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## **SLIGHT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE KEEPS WAYNE COUNCIL MEETINGS ON THE AIR**

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Wayne residents can expect to see a slight increase in property taxes - an average of just over \$4 annually - in part to keep city council meetings televised.

The council voted to approve a millage that under state law can be levied to fund publicity for the city.

"It could be used for cable, Nankin Transit information, the city website," said City Manager Joseph Merucci, who recommended council approve the levy, which does not require voter approval.

The law, P.A. 359 of 1925, allows the council to approve up to 4 mills for publicity but also restricts the amount of taxes collected to \$50,000. The funding would cover cable televising of council meetings, an expense currently covered by the general fund.

"In 1925, 4 mills probably was \$50,000," said Merucci. In this case, the millage levy would be .1347 mill.

The average home value in Wayne currently has a \$31,600 taxable value. Based on that

and the .1347 mill levy, Merucci said the average homeowner would pay \$4.26 more annu-

ally.

This millage is separate from the city's general operating millage, which is currently at its maximum.

As the city deals with a more than \$1 million deficit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, elimination of the \$14,000 line item to fund taping of the city council meetings for cable television was possibly being

Initially, Councilman James Hawley said he was skeptical

about the proposal and didn't support it. After the motion stipulated the publicity millage would be used to fund cable telecasts of council meetings, newsletters and the city website, he supported the motion.

Later in the meeting, Councilwoman Susan Rowe asked that Merucci look into the feasibility of holding council meetings at 29th District Court, which has remote controlled video equipment installed in the courtroom.

Due to structural issues with the roof at City Hall, the council has been meeting regularly at the Wayne Community Center with some study sessions or special meetings at other locations. Rowe said she had spoken with 29th District Court Administrator Linda Gable about the proposal.

"We can also look at streaming live like we used. It's a great opportunity. We would save money on overtime for Department of Public Works guys to operate the cameras," Rowe said.

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**Main Street** manager Lindsey Wooten talks with Jan Podgers at Thursday's meet and greet. PHOTO BY SUE MASON



## Main Street's Wooten sees 'opportunities' in downtown Wayne

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Lindsey Wooten looks at Wayne's downtown as filled with "nothing but opportunities." The new director of Wayne's Michigan Main Street program, she's excited about the future.

'I'm really excited to come to Wayne, there's so much potential in the resources you have here," said Wooten during a meet and greet at the First United Methodist Church on Thursday evening. "I've never seen a community so enthusiastic. Your attitude is so inspir-

Wooten is Wayne's new Main Street manager. Spirited away from the Howell Main Street DDA program where she was an assistant director, she's been on the job about a month and used the meet and greet to introduce herself to the community.

"I'm in the getting-to-know-you phase," she said. "It's a long process. There's a lot of people to meet and friends to make."

But Wayne is a familiar place for Wooten, who grew up in Taylor and during high school worked for Rhino in Wayne encouraging people to let someone come in and demonstrate Kirby vacuum cleaners.

She studied pathology at Grand Valley State University, but it was her four years as a tour guide at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island that rekindled her interest in old architecture and sent her back to college to earn a master's degree in historic preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

### Her passion

In applying for the position in Wayne, Wooten told the Ripple Effect Committee, which spearheaded the acquisition of the Main Street select level designation, that supporting and promoting Main Street Communities "is one of my deeply rooted passions.'

She interned and worked for the Howell Main Street DDA and led efforts to establish Howell Opera House as a Single Resource Local Historic District, the only way to protect an historical building.

She also has a deep understanding of what young people and young families want. While their parents may have have favored large tracts of homes and a local mall, today's "millennials want a walkable community.

"My enthusiasm for walkable communities,

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## Westland councilmen exchange barbs again

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Conflicts among Westland council members have flared up again in a continuation of sharp words from a meeting earlier this month.

The war of words between Council President James Godbout, Councilman Dewey Reeves and Councilman Kevin Coleman started over Coleman's comments regarding the 2014-15 fiscal year budget. Coleman cast the only vote against the budget adop-

Mayor William Wild, Godbout and Reeves all expressed surprise at Coleman's vote and comments that his ideas regarding the budget had been ignored. Under public comments

last week, residents Bill Campbell and Stephanie Klef-

man, regular council critics and Coleman supporters, blasted council members for comments at the earlier meeting. Campbell, who ran unsuccessfully for council in November, labeled the comments unprofessional and accused council members of bullying Coleman.

"Thanks for those with kind words. I will continue to do the job I was elected to do," Coleman said.

During his comments, Godbout again criticized Coleman, describing him as sitting silently and not offering any detailed proposals regarding the city budget. After the budget study session, Gedbout said he met with Coleman and explained in detail why Coleman's request to hire additional police

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## **Newberry Square** tenants air complaints

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Efforts are underway to have the air conditioning running again at Newberry

Square Apartments in Wayne. Some tenants came before the Wayne City Council recently with complaints about the lack of air conditioning and other problems at the

Michigan Avenue building. They are still without air conditioning. The whole chiller unit is broken and the pipes," said Michael Buiten, Wayne engineering manager. "They had a couple of quotes that would take eight weeks to fix it. They called a more

local company.' Part of the problem, Newberry Square manager Pat Bartosik said, is that the building has a boiler system that many air conditioning companies won't work on. The system heats or cools the

entire building. "Last year, I switched to air conditioning and it cooled off. I waited until the second or third week in May," Barto-



**Newberry Square tenants have** opened their windows to get air into their apartments.

sik said. "The chiller and tower were all blown. They said it would take eight weeks. It's nobody's fault.

The unit has to be made.' By using a local firm, the time line for getting the air conditioning running has been shortened considerably, possibly three weeks, Barto-

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## Mobile home park residents complain about lack of upkeep

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Westland Meadows Mobile Home Park residents are again complaining about poor maintenance at the 700-unit complex.

High grass, vacant mobile homes in disrepair, a stagnant pond and potholes are among the complaints from residents of the park on Van Born and Venoy.

The grass in the back of park is up to my waist. I called and complained; she (a management employee) told me they will be cutting it in a few days," resident Paula

Stone said. "Well, two weeks and it is still growing. This place is starting to look like Detroit. The trailer kitty corner is about to cave in. Their keeping it cut up front by office.

Earlier this week, many areas of Westland Meadows appeared to have recently cut grass while other areas still had tall grass.

Another resident, who asked not to be identified, had similar complaints about Westland Meadows but also felt that the ordinance department wasn't taking the concerns seriously.

'It's not just the high

grass. They aren't maintaining the pond. It's a stagnant pond," she said. "There was also a hole cut in the fence. The older owner would have fixed it. They took away our security gate. The potholes are unreal.'

Owner of mobile home parks across the country, Parkland Ventures, a Glen Allen, Va.-company, bought Westland Meadows in August 2012. Previously, a private individual owned and operated the mobile home park. No one could be reached for comment at Parkland

"We are continuing to work with the residents



Westland Meadows residents are complaining about high grass and mobile homes that aren't being maintained.

and the management," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said. "We will get ordinance (officers)

out there. We made some headway last year.'

In 2013, the city issued more than 300 citations for ordinance violations at the park and met with management regarding those issues, along with unpaid water bills and property taxes.

I like a nice yard. This place is getting to be a joke. I wish I never lived here now, but I own my home and I'm stuck.' Stone said. "I bought mine from that private owner, and the park looked nicer then."

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vibrant downtowns and enhancing the lives of others through special events, arts, and entertainment equates a perfect fit within a Main Street Community," she

Acknowledging that some 200 volunteers are involved in Wayne Ripple Effect, she told the small crowd that attended the meet and greet that more help is needed. The Wayne Main Street governing board has set the

overarching goals for the next 18 months; its four standing committees, which with such things as design and promotion, are formulating plans to

achieve those goals. "We're still figuring out what we're going to do," she said. "Michigan Main Street is very specific on how it wants the projects done. They have to be planned out and duties assigned, and then where volunteers need to be recruited.

'We'll see what works and doesn't work," she said. "This is an exciting time to get involved. You're running the show. You pick what you want to do.

### Has ideas

Ginger Cook was among the residents who turned out to meet Wooten and hear about the Michigan Main Street program. She describes herself a person with a lot of ideas who is interested in planning and organizing events.

"I'm a nurse by trade, but I'm interested in this," she said. "I have all these ideas, and I want to share.'

Cook added that every time she drives through downtown Wayne she

sees it "going down the drain.

"I see the city's historical value going down the drain," she said, "There's a lot of history here.

Bruce Foulk, who attended with wife Judy, pointed out the change taking place in the city.

'What Main Street and Wayne Ripple Effect is is an attitude change, and this is something that is happening all over the country," he said. "Millennials want a reverse community, they want to move to walkable places.'

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officers might be possible later after labor contracts were in place.

### Critical comments

Godbout went on to criticize Coleman as insincere and self-promoting.

"The next day (after the previous council meeting) you were front and center for a photo op at the fire station ground-breaking," Godbout said. "This was funded with TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) dollars. He worked to recall (council members) over approval (of a TIFA project).

Coleman had previously denied being directly involved in that failed recall effort, which did involve Campbell

"The mayor (William Wild) gave him (Coleman) some advice about building consensus. He will never be able to do that because he's not trusted," Councilman Dewey Reeves said. "He doesn't have to vote lockstep but he was talked to about the pending police (labor) contract. When he goes

off script, he gets confused. That's happened more than once.

In his comments, Reeves incorrectly described Coleman as having voted against the Capital Improvement Plan and police labor agreement. Meeting minutes showed both were approved unanimously.

After the meeting, Coleman said he had asked for further discussion on police manpower at two public meetings - one study session and one regular council meeting.

"I also took the time to speak privately with three other council members - not all at once - to gather support on the issue," said Coleman, adding that since taking office he had met with Finance Director Steve Smith, Budget Director Thelma Kubitzky, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and several other city directors

"When there's talk of 'trust' and 'building consensus,' it's also important that honesty be kept in mind," Coleman said.

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### **Health issues**

A resident mentioned as having health issues, including a tracheotomy, was provided with a portable air conditioning unit, Bartosik said, with other residents reimbursed for fans they purchased.

Tenant Sylvia Small told council that the apartments have bed

bugs and mice. When apartments were sprayed to get rid of the bed bugs, Small said she became ill and has developed breathing problems.

Another resident, Bonita Kelly said she has been sick every day since she moved to the apartment. She said she has caught four mice and there is still another one in the apartment.

We are pursuing the chemicals used in the bed bug treatment. We have the name of three manufacturers of the

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products and are in contact with them," Buiten The bed bugs were

brought in by a tenant who subsequently moved out, Bartosik said, but the insects had spread to nearby apartments. She disputed allegations by Small and another tenant that no notices were put out to alert residents about the pest control spraying

The 64-unit building provides low-income housing with one-, twoand three-bedroom units.

The second-through fifth-floor units are reserved for residents age 55 and older.

Newberry Square is scheduled for the inspection July 9-10 under the city program inspecting rental units every three years.

"It's been relatively quiet. We do our routine inspections. When you hear nothing (from tenants), you assume things are going pretty well,' Buiten said.

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# Wayne Memorial graduates score big with scholarships

College will be very affordable for two Wayne Memorial High School graduates who are among 21 Michigan students named as members of the Gates Millennium Scholars Class of

Crystal Fletcher and Carlos Pernell have received the scholarships, each worth an estimated \$500,000. The money will cover their education through their undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies, according to Wayne Memorial Principal Kevin

Weber praised the two students, who were honored at this month's school board meeting, saying that they have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, in the hallways and in the com-

Both teens were athletes, did community service in the community and the school, and were involved in the Upward Bound program, a federally funded educational program that provides certain categories of high school students better opportunities for attending

college. "At Wayne Memorial, we talk often about Wayne Pride, and they have both have demonstrated Wayne Pride all four years they were at Wayne," Weber said. "And I am completely confident they will have Wayne Pride in their future endeav-

### **UM** bound

Fletcher is beginning classes this week at the University of Michigan where she plans to study computer science.

want to thank my family, friends and teachers who guided and helped me along the way and the board for the educational opportuni-ties," Fletcher said. "Without you, I wouldn't be standing here now."

Pernell will attend Cen-



College for Creative Studies scholarship recipient Jennifer Tigani scored a first place with this poster in this year's North American International Auto Show. FILE PHOTO

the fall. He plans to study physical therapy.

Among the people Pernell thanked were counselor Theresa Weaver, Upward Bound Director Jan Tomlinson and his mother, saying that "without you, I wouldn't be here.

"You've been there for me since my freshman year, and now that I'm out of school I know you will be there because you keep telling me to keep in touch," he said.

In presenting Fletcher and Pernell with certificates of recognition, board Treasurer Frederick Weaver, noted that he "did the calculations" and that the scholarships are equal to spending \$20 a day for 25,000 days at McDonald's.

"This is a good way to go to school and get your doc-torate," he said. "It's a good

way to spend your life." The board also recognized three graduates of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center who received \$236,000 in scholarships from the College for Creative Studies.

Jennifer Tigani received the largest scholarship \$142,000. She plans to study graphic design at CCS.

### 'Talented grad'

Career-Technical Center

scribed Tigani as "an exceptionally talented graduate' whose portfolio was extremely impressive with many pieces from the North American International Auto Show and several gold key awards from the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

'Graphic designer teacher Steve Paulsen again was instrumental in guiding a graduate to greatness," Kay said. "She won multiple awards that culminated in this award of excellence.'

We're proud of Jennifer, she's an awesome graphic designer," teaching assistant Liz Ritter said. "She's a very hard worker and you can see that in her work.

Kelly Agius a received a \$40,000 scholarship, and Bethany Lilygren a \$56,000 award. Both were students in Gloria Joseph's digital media class and both plan to study photographer at CCS.

Agius received a gold portfolio the National Scholastic competition. She is already working in the field as Kelly Marie Photography, specializing in weddings and portraits.

"We're very proud of Kelly; she's a very talented young woman," said Joseph, who described a digital composition she showed to the board as "an outstanding self portrait."

Kay described Lilygren as having outstanding leadership skills and as having talented in digital media and a competent project manager. Her National Scholastic portfolio contained one gold key, two silver keys and an honorable mention.

"She was my go-to person, she was my student assistant all year," Joseph said. "We're very proud of her as well.'

All together, the five students received a total of \$1.23 million in scholarships.

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## Livonia Public Schools board considers 2014-15 budget that keeps cuts away from kids

By Karen Smith Staff Writer

Administrators for Livonia Public Schools have proposed "a balanced budget with a plan" for 2014-15 that preserves programs and services for at least one more school year.

The plan includes forming a budget committee to start meeting in August to consider \$880,000 in additional cuts and start planning ahead for the 2015-16 school year.

"We've pretty much worked every trick in the book to make sure these cuts stay away from the classroom," Superintendent Randy Liepa told the school board at a committee of the whole meeting Monday. "In my mind, you're approving a balanced budget with a plan."

The proposed 2014-15 budget calls for \$138.4 million in revenue and \$140.4 million in expenditures, reducing fund equity to about \$800,000. Proposed cuts of \$212,00 include reducing the conference budget for professional development, reducing the supply budget by 1 percent and eliminating two support positions through attrition.

### Schools of choice expansion?

Proposed revenue enhancements include expanding schools of choice for kindergarten students by 22 seats for an additional \$176,000. Currently, there are 60 seats available for 2014-15, 10 in each grade for kindergarten through fourth and five in both fifth and sixth grades.

The board is required to adopt a balanced budget by June 30. It is scheduled to meet again Monday, June 23.

Liepa said there are a number of variables this summer that may impact the budget for next school year, that is why he wants to hold off on making further budget recommendations until after the school year begins. Those variables include an early severance incentive the district offered teachers, a possible better-than-expected fund balance for 2013-14 following the annual audit, a possible supplemental school aid fund bill and a

Wayne County enhancement millage on the Aug. 5 ballot that may make no cuts or more cuts necessary. "If that passes, we're in good shape for next year," Liepa said of the county enhancement millage.

Trustee Randy Roulier said reducing the fund equity to less than 0.5 percent for him is "extremely uncomfortable." He suggested the board set a target of what it wants the fund equity to be and then try to get to that number through reductions.

### Goal of saving programs

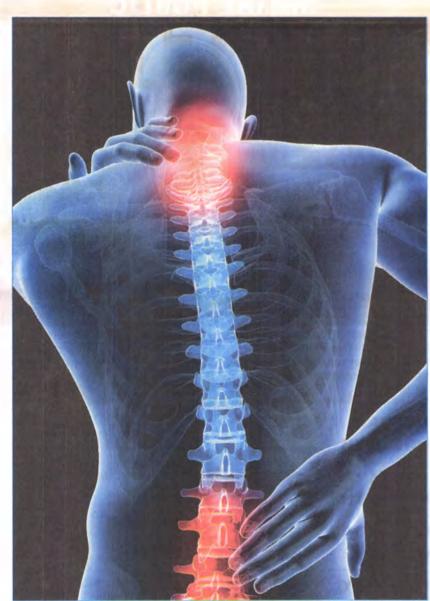
But Liepa said doing so would require reductions the district has tried to stay away from, including privatization, increasing the number of students admitted through schools of choice, increasing pay to participate fees, reducing athletic program offerings or cutting back on transportation services. "Our goal has been to save programs and it's been a tightrope," Liepa

Liepa said the \$50 increase in the per-pupil foundation allowance approved by the state Legislature last week was a disappointment for many districts, especially since it doesn't cover rising retirement costs. While the state also increased retirement funding to meet its obligation under the law, the bottom line is that Livonia is still \$850,000 short for next school year. The additional \$50 per pupil will bring in about \$718,000. "So truly that money is eaten up in the retirement costs and then some," he said. State Rep. John Walsh, R-

Livonia, said he voted for the school aid bill, which increases K-12 funding by 4.1 percent, because he believes the statewide policy to bring parity to per-pupil funding is correct. He said some districts get \$1,000 less per student than other districts. He said while some lower funded districts received an additional \$125 per student, higher funded schools, like Livonia, received a greater amount from the state against retirement legacy costs. Livonia's retirement funding was increased from \$334 to \$558 per student.



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# Douglas 3-4 Campus students help Guardian Angel Animal Rescue

Staff Writer

Sam, a wheaten terrier rescued by Sandy Mezza, never took his eyes off Mezza when she came to receive a much-needed check from some students at the Douglas 3-4 Campus in Garden City.

Mezza, a Westland resident, who founded the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, the check recipient, said Sam was found abused and abandoned in a cornfield in Gagetown, in Michigan's Thumb area.

"He is afraid of men," Mezza said.

"He is very needy."

Mezza has opened her heart to help animals. Her home, like those of the foster "parents" she works with, is a revolving door of rescued animals who can finally breathe a sigh of relief that they are safe, protected and loved.

Mezza's eyes teared up and she quietly said "thank you," to the third- and fourth-graders who learned through this project that animals should be valued, treated with kindness and not discarded.

'Many of our rescues are from Detroit," Mezza said.

The student project began with some children who wanted to make a difference. They approached behavior supervisor Cindy Stapleton and took their idea to Principal Jim Bohnwagner.

The fourth-grade girls, led by Juli-ana Tomasi, came up with the idea that they could make the popular rubberband jewelry and sell it for less than a dollar with the expectation that at the end of the year, the money donated would go to help the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

Besides Juliana, fellow fourth-graders Katie Nunez, Antonia Butka, Mia Borg and Bella Caltabiano teamed to form Protecting Animals With Style, or

Juliana recalled that three years ago her family was faced with having to help an outdoor cat that had given birth

Her mother Barb decided to contact the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue, a no-kill organization which takes in homeless, abused and neglected ani-

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next opportunity. Love Dad, Mom,

Shelbey, Greer



It takes a village to help abandoned and abused animals. Students from the Protecting Animals With Style group at the Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus presented a check to Sandy Mezza, founder of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue. The students, Bella Caltabiano, Mia Borg, Katie Nunez, Antonia Butka and Juliana Tomasi, are pictured with Mezza, Sam (the terrier), Principal Jim Bohnwagner, teacher Maryann Wendzel and behavior supervisor Cindy Stapleton. PHOTOS BY SUE MASON

mals that have been left to die.

Bohnwagner reminded the students who attended the assembly that anyone who purchased a rubber-band bracelet contributed to this cause. Some students who didn't buy a bracelet made a donation instead.

The rescue's work continues and appreciates the help of others.

The rescue hotline is 734-516-2171. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151. Its email address is guardian\_angel\_rescue@hotmail.com. Pet supplies and donations to defray vet bills which are now more than \$7,000 are always welcome.

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Fourth-grade students from the Protecting Animals With Style group, known as P.A.W.S., at the Douglas Elementary 3-4 Campus worked hard this year making rubber-band bracelets to sell. The money donation benefits the Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

### **ACHIEVERS**

Nilam Pradip Bhagalia of Westland recently received his doctor of physical therapy degree from Utica College in Utica, N.Y.

Brianna Beesmer of Westland received her associate of Applied Science degree in human services during Baker College of Allen Park's June 7 commencement ceremony. She also received a Dean's Award in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, leadership and volunteerism.

Thomas Sample of Westland was among 26 students and two staff members inducted into the Northwood University Delta Xi Chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honorary Society in Business Administration this spring.

Founded by five professors from Harvard, Yale, and New York University in 1913, Delta Mu Delta promotes scholarship in business education and recognized and rewards scholastic achievement in business subjects. Delta Mu Delta membership is the highest national recognition a business student can earn.

Named to Northern Michigan University's Dean's List for the Winter 2014 semester were Rachel Rodriguez of Garden City, who had a 4.0 grade point average and Autumn Thornsberry of Garden City and Mary Porta of Wayne who qualified with a grade point averages of

Siena Heights University recently announced its dean's and academic achievement lists for the winter semester 2014.

Named to the list were: » Dean's List - Chelsea Coatsworth of Garden City, Comprehensive Education; Kody Richardson of Garden City, Criminal Justice, and Jonathan Allen Turnbull of Garden City, Health Studies.

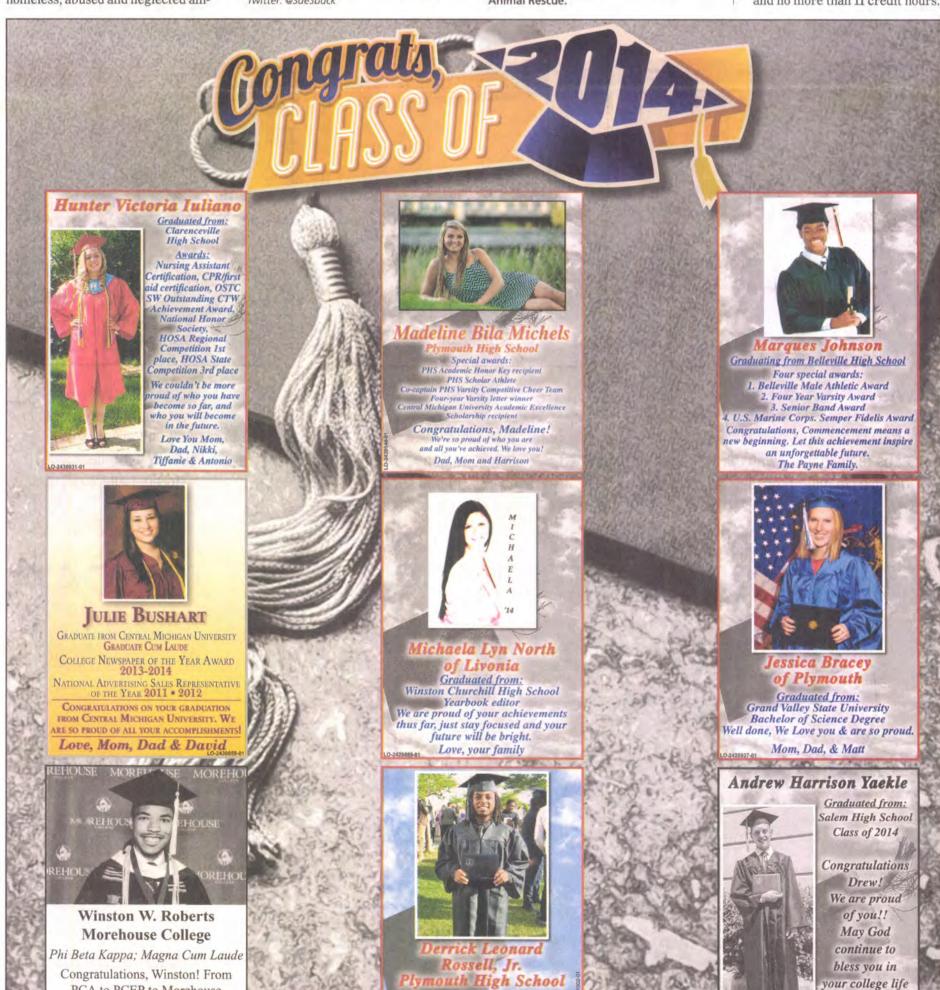
» Achievement List – Kristin Blossom of Westland, Radiologic Technology; Robert Lanier Culver of Westland, Power Technology, and Deric Clifford Gress of Westland, Public Safety Studies.

To make the lists, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0. The dean's list is for full-time students with at least 12 credit hours, and the academic achievement list is for part-time students with at least six and no more than 11 credit hours.

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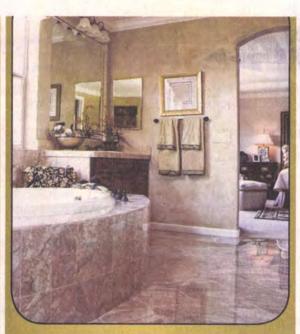


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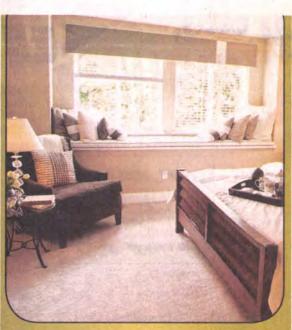
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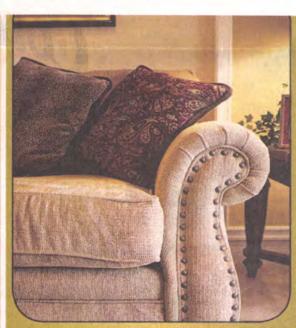
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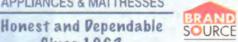








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The Saturday, June 28, hazardous waste collection is the second of three being held by Wayne County. The next one will be Aug. 16 at Westland Shopping Center.

## Wayne County holding Household Hazardous Waste collection event June 28

Wayne County's Land Resource Management, a division of the Department of Public Services, is holding its popular Household Hazardous Waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Wayne County residents only can dispose of medical sharps, household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, pharmaceutical waste (noncontrolled substances only), nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types), fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

Electronics - computer CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cellphones, fax machines, copiers and televisions - also can be

recycled at the event.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, 55-gallon drums, shock sensitive materials, household trash, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

LRMD officials are underscoring the importance of properly disposing of medical sharps like syringes, needles and lancets. Used needles can transmit serious diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis. "Improperly discard-

ed syringes, needles and lancets expose waste workers to potential needle-stick injuries and potential infection,' Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "We want residents to know there is a proper way to dispose of this medical waste and that our Household Hazardous Waste events accept medical sharps.

The do's of medical sharp disposal include placing used needles, syringes and lancets in a hard-plastic or metal container with a screwon or tightly secured lid. Containers commonly found in households like liquid laundry detergent bottles or metal coffee cans will work. Label the outside of the container to say "Medical Sharps."

The secured containers should be taken to a local household hazardous waste collection. Or the lid can be reinforced with heavy-duty tape, labeled "Not Recyclable" and placed in the regular trash. That will prevent a trash hauler from mistakenly routing the container for recycling.

For recommendations and links for proper disposal of medical sharps, go to www.safeneedledisposal.org.

For more information on the hazardous waste event, call 734-326-3936 or go online to www. waynecounty.com/ doe/1043.htm

## Garden City Thrift Store holds job fair

The Salvation Army Thrift Store in Garden City will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, June 27.

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center is holding the hiring event in an effort to fill 10 open positions at the nonprofit's Garden City thrift store.

Positions include both full- and part-time open-ings for clerks, stock personnel, cashiers and managers-in-training. Applicants are encouraged to come prepared with a resume and references. Garden City Salvation

Army Thrift Store is at 28982 Ford Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Road. For more information about the job fair, visit www.salarmythrift.com or call 313-965-7760. The ARC is an in-

tegral part of The Salvation Army's mission, and offers substance-abusing adults the opportunity to rebuild their lives through a voluntary,

short-term residential self-help program designed to establish a sense of dignity, self esteem and personal strength that will allow them to resist the desire to abuse a substance and regain their rightful place as contributing members of society.

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## Former Detroit Lion emphasizes family, community involvement at new McDonald's

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

As the owner of the new Wayne McDonald's restaurant, former Detroit Lions defensive back James Thrower doesn't want to be the center of the attention.

"I don't want anyone to know I'm here, that I own the business," Thrower said. "I want them to know McDonald's is in the community. I want to have the best



McDonald's and work with the community so they are happy to have McDonald's in the area.'

Originally from Arkansas, Thrower went to college in Texas where he played football. He went on to the NFL and ended his career with the Lions in 1974.

"Normally, ball players stay where they finish their career - where they have name recognition and a good reputation — or in their college or home town," Thrower said. "I met my wife here. There were opportunities here. Why not Detroit? I planted my feet here."

McDonald's is a family business for Thrower - the family has several stores. His wife Marla, along with their four children - James II, Joni, Jamar and Marissa all are active in the busi-

"We have a small family business. We were fortunate to get in the McDonald's business," Thrower said.
"We grind it out every day. What drives me as a former professional athlete is you always have an attitude of winning and doing your best each day. That's all anyone can ask.

Along with family sup-

port, Thrower cites his religious faith as driving his success and his emphasis on community involvement.

"I wish I could invite everyone in the community to be there for the opening,' Thrower said. "This will be their McDonald's in Wayne. We will give them great service. I've been involved in church all my life. There are a lot of churches in Wayne. I will feel most at home in Wayne.'

Thrower will host an official carnival-themed grand opening celebration of his newest McDonald's restaurant at 35111 Michigan Ave. at Wayne Road from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28. The doors to the brand new store, which took more than two months to build, will officially open to customers at 6 a.m. Friday, June 27.

The carnival-themed event will feature "Happy," McDonald's new Happy Meal character, raffles and giveaways, DJ music, face painting, a bounce house and games for children from noon to 4 p.m.

To commemorate the grand opening celebration, Thrower will make a donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities and offer the first 100 guests in line a complimentary McCafé Card providing cardholders with free McCafé coffee through Jan. 31, 2016.

Prizes during the familyfriendly event include Mc-Donald's Arch Cards, an iPod Shuffle and a brand new bike.

During the first week of business, June 27-July 1, dine-in customers will enjoy a free small McCafé coffee for breakfast (limit one per customer).

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## Schoolcraft College expanding veterans' services with new space in fall

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College has an expanded Veterans Services Office opening on its Livonia campus on Haggerty, north of Six Mile.

Plans are for the facility to open in September, with work now on schedule.

The facility will feature a lounge, said Pam Paxton-Keehner, the college's veterans services coordinator. Also on tap are study carrels. "Just a place to hang out," she said.

The college enrolls some 225 military veterans in a typical semester, Paxton-Keehner said. She's been on the job since 2009 with the Post-9/11 Bill to support education for returning veterans.
The majority of the veter-

ans have served in Iraq or Afghanistan, she said. "They seem to gravitate toward the public safety kind of careers,' including police, fire and EMT. "We have some who are doing nursing.'

Paxton-Keehner agreed a military discharge can be a confusing time for veterans with all the paperwork. "They're so anxious to move on and get home," she said. Some are unsure of how to

proceed with higher education. 'We're a one-stop shop," said Paxton-Keehner, who can be reached at 734-462-4400, ext. 5346. "It is very overwhelming. We try to sort it out.'

The military benefits in education can be tough to decipher, along with other services for veterans. Paxton-Keehner recommends veterans wishing to attend Schoolcraft first call her. There is a checklist for things like admissions, the placement test and more before registration.

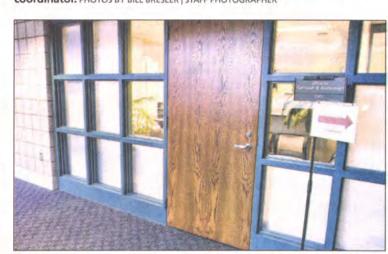
She's housed in the college's McDowell Center with other student services. "We really hope to have much more ro-bust referral help for them," she said, such as housing and VA health benefits.

"We really hope to make it more their own," she said of the expanded office.

The new office will have a space for Paxton-Keehner, the



Many educational benefits for returning military veterans are offered, with Schoolcraft's Pam Paxton-Keehner the college's veterans services coordinator. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The new space is larger with study areas and a lounge. It should be ready in the fall.

clerk at the entrance and both lounge and study areas.

'It's more than we've ever had before, so I'm very excited," she said of the retrofitting of the existing space for veter-

One veteran is Lawrence Smith of Canton, who earned an associate's degree with honors from Schoolcraft before heading to Eastern Michigan University, where he's almost completed his bachelor's degree in public safety.

Smith, an officer with the Detroit Police Department, was encouraged to return to school by his wife, who is also former military. Smith served in the U.S. Army from 1983 to

2005, including in Germany, Japan and Egypt.

Paxton-Keehner is proud of Smith, as well as another student heading to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. That student/veteran earned the Purple Heart.

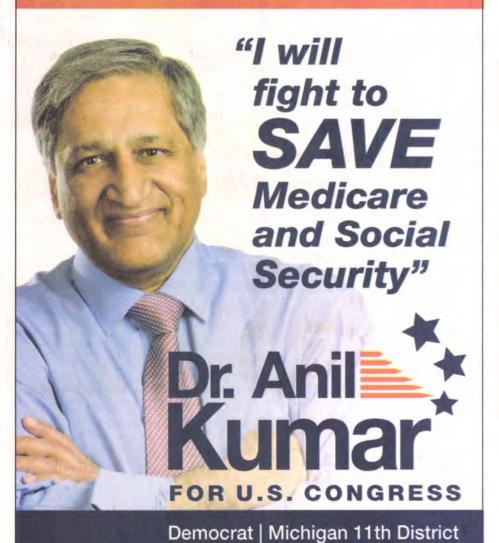
"It is amazing to watch them succeed," she said. "I love what I do. It's really opened my eyes. I have the

utmost respect for these guys." She didn't have much experience with returning veterans earlier in her life and said, "All they need is a little help. This is the best job on campus. It's just amazing."

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## Upcoming events help build interest in annual 3-Day walk

The 2014 Susan G. Komen 3-Day is coming to the tri-county area Aug. 15-17.

The 60-mile walk will begin with an inspiring Opening Ceremony at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, on Aug. 15

and end with a celebratory Closing Ceremony at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn on

The Komen 3-Day® is for both women and men who want to be a part of something bigger ending breast cancer

Participants raise a minimum of \$2,300 and walk an average of 20 miles a day for three consecutive days, educating tens of thousands of people about breast health and raising funds to help support breast

cancer research and community outreach programs.

In preparation for the walk, there will be a Wine-y Walker Meet-Up from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Michigan by the Bottle Tasting Room, 45645 Hayes Road, Shel-

by Township. During the 3-Day there is no whining and no wine-ing allowed, but before the event participants are free to indulge a bit.

Participants can treat themselves to some Michigan wines and local bites while meeting fellow walkers and crew. A 3-Day coach will be available to answer ques-

For more information about the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, call 800-996-3DAY or visit

www.the3day.org.

## Local fans describe their passion for World Cup soccer action

By Beth Jachman Staff Writer

The Englishmen at the Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia were probably a little disappointed Thurs-

day afternoon. Make that a lot, as England lost to Uruguay in a FIFA World Cup match. But that didn't take away from the camaraderie as these hardcore World Cup fans gathered to watch.

"Since the day I was born," is the response of Leyton Ellison, who is from England and lives in Livonia, to the question of how long he has been interested in soccer.

He coaches a local soccer club, AC Milan Detroit, and plays soccer for Schoolcraft College. He watches the World

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World Cup soccer plays in the background at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia with flags hanging of countries that participate in the popular sporting event.

Cup matches every day, he said, but notes people in the United States aren't as interested as they are back home.

"Nobody cares," he said. Back home, soccer matches are more of a public event, said Marcel Schmid, who is from Stuttgart, Germany.

"But the enthusiasm is growing here. It's getting bigger," said Schmid, who played professional-

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ly in Germany and coaches at Schoolcraft College.

### Lifelong fans

Paul Johnston, who lives in Northville but is originally from England, agrees. "There'd be no traffic moving," he said pointing to busy Haggerty Road

People in England don't just watch the game in pubs, he said. "A lot of people just have parties at home," he said. "All my life," is his

response to how long he has been into soccer.

But he says interest in the sport is increasing in the United States. "It's getting better," he said. He's been living in the United States since 1991 and said he has seen a big difference over the years.

Watching World Cup soccer with lifelong fans is exciting, Doug Ware of Livonia said: "It's pretty exciting to watch the game with guys who understand it a lot better

"I appreciate their enthusiasm for the sport," Ware added.

Mike Bona of Livonia said he first began watching World Cup in 1994: "It's growing in popularity in the U.S."



Leyton Ellison of Liverpool, England, and Steve Davis of Grimbsy, England, enjoy World Cup soccer at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia. PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

"We've watched a lot of games here," he said. Bona is a soccer coach at Schoolcraft College.

### 100-percent soccer

Coaches from the Plymouth Soccer Club were also watching the game at Claddagh.

Yao Kra of Ivory Coast, who lives in Canton, says he goes to all the Irish pubs he can find to watch the games.

Watching games is much different here, though. "Back home, it's 100-percent soccer," he said. "It's fun."

"It's great to be with a crowd that loves soccer,' said Zach Wilkes of Westland, who also coaches for the Plymouth Soccer Club. He said he has been playing soccer since he was 4.

'I played soccer my whole life," Erik Shaltis of Redford said Friday. "I coach both my son and



Livonia residents Mike Bona and Doug Ware are soccer fans and both enjoy World Cup matches. Bona coaches for AC Milan Detroit.

daughter in Ferndale Soccer. I grew up in Redford Soccer League my dad was the president of the league for several years.

The U.S. didn't have mainstream soccer on TV back then, "so when World Cup came along, I fell in love ... now every four years is like a month-long holiday for

me and my friends well, some of them," Shaltis said.

He became a fan of South American teams like Brazil and Argenti-

"I have the pleasure of watching it this year with three rookies," he said, referring to his girlfriend, son and daughter.



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It is a popular notion that eating certain foods will bring on gout; almost everyone who has the condition can recall a meal of lobster, shrimp or a particularly large steak that the person felt led to an attack

Physicians would contend with that conclusion. The medical literature includes a number of studies that show that if a person eats the most anti-gout diet possible, doing so would at best, lower the serum urlc acid, the precursor to gout, by only one milligram. In practice, physicians medicate to lower the uric acid levels by three or more milligrams.

The story with drink is different. In short, drinking beer and whiskey increase the risk of gout, wine at the evening meal poses little threat. Of course, over indulgence of wine or spirits is both bad for one's health and for the gout. Because illicit brews are at times laced with lead, and because lead ruins the kidney's ability to rid the body of uric acid, it is important for anyone at risk for gout to stay away from

For the vast majority of people with gout, who are on medication such as Allopurinol or Uloric, eating meat or seafood and taking a glass of wine, red or white, is as much an option as for anyone without gout.

What anyone needs to be aware of, is his or her intake of soft drinks. They contain a large amount of fructose, which the body ultimately changes to uric acid, the forerunner of gout. Drinkers of large amounts of soda pop are at more dietary risk for gout than steak or seafood eaters.

## Eastern Michigan, Schoolcraft OK criminology program



Kim Schatzel, Eastern Michigan University's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs & Student Services, exchanges ceremonial pens with Schoolcraft College Vice President of Student Services Cheryl Hagen.

Schoolcraft College students interested in a degree in criminology will have an easier proc-ess transferring to Eastern Michigan University as a result of a new articulation agreement recently signed by the two schools at Eastern's Livonia Center, 38777 Six Mile Road.

EMU's bachelor of science in criminology and criminal justice requires a total of 124 credits. The new agreement will allow up to 86 credits from Schoolcraft to transfer to EMU. The multidisciplinary program offers four areas of concentration: legal studies, law enforcement, corrections and criminal justice administration.

Articulation agreements are a joint partnership between an EMU academic program and an academic program at a community college. Agreements make it easier for a student to successfully transfer to EMU, saving time and money and transfer credits.

"We're excited about offering this articulated program because there has been so much interest expressed by Schoolcraft students," said Patricia Cygnar, director of community

Careers include police officer, criminologist, forensic psychologist, private investigator, security specialist and correction officer.

college relations at Eastern Michigan. "Eastern's degree completion program in criminology will be offered conveniently for Schoolcraft students at the EMU Livonia Center. Students will be able to complete a bachelor's degree with the law enforcement or corrections concentrations right in Livonia.'

The criminology degree can lead to a variety of careers in the crim-inal justice system and corporate/private security. Careers include police officer, criminologist, forensic psychologist, private investigator, security specialist and correction officer. The program is recognized by the Michigan Law **Enforcement Officers** 



Signing the articulation agreement are (from left) Thomas Venner, EMU dean of Arts and Sciences; Kim Schatzel, EMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Student Services; Cheryl Hagen, Schoolcraft College vice president of Student Services; and Robert Leadley, Schoolcraft College dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development.

Training Council and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

EMU and Schoolcraft have 15 other articulation agreements, including applied technology, industrial distribution, aviation management, communication technology, health administration, hotel & restaurant management, nursing completion, public safety, social work and technology management.

Eastern Michigan University currently has 146 articulation agreements with 17 Michigan community colleges, five out-of-state community colleges and three universities participating. A reverse transfer program and the Honors program are also available through 33 academic programs at Eastern.

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## Firefighters respond after lightning strikes Garden City home

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

By Sue Buck

No one was injured when lightning struck a home in Garden City about 4:45 a.m. Wednesday. Garden City firefighters responded to the home located in the 200 block of Hubbard.

Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said "the home was filling up with smoke." When Garden City Fire Capt. Gary Gallo and the firefighters met the homeowner in the driveway, he said that he and his wife were sleeping and heard a loud "boom."

"The homeowner said that the home began filling with smoke and that a piece of drywall had been blown off of the wall," Harman said.

The fire crew entered the house, which had a light haze and found a large piece of drywall on the floor in the bedroom in the southwest corner. They also found an electrical wire in the exposed wall that was damaged and a nearby electrical outlet charred.

The firemen removed additional drywall in order to search for any

further charring or burning.

"Fortunately no additional damage was noted in the room," she said. The firefighters con-

tinued their investigation throughout the house, checking the electrical panel and the attic using the Thermal Imaging camera. Outlet covers were removed on the main floor to check for

any signs of fire, specifically charring.

In the basement they found several light bulbs in pieces on the floor.

"One light in a closet had charring on the paneling covering the ceil-' Harman said.

They also found that there were several areas of charring on the drop ceiling grid in the basement. The roof was

checked for damage and nothing was found.

In dealing with the smoke, the firefighters used a Positive Pressure Ventilation fan to clear out the haze and called DTE Energy to have the home checked.

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Contact: For more information G. at 734-728-1559 or caregones@vahoo.com or Sandy K. at 734-721-4867 or skopcak@comcast.net.

### SPOKE FOLK

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 25. Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne. Details: Spoke Folk, a contemporary musical ministry tour for 15-20 years old participants and adult counselors, bikes during the day and shares an evening concert/worship service with each host congregation they stay with each night. Spoke Folk is a very passionate ministry that shares and lives the Gospel through biking, music and community.

Contact: For more information about Spoke Folk, go online to spokefolk.org

LIVING ON Time/Date: 2-2:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month.

Location: Conference Room 2 on the second level, Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne (use West entrance). Details: Hospice of Michigan's Living On grief support groups offer information on the basic needs of mourning. The group allows for safe and supportive discussions on personal experiences with grief.

Contact: For more information, contact Margie Martin, Grief Support Services Manager, at 734-769-5821 or visit hom.org

### **BIBLE SCHOOL**

Time/Date: 6-8 p/m/ Monday-Thursday, July 28-30.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne. Contact: Call the church office at 734-728-1950

### **GOLF OUTINGS**

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.

Contact: Register now at www.lymanfoundation.org. Time/Date: 9 a.m. Friday, July

Location: Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse, Wayne

**Details:** The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C (TSA) will be hosting its 2014 Golf Classic at the lush Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. The 9 a.m. shotgun start will kick off a day filled with opportunities to win great raffle prizes, eat delicious food and play a round of golf. The Senior Alliance 2014 Golf Classic supports a great cause. TSA is a non-profit 501(c)

The Spoke Folk will make a stop at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Hannan at Glenwood in Wayne on Friday, July

(3) that is designated to help thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information and assistance and many other services critical for seniors to live their best life. Last year's event sold out quickly, so be sure to reserve your foursome now.

Contact: Other event opportunities such as sponsorship or in-kind donations can be made by contacting Jennifer Trussell, administrative assistant, at 734-727-2011.

### FOR YOUR HEALTH SAFE PLACE

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

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995

**ADULT DAY SERVICES** Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

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

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

### **METRO FIBROMYALGIA** Time/date: 1-3 p.m. second and

fourth Thursday of each month. Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City. Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Ruthann at 734-981-

### **MENOPAUSE & MORE** Time/date: 7-9 p.m. the first

Wednesday of the month. Location: Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Details: A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

### Contact: 734-655-1100. COUNTERPOINT

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their

### Contact: 734-563-5005.

### TOUGHLOVE

Time/date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Location: Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748.

### LIFECARE

734-956-2109

Time/Date: 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

Details: LifeCare is a care/ support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges. Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or

### **FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. first Monday of the month.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Streett at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the

### CAREGIVERS -SPOUSES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of the month. Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for a spouse age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance.

and United Way. Contact: Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first

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### **CAREGIVERS** -WESTLAND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland,

Details: For residents of southern and western Wayne County who are caring for family members and/or friends age 60 and older, or who are over age 60 themselves. Offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance. Funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Helen Street at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm time and date, if coming for the first

### SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm if coming for the first time.



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## At 56, Prince still relevant in music world

arlier this month, the legendary musician known simply as Prince turned 56 years old. After more than three decades in the music industry, the pop icon still sells out giant arenas, gets glowing reviews for the new music he puts out, and graces the cover of popular magazines such as Essence to Billboard. Prince can show up at the French Open with a scepter in hand and command respect.

From his humble Minneapolis beginnings in the late 1970s all the way up to the present day, Prince has continued to leave a lasting influence on culture, fashion and music. There have been times where he's gone away from the spotlight, only to return wholly transformed and stronger than ever. He's gone from establishing and cementing his own legend to helping new, young talents get their feet in the door.

Despite all the changes to the record industry and to habits of listeners, Prince has remained incredibly resilient. He doesn't just survive, but thrives, having all the power and control in his business decisions. Prince gets to release his music however he chooses and negotiates any contract he wants. That is a rarity in this day and age.

If you're interested in learning more about this



Prince's musical career spans more than three decades.

man with a large impact and a tiny body, be sure to check out Ronin Ro's biography, Prince: Inside the Music and the Masks from the library. While you're at it, you can also pick up some of Prince's albums like 1999 or Musicology.

The library's summer hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday and closed Sunday.

### Highlighted **Activities**

**Alex Thomas & Friends** Interactive Puppet Show, 7 p.m. June 23 - Professional puppeteers bring a Muppet-style puppet to life through a family skit in which the puppet tells jokes and interacts with the audience, encouraging them to become part of the show. No registration required.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. June 23 - Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. Refreshments provided. Sign up online at westlandlibrary.org/events if you would like a remindNoontime Book Club,

noon June 24 - In The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel, unhappy retiree Harold Fry embarks on a journey to preserve a friend's life and rejuvenate his own in this novel by Rachel Joyce. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

**Teddy Bear Picnic: A** Mental Math Adventure, 2 p.m. June 24, ages 6-8 -In this interactive game, you'll help Teddy Bears with their picnic plans. Bring your mental and imaginative energy for this fun math program hosted by Co-op Services Credit Union. B.Y.O.Bear (or other stuffed animal friend). Arrive within 5 minutes of the start time to guarantee your spot.

Teen Book Club, June 24, 3 p.m., grades 7-12 -We will be reading The Fault in Our Stars by John Green. Please sign up for book club at the reference desk. The first 10 people to sign up will receive a free copy of the book!

Tween Grossology, 6 p.m. June 25, grades 5

and up - Come to our Tween Grossology program and put your yuck level to the test. We will do experiments, learns some gross facts, and participate in other fun activities that will surely have you saying "Eww!" Arrive within 5 minutes of the program's start time to guarantee your

Solar Robot Bugs, 2 p.m. June 26, Teen Only Program, grades 7-12 -Join us as we build our own solar-powered robot bugs. We will assemble the bugs, then take them outside to soak up the sun and start hopping around. All materials will be provided.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. June 25 - Join us for a discussion of Marie Brennan's A Natural History of Dragons. All the world, from Scirland to the farthest reaches of Eriga, know Isabella, Lady Trent, to be the world's preeminent dragon naturalist. She is the remarkable woman who brought the study of dragons out of the misty shadows of myth and misunderstanding into the clear light of modern science. Copies will be available at the Reference desk a month before the meeting. Snacks and hot cocoa will be provided.

Menlo Innovations and Joy, Inc., 7 p.m. June 25 – Richard Sheridan, author of the book Joy, Inc. and CEO of Menlo Innovations in Ann Arbor, will speak about his game-changing software company and how the work of Thomas Edison

inspired him to create a joyful, award-winning workplace. A book signing will follow the program. Copies of Joy, Inc. will be available for sale.

Using Yahoo Mail, 2 p.m. June 26 – If you have a Yahoo email address and would like to become more comfortable using it, this is the class for you. We will practice performing basic and intermediate tasks like sending an email, attaching documents, downloading and printing files, searching your inbox, and sorting email into folders. This is our Internet Special Topics course for June. Prerequisite: your own Yahoo Mail account. Register in advance at the Reference Desk or call

734-326-6123. Family Matinee Movie, 1 p.m. June 27, all ages - Join us for the viewing of Meet the Robinsons. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Children under 10 must have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information. Rated

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. June 27 – Join us for our 2014 Friday Movie Summer season. This summer we are showing current or contemporary movies that fall under our Summer Reading Program theme: Fizz, Boom, Read. Tonight's movie, Back to the Future, is about "a teenager is accidentally sent 30 years into the past in a time traveling Delorean invented by his friend,

Dr. Emmett Brown, and must make sure his high school age parents unite in order to save his own existence" (imdb.com). Doors for all summer movies open at 6:30 p.m. with the movies starting promptly at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments are provided. Movie trivia and prizes. Rated

**Beginners Computer** Lab, 2-4 p.m. June 28 -During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Get Up and Move, 2:30-3:15 p.m. June 28, ages 5-7, and 3:30-4:30 June 28, ages 8-12 - This program is all about getting up and moving around. We will play different games, some you may already know and some new ones, too. Wear clothes that are easy to move in and come ready to have fun. Registration is required. Walkins will be accepted, if space allows, so if registered, arrive within 5 minutes of the start time to guarantee your spot!

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

### **Wayne Police support Crime Stoppers**

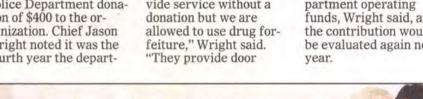
Wayne Police are continuing to support Crime Stoppers of Mich-

The council voted recently to approve the Police Department donation of \$400 to the organization. Chief Jason Wright noted it was the fourth year the department had made a financial donation utilizing drug forfeiture funds.

"They are a non-profit organization. They provide service without a donation but we are allowed to use drug forfeiture," Wright said.

hangers (seeking information) when there is a serious crime or a rash of crimes."

The donation doesn't come from police department operating funds, Wright said, and the contribution would be evaluated again next





Saturday, June 28 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Auditorium

4th Annual Healthy Aging Conference

Join many other seniors, families and caregivers for a day that includes exhibitors and seminars by expert speakers on various topics including stroke prevention, resources for seniors and caregivers, and healthy eating. Lunch is included.

All activities are free of charge.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Seminar Presentations

9 - 9:45 a.m.

"All About Stroke" - How to reduce risks and recognize warning signs Speaker: Gail Schramek, NP

10 - 10:45 a.m.

"Maintaining Independence As We Age" -What an assessment and prevention can do to help you stay healthy -Speakers: Gerald Turlo, MD & Jessica Weathas, LMSW

11 - 11:45 a.m.

"Connecting Seniors and Caregivers to Resources"- Learn about exercise programs for seniors and supportive services available in the community

Speakers: Julie Burt, AADP, CHC and The Senior Alliance Staff

"Eating for a Healthy You" - Food demonstration Mary Condon, RD Boxed lunch provided

### 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Exhibitors

- Joint health
- Stroke
- Heart health
- **Exercise programs** for seniors
- Eye and ear care Home health care
- "Ask the Nurse Practitioner" Senior living
  - Memory and balance screening
  - Podiatry and physical rehabilitation
  - **Tours of Senior** Assessment and Resource Institute

Pre-registration is preferred. For more information or to register, call 734-655-1706, or visit stmarymercy.org/ healthyaging conference.

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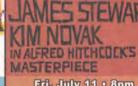




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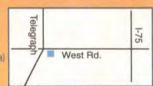
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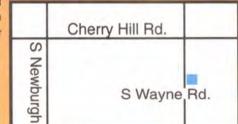
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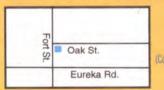


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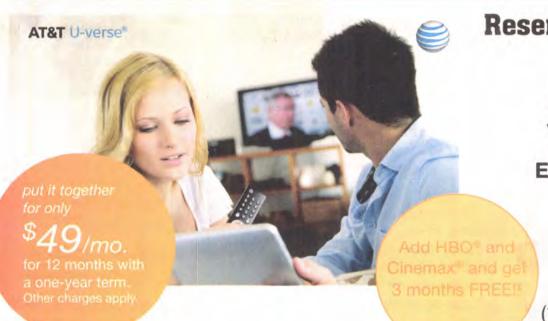


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## Rumberger caps off storied career



Longtime Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger and his team keep close tabs on the action during a recent game.

Rocks baseball coach steps down after 28 years with program

By Tim Smith

Salem's varsity baseball team in 2014 ran like a welloiled machine as the Rocks posted a 28-10 record, most victories in school history.

And the mechanic, head coach Dale Rumberger, is leaving the garage.

Rumberger informed his players and their parents that he was retiring from the post shortly after the Rocks were defeated 1-0 by Northville in the recent Division 1 district tourney.

During Rumberger's 20year career as Salem's head coach (1995-2014), the Rocks compiled a record of 356-303. As an assistant coach from 1987-94, he helped the team go 143-67 and win a state title in

One of his former players from those early successes, Salem athletic director Tom Willette, praised Rumberger's baseball acumen, communication skills and work ethic.

"Dale Rumberger is one of the best teachers of baseball skills that I know at the high school level," Willette wrote in an email to the Observer. "If you wanted to put in the time and effort, coach Rumberger would spend countless hours throwing batting practice or hitting ground balls or watching pitchers throw to develop those players to their full potential

"Dale Rumberger has a passion for Salem baseball, starting as a player for the Rocks at the original Plymouth High School and then as part of the coaching staff at Plymouth-Salem and finally Salem High

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# ANOTHER LEVEL

Marines steer GC football players through challenging, team-building workouts

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The presence of camouflage-wearing United States Marines proved to be more than a subtle hint that the intensity of Tuesday morning's Garden City High School football workout would be ramped up a few notches.

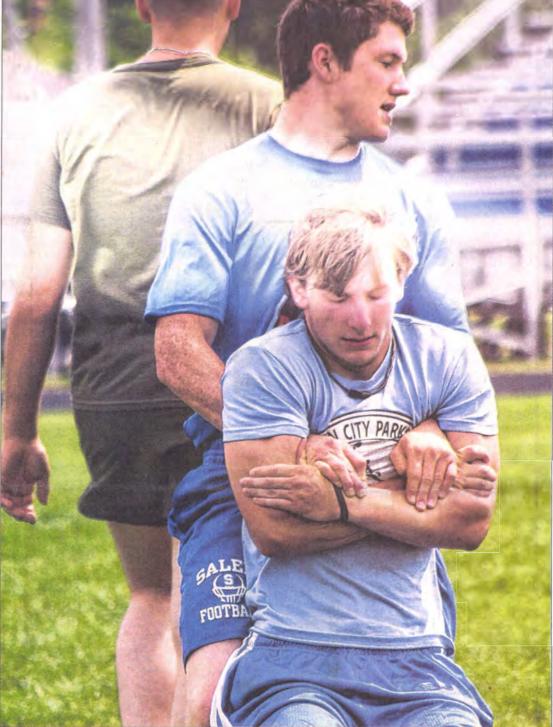
On the first morning following semester-ending final exams, more than 100 Cougars were tested with a challenging Marine Corps combat fitness session that included an 800-meter run, a drill that required the lifting of 30-pound ammunition cans and a grueling "movement under fire" obstacle course – all under the direction of locally-based Marines, including Staff Sgt. Robert Stokes, a 2004 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School.

"The workouts we're doing today are great for football because they test the athletes' strength and endurance, while at the same time building teamwork and chem-

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USMC Staff Sgt. Robert Stokes (right) encourages a Garden City football player through a drill.



Garden City's Nick Clark drags teammate Nick DeHetre through a portion of an obstacle course designed by the U.S. Marines. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT

## Canton golfer Do captures Amateur in dramatic finish

By Greg Johnson Correspondent

Canton's Henry Do emerged as the champion of the 103rd Michigan Amateur Championship after one of the most dramatic finishes in the history of the state's oldest and most prestigious champion-

ship.
The 19-year-old University
of North Carolina golfer
turned back 41-year-old commercial real estate lender
Steve Anderson of Troy in 19
holes Friday in the 40th Ama-

teur held at historic Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix.

"I'm still shocked I was able to come out with a victory," Do said. "It's quite an accomplishment for me to have my name on the (Staghorn) trophy with those other guys."

Do lost a 1-up lead on No. 16 to a stunning downhill 20-foot birdie by Anderson and then at No. 17 fell victim as Anderson dropped a 45-foot putt from across the green for birdie.

"I was completely rattled on the tee and my caddie (Dongmin Kim) told me you still have a shot at this," Do said.
"So I got it together a little bit, hit a good tee shot and gave myself a good opportunity to

hit one close and I guess I did." He did – a 180-yard 7-iron shot to within 12 inches to

force extra holes.

"That's got to be all-time greatest shot for me under pressure," Do said. "I can't think of a better shot."

On the first extra hole, Anderson missed the green short and missed his seven-foot par

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Canton's Henry Do, who just completed his freshman year at North Carolina, won the 103rd Michigan Amateur in dramatic fashion. GREG JOHNSON | GAM

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### 12U Blues win invite



The 12U South Farmington Blues won their age group in the SFB Invitational with a 4-1 record. The Blues defeated the Fenton Tigers, 8-2; Bay Area Bulls, 11-5; Southfield Cardinals, 12-8; and Bulls in the final game, 11-1. Team members include: (front, from left) Jacob Kelbert and Eric Johnson; (kneeling, from left) Jack Felder, Parker Kent, Alex Kosdrosky, Tommy Walsh, Greg Wiacek and Nick Pearen; and (standing. from left) head coach Chris Kelbert, Ben Ward, coach Jim Pearen, Gunnar Lombard, Chris Martin, coach Eric Johnson and Kyle Goodling.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Spartan grid outing

The Livonia Stevenson football benefit golf outing will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 22, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Included in the \$80 is 18 holes of golf (with cart), lunch at the turn, dinner and raffle prizes.

A registration form can be printed at www.stevenson football.com

For more information, email mlmicallef25@gmail.com.

### Drive, chip, putt

Pheasant Run Golf Club is hosting a local qualifier Tuesday, July 1, for the 2014 Drive, Chip & Putt Golf Championship for boys and girls ages 7-15.

The free competition, sponsored by the Professional Golfers Association of America and Augusta National Golf Club, will give area youth the opportunity to compete in separate divisions in four age categories.

Each participant's skills will be put to the test in driving, chipping and putting, with players judged on accuracy and distance.

Boys and girls just need to bring a driver, putter and a wedge.

Contestants will be given three attempts, with their best shots qualifying them for points that will be accumulated throughout the

day.

Top finishers will be awarded certificates.

Winners will continue to advance leading up to the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship finals scheduled to be held on the grand stage of the Augusta National Golf Club during the 2015 Masters Tournament week

Online registration is currently under way at www.drivechipand putt.com.

For more information on the event or to learn more about Pheasant Run Golf Club's seasonal offers and specials, visit www.golfprgc.org or call 734-397-6460.

### Franklin grid outing

The Livonia Franklin football benefit golf outing will be Saturday, July 26, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

There will be a shotgun for the four-person scramble starting at 8 a.m. The cost is \$65 (includes prizes, contests, hot dog and pop at the turn, dinner and afterglow at the 1 Under

Bar & Grill). Checks should be made payable to Franklin football and mailed to: 9623 Westmore, Livonia, MI 48150.

For more information, call Chuck Roth at 734-637-6719 or Dan Cline at 734-748-5283. You can also email chuckrothcarpentry@gmail.com or dan.cline@trw.com.

### Coaches wanted

» Livonia Churchill is seeking a girls and boys varsity swim head coach following the recent resignation of Aaron Rieder, who spent 10 years with the boys and 11 with the girls.

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

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

### Think summer golf

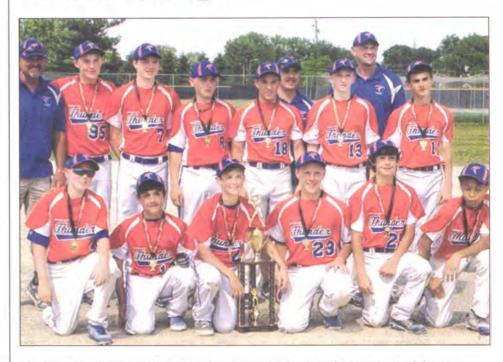
PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Town-

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

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Fac book page at Trainwith-TamiGolf.com.

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

### Thunder champs



The 13-and-under Livonia City Thunder captured their second tournament of the year recently in the Battle of the Bats Tournament in Toledo, Ohio, with a 9-1 victory over the Indiana Baseball Factory, the top-ranked USSSA team from Indiana, after wins over the Tecumseh Zone, 14-3, and the AAA Oakland Grizzles, 14-0. Team members include (front, from left): Andrew Lack, Marco Genrich, Cole Bushart, Nick Rood, Brian Wendt and Justin Reynolds and (back, from left) head coach Dennis Bushart, Ethan Sandusky, Evan Yokie, Tommy Wells, Alan Woodward, assistant coach Joe Lack, Joe Hardenbergh, head coach Greg Wendt and Brendon Unger. Also part of the team is assistant coach Rick Genrich.

### **AMATEUR**

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putt, which left Do to finish with a three-foot par putt and the victory. It closed out the drama, which included one of the players winning each of the last six holes played in the match.

'It was crazy," Do said. "I give Steve a lot of credit for making those two putts on 16 and 17. It really gave me a headache, because I thought I was closer than him on 16 and he could lag it close and I could lag it close and I would still be 1-up. Then on 17 he makes a bomb, which is unbelievable. I told myself I still have one more hole left and if I can just stay in there, I can hopefully force this to extra holes.'

Anderson, a former Eastern Michigan University tennis player who took up golf because it's more relaxing, said he gave everything he had as the surprise finalist and a first-time match play qualifier as the 36th seed.

"If I had to lose, I'm happy it was to Henry," he said. "I made a great putt at 16, 17 was some

luck there and on the extra hole, it just didn't work out when I missed short. Henry's a great guy with a great attitude and a lot of talent. It's not bad to lose to somebody like that.'

Anderson said he never felt pressure because he was just having fun and meeting nice people.

"All week getting to know all these people, you know they probably relate to me given my age because I'm a little slower out here than most of the guys and I've got back problems like they do," he said. "It was a good time. I never experienced anything like this."

Do reached the final with a 3 and 2 win over Grand Valley State golfer Chris Cunningham of Milford in their morning semifinal. Anderson won in 19 holes over Otto Black, a University of Toledo golfer from Pinckney.

Do said it was great to win at Belvedere and praised the grounds staff for getting the course ready for the tournament after the long winter.

"It was really in amazing shape," he said. "It's a great course and a great old club."

On hand to see his

victory was his golf coach, David Kendall from the Kendall Golf Academy in Ypsilanti. Kendall is also Do's godfather and made the trip from Ann Arbor to watch Do play in the championship match.

"I want to thank my godfather, Dave Kendall, for coming to watch me today," Do said. "He has been very important to me in my life and it meant a lot that he drove four hours to come watch me play."

Do, a business major at UNC, is a 2013 graduate of Ann Arbor Greenhills High School.

In his first-ever collegiate tournament, Do captured the 2013 Bridgestone Intercollegiate back in October. He was the GAM Junior Amateur Champion in 2011 and the 2010 Michigan PGA Tournament of Champions runnerup. Do also won the 2010 and 2011 AJGA Randy Wise Junior Open and the 2013 AJ-GA Coca-Cola Junior.

Do tied for sixth at the 2013 Michigan Open and tied for seventh earlier this month at the 2014 Michigan Open.

Greg Johnson is a freelance contributor for the Golf Association of Michigan.



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### **MARINES**

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istry," Stokes said. "Each athlete will be scored in the drills today, then we'll come back in August and see how much they im-

proved." Stokes said Tuesday's program, which is available to all high school athletic programs throughout the area, is an outstanding opportunity for young athletes to learn more about the Marine Corps than what they see on TV and on the Internet.

"A lot of people think the Marine Corps is all about kicking down doors and blowing things up, but there's obviously a lot more to it than that," said Stokes, who has served a total of one

year in Afghanistan. "Obviously, what we do requires a lot of physical stuff, but you have to be smart, too. I actually work in meteorology and oceanography, along with doing this.

"This is a great way for us to become involved in the community and teach these young men about leadership and team-building. Winning in football is all about working together. It's a lot like the Marine Corps, only on a smaller scale."

Senior captain Nick DeHetre gave Tuesday's session glowing reviews - even though the workout had only just passed the halfway point.

"It's definitely motivational, working with some of the people who help keep our country safe and free," De-Hetre said, moments

after he completed the movement under fire drill. "It's inspirational to see it and hear about it first-hand compared to watching it on TV. These guys have been through a lot and they all have their own story to tell."

DeHetre also enjoyed the variety the Marine Corps workout offered him and his teammates.

"It's a nice opportunity to get exposed to other workouts other than football-based workouts," he added. "I like that we have junior varsity and varsity players out here side by side, working together on a hot day to get better. It's shows how committed and dedicated we are to building a winning team.'

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## Elite girls tennis players rule area courts

**FIRST-TEAM SINGLES** Winnie Karoub, Mercy: She completed her third season as a No. 1 singles player with a 12-6 record and made the allarea first team for the third straight year.

She is the Catholic League champion and a regional winner, too. She won a match and advanced to the second round of the Division 1 state tourna-

"Winnie is a tremendous No. 1 singles player," coach Joe Staf-ford said. "She's super athletic and plays tennis at a national level. When she's on her game, she

can play with anybody. "She can hit the ball a lot of different ways. And she's a fighter. When she's really focused and playing her game, she's tough to beat.

Karoub

"She's a great student as well. She's definitely going to play at the next level in col-

lege.
"We think we have a great singles lineup. They're all back again next year and we're excited about that.'

Aimee Moccia, Stevenson: The senior, headed to Grand Valley State, earned first team singles honors all four years en route to an 85-18 career record, including a 20-3 mark as a senior.

Moccia was the Kensington Lakes Activities Association 'A' tournament and Public Schools of Livonia champ, as well as regional runner-up who

qualified for the Division 1 state finals for the third straight season. She avenged one of her three losses with a 7-6, 6-4

first-round win in the state finals over Isabel Zhang of Ann Arbor Huron before losing to eventual state champion Davina Nguyen of Utica in the round of 16.

"Aimee had a stellar senior year and career at Stevenson,' coach Don McCathney said. 'She was easily the most focused dedicated female player I have ever coached.

"She played tennis the en-tire year and focused on becoming the best player she could be.

"The best part of Aimee's game was her sportsmanship and the way she carried herself on the court. Her court demeanor was exemplary

"In four years of watching Aimee play, I never witnessed her get upset or lose her temper at any time."

Carolyn McCullen, Franklin: The Patriots' top singles player, headed to Lawrence Tech, finished her senior season with a 19-2 record and won the KLAA 'B' tournament along with invitationals crowns at Carleton Airport and Salem.

As junior, McCullen went 20-5 and reached the round of 16 in the Division 1 state finals. "Carolyn has worked really

hard to improve her game for 2014 season,' coach Rick Clack said of the two-time state qualifier. "She had another very strong season, and her only losses were to all-state

McCullen

players. "She was determined, from the beginning of season, to have an excellent year and there were no dips in her play throughout the season.

"She is the second tennis player at Franklin in the last five years to accept a collegiate tennis scholarship.'

Arti Vaishnav, N. Farmington: The sophomore was the top player on another good Raiders team, which won a Division 2 regional title.

Vaishnav played No. 1 singles for the second year in a row and is a repeat member

of the all-area first team. 'Arti had a good year, considering the competition she plays in the OAA Red Division, which is the toughest league in the state, in my opinion," coach Whitney Wasielewski said.

Vaishnav

"She was named to the allleague team and was the regional champion. She is a young player and still has two

2014 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Winnie Karoub, jr., Farm. Hills Mercy Aimee Moccia, sr., Liv. Stevenson Carolyn McCullen, sr., Liv. Franklin Arti Vaishnav, soph., N. Farmington Sheryl Carter, soph., Farm. Harrison Kathryn Dunleavy, soph., F.H. Mercy FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

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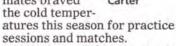
years to develop.

"Arti is a tough and consistent player and I'm looking forward to the future as she continues to improve and get stronger."

Sheryl Carter, Harrison: The sophomore No. 1 singles player had a successful season for the Hawks in the OAA White Division.

Carter was a Division 2 state qualifier and advanced to the third round of the finals, finishing with an 8-7 record.

"Sheryl is a motivated athlete," coach Delric Clemmons said. "She and her teammates braved the cold temper-



"She is a reliable player who sets a good example for her teammates in the areas of punctuality and good sportsmanship.

"Her calmness and focus while competing in the state finals tournament was com-mendable. It has been a pleasure coaching her this season." Kathryn Dunleavy, Mercy:

She starred at No. 2 singles for the second year in a row for the Marlins, winning Catholic League and regional championships. The sophomore compiled an 11-7 record.

"Kathryn is a really skilled player," Stafford said. "She's a great leader on and off the court. She's always thinking about her teammates. It's been great having her at Mercy for two years. "She's so

skilled; she hits a great ball and she has all the shots. She takes the ball early. She hits way out in front and dictates the majority of the



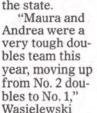
points. She always makes her opponents do the majority of the running.

"She is really committed to her game and she works at it. She's probably our hardest worker and most committed player in the off-season."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES Andrea Kopitz and Maura Ehrlich, N. Farmington: The veteran players - Kopitz is a senior and Ehrlich a junior -

Kopitz

led a strong lineup of doubles teams for the Raiders. They helped North win a Division 2 regional championship and finish ninth in



said. "They were named allstate honorable mention and were also regional champions.

"They finished the season with a winning record, which is very impressive considering their competition. Both of these players were team captains and they proved to be

ra Pilchak, Mercy: Zierau, who won a state championship at No. 2 doubles last year, and Pilchak were a pleasant surprise when they combined to play No. 1 singles

leaders on and off the court."

Mackenzie Zierau and Cla-

this year, according to Stafford. Playing against great competition, the junior duo posted a 9-9 record, won a regional cham-Zierau

pionship and

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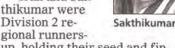
Mack has great ground strokes from the baseline; Clara is a great all-court player and is really agile at the "It was fun to watch those

two, because they were always so supportive of each other. They would always keep pumping each other up. You could tell they really enjoyed playing together.

'One doubles was a really deep flight this year and they more than held their own against the top No. 1 doubles teams in the state.'

**Ashley Tran** and Priyanka Sakthikumar, Farmington: The senior duo won the OAA White Division championship at No. 1 doubles, moving up two places from their third seed to defeat top-seeded Troy Athens in the final.

Tran and Sakthikumar were Division 2 re-



up, holding their seed and finishing second to North Farmington's Kopitz and Ehrlich. They compiled an impres-

sive 16-5 record with losses to Stoney Creek, Troy Athens. North Farmington (twice) and state champion Forest Hills Northern.

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Glenn football

Westland John Glenn is offering a summer skills football camp from noon to 3 p.m. les 11-12) and 5-8 incoming grad p.m. (grades 9-10) Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school gym.

The cost is \$15. For more information, call Glenn varsity coach Tim Hardin at 734-419-2329.

### Wildcats football camp

The 2014 Plymouth Wildcats Football Skills Camp will be held June 23-25 at the Ply mouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Youngsters entering grades 5-9 next fall will go 5-7 p.m. each day; those entering grades 10-12 will go 7-9 p.m.

Visit www.plymouthwildcatsfootball.com to download a camp brochure and get additional information. Contact Coach Mike Sawchuk at 734-765-1766.

### Canton football camps

Summer football camps being run by the Canton High School program are slated for June and July at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsi-

Visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a flier. Fundamental Camp: The

camp is for players entering grades 3-6 in fall 2014. Times are 9 a.m. to noon June 23-26. Contact Enza Lanava at 313-

Skills Camp: The camp is for players entering grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7:30 p.m. July 14-17. Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-2738.

### Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will offer a series of summer volleyball camps for middle school and high school players including:

Advanced - 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 23-26; general skills – 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 23-26; setters -8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session I) – 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session II) - 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defensive - 1-4:30 p.m. Monday

though Thursday, July 7-10. The cost for each camp is

For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.

### Churchill soccer

Churchill High School will be staging a soccer camp for boys and girls (ages 10-16) 9-11 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$49 and camp will be run by current boys and girls varsity head coaches. Bring cleats, soccer ball and shin guards.

For more information, email boys coach Matt Grodzicki at mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org or girls coach Reid Friedrichs at rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org.

### Churchill hoops

» The Livonia Churchill boys basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 23-27, at the high school. The cost is \$50.

For more information, email Churchill coach Jim Solak at solakj@taylor.k12.mi.us. You can also call 313-303-7170 or 734-946-6657.

» The Churchill girls 2014 summer basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 15-18, the high school. The cost is \$50.

For more information, email coach Matt McCowan at mmccown54@gmail.com or call 248-761-9201.

### Franklin baseball

Livonia Franklin varsity coach Matt Fournier and his staff will hold their annual Future Stars summer baseball camp (grades 2-8) from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, at the high school, located at 31000 Joy

Included in the \$60 cost, if registered by Friday, June 20, is a camp T-shirt.

For more information, email Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org or call 734-968-0499.

### Madonna hoops

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

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

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

### Lady Spartan hoops

The Lady Spartan basketball camp (entering grades fournine) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday, June 23-25, at the Stevenson High School field house and gym, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livo-

Included in the \$60 cost is a camp T-shirt. Players will be grouped by age and skill level.

For more information, email Stevenson varsity girls basketball coach Tim Newman at tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org.

### Summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for nonresidents.

Baseball: The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave.

To register, visit cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either

Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

### Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey came will be 10-11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11 and July 14-18, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia.

The cost is \$175 (checks should be made payable to Churchill H.S.).

For more information, email Churchill coach Jason Reynolds at Jayrey48152@gmail.com or call 734-788-0447

### Churchill football

» The Livonia Churchill Twilight football camp (grades 3-8) will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, at the

high school. The cost is \$35 if pre-registered by July 1 or \$50 after. You can register in person beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July

23, at the football field pavilion » Churchill will also offer two camps for grades 9-12 in-cluding basic offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, June 22-24, along with advanced offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday

The cost is \$100. You can register in person at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at the football field pavilion.

through Tuesday, July 27-29.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Churchill High School: Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of camp.

### MU cross country

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

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park.

each long run. For more information, email Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell)

or 734-432-5634 (office).

The cost is a \$2 donation



Competing during the Division 4 state tournament at No. 2 singles is Maddy Szuba of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. She won the championship.

## Just perfect!

Szuba wins No. 2 singles title at D-4 finals to cap undefeated senior year

Maddy Szuba just complet-ed a season to remember for Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's varsity girls tennis team. The Plymouth Township resident, who recently graduated from Gabriel Richard, captured the No. 2 singles

championship at the Division 4

state tournament at Holly. Szuba, whose parents are Mike and Anne Marie Szuba, defeated Jessica Bouma of Kalamazoo Christian by a 6-3, 6-2 tally.

With her victory, the 17-yearold finished her senior year undefeated (20-0), having nev-

er lost a single set. She also was the team captain, wrapping up a stellar four-year varsity career with

the Fighting Irish. As a bonus, one of her teammates was younger sister Sarah Szuba, who played at No. 3 singles.

"Being captain, having her sister Sarah on the team and winning a state championship was a great way to finish her high school career," Mike Szuba said.

Szuba also had plenty of success academically. She graduated summa cum laude.

Her plans are to attend University of Michigan's College of Engineering this fall.

### RUMBERGER

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### Led by example

Willette added that Salem players needed to only see the kind of extra effort Rumberger always devoted to the program to become infused with an extra shot of motivation.

"Dale took great pride in the Salem baseball field, one of the best-kept fields in the state of Michigan," Willette added. "He would spend a lot of his own time cutting the grass, (removing weeds) and dragging the infield.

"All Dale ever asked of his players was to always give 100 percent because that's what he did as a player himself and as a coach."

According to the MVP on Rumberger's final team, shortstop Jack Driscoll, the coach always had the right answers to questions about all aspects of the game.

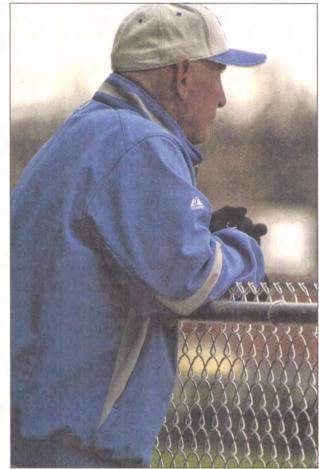
"Coach Rumberger's a really great coach, who helped me a lot on just becoming a better baseball player and even a better person," said Driscoll, who recently graduated. "With hitting (instruction), he's always saying, 'Stride, rotate, swing.' Just be on top of the ball.

"If you do all that right and you listen to him, everything will work out."

With a laugh, Driscoll added that players always went the extra mile to heed Rumberger's words of wisdom, because "he always says that he hates being

### Winning legacy

Rumberger's coaching legacy is one for the record books, having collected numerous awards capped off by his 2012 induction into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Other honors include being



Dale Rumberger is retiring after 28 seasons with the Salem Rocks, the past 20 as head coach.

### THE RUMBERGER FILE

**What:** Coach Dale Rumberger is retiring after 28 seasons with the Salem Rocks varsity baseball team.

Career: He was Salem's assistant coach from 1987-94, and took over as head coach in 1995. During his 20-year career at the helm, the Rocks went 356-303 and won three division titles, three district titles and a regional championship. During his eight seasons as assistant coach, Salem posted a 143-67 record and won the 1991 state championship as well as a number of division, conference, district and regional titles. Overall, Salem teams went 499-370 with Rumberger on the coaching staff.

2014: Rumberger's final season was among his best, with a 28-10 record. The squad recorded more than 100 stolen bases and three players had 40 or more base hits.

Awards: Honors were plentiful, including Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year (1991), District Coach of the Year (1995, 2000, 2005), Observer Coach of the Year (1995, 2000) and MHSBCA All-Star Game Coach (2001). He was inducted into the MHSBCA Hall of Fame in 2012.

named Observer Coach of the Year in 1995 and 2000.

Canton head baseball coach Mark Blomshield called Rumberger "an ambassador to the sport of baseball. Dale ran a quality program for a very long time, which in its own is a monumental

task in today's age."
One of the games

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Blomshield always looked circled on his schedule was the Canton-Salem match-up.

"I knew we would have a good old-fashioned rivalry game that day," Blomshield said. "We always looked forward to it."

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Mike Unger (left), who has been Lutheran High Westland's A.D. since 1987, is passing the torch to his former student Kevin Wade. BRAD EMONS

# Lutheran Westland making an A.D. transition

Teacher Unger retires after 27 years, pupil Wade takes over

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

In 1987, his first year as athletic director at Lutheran High Westland, Mike Unger got to experience divine intervention first-hand.

He recalled finding a peculiar message on his desk and still has the cherished note in his possession, pinned to a board in his office surrounded by all his plaques, trophies and photos.

"We had a football game canceled that year at Hamtramck St. Florian," Unger said. "The message said, 'All activities canceled for the week.' It was because the pope (John Paul II) came

to town."

Lutheran High Westland athletics has come along ways since those days, when Unger had to scramble to find games before the Warriors eventually moved into the Metro Conference and then the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

"Back then, we played teams like Peck and Waldron, schools we knew nothing about," said Unger, who is stepping down as the Warriors' A.D. after 27 years, giving way to one of his former students, Kevin Wade.

The 63-year-old Unger recently accepted a retirement-buyout package from the Lutheran High School Association, but he isn't completely stepping away.

He'll continue to teach four math classes and will coach track and field in the spring, while reassuming the cross country team duties this fall, taking over for his daughter-in-law Allie Unger.

"It looked pretty good and I had somebody that wanted to be athletic director," Unger said. "And I thought this was the time. I enjoy it, but it wears sometimes. I can still teach, which I thoroughly still enjoy doing, and I can still coach. I'm hired back part time and if I can do it, why not?"

Unger, who graduated from Concordia (Neb.)
University and did his graduate work at Wayne State University, spent eight years as A.D. at Detroit Lutheran West before migrating to the then-new Wisconsin Synod school located on Cowan Road in Westland.

A member of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Unger guided Lutheran West to back-to-back MHSAA Class C boys track state titles in 1981-82, as well as a runner-up finish in 1983.

He also brought Lutheran Westland its only state title in 2001, when the Warriors captured the Division 4 boys track and field championship.

While Unger will still be wearing a couple of hats, he won't have to don the big sombrero.

"I won't be here as many nights," Unger said of relinquishing his A.D. duties. "I enjoy doing the athletic director stuff, but then nights wear on you with the Friday or Saturday afternoon football games. I'll get my schoolwork done earlier, is what I can do, and I might not even be here in the morning as much. The plan is to teach four (classes), which I do now. My teaching load will be the same.'

The 34-year-old Wade, a 1997 Lutheran Westland grad, has served as the school's dean of students and will become an assistant principal.

A graduate of Concordia University of Ann Arbor, Wade has undergraduate degrees in physical education and secondary education. He also has a master's in administration from Concordia-Mequon (Wis.). This past year, he taught advanced biology and environmental science.

Wade has been the

school's varsity baseball coach for the past 10 seasons, guiding the Warriors to a runner-up finish in the 2008 Division 4 state tournament.

His plan is to continue as varsity baseball coach, but he'll step down as the school's varsity volleyball coach. He led Lutheran Westland to a runner-up finish in the Class D state tournament in 2008.

The Rev. Tom Lange, a part-time religion teacher at Lutheran Westland, will take over the volleyball job this fall and be assisted by longtime JV coach Dave Ruth.

"Administration has always kind of been my goal," Wade said. "I think I've always wanted to be an athletic director and Mike knows that. I've been the dean of students for three years, including all the discipline stuff. I'll be picking up more with the assistant principaltype change. Administration is where I'm at and maybe one day I may become a principal. I guess my bosses see some good in me, so they kind of keep giving me opportunities.

Wade was called "a quiet student" by his mentor when he used to sit in Unger's class. The two are now going over items such as the athletic budget and have been working closely together the past month during the transition phase.

"It's all the little details that I don't know anything about," Wade said. "I understand athletics, I understand sports. Obviously I've coached a variety of sports, but it's all the little things (Unger) has done that I don't know about that happens. So when things pop up, that's going to be the biggest challenge. It's nice that he'll be in the building. And if I ever get stuck, I'll be able to bounce things off of him."

It should be a smooth hand-off of the baton.

That's unless the new pope (Francis) decides to pay an unexpected visit.

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## Area spikers grab the gold

Next Generation wins AAU state title

The "next generation" in club volleyball is doing just fine, thank you.

Next Generation Volleyball Club 15-1 captured the state championship for the Under-15 Club Division, May 30 and June 1 at Cornerstone University.

Next Generation, composed of a number of area athletes, defeated Indiana-based Dunes Volleyball Club 22-25, 25-27, 15-13 to prevail in the 2014 MJVBA Association Championship/AAU Grand Prix.

The full U15 Next
Generation roster is:
Katie Coe (Plymouth),
Gabrielle den Boer (Canton/Canton HS), Jordyn
Kreucher (Mercy HS),
Kylie Kreucher (Novi
MS), Mallory Lynch
(Northville MS), Sydney
Hughes (Mercy HS),
Nya Rodriguez (Troy
HS), Allie Sanderson



Celebrating after winning the state championship in the 15U division is the Next Generation Volleyball Club. The team includes players from Canton, Plymouth and Mercy high schools.

(Mercy HS) and Hailey Sygiel (Mercy HS).

With the victory, Next Generation advanced to nationals in Orlando, Fla.

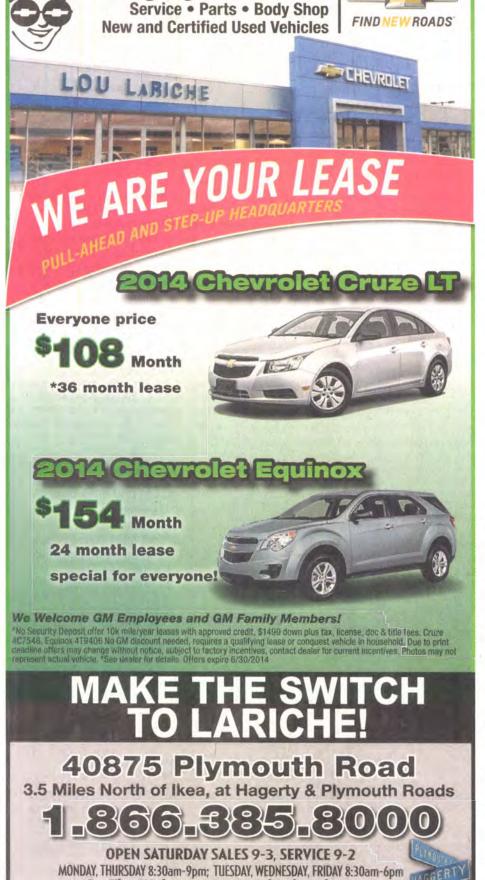
The semifinal match immediately preceding the championship game was a barn burner between local 15 regional team High Velocity Hurricanes and the Dunes

team (25-22, 20-25, 15-13).

Next Generation Volleyball club practices out of Novi, Southfield and Utica and will hold tryouts for the 2015 sea-

Go to www.nextgenerationvolleyball.com for more details.

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# Get physical: Yoga program aims to keep pulmonary hypertension patients active

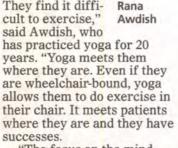
**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Rana Awdish, M.D., hopes yoga will help patients with pulmonary hypertension high blood pressure in the lungs — exercise more suc-cessfully.

Awdish, a Northville resident and pulmonologist at Henry Ford Hospital, developed a 40-minute yoga program, available on DVD and download through iTunes and Googleplay, with poses modified for individuals with pulmonary hypertension. The exercises are gentle enough for hypertensive patients, even those on oxygen or with joint pain, and can be accomplished seated or standing. The program includes three levels of low-impact yoga

exercise that is aimed at improving balance, strength, reducing stress and calming the nervous system.

'What we find so impactful about yoga is two-fold: Most of our patients are so limited because of shortness of breath. They find it difficult to exercise, said Awdish, who



The focus on the mindbody aspect of it and the focus on the breathing helps to calm the nervous system" and reduce blood pressure and heart rate, Awdish added.

That's especially important for individuals with pulmonary hypertension. In patients with the disease, the heart works harder to force blood through the narrowed vessels in their lungs. It typically develops between ages 20-60 and strikes women two or three times more than men. Awdish said genetics and environmental factors likely play a role in developing the disease.

'It's been a rare disease for a long time and is now being recognized, and recognized in older people more now than before. It tends to run hand-inhand with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. We know that if patients exercise, they'll have

less joint pain and a better quality of life. What we don't know what the ideal exercise modality is.

### **Exercise success**

Awdish said she created the yoga program after patients asked for it. They wanted to try yoga, but weren't sure which kind was safe and which poses they should avoid.

"These were things I knew because I had done yoga for so long. I started doing yoga in college, but it became meaningful to me in 2008 when I became critically ill.

She said yoga played a big role in helping her to regain her health as she recovered. She practiced basic yoga exercises and saw results.

"I could see day to day I

was getting stronger."

Awdish said the focus on breath in yoga also may help patients view their breathing, which often is hampered by their disease, as a "healing modality" rather than a symptom of pulmonary hypertension. Common symptoms of the disease are shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, and a racing heartbeat.

"It empowers patients to create a more healing environment for their bodies. It's so empowering for them to have successes.

A grant from the Pulmonary Hypertension Association paid for the program. To order a free DVD, visit henryford.com and click on departments and then the link to pulmonary and critical care

## Study shows Sweet Dreamzzz helps preschoolers get more sleep

A new study from the University of Michigan found that preschoolers taking part in the Farmington Hills-based Sweet Dreamzzz educational sleep program slept 30 minutes longer each night.

In the study, published in the journal *SLEEP*, 152 preschool children and their families participated in the Sweet Dreamzzz Early Childhood Sleep Education Program, through Head Start programs. The sleep project included a one-time, 45-minute sleep education program for parents, and two weeks of classroom sleep education for the preschoolers. Parents were asked to keep diaries for assessment of their children's sleep habits.

'We know that an increase in sleep duration of that magnitude is associated with better

function for kids during the day," said Katherine DeRue, who conducted the study while she was a postgraduate fellow at the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center and Departments of Neurology and Pediatrics. She is now a pediatrician and sleep physician at IHA Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Consultants in Ann Arbor.

"Parents often underestimate how much sleep their kids require, so an educational program like this, directed at parents when they have more control over their kids' sleep schedules, can have great impact."

The study also found that parents' awareness and knowledge of good sleep behaviors also improved after program participation, but this effect

was not sustained when parents were retested one month

"So we found that a twoweek program of daily exposure to sleep education in the preschool classroom, along with an initial presentation for parents, can be an effective strategy," said Ronald D. Chervin, M.D., M.S., the study's senior author, director of the U-M Sleep Disorders Center, and a volunteer on Sweet Dreamzzz's Advisory Board.

'But repeated exposure or reminders about the sleep information may be necessary to maintain the effects for kids and especially parents over

This is believed to be the first study to examine the effect of a sleep education program on the sleep of preschoolage children. Learning good habits

Among the lessons taught were recognizing 8 p.m. as the desirable bedtime; learning that an apple is a better snack before bedtime than a candy bar; and identifying reading rather than watching television as a relaxing activity before bedtime.

We are pleased to see that the University of Michigan researchers have been able to measure the impact of our sleep program. We know a proper sleep environment, regular bedtime routine, and the right amount of sleep hours each night can impact the future of our children," said Nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director.

Sweet Dreamzzz provides

educational programs on sleep, along with free sleep essentials, such as sleeping bags, toothbrushes, and books about sleep, to schoolchildren in low-income areas. Sweet Dreamzzz's main aims are to encourage better sleep — and thereby better health and learning — at the earliest ages.

"Nutrition and exercise are commonly the focus of educational efforts to improve children's health," Chervin said. "Good sleep — in quality and quantity — is no less vital to our kids' future, yet it's rarely if ever discussed. Our new findings suggest that a small amount of effort to promote better sleep could have substantial benefit now, and conceivably for years to come as these youngsters grow older."



Please include the child's name, age, phone number and address.

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## Change... Should I be afraid?

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Like it or not, things change. It's inevitable. And, while all women will experience menopause, the extent of its effects can vary greatly. Obstetrician/ Gynecologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Chadi Haddad, provides an overview of what to expect during this physical change.

Dr. Haddad Obstetrics/Gynecology

Q: When does menopause usually start and what

causes it? A: Menopause is a normal part of aging and generally occurs after the age of 40, with an average age of 51. However, some women may experience menopause early, either as a result of surgery, such as hysterectomy, or from damage to the ovaries. Each woman is born with a finite number of eggs, which are stored in the ovaries. The ovaries also produce the hormones estrogen and progesterone, which regulate menstruation and ovulation. Menopause occurs when the ovaries no longer release an egg every month and menstruation stops.

- Q: Will menopause symptoms last for the rest of my life?
- A: For most women, the symptoms of menopause last for a relatively short time. However, a woman's level of estrogen naturally remains low after menopause. This can affect many parts of the body, including the sexual and urinary organs, heart and bones. So in that sense, the changes of menopause will be lifelong. But eating right, exercising and making other positive lifestyle changes can help a woman feel great and live a long, healthy life after menopause.
- Q: What is the difference between perimenopause and menopause?
- A: The term 'menopause' is often used interchangeably with perimenopause. However, a woman only technically reaches the menopausal stage of life after she has not had a menstrual cycle for twelve months. The major difference between perimenopause and menopause is the production of eggs. During perimenopause, a woman experiences irregular periods, but her ovaries may still produce eggs.
- Q: Even though my eating habits have not changed, I've gained weight recently. Is this linked to menopause?
- A: It may be. The body's metabolism changes during and after menopause. Everyone's metabolism begins to slow during the early to mid-30s. This change occurs slowly, so it may take a while for the impact of eating habits to affect weight. It is important to make a sensible, nutritious diet and healthy behaviors, such as getting enough exercise, a goal for life. Evidence suggests eating a diet, which includes lean protein and is low in fat and carbohydrates, may help.

At Garden City Hospital's Center for Women's Health, Dr. Haddad and his team provide the most advanced services in gynecology, obstetrics, prevention and surgery. To make an appointment with Dr. Haddad, call 313.561.2200.

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GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

# Livonia senior recognized for gardening, painting

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Beverly Johnston hated gardening as a child.

"We had a vacant lot next to our house that my mother planted," said Johnston, recalling her childhood yard in Plymouth. "My sister and I helped her. We're talking using a hoe to get out weeds, carrying buckets of water, and canning everything. It was not our idea of a good time. We swore that we'd never have gardens."

But after she married,

moved to Livonia 62 years ago, and started raising her four children, Johnston discovered "there's more of my mom in me than I realized." She put in a few tomato plants behind the garage and eventually added cutting flowers. When the family moved to their second Livonia home 48 years ago, Johnston put her green thumb to work.

Now at age 86, she'll open her yard to visitors Saturday, June 28, on the Greenmead Garden Walk in Livonia.

"What I aim for in the garden is to make it pleasing to me. I see something I like that appeals to me, I like the color or shape of the leaf or I think it looks cool next to something. I have an impulse garden."

Johnston said her mix of

Johnston said her mix of colors and potted annuals also reflects her interest in art and experience as a painter.

"I'm very much influenced by color. I just planted delphiniums next to rosy azaleas. I'm always thinking about what to put next to each other," she said. "I had a teacher who once said for a painting not to be boring, put in something unexpected. And that is the way I treat my garden."

A raised bed, for example, includes a Japanese maple tree that once thrived but since dying has become yard sculpture. Her late husband and two sons planted the tree for Mother's Day one year. Johnston decided to leave it in tact in memory of her husband and one of her sons, who also has



Beverly Johnston is an accomplished artist as well as gardener. Several of her paintings will hang in her garden during the walk. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Years ago, Beverly Johnston's husband and a son planted a tree in the back yard. Both husband and son have passed on. The tree eventually died, too. Beverly keeps the tree as a sculpture to honor them.

died. A wind chime hangs from the tree, which sits near a gazing ball.

### **Abstract artist**

A few of Johnston's floral pastels and paintings will be on display in her garden during the walk. Meanwhile, she'll set up her easel in one of the other gardens on the tour and will paint.

She recently won first place for an abstract painting she entered into the Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) spring art show, which runs through June 30 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Johnston said she has "always been into art" to some degree since childhood and has taken classes at Michigan State, Schoolcraft, Center for Creative Studies, Birmingham Bloomfield Arts Association and at VAAL, where she serves as treasurer. While raising her children, she didn't have much time to dabble, but when her youngest daughter was 4, Johnston attended a "ladies day out" at the YMCA and took

### 25TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF GREENMEAD GARDEN WALK

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28 Where: Five gardens at homes throughout Livonia, along with gardens at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile

Tickets: \$9 in advance; \$10 day of the event. Tickets available at all Livonia public libraries, Greenmead Historical Park and at Livonia City Hall, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road.

Contact: 248-477-7375

two art classes.

"I eventually got back into it. I joined an art club and started taking instruction."

She painted still life compositions and landscapes for years, but switched to abstract work after taking a class with Laura Host at the BBAC.

"I used to enter all the local



Beverly Johnston's floral paintings will be on display during the garden walk, but her passion is abstract art.

art shows. I don't do that much any more. I paint full size. It's hard to lug paintings around. Mainly now I paint for me,"

Lugging bags of dirt and mulch to the backyard and weeding from a kneeling position isn't easy, either. Four years ago, Johnston hired Colleen Giovanni of Farmington Hills to help with the heavy stuff outdoors.

"She is very nice. She brings in four or five kids and they work. I like her attitude and her kids. She teaches them the ethics of working."

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER WALK

## 'Every year is a work in progress'

Pool, park-like setting create hotel resort theme in Plymouth Twp. garden

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Linda Breakie usually plants 35 flats of annuals to accent her perennial beds every year and spends about 20 hours a week getting her yard into shape for summer.

But this year, with her fiveacre property in Plymouth Township on the the Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, she has been busy adding 15 flats, and working full time in the garden.

"A neighbor was in it last year and recommended me," said Breakie, who agreed to open her yard to the public on Tuesday, June 24. "Every year is a work in progress. Every year I'm trying to get in more perennials. The number of annuals never goes down. There is a lot of room to fill in."

She and her husband, Richard, who are both retired, bought the property 20 years ago, when they were self-employed in the health field. Although the site included "a lot of messy woods" and an aboveground pool, they liked the overhang at the attached garage and imagined it would become the perfect spot for outdoor gatherings.

"Richard has worked so hard on cleaning up the property," Breakie said. "When you drive up it kind of looks like a park. We're in a natural beauty area, so we don't want it to look too manicured."

### **Family flowers**

In addition to weeding out trees and scrub bushes, the couple had an in-ground swimming pool installed. The back yard also includes a waterfall,

### FLOWERS ARE FOREVER GARDEN WALK

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 24
Where: At several gardens throughout Plymouth and Plymouth Township What: Presented by Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth Tickets: \$8 pre-sale and \$10 on June 24. Tickets half off for children, 12 and under. Babies carried in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets

children, 12 and under. Babies carried in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets available at Saxton's Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main; and Sideways, 505 Forest

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hot tub and rock garden. Breakie also transplanted many perennials that once grew in her mother's gardens in Detroit and Dearborn Heights. One peony, for example, was handed down from her paternal grandfather to her mother and finally to her.

"It's the prettiest bloom of any peony I've ever seen," she said, describing the 50-year-old plant. "It's carnation pink. I try to group all the colors in the back (yard). I like the pinks and purples. I enjoy colors and flowers, but I'm not a Master Gardener."

She calls her yard a "jumble garden" because of its mix of plants and colors. It's set in sandy soil which is easy to dig, but requires added supplements. Breakie also sprays her plants with repellent to safeguard them from the dozen or so deer that cross the property every day. She has "dogproofed" much of the yard but discovered that their three



Linda Breakie says the entrance to her five-acre property on Ridge Road in Plymouth Township looks like a park.



Linda Breakie works on her garden, amid lavendar, begonias and ageratum flowers. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Australian shepherds seem to understand the phrase "get out of the flowers."

Breakie plans to add chairs, umbrellas and other items to give the back yard a "hotel

resort" theme for the Flowers are Forever Walk. The Trailwood Garden Club also will sell plants and garden ornaments on site.

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### Heritage Park

» Take a Full Moon Friday Night Hike 9:30-10:30 p.m. July 11. Cost is \$3 per person. Hikes are for ages 5 and up. Pre-register at recreg.fhgov.com. Or pay at the event. » Family Campfire, 7-9 p.m. July 11, is free. Marshmallows, s'mores and

beverages will be sold.

The park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, south of 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

### Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club presents its Small Standard Flower Show, 3-5 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The event is free. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org or email admin@livoniagardenclub.org.

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during Plant a Butterfly Garden, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8. Youngsters also will make a butterfly container garden. The store will supply the paint to decorate an 8-inch terra cotta pot and two plants to fill it. The fee is \$10. Register at www.englishgardens.com or in the store.

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## Celebration enhances your mental health

s Guillaune Apollinair said, "Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be

happy."
In previous columns I've written about the ingredients for staying mentally healthy, such as being thankful, implementing anti-stress practices, building resilience, volunteering, and therapeutic talking. I think we can add to the list participating in happy celebrations. And with the month of June well under way, we don't need to look very far to find many celebrations.

Traditionally, June is the season of celebration. There are many weddings in June. There are many graduations from high schools, colleges, graduate schools and even kindergartens at this time of year.

Also, there is the first day of summer on June, 21. There are memories of Mother's Day celebrations recently held in May and the anticipation of Fourth of July celebrations just ahead. That



means fireworks, for me. There is the grand event of Father's Day, which was celebrated this year on Sunday, June 15, and Flag Day on June 14.

### Personal celebrations

Sometimes, when the feats achieved or the milestones marked are not grand, or are not experienced due to various circumstances, the progress made, even in baby steps, towards one's goals certainly can be a reason to celebrate. I know a man who is celebrating the threemonth absence of seizures in his life in June. Another has achieved sobriety from alcohol and other drugs of abuse for six months. Many have birthdays in June. Did you know that on each birthday, each year, you have completed one

more trip around the sun and have begun your next trip around the sun, as an inhabitant of planet Earth?

June can be the celebration of ending a school year. Locally, at least, many were dismissed from schools as of June 12. It is the beginning of summer vacations. Perhaps for many it is a time to celebrate the vacation time from work, and to enjoy a travel trip or a chance to repaint the house. Around these parts of Michigan, June will certainly be the cause for celebration of the end to winter, finally. Our spring was pretty lame and the longevity of this year's winter, with snow falling into April, gives many folks cause to celebrate and be optimistic about continued warm weather.

### Feeling happy

Celebrating lifts one's spirits. It is difficult, if not impossible, to be angry at others, anxious and fearful, or depressed and despondent, while celebrating something. Instead of anxiety-raising blood pressure and heart rate, let celebration put a positive twist on all changes in how we feel.

I think that within the spectrum of celebration there is an opportunity to be grateful. Gratitude goes a long way in calming us and helps us to focus on what we have vs. what we don't have. Summer months are traditionally characterized as seasons to relax, to get away, to take it easy, to be playful, to have fun and to enjoy. So, celebrate!

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## Suite Dreams room makeovers delight ailing children

t's been 13 years since Bloomfield Hills residents and do-gooders Kris Appleby and Kay Ponicall founded the Suite Dreams Project. Their dedication and drive to bring joy into the homes and bedrooms of seriously ill children is astounding and heartwarming.

This year's Hats Off Luncheon at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield drew 450-plus women and a few great men including Décor Sponsor David C. McKnight of Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills. Guest speaker Flora Armstrong talked about her family's experience with Suite Dreams. Armstrong has five children, including Matthew, 9, who has leukodystrophy. In March, Suite Dreams volunteers revamped the Armstrong home, espe-

SOCIAL SCENE cially Matthew's bedroom. A diehard Spongebob fan, Matthew was

Julie

**Yolles** 

Spongebob-themed room "Suite Dreams completely changed our lives," Armstrong told the crowd. "I am so thankful that they came to our house to make the space beautiful."

thrilled with his new

For consideration of coverage in this column, send event happenings, including invitations and press kits, to Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 1073 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or

## Local art club gives first prize to abstract painting

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia recently awarded prizes to the top three selections in its spring art exhibit, Artistic Expressions.

Meaghen Jackson, an artist, juror and instructor, juried the show, which continues through June 30 in the Fine Arts Gallery located at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. The exhibit showcases the outstanding art work done by VAAL members in all media including: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work is for sale.



Meandering, by Beverly Johnston of Livonia, won first place in Visual Arts Association of Livonia's current show.

Beverly Johnston took first place for her abstract painting, Mean-

Johnson became active in VAAL 12 years ago and became a contributing board member.



Regina Dunne won second place for Scotch Man.

She also was an early member of the Palette and Brush Club, one of the oldest art clubs in the area, and is a member of the Farmington Art Club. She took art



In the Pink, by Ann Sullivan-Smith, took third

lessons from Emily Fox, Alice Nichols, Edee Joppich and Audrey di Marco and has studied with nationally known teachers.

Other winners were Regina Dunne, second

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62nd reunion set for both January and June classes, Saturday, Sept. 13, at Park Place in Dearborn. Contact Al Orloff at orloffal@aol.com or 734-432-9308; or Marvin Smyth at mmsmyth@juno.com or 313-562-4378 for more information.

### CLASS OF 1984

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at Roma Hall Banquet Center in Garden City. Cost is \$45 per person for buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing. Contact Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net, visit the class Facebook page, Fordson Class of 1984 or www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/33028.

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### CLASS OF 1964

50-year reunion, 8:30 p.m. to

12:30 a.m. Friday July 25, at American Legion Hall, 23850 Military, Dearborn Heights. Contact Christine Walker Cruickshank at 248-313-0544

### LIVONIA BENTLEY CLASS OF 1974

40th class reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at One Under Bar and Grill in Livonia. \$40 per person. Visit www.bentley74.com to buy tickets.

### LIVONIA **STEVENSON** CLASS OF 1974

40-year reunion, planned by Linda Armstrong, Kim Geiger and Jack Karbowski, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 29, Corsi's Restaurant, 27910 Seven Mile, Livonia. Includes dinner, photo booth, disc jockey, pizza. Reservations and payment with Karbowski, 313-530-9634; karblitski@yahoo.com.

### **PLYMOUTH SALEM** CLASS OF 1974

6-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Email Joy McClendon at joymcclen@gmail.com or visit Face-

### **ROMULUS HIGH** SCHOOL **CLASS OF 1979**

A 35-year reunion is planned for Aug. 16 at Best Western Gateway International (Airport), 9191 Wickham, Romulus, For more information, contact Duane Moffat at 248-426-6501 or Spectroemc2@gmail.com.

### **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN CLASS OF 1979**

35th reunion starts with an informal get together, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 24, at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia. The reunion runs 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 25, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Cost of \$65 per person includes dinner, open bar, dancing and disc jockey. Make checks payable to JGHS Class of '79 and send to JGHS Class of 79, 887 Eton Ct., South Lyon, MI 48178.

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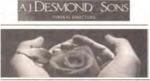
A memorial service for Carolyn (Lynn) Rundell Culotta is scheduled for June 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170





### M. CHARLOTTE

June 14, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Loving mother of John (Jennifer). Also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and relatives. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at www. DesmondFuneralHome.com



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### RELIGION CALENDAR

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, June 29

Location: St. Hilary Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford Township

Details: A reception and tour of the church buildings will follow

the service. The church is closing after 60 years Contact: 313-533-1560; sthilary-

### redford.org CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Details:** The Canton Concert Band performs on the north lawn at the church. Bring a chair or blanket. Donations of nonperishable food will be collected and delivered to Open Door Ministry, Canton

Contact: 734-459-3333

### LECTURE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Watch the second part of Howard Lupovitch's lecture. "Transforming the Jewish Landscape: Great Jewish Philanthropists," on DVD. The topic is "The Bronfmans and Max Fisher.' Admission is free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

### **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 25 Location: St. Michael the Arch-

angel Parish, school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Al Kresta, a former evangelical pastor and now president and CEO of Ave Maria Communications, will talk about the future of religious freedom in the U.S. Free

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

### **SERMON SERIES**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday through sum-

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Sermon series on The Lord's Prayer

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

### **BIBLE SCHOOL** Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to noon,

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian

Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Details: "Weird Animals -

Where Jesus' Love is 1-of-a-Kind!" is the theme. The sessions, for 3-year-olds through students entering fifth grade, will include story time and lessons, music, crafts, recreation and snacks. Cost is \$8 per child

### Contact: 734-422-1470, ext. 17; www.sppc.org

**VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon,

June 23-26 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: "Summer JAM" is for grades K-6. Students will learn about parables and making movies. The session closes with a free family movie night at the Phoenix Theater at Laurel Park

Contact: 734-427-8743; livoniachurch.net

### **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, June 22-Wednesday, June 25; registration will start at 5 p.m. followed by a light supper and the program

Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: The theme is "Neighbors around the World." Youngsters will visit Australia, Zimbabwe, Japan, the United Kingdom and Mexico through life lessons

Contact: 734-721-4801

### JULY **DVD SERIES**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, beginning July 2 Location: Congregation Beth

Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: View a 36-part series, "Holy Land Revealed" on Biblical archeology by Jodi Magness, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 and 16 Location: St. Aidan, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Free movies are The NeverEnding Story, on July 9 and Gravity on July 16. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow the screen-

### Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950 MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food concessions will be available Contact: 313-937-2424;

www.HosannaTabor.org **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

### Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. July 21-25 Location: Good Hope Lutheran

Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660; groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/good-

### **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 28-31 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne Contact: 734-728-1950

### YOGA CLASSES

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 1,8,15 and 22

Location: St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Lauren Burtell teaches a Tuesday yoga class. Walk in each class for \$10

### Contact: Burtell at 313-671-7909 **ONGOING**

### CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

### 734-464-9491 **Our Lady of Loretto**

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the

second and fourth Thursday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Catholic author Gary

Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

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

held

Contact: 248-374-5920 **FAMILY MEAL** Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** 

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

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

or Kristen at 734-542-0767

## **MILESTONES**

### ANNIVERSARY



Karen and Terry White of Plymouth Township on their wedding day in 1984.

### **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**

Terry and Karen (Sovel) White will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary June 30. The couple married in 1984 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, in Dearborn.

Terry grew up in Garden City, Karen in Westland. The couple lived in Westland for 20 years and now reside in Plymouth Township. Terry

and Karen met while working at the McDonald's on Ford Road in Westland, when they were 17. They have two daugh-

ters, Renee (Freddie) Jordan and Theresa White. Both live in Ply-Terry is employed by

Hewlett-Packard and Karen works for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. They enjoy

spending time with family and friends, traveling, attending concerts and watching the Detroit Red Wings.

They plan to celebrate their anniversary with a dinner and date night, which may include a stop for ice cream at the Mc-Donald's where they met. A trip later this year also is in the works.

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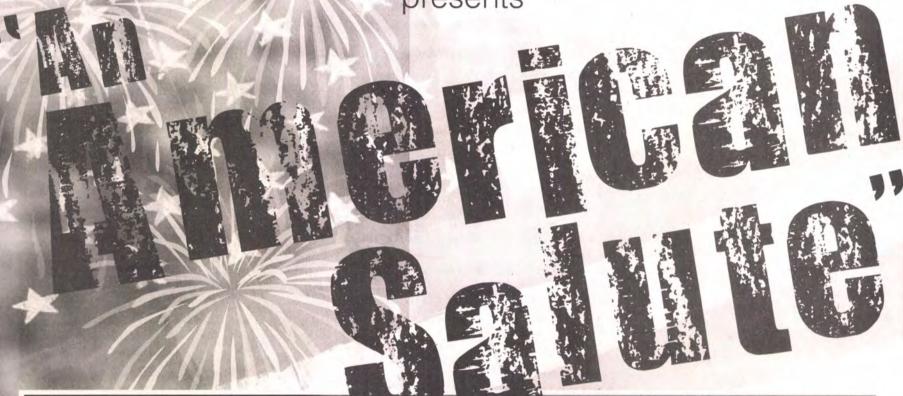
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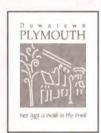
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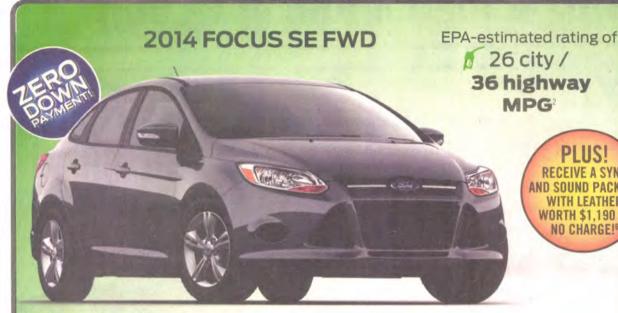








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# JOBS



### By Susan Ricker CareerBuilder writer

Just like in dating, job searching can sometimes cause you to look back on your past at some of the baggage you've collected. But while your date may be forgiving of poor communication skills or your fear of commitment, hiring managers aren't necessarily as understanding.

So when you bring baggage to your job search, such as gaps on your résumé or looking for jobs out of state, you'll have to discuss the subject carefully and at the right moment. To help figure out timing, consider these tips for addressing your jobsearch baggage.

### Save the cover letter for why you're qualified

A cover letter may seem like a natural place to address any concerns a potential employer may have, but in a competitive job market, your first impression can't be made up of reasons to doubt your capabilities.

"This weakens your application right from the start," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and owner of Call to Career, a career coaching firm. "My advice is to keep it positive in the cover letter and avoid touchy issues. If you have a strong résumé, the recruiter will follow up with you, and if they have questions about your background, they will ask those questions during a screening interview. But with the cover letter and résumé, you at least want to make the first cut."

### Addressing résumé gaps

If there are gaps of empty time on your résumé, an employer will likely be curious as to what you were doing. Palmer suggests waiting for the interviewer to bring this up -- but be sure to have an answer ready. "The answer that you give needs to be clear enough so that it does not provoke more questions,"

## When do I bring up my baggage in a job search?



she says. "So if the company that you worked for closed, and you were unemployed for a period of time after that, you need to explain that the company closed and tell the interviewer what you did in-between jobs. Hopefully you can truthfully say that you were doing contract work or updating your skills by

obtaining a certification." As Palmer mentions, employers want to know that your career was a part of your life even when you weren't working, and they want to know how

you stayed involved with your field. Whether it was volunteering, pursuing more education or simply reading industry publications, show how you made the most of your time.

### When you're overqualified

There are plenty of reasons a job seeker may be interested in a position that's a rung lower on their career ladder. Just know that interviewers will want to understand your reasoning. Yes, you can bring your experience to the role, but if an interviewer believes you're only interested in the job until you can find something better, he probably won't take the risk of hiring you. Instead, point to why this match makes sense.

"If you have been in management but are being interviewed

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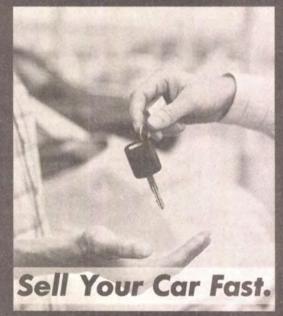
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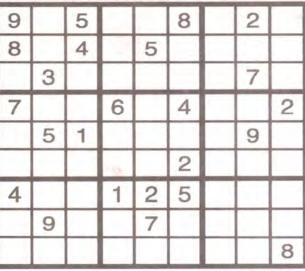
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## GMC Has a Big, Big it in Hugely Capable **New GMC Yukon**



If the unraveling of Iraq had occurred even three years ago, the U.S. automotive industry might have been greatly alarmed because of the potential run-up in oil - and gasoline - prices and how it would spook American consumers, as such spikes notably have before. And sales



Rear connectivity features are a highlight. prospects would look significantly worse for vehicles such as the brand-new 2015 GMC Yukon.

But while sensitivities to the threat to Iraq's oil capabilities have sent global crude prices significantly higher lately, one major change in the picture has prevented U.S. consumers and automakers from being nearly as concerned about such dangers as last time: the new paradigm of domestic energy security.

Advanced technologies such as "fracking" and horizontal drilling have boosted U.S. crudeoil production by 47 percent since 2010, and last October domestic oil production surpassed imports for the first time in nearly two decades.

The upshot: The chances of a repeat of the traumatic gasoline-lines scenario of the Seventies

occurring ever again in our lifetimes have receded to almost nil. Gasoline prices in this country can be expected to demonstrate much more stability in the years ahead - albeit at today's \$3-a-gallon-and-up levels - even though oil remains a global market.

And demand for vehicles such as the new Yukon, and the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe and Chevrolet Suburban, won't be whacked nearly as severely as they were several years ago.

After the 2008 financial crash and Great Recession, the entire segment of hulking SUVs like the GM models and the now-defunct Ford Excursions was written off as moribund. Gasoline prices spiked at more than \$4 a gallon; they offered woeful fuel economy; the recession had sapped purchasing power from most Americans; and gas-thirsty SUVs were considered automotive Public Enemy No. 1 by the mainstream media and cultural elite.

But the new GM fleet is just the right group of new offerings to bring the category back amid signs that a good number of Americans again want the size, roominess, towing capabilities and other practical advantages of mammoth SUVs in updated packages. Yukon sales, for example, were ahead by 143 percent in May compared with a year earlier and were 42 percent higher for the year to date compared with 2013.

The Yukon also has just gotten a hugely important new imprimatur: It was named in a tie with Suburban as the top-ranked Large SUV in the 2014

Initial Quality Study by J.D. Power & **Associates** 

So what kind of vehicle is worthy of such glowing regard?

The new 2015 Yukon is fully

The 2015 version still offers some of the most important benefits of driving such a large vehicle: a high position to optimize visibility while driving, ample mass and loads of safety features to lend confidence on the road, and cavernous

with a 5.3-liter V8 engine that generates 355 horsepower, even more than last version's 320 horsepower, and a sixspeed automatic transmission. But Yukon also posts respectable fuel economy of 18 mpg combined, 16 in the



The 2015 GMC Yukon is helping bring back the large-SUV segment.

and improved fuel economy at the same time, better standard and optional equipment, an integrated fold-flat thirdrow rear seat, updated exterior styling, a quieter interior and low-range gearing now available on the Denali model.

The new Yukon still brings its traditional rugged truck construction and V8 towing capacity but also has added amenities and features that make the experience of driving and riding in it more like that of a full-fledged luxury SUVs.

I got to experience most of the joys of the new Yukon on a recent road trip. interior room and seating flexibility that take maximum advantage of all of that

The SLT version that I drove also featured four-wheel-drive, providing the kind of sure-footedness that comes in handy in the unpredictable weather Michigan has experienced so far in

What the latest Yukon also provides is better fuel economy than ever before, and more touches that add up to a premium driving experience.

The 2015 Yukon comes standard

city and 22 on the highway with 4WD. GM's new "active fuel management" features such as cylinder deactivation are squeezing every possible mile out of this big powertrain.

Comfort-wise, the new, noticeably improved Yukon now sports highquality materials, crisp gauge readouts, an intuitive central infotainment display, advanced rear-passenger connectivity features, and other creature comforts including a third row of seats that now is firmly anchored in the vehicle's floor as stow-away seats.

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