencers, a selection of great content and a good following, there's no limit to what you can do!

Adrienne Erin is a freelance writer and social media marketer who loves picking apart social campaigns to see how they tick. To see more of her work, follow @adrienneerin on Twitter or visit her blog.

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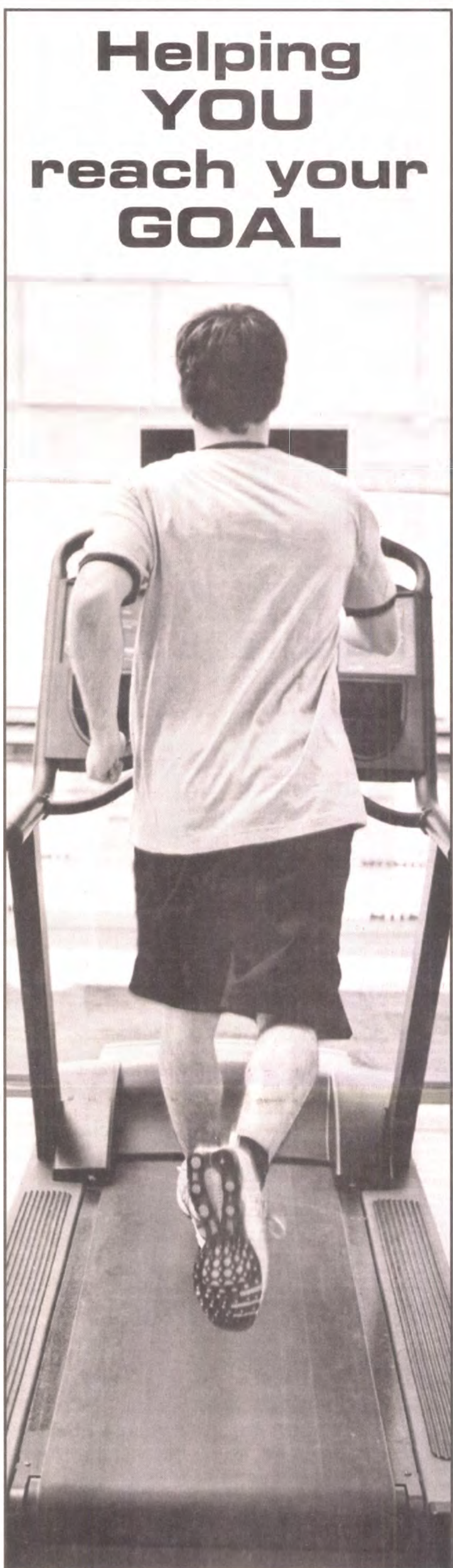


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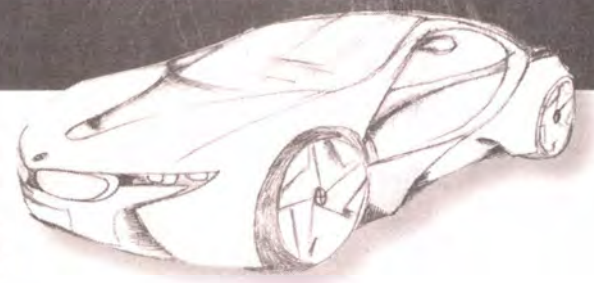
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Car Report

Mitsubishi Hits Its Target with New Mirage: High-Mileage Commuter Car



By Dale Buss



There's plenty of room inside the Mirage.

Fuel economy has become the most important consideration of the American car buyer in these times when gasoline prices still routinely press the \$4-a-gallon mark and the typical U.S. household remains financially strapped in

who wants to buy a commuter car, yet the 2014 Mirage offers enough quality and creature comforts to make the ride an enjoyable one.

Clearly with this car, the premium is on fuel economy, not speed or power. Mirage comes with just one engine, a 1.2-liter, three-cylinder that puts out 74 horsepower and 74 pound-feet of torque, which makes it among the least robust cars sold in the US market. It offers two transmissions: a five-speed manual gearbox or, for \$1,000 more, a new and very compact continuously variable transmission that delivers the highest gas-mileage ratings.

With the CVT, Mirage delivers an impressive 44 mpg on the highway and 37 mpg in the city, for a 40-mpg combined average. Opting for the five-speed manual actually knocks that down to 37 mpg combined, or 34 mpg in the city and 42 mpg on the highway. Traditionally, manual transmissions often have offered better mileage than automatics, but such is the effectiveness of a good CVT that it can tease optimum fuel economy out of a car – and do it far better than human guessing.

Plus, Mirage is a very light car, logging in at a curb weight of just 1,973 pounds in its base form. Impressively, that compares with 1,808 pounds for the significantly smaller SmartforTwo mini-car and 2,269 pounds for the Chevrolet Spark. That's because Mitsubishi put a lot of effort

into "light-weighting" the vehicle in every facet.

Another area where Mitsubishi was able to augment the car's fuel economy is exterior design. The new Mirage doesn't look distinctive – it doesn't have the sassy appearance of, say, the

comforts that much more expensive (and worse-mileage) cars offer. These include a rear spoiler, 14-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, variable intermittent wipers, 50/40 rear split-fold seats, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, a start-stop button, power door locks and

car brings tinny resonances that underscore just how "lightweight" the car really is.

Neither is Mirage fast or powerful. It particularly labors at higher speeds where other small cars can find their range once they've accelerated. That



The 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage is a high-mileage but comfortable commute buster.

an economy that is struggling to grow enough to provide vigorous employment for everyone.

And for that reason alone, the 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage merits consideration for purchase for a huge cohort of American car buyers. With an EPA-estimated 40 mpg rating the car has the highest fuel-efficiency rating for any nameplate available in this country that is neither a hybrid nor a plug-in. Being king of the hill in such an important criterion for modern automotive purchases is quite an accomplishment.

That's not all Mirage has going for itself. The car's base price of around \$13,000 makes it one of the most attractive offerings around for someone

new Ford Focus or anything close to the signature look of a Mini – but style was sacrificed in the service of a low coefficient of drag. The company says the 2014 Mirage's drag coefficient is a remarkable 0.28, which compares well with just about anything on the road.

The other most laudable feature of this car is the fact that, even with all of the above, Mirage can still actually seat four people very comfortably, and five in a pinch. In that sense it's an ideal tool for car pooling, if that still occurs.

Also, in the ES version that I drove, Mirage offers every bit of the creature

sideview mirrors – and even, for an extra \$900 sticker, a navigation system and rear-view camera system.

True, the car does have some drawbacks, which will be clearly recognized by any potential purchaser.

The wheels look too small for a car that is tall for its length, and are set into the wheel wells deeply, which exaggerates the perception of their small size. Inside, Mirage is plain, and every interior surface is covered in hard plastic, lacking soft-touch materials even on the door arm-rests. Closing doors to enter or leave the

means, for example, difficulty in passing other cars – and generation of a lot of engine noise in the effort.

In large part, of course, this is because Mitsubishi obviously has tuned the car for city and suburban use. For example, a complementary effect is that the CVT version I drove surges away from stops in snappy fashion.

And so in aiming for a max-mileage car that provides just enough substance to ensure a smooth commute, Mitsubishi has hit its target with the 2014 Mirage.

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