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# James appointed to fill Wayne council seat

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

WAYNE - A former Wayne-Westland school board member has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Wayne City

Council David James will replace James Henley, who resigned from council last month. James will serve until the next regular election in November 2015 when voters will select

someone to fill the balance of the council term, which expires in 2017.

On Tuesday, council members interviewed James, Planning Commission member Thomas Porter, Wayne Soccer Association President Keith Tilley and Shari Welch, who finished just behind Henley in the November 2013 vote totals.

Following the interviews, Councilwoman Susan Rowe commented that for her, Porter and Welch rose to the top of the candidates.

'Ms. Welch is my person. She already put herself out there and ran for election last year," Rowe said. "She came in right after Mr. Henley (in votes). There are citizens who voted for her and know her."

With his prior experience, Councilman Albert Damitio said that James was his top pick.

'Shari is second. She

doesn't have as much experience as David," he said.

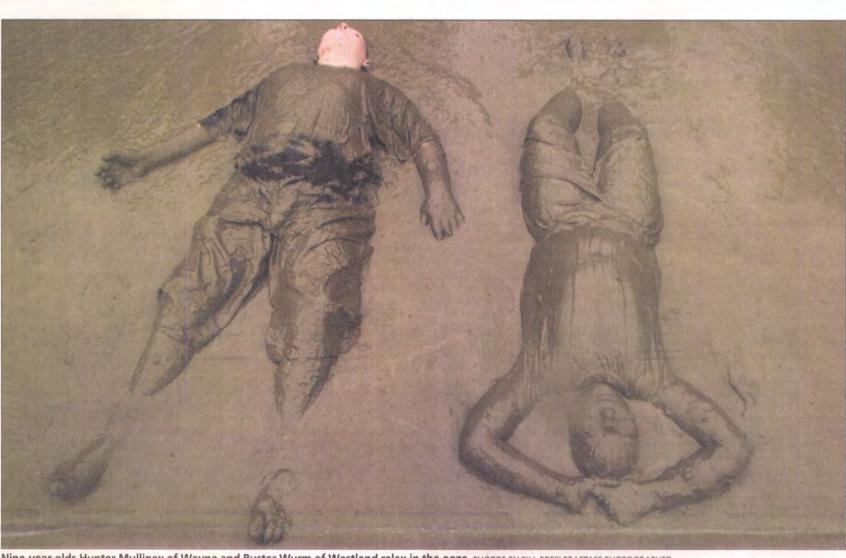
The discussion of the candidates was relatively brief.

"I don't think it is necessarily appropriate to talk about the candidates," said Councilman Skip Monit, who served on the school board with James. "We speak with votes. We need someone who can make an immediate impact."

Commenting that he was pleasantly surprised by the pool of candidates, Councilman John Rhaesa made a motion to appoint James. Only Rowe voted against the mo-

During the public interviews, James cited his experience serving on the board of education 1995-99 and also a brief stint on the Westland Council. James was one of several Westland council

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Nine-year-olds Hunter Mullinex of Wayne and Buster Wurm of Westland relax in the ooze, Photos BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crowds small, but spirit high for annual event

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Jeanette Werling has two kings in her house - her son Daniel and now son Anthony. Two years after his brother won, the 9-year-old Southgate resident was wearing the crown as king of Wayne County Parks' 27th annual Mud Day.

"It feels good," said Anthony, who was shivering by the time the winner was announced.

He sported a muddy hairdo decorated with bits of greenery that his mother Jeanette helped with. She battled a steady rain to keep it piled on his head.

"The rain doesn't help, every-thing just gets rinsed off," she said, admitting that having one Mud Day king really didn't give her a leg up on how to muddy up her younger son for the contest.

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Six-year-old Anthony Werling of Southgate 9-year-old Jillian Palshan of Taylor are crowned the King and Queen of Mud.

#### HalloWayne organizer faces criminal charges

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

WAYNE - On the day he expected to be among candidates being interviewed to fill a vacant city council seat, a Wayne man was arraigned on six felony charges stemming from the 2013 HalloWayne

Christopher Sanders was arraigned Tuesday in Wayne

29th District Court on charges of larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a non-profit charitable organization, all five-year felonies, along with forgery, uttering and publishing or writing bad checks and identity theft. The charges specify the amount of money in ques-

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#### Westland to hire four Wayne firefighters to replace retirees

**By LeAnne Rogers** Staff Writer

WESTLAND - As Wayne continues to work on paring down a deficit in the current fiscal year, that effort will be getting a boost from a move at the Wayne-Westland Fire

Department. Four low-seniority firefighters currently employed by the City of Wayne are resigning and will be hired by Westland. The move comes after the Westland Council voted Monday to move the four Wayne firefighters to the top of the Westland firefighter hiring list.

'We could see the writing on the wall. With their (Wayne's) financial situation, it was incumbent to avoid

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layoffs so we were proactive," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "We needed to hire five firefighters in Westland for the July 1 retirements we had."

By hiring the firefighters, Reddy said Wayne will avoid layoffs and save about \$500,000 due to the reduced

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# Wayne-Westland Career Tech student places sixth in nation

Parker Schacht, a 2014 graduate of John Glenn High School and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, came back from Kansas City, Mo., knowing he's in the top 10 in the nation in construction technology.

Schacht and Mike Koelzer, construction tech teacher, traveled to Kansas City in late June for the National Skills USA competition. Schacht finished sixth in the completion, which included 44 other high school students, all Skills USA gold medal winners from their state.

The competition included an 8-hour build and written test. Schacht also attended a seminar on careers in the construction industry, toured a local commercial construction site and received \$600 worth of new hand tools.

As part of a community service project, Koelzer and Schacht also toured the Harvesters Community Food Bank distribution center where they helped sort and package donated bread



Parker Schacht, a 2014 graduate of John Glenn High School and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, placed sixth in the nation in construction technology at the Skills USA national competition.

items for the warehouse. "This is Construction Technology's second consecutive year having a student win the state gold medal and compete at Nationals," Career-Tech Principal Steven

Kay said. "Parker's sixth place is a new best among the Career Technical Center's three visits to Nationals.

Schacht plans to pursue a degree in structural engineering at Eastern

Michigan University. According to Kay, Schacht also made some important industry contacts regarding a possible summer internship while he pursues his degree at EMU.

retirement and wanted

can do it. I'm concerned about problems with youths in our streets and parks, but I see people banding together," said Porter, adding that he cleans up a park near his home a couple times of

thought were the jewels of the city, Porter cited the city motto - People, Pride, Progress. A big issue, he said, is credibility of the council and administration as per-

» A school lunchroom supervisor, Tilley focused on his experience in nine years with the soccer association, including five years as president.

Last election, Tilley said he was going to run but didn't have enough time to get signatures by the filing deadline. He said he would plan to run for council in 2015.

'Finances are the largest issue. I used to swim here as a kid when the pool was outside," he said. "There is a huge lack of advertising for the rec center.'

» A retired nurse manager, Welch teaches part-time at Washtenaw Community College. After running for council in 2013 and finishing fourth behind Henley, she said she felt the need to follow through by applying for the vacancy.

biggest challenge, Welch

I'm transparent. I treat all people with courtesy and respect," Welch said. "I love the people of Wayne in general - the diversity and friendliness. There are cities out there that don't have that."

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tion is more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

A not guilty plea was entered by Sanders before Judge Laura Mack. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond.

An unsuccessful council candidate in 2011, Sanders had been one of six people who applied for the council seat vacated when James Henley resigned. Public interviews with the applicants were scheduled for Tuesday

evening.
The HalloWayne event held in October 2013 was met with complaints to council over unpaid cash prizes in a pumpkin carving contest. Subsequently, a complaint was filed with Wayne Police, who submitted a warrant request resulting in the criminal charges after their investigation.

Sponsored by Destination Wayne, operated by Sanders, and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the Hallo-Wayne event initially was denied permission to be held in 2013. The

city council later granted approval after receiving additional information.

The 2012 Hallo-Wayne event spurred controversy and a law-suit filed by Sanders against Councilman Skip Monit. Seeking \$25,000 in damages, Sanders sued Monit for comments saying children were inappropriately touched by Sanders at the event. The lawsuit, still pending in Wayne County Circuit Court, charges Monit's comments were tantamount to falsely labeling Sanders a pedophile.

In early 2011, Sanders had pleaded guilty in Riverview 26th District Court to a misdemeanor charge of providing alcohol to minors. He received one year of probation with a number of conditions, including no contact with youths involved in the incident and no unsupervised contact with minors.

A preliminary examination has been set for Tuesday, July 22, in 29th District Court.

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members who lost their seats due a recall. Now a Wayne resi-

dent, James serves on the Wayne Planning Commission. A real estate agent, he cited his professional experience among his qualifications. "I want to make sure

home values escalate and help the council with that so we can maintain police and fire serves," James said.

» A Ford retiree, Porter said that he had more time available since his

to become more involved in the city. "Finances are the big issue. I'm optimistic we

week.

Asked about what he ceived by the public.

Agreeing that finances are the city's said she would support fundraising to help the community center.
"I'm fair, I'm honest,

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#### AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

#### Movie night

Join the William P. Faust Westland Public Library for its 2014 Friday Movie Summer season. This summer's theme ties into the Summer Reading Program, Fizz, Boom, Read!

On July 11, see The LEGO Movie, a film about an ordinary LE-GO construction worker recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the LEGO universe into eternal stasis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the movie begins at 7 pm.

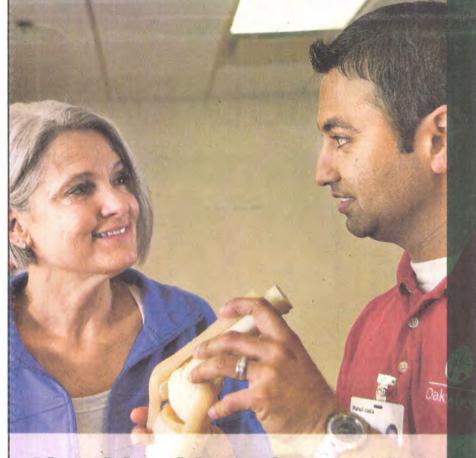
The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call

734-326-6123.

#### **Bowling benefit**

Community Free Will Baptist Church will hold a bowling fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Town and Country Lanes at the corner of Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland.

The benefit will raise money to send youth to the National Association of Free Will Baptist Bible, Arts and Music Competition in Texas later this month. The cost is \$15 per person for three games of bowling, pizza and pop. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction. Call 734-721-9040 to reserve a spot.



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staffing. The staffing reduction in Wayne will continue to allow the daily four-firefighter minimum staffing, he

#### 'Good move'

For Westland, Reddy said there will be savings by hiring firefighters who are experienced and already trained to work in the Wayne-Westland system and stations.

The two fire departments have merged under one chief and have a merged labor union but the firefighters remain employees of their home cities. This merger was

viewed as a an eventual fire authority or other official combination of the departments.

"This was absolutely a good move. We are in a situation with the budget issues in Wayne where I think it (layoffs) was inevitable," Wayne-West-land Firefighters Union President Mitch Tokarski said. "It was a win-win for Westland, Wayne and the union. We're trying to save our guys' jobs - no ifs, ands or buts about it."

The agreement placing the four Wayne firefighters at the top of the Westland hiring list was a collaborative effort,

Reddy said. "The firefighters had the potential to be laid off, this was a good busisaid. "It helps Wayne financially but it also helps us. It keeps harmony between the cities.'

Hiring a new firefighter from outside requires two or three months of training, Tokarski said, including overtime during the training period. He estimated by hiring the four Wayne firefighters who don't need training, Westland would save close to \$100,000.

The firefighters moving over to Westland will work under a 2010 letter of understanding that establishes a second tier of benefits for new hires.

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# Bentivolio targets medical care for veterans

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio slammed the medical care given to veterans as he talked to patients and staff last week at South Lyon Senior Care and

An Army veteran who served in the Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he knows firsthand the problems with getting adequate care from Veterans Administration health care facilities. He alluded to recent news reports about Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., questioning the care veterans receive in the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

"I came to talk to my fellow veterans," Bentivolio said, adding that it's unacceptable for veterans to wait as long as 45 days for medical appointments at veterans hospitals.

"Once you get to see a doctor and they want to send you to a specialist, the wait can be four months for physical thera-py," he said. "This has been going on for 40 years."

Bentivolio, R-Milford, is seeking re-election in the 11th Congressional District. He faces a challenge from Birmingham lawyer Dave Trott in the August primary. Bentivolio, who ran as a tea party candidate, won the congressional seat in 2012 after then-U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter, R-Livonia, resigned following revelations his campaign staff compiled fraudulent petition signa-



tures for his re-election.

'The tea party is a bunch of people who got together and said, 'Something is wrong with the country," Bentivolio ex-plained in a conversation with a South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab patient. "The best part is they're asking questions. They want government to be accountable. The tea party is concerned about obligations to veterans and the Social Security System. I'm not here to lie to you or to tell you a fancy story. My constituents want the

#### **Patients respond**

Rehab resident John Talmage said he is always in-terested in getting an idea of what politicians are doing.

"Some are insulated from the wants, desires and needs of the people," he said. "It's nice to get an idea of what they are about.'

Russell Maxwell, also a rehab patient, liked what he

"I like everything in the right way," Maxwell said. "I'm a right-winger. I don't believe in socialism, and that's the way the current president is lean-

During his tenure as con-gressman Bentivolio said he was most proud of being recognized for transparency in his work representing his constituents. He also applauded his office staff for receiving awards for their availability to constituents.

Bentivolio pointed to a bill he sponsored, the Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2013, promoting privacy on federal websites. The bill was introduced to the House and is being revised.

Regarding the opportunity to meet Bentivolio, rehab resident Janet Bartsch said she appreciated the opportunity to hear the congressman, "because all we have to go on is what other people say that they

Bentivolio concluded his visit with an invitation to everyone to contact his staff if they need help with any con-

"I don't care what your political party is, we are here to serve constituents in this district," he added.

Reach Bentivolio's office at 248-859-2982

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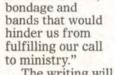
## Westland author holding book signing at Wayne church

Paul Travis, author of Straight Path for the Lord and Tenfold Ministry, will hold a book signing event at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Greater Dreams Church, 35118 Michigan Ave., just west of Wayne Road, in Wayne.

According to Travis, an apostle in the Davidic Apostol-ic movement of God, Straight Path's title speaks of the book's message: Make a clear path for the Lord to travel.

'This is a proven biblical process ordained by the Lord,"

he said. "Walking this process will clear our paths of all of the snares, bondage and bands that would hinder us from fulfilling our call Travis



The writing will approach readers from all ministry standpoints. It gives readers a potpourri of the apostolic voice, prophetic utterance, evangelical testimony, through the eyes of the shepherd, while teaching from a strong biblical foundation.'

This book is complete, this is a testimony, a commentary, a reference book and a tool for apostolic warfare," he said.

Travis who grew up on De-troit's inner city, was a gifted athlete who received a fullride college scholarship in football, even though he didn't play his senior year in high school. After college, he started a career in management for the "Big Three" and in his spare time played in local

bands as a professional drum-

But according to a post on his website, www.paul-travis.com, he spent most of his life away from the church, until he was saved several years ago: "All of the skills Paul learned through life had to be purged in order for the Lord to impart His call.'

The books have been printed through Tate Publishing and Enterprise and are available in paperback and elec-

#### Seedlings, Fleming's partner for successful 'Summer of Giving'

Seedlings Braille Books for Children enjoyed an evening with 70 supporters at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar recently.

On Friday, June 27, which was the fifth year the two have teamed up, guests enjoyed food and sampled fine wines, while raising funds for Seedlings.

The event raised more than \$2,500 which will allow Seedlings to make 250 braille books for blind children locally and all around the world.

In addition, \$600 was raised for the Adopt-A-Reader Program which will provide six visually impaired children with a \$100 gift certificate to Seedlings to purchase much-needed braille books.

"Seedlings has been an invaluable resource over the years," Seedlings' volunteer Kevin Andrews, who is blind and a braille reader. said. "Braille fluency has led to my success at Central Michigan University where I am pursuing a journalism degree. I believe that braille literacy leads to employment and ultimately independence.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization based in Livonia which provides children's literature in braille. Seedlings is supported by individual, corporate and community donors, as well as grant funds, all of which make it possible for Seedlings to give away more than 40 percent of its braille books through free book programs such as Adopt-A-Reader and

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# Westland hires 2 new police officers, promotes 6

The City of Westland swore in two new police officers and promoted six veteran officers at the City Council meeting

Monday.

Officers Joshua Wolfe and Kevin Chubb were sworn in, and officer Todd Adams was promoted to deputy chief. Officers Daniel Serrano, Richard Kummert, Kevin Swope, Timothy Horvath and Burke Lange all received promotions as

Wolfe has served the Belleville Police Department for the past two years and earned a bachelor's degree from Madonna University.

Chubb has spent the past six years with the Detroit Police Department and has received several awards for his service.

Todd Adams, the new deputy chief, has served the Westland community since March 1997, when he came to the Westland Police Department from Detroit.

Over the years, he has worked as a field training officer and as a member of the Special



Westland Mayor William Wild, Council President Jim Godbout and police Chief Jeff Jedrusik introduce the city's new police and command officers at Monday's city council meeting.

Investigations Unit. He also has and worked with the Detective Bureau. In his new role, Adams will manage the Investigative Bureaus for the department.

Serrano and Kummert were promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Both officers have been with the Westland Police Department since 1997 and

have served in numerous capacities. Their new assignments will put them in command of night-shift platoons.

Swope, Horvath and Lange will be the police department's newest sergeants with their promotions.

Each officer has served 10 years or more for the department in a

number of different

Swope has been serving as a hostage negotiator and will now be assigned to the Traffic Bureau

Horvath has served in the military for the past 27 years, is currently a first sergeant at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He has been assigned as a day shift supervisor.

Lange, who was selected Westland Police Officer of the Year in 2011, will be moving from the Tactical Response Unit to be an investigator in the Detective Bureau.

"It's always great to welcome new and talented officers into our

community," Wild said. "We look forward to your dedication to protect and serve our residents.

'And congratulations to the promoted officers who have earned their new ranks from their years of hard work and dedication to the police department and Westland community."

#### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### **Resident reports** vandalism

A resident in the 27000 block of Chester reported June 26 that he heard a loud bang outside of his home just after midnight.

When he went to check, he saw that his mailbox was on the ground and there was debris inside of it. He told police that he believes someone set off a firecracker inside of his mailbox which caused

the damage.

#### Police respond to fireworks call

Garden City police responded to a call about 10 p.m. June 26 that a man was lighting fireworks in the street in the 2800 block of Block near Hartel.

When the police checked his record, they reportedly found that the man had a 2012 warrant for child neglect. He also owed \$5,000 in child support

payments in Lenawee County.

#### Suspended license leads to arrest

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested when the police reportedly learned that he was driving with a suspended license about 2 p.m. June 27 on Middlebelt near James. After he was arrested, he posted bond and was released with a violation.

By Sue Buck

#### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Drinking in park

Police were called to Goudy Park, 3300 Second St., just after 2 a.m. July 5 to check on the wellbeing of two men reported to be passed-out drunk near the picnic

Officers made contact with two men, one described as Westland resident and the other homeless, and woke them. Both were described as highly intoxicated. The officer noted the pair had been previously warned about being in the park after dark and having open intoxi-

One man reportedly had a 24-ounce beer, the other man reportedly had a pint of vodka.

#### Vandalism

A resident in the 34000 block of Harroun told police July 6 that he found the rear passenger window of his 2002 Ford Focus had been shot out overnight while it was parked in the street. The officer noted the window

appeared to have been shot with a BB or pellet

#### Hit and run

On July 3, a resident in the 34000 block of Glenwood told police that someone had struck his parked car and failed to stop.

A man told police that someone had stolen his Galaxy Note 3 while he was at Chase Bank, 35011 Michigan Ave., on July 3. By LeAnne Rogers



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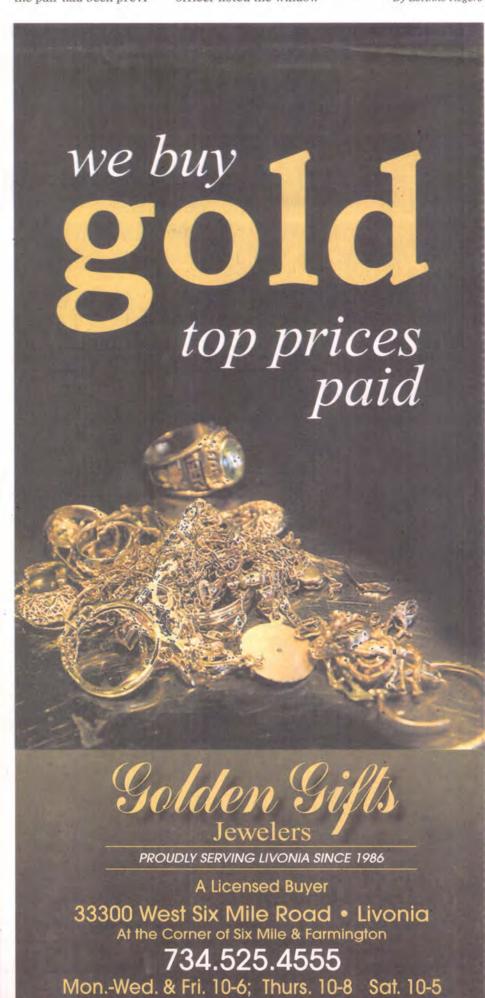
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#### **MID-SUMMER'S NIGHT** TEA AT THE HILL **HOUSE GARDENS**

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 10.

Location: South lawn of the Hill House, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia.

Details: Stroll the grounds and enjoy the beauty of the many surrounding flower gardens. Celebrate summer as you nibble on tea sandwiches, scones and desserts under an outdoor tent. Choice of hot or iced tea. A guest speaker will delight and inform guests. Tickets are \$25 each, available for purchase in advance only. All proceeds benefit Greenmead Historical

#### Contact: 248-477-7375. **TIMOTHY LUTHERAN ANNUAL RUMMAGE** SALE

Time/dates: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16. Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

**Details:** Donations accepted June 30 to July 12. There will be a Scrap Metal Collection July 14-18 - bring any thing you have. A bag sale will be held 1-5 p.m. July 16, the final day of the

#### Contact: 734-427-2290. MICHIGAN KOI AND

**POND CLUB TOUR** Time/date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 19. Location: Eight homes and water gardens in Livonia. Starting point is 32525 Six Mile Road,

between Merriman and Far-

mington roads. Details: The Michigan Koi and Pond Club's fifth annual Pond Tour is self-guided. Tickets, Pond Tour booklet and maps are provided at the starting point. An MKPC member will be available at each home to provide any assistance. Talk with homeowners and MKPC members and gain insight into this growing hobby. Tickets are \$5

per child and \$10 per adult.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Contact: Raymond Alexander at 734-846-8588 or bearraya@aol.com; www.mkpc-se.com.

#### **FOOD PRESERVATION** WORKSHOPS

Time/date: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Location: Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Details: Michigan State University Extension will offer a food preservation class on pressure canning carrots from 10 a.m. to noon and one on jams and jellies from 1-3 p.m. in which participants will make strawberry jam. Cost is \$20 each.

Contact: www.msue.msu,edu; 1-888-MSUE4MI.

#### 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 year-old participants and adult counselors, bikes during the day and share 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

#### **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.

#### MOM 2 MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, east of

Venoy, Westland. Details: Table space is available for the Mom 2 Mom sale. Cost is \$15 for an 8-foot table and \$5 for a card table. Food, drink, and baked goods will be available. A 9-10 a.m. early bird admission is \$2, and \$1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strollers welcome.

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

#### MOM-2-MOM SALE AND OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Location: Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Details: Admission is \$1 for

those arriving 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$2 for early birds arriving at 8:30 a.m. Table space is available. Visit tinytotslivonia.org for registration information.

Contact: Martha Rotter, 464-0211 ext. 208

#### **GOLF OUTING**

Time/Date: 7:15 a.m. Aug. 9. Location: Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, Plymouth. Details: The Lyman Foundation is accepting registrations for its 35th annual Golf Outing benefiting Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. There will be starts at 7:15

a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Contact: Register now at www.lymanfoundation.org.

#### **TUITION-FREE** PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Time/date: Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions.

Location: 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford.

Details: The South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free preschool program, with the exception of a onetime only material fee of \$75, to all children who reside in south Redford for the 2014-15 school year. Children must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2014. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions. The preschoolers participate in activities that are designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience. Parents interested in more information may contact the Preschool Program teachers at 313-535-4000, ext. 1036.

#### **ONGOING AMERICAN LEGION POST 32 CAR SHOWS**

Time/dates: 5-8 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 4.

Location: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Details: Besides burgers, brats and hot dogs served outside on the grill for a small fee, a sitdown home-cooked meal will be offered inside the post for \$8 per person. There is also a bake sale put on by the American Legion Riders of Post 32. All proceeds go to helping veterans. Music, 50-50 drawings, prizes awarded to the best cars. Motorcycle riders invited as well.

Contact: 734-427-5630. LIVONIA CAMERA

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first

two Thursdays September through May.

Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.

Contact: Dennis Gelarden, president, 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

#### 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 groupallows 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 www.ho-

#### Summer flea markets return to Straight Farmhouse

The Garden City Historical Museum at the Straight Farmhouse is again hosting outdoor flea markets.

The markets are held on the second and third Saturdays of the month and run through September. The dates are July 12, July 19, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, Sept. 13 and Sept. 20. The flea markets are held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Set up begins at 8

The cost is \$15 for a 10-by-10-foot space, which is payable on the day of the flea market. There are no advance reservations. In case of inclement weather, the markets will be canceled.

Typically there's space for 50-75 vendors.

Diane Thurner is again the coordinator.

"I am happy to be doing this year's flea markets at the museum," she said. "I am looking forward to another successful sum-

Thurner, who manages Craftique, a flea market mall in Garden City, also solicits from well-known vendors for the summer sales. The flea markets are held on the grounds of the Straight Farmhouse on Merriman, north of Ford in Garden City.

Proceeds from the rentals go to the museum. Vendors keep the proceeds from their sales.

By Sue Buck

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Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

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#### Art in the Park

July 11 - 13 Friday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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#### America the Beautiful **Patriotic Presentation**

Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm

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#### Sunday Brunch & Open House

#### Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

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Cost \$17.00 adults, \$13.00 ages 6-12, ages 4 and under are free.

#### Summer Celebration **Open House**

Saturday, July 26

Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together as a community, tell a few stories, and share a laugh and a meal.

Please Call for Details

#### Events At:

Independence Village of White Lake 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235

#### Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 9 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event—ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety of flavors and toppings, then sit down with your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.

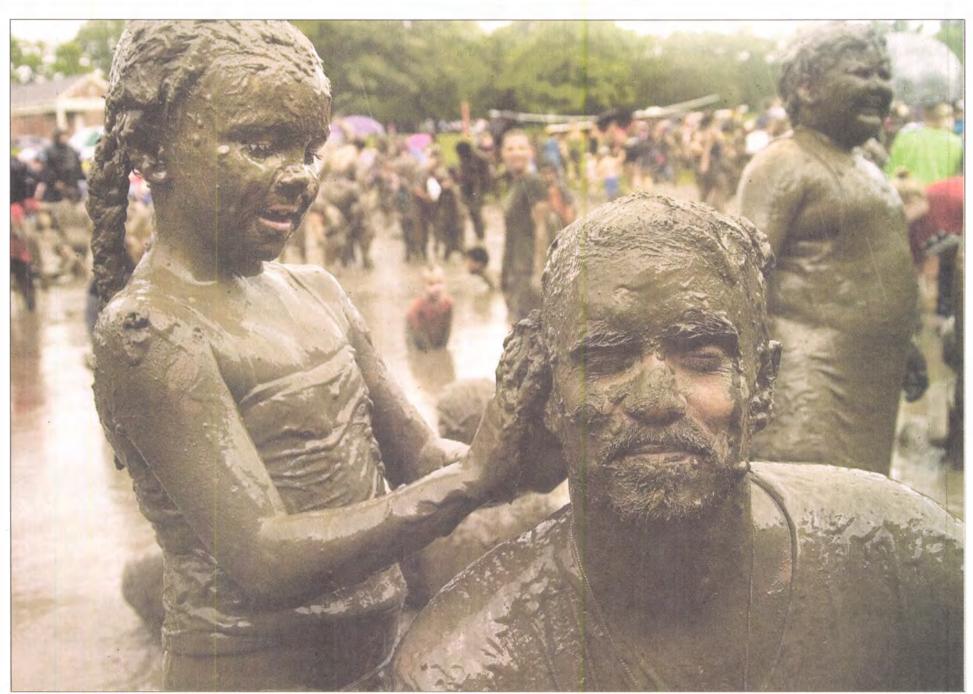
#### Time to get Jazzy

Thursday, July 31 | 6:00 pm

What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

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Charley Higgin, 7, piles mud on her dad Jamie Higgin. They are from Wyandotte. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#### **MUD DAY**

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"I just kept piling it on," she said.

Sharing the throne was Mud Queen Jillian Palshan of Taylor, who believes her helmet head of mud put her over the top with judges.
"This was my second

"This was my second time trying for queen," Jillian said, admitting that she was cold the entire time. "This feels great."

#### Let it rain

Despite a few claps of thunder and rain, the event went off as planned. The crowd was far smaller than in previous years. Several hundred adults and children, ranging from infants to teens, didn't let the weather deter them. Many worried that the event would be canceled.

"I've been hundreds of times," said Sheila Morelli of Livonia, who was there with her niece and nephew, twins Tommy and Olivia Gallo of Dearborn. "My kids got big, so now I have to borrow them so I can get dirty. This is their first time."

"And we'll be back from now on," Olivia said.

"I love Mud Day and the rain made it more muddy," said Emily Stough of Garden City

Stough of Garden City.

"I told them these are the kind of people who go camping," her mother Sabrina said. "We come every year. We've been coming since she was 6, so this is our seventh

year."

The Stoughs brought along newbie Hannah Outlaw, also of Garden City, who said it was fun and admitted that her mother let her play in mud when she was little. "I'm going back in," she said, heading for the

mud pit.

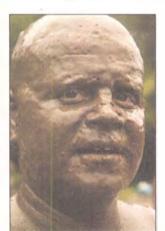
Less than a half hour into the event, Amanda Williams was gathering her group to head for the Western Wayne County Hazmat area, where they could get hosed off and rinsed in a warm shower.

"We did it all in 20 minutes," Williams said. "We've been coming for seven years. I go in, too. I think I have more fun than they do."

Her group of "mud puppies" included her sons Owen and Kaden, her friend Jen Audristch, also of Garden City, and her son Ian.

#### Not quite sure

Two-year-old Carter Richard wasn't quite as muddy as some young-



Ralph Middleton of Westland is a grownup, but he had a good time anyway.

sters. The toddler wasn't quite sure what to think, said his grandmother Gina Sursely of Westland.

"He's not sure what to make of it," she said.

Also first-timers, Sursely was joined by her husband Scott and son Jonathan, 12, who also wasn't sure about doing it.

"I told him, 'Once you see all the kids running around, you'll get into it," she said. He did and came away thinking it was "pretty fun."

Tracy Bassett of Wayne has been going to Mud Day for six years and thought "oh, no" when the rain moved in, so she called to make sure it was a go. She was there with sons John, 8, and James, 6, as well as Deque Booker, 9, and Charlie Porter, 8.

"They said it was a go, but I told them they may only have five minutes," she said. "I can't miss this; it's our favorite activity of the year."

Charlie was shivering from being cold, but that didn't matter since getting muddy "was the best part."

"I saw you doing the army crawl out there," Bassett said.

"No, we were swimming," James said.

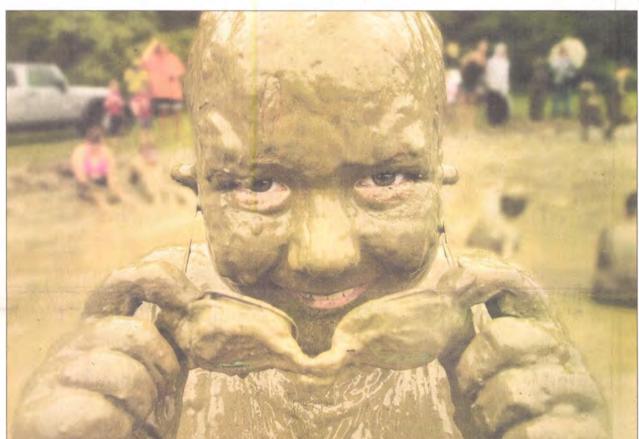
ming," James said.

Parks official divided the 175-foot long pit into two areas — one for older children and a smaller area for toddlers. That's where Angela and Jon Green went with a group of 15 peo-

ple.
"We were packed in a
Tahoe and a Suburban,"
Green said.

Angela Green was holding 19-month-old son Jon Jr. while her grandmother Shirley Brothers was holding Green's 7-month-old granddaughter Annabella McManaway.

way.
"We've been coming
for 18 years. This is the
first time I remember it
raining," Angela Green
said. "We were worried
they would cancel it, but



Buster Wurm of Westland takes off the goggles so he can see.



Thirteen-year-old Ian Bramigk of Garden City does a surface dive into the muck.



Mud Day officially begins.

we came down and they were waving the cars in. Last year, there were so many people and it was hot. It's a little cold for the little ones, but she

liked it. She was eating it."

A few kids remained in the mud after the announcement of the king and queen, but most



Grandma Carol Young and dad Dwayne Young watch Abigail, 8, and Alaina, 4, warm up for the main event. They are from Westland.

families packed it up and headed for the showers. "Yeah, I'm ready to go," said a shivering

Anthony Werling.

"His brother had

enough after 20 minutes," his mother added.

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#### Stop by the market



Barson's Greenhouses of Westland is among the vendors at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays in the parking lot of Westland City Hall on Ford west of Wayne Road. Shoppers will find fresh produce and plants, baked breads and desserts, honey, jams and jellies, cake pops, sausage and jerky, soaps, candles, jewelry, sun catchers and more. The market also features weekly entertainment. If you're hungry, stop for a hot dog or sausage, award-winning hickory BBQ ribs and pulled pork or chicken and fresh lemonade. Be sure to bring the little ones to the market on Kids Day, July 17, when there will be special treats and crafts. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222.

## City recognized for economic development

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

WESTLAND - Westland, with its shopping and dining district, is among six Michigan cities selected to participate in an annual program hosted by the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Westland joins other communities, including Ferndale and Brighton, in being picked to be part of the ICSC Municipal Runway at the 44th annual Michigan Idea Exchange and Alliance Program on July 24 at the Suburban Collection

Showcase in Novi.

"It's how we take public investment and leverage it for private investment," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We'll have an opportunity on the Ford Road property once the Bailey Center, City Hall and the fire station are demolished."

That public investment has already included the purchase and retrofitting of the former Circuit City store on Warren Road just west of Westland Shopping Center for a new city hall. The city is also constructing a new fire

station on Central City Park on the north end of the long-closed Service Merchandise store property. That building also scheduled for demoli-

There are no plans yet for the municipal property on Ford as planning consultants McKenna Associates freshens up the Ford 2020 plan and works with the Downtown Development Authority on possible uses

"We need to reimage the property for a private-public partnership," Wild said. "I would like to see us do like they did

with I-375 (in Detroit) showing different alternatives.

Unlike many communities, Westland officials attend the annual RECon convention in

Las Vegas held by ICSC. Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale focused on presenting the Ford Road property at the last convention.

"There were 14 developers who were interested. It shows the potential for the property," Wild said. "The DDA board will present a reimaging of the property. We can see exactly what they want and what the community wants to see

The Municipal Runway is a good way to spotlight Westland, Wild said, as is annual participation in RECon.

"I think it's paying f, we're on the radar. We're keeping a presence at the Las Vegas national show," Wild

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#### **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

#### Free popcorn

MJR Digital Cinemas will offer free popcorn with purchase of a ticket on Tuesdays only, now through Tuesday, Aug.

For the sixth summer in a row, MJR Digital Cinemas will offer Free Popcorn Tuesdays. All popcorn, all sizes, will be free every Tuesday now through Tuesday, Aug. 26. Free popcorn also includes one free refill, same-day purchase only.

The offer is valid with a ticket purchase. It's not valid with any other offer nor can it be redeemed for cash.

Free Popcorn Tuesdays are available at the Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16 at 6800 N Wayne Road, south of Warren Road. For more information, call 734-298-2657.

#### New physicians on

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing with the addition of three new physicians. The new medical staff members include:

» Dr. Mohamad H. Bazzi, Plastic and Re-

constructive Surgery. Dr. Bazzi is a plastic surgeon in Canton, serving the

Detroit metropolitan area. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and has been in practice for 19 years. Dr. Bazzi and his staff are at the Celestial Institute of Plastic Surgery, 42680 Ford

5700. » Dr. Rajiv B. John, M.D., Internal Medicine.

Road, Canton, 734-844-

Dr. John is board certified in Internal Medicine. He completed his residency training at

Dr. John Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center. He has offices at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, 313-593-8659.

» Dr. Mohsin U. Oazi, Family Practice. Dr. Qazi is a graduate of Poznan University of Medical Sciences. He

completed his family medicine residency at St. John Medical Center in 2013 and is a boardcertified physician and a member of the American Board of Family Medicine. He is the staff physician at Epic Urgent Care of Dearborn Heights, which opened in January 2014. Epic Urgent Care is at 25150 Ford, Suite 110, Dearborn Heights, 313-453-

Garden City Hospital has more than 350 physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community and provides comprehensive health care services, osteo-pathic medical education, and health carerelated programs to the community at large. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or exist-ing physicians, contact the Physician Referral Line at 877-717-WELL or visit the hospital website at GCH.org.

#### Meet up, eat up

Wayne Metro Community Action Agency is sponsoring a Summer Food Service Program for Children at the Samuel B. Ware Community Center in Westland.

Free meals are available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency.

The meals are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal ser-

Breakfast is available at 9 a.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. at the center, located at 29124 Eaton St., south of Annapolis and east of Middlebelt in Westland.

Wayne Metro offers programs throughout Wayne County, including Head Start at Beck, 27100 Bennett, Shear Early Childhood Center at 26141 Schoolcraft. both in Redford, and Lathers Early Childhood Center at 28351 Marquette, Garden City.

For more information, call Wayne Metro at 734-284-6999.

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#### State warns businesses about phone scam

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Director Steve Arwood is warning Michigan corporations not to give out their business information to callers identifying themselves as representatives from the State of Michigan Corporations Division. They are not.

Michigan business owners are receiving telephone calls from an individual who indicates

that they are a representative from the State of Michigan Corporations Division. The caller is requesting the business address and indicating that the information is required by the division in order to complete an annual update. These calls are not legitimate; do not respond, said Arwood.

The number - 882-014-0325 - has been linked to similar scams in several states.

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# FUN ON THE FOURTH

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Sally Patch of Westland watched Friday's Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade roll by down Plymouth's Main Street and thought about her dad.

Patch, who watched the parade with her standard poodle, Oliver colored with the red, white and blue of the American flag — said she likes everything about

the parade. "My dad was a military man, I was raised military," said Patch as some of the veterans in the parade strolled by. "I like being out here with the crowds and the noise

... the whole atmosphere."

Patch joined thousands of others for the traditional parade, which moved through downtown Plymouth from the railroad tracks south to Hartsough. Nearly 100 parade entrants walked the length of Main Street, some new along with some traditional favor-

There were military veterans and civic groups, cheerleaders and marching bands. Steve King and the Dittilies and Mark Randisi provided some familiar tunes, while a variety of acts from jugglers to unicycle riders to a K-9 unit entertained the crowd.



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps made its usual appearance. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Oliver, a standard poodle owned by Sally Patch of Westland, showed off his patriotic colors.

The parade followed the annual Plymouth Township fireworks display, which took place in Plymouth Township park Thursday. This year's show, run by Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co., included thousands of shells and was

longer than in past years, according to Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who organized the event.

"It was a great night," Edwards said. "People really enjoyed the longer show.

And then, following

the parade, thousands moved back out to the park for the annual Good Old Fashioned Picnic, hosted in Plymouth Township park every year.

The picnic included traditional picnic favorites - hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream. There was the traditional bicycle-decorating contest, and the Detroit Devilles played a selection of oldies throughout the afternoon.

There was a large water slide; the Plymouth Community Fire Department, Plymouth Township Police Department and HVA Emergency Services each staged special educational sessions for children, and the Grand Traverse Pie Company sponsored.

Jill and Kevin Conte were at the picnic for the

first time. The Canton residents, who brought their children, Drake and Tahlia, decided to check it out after hearing about it from Jill's mother.

"My mom's been coming for years," Jill Conte said. "It's a very nice, very kid-friendly. (The kids) are very excited to be here.'

Larry and Sheila Place have lived in Plymouth for 38 years, and said they wouldn't be anywhere else on the Fourth

of July.
"Its the greatest place to be on Fourth of July morning," Sheila said. Added Larry, "Kids are growing up in a time when being patriotic isn't as exciting as it used to be. So I think this is great for the little ones."

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#### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 15, 2014 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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# Nurse, son spread compassion

Oakwood Hospial nurse Maribeth Guys, RN, CPNP, said she had always felt the call to serve above and beyond her traditional role in health care.

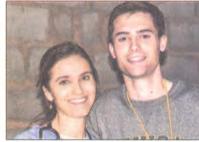
Guys, along with her son Nicholas, had that opportunity recently when she traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that country.

"It was one of the best things I've ever done," said Guys, a Novi resident who works at the Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center in Taylor. "I just loved it. It's a whole different way of practicing medicine and nursing. It changes you."

Guys heard about the opportunity through Africa Christian Ministries. She had never been able to take part, however, until this year, when she and her 21-year-old son — who is a senior at the University of Michigan, pursuing a career in medicine – took part. Preparation for the 16-day trip took six months. The Guys' committed in November and traveled with the group in May.

They landed in Durban, the

largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal and from there took a two-hour trip to the townships of Sikhawini and Ingwayuma where they would conduct five health clinics during their stay. Everyone had to bring along five suitcases — three of which were filled with medicines such as antibiotics, asthma medications, antifungals and analgesics as well as eyeglasses and sunglasses. The medicines were donated, many of them came from Guys' Oakwood colleagues. As they left the relatively prosperous city behind, they traveled over nearly impassible roads where cows, chickens and dogs roamed



Novi resident Maribeth Guys, an Oakwood Hospital nurse, and her son Nicholas traveled to South Africa on a mission trip to bring medical care to an impoverished area of that country.

free to the dormitories that would be their temporary home.

"There was no comparison between Durban and where we were," Guys said. "It was very remote. Some people didn't have electricity; many didn't have running water.

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"We only had hot water sometimes, we frequently lost electricity; we slept in bunk beds — but it was still a luxury to us," she said.

The missionaries spent the first three days of the trip sorting medicine and preparing for the clinics. When Guys arrived at her first one, she said the site that greeted her was very humbling.

"People generally got in line the night before," she said. "You would pull up and find, literally, a hundred people lined up just to see you. I took that responsibility very seriously. I was very moved by that."

The group put on five clinics throughout the 16-day period. Guys said they treated more than 800 people and more than 300 of those were children. They administered to people with fungal, upper respiratory and skin infections, people who suffered

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from asthma and other allergies exacerbated by the dusty conditions, as well as many who suffered from abdominal pain due to parasites.

"For many of the children, it was the only physical exam they would get in a year," she said.

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Many of the adults suffered from the general fatigue that came from living in adverse conditions. Also, many had eye issues as a result of spending a lot time outdoors with no protection from the intense African sun.

"They were just sore and tired. They had to walk to get their water, or walk to get to any sort of jobs that they had," Guys said.

The clinics were generally nine-hour days with 15-minute breaks to eat or use a restroom. That didn't count the time heading to and from the clinics, as well as the chores before and after. Guys said they were drained every day.

Guys said that the experience was difficult and humbling and it served as a reminder to how fortunate we are. It was an eye-opening experience, she said, to find such poverty within a short drive from a major city.

"Two hours is nothing," she said. "You wouldn't expect to see something like that in 2014. It's really another way of life and you forget how easy it is here. It gave me a tremendous perspective."

Her son agreed.

"One thing in particular that I took away from the trip was an appreciation for the strong spirit displayed by so many of the people we cared for and got to know in South Africa," he said. "Even while living and working in very difficult conditions, most everyone was happy, especially the children. That is something we at

home should learn from.'

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# Understanding the Dow Jones index

ast week, after the release of favorable job numbers, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 17,000 for the first time in its history.

Over the last five years, the Dow has experienced a remarkable run. A little over five years ago, the Dow was just under 7,000.

It's nice the Dow has reached record highs, but that doesn't mean that your portfolio has performed as well. That's because the Dow only measures the performance of 30 stocks and these companies are all large, U.S.-based leaders in their industry. The Dow does not measure the performance of small or international companies.

The Dow has been around for more than 100 years and, during that time, the individual stocks contained within the index have changed.

Stocks are taken out or added to the Dow based upon a number of factors, including the financial health of the company, its reputation, its ability to grow and its interest to investors.

The Dow is a priceweighted index. Most of the other popular indexes use the company's overall market value, which is nothing more than multiplying the number of outstanding shares the company has by the stock price. When they compute the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the stock price is the only factor.

A dollar rise in Nike will have the same impact on the index as a dollar gained in GE, no matter what the overall market value of the company is. Therefore, it is possible for one stock to move the entire index

A dollar change in any Dow's stock price is equal to a movement of 6.42 points on the Dow. Therefore, if one of the Dow stocks increased by a dollar and the other 29 companies were flat, the Dow would increase by 6.42 points. The result is that higher priced stocks



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in the index have more influence on it than lower priced stocks.

IBM and Visa are two
of the higher priced
stocks in the average and
would therefore have a
greater influence than
the lower priced stocks
such as Cisco.

On the whole, the question for investors is whether the Dow is an accurate reflection of the overall stock market. In my view, it is not.

In addition, diversified portfolios contain bonds, which are not included in any stock indexes.

It is important for investors to remember they are not managing to achieve the results of an index, but rather to achieve individual goals and objectives. All the stock indexes assume you are 100-percent invested in those stocks. For most investors, that would not be responsible. After all, if one of your goals is current income, you need to have bonds in your portfolio.

Following the Dow or any stock index such as the S&P 500 or the NAS-DAQ is interesting and can be fun. However, as investors be cautious and don't let the indexes effect investment decisions.

Focus on achieving your financial goals and objectives within your risk tolerance level. Investors that don't take risks or consider their goals and objectives will generally not be successful investors. Indexes are important to provide a gauge as to what is happening. However, they alone should not dictate your investment decisions.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.

#### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on July 16th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

WALL PARTITION REPAIR

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at <a href="https://www.cityofWestland.com">www.cityofWestland.com</a>. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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CANDIDATES

# Three vie for seat in County Commission's 11th District

Three candidates are vying for the Democratic seat in the Wayne County Commission's 11th District: Jeremy Cady of Huron Township, a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy; William Collop of Wayne, a 29th District Court officer; and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous.

There is no opposition in the general election, so the winner of the August primary will win the two-year term. The district includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Huron Township, Romulus, Wayne and a portion of Westland.

1. How can Wayne County work more closely with local government to save money and resources? How? Be specific.

Cady: To save money and become more efficient, the county must first see what services local municipalities need. Restructure those services that are of high demand for a particular municipality and trim back or eliminate those that are not needed at the time. The county must consistently monitor services and receive feedback from local municipalities in order to adapt to the changing demands in services. As commissioner, I will work closely with all the municipalities in my district to ensure they receive the services they need. The 11th district is dynamic and diverse and needs to be treated as

Collop: A — The first thing is to look at where the money is going. B -Meet individually with all local government to get their input (and thereafter to keep lines of communication open). Is there duplication of services? Who can provide services more efficiently? Survey the people of Wayne County, to illicit their concerns about their community.

Haidous: The County has responsibilities that vary between cities and townships and the 11th District consists of four cities and three townships. Generally speaking, they share some common problems, deterioration of roads and sewage being two of them. To solve any problem and to create a strong working network, there needs to be better communication between the county, cities and, townships in order to set priorities based upon the urgency of the issues and the needs of the citizens

2. Provide at least three serious ideas for budget reform.

Cady: 1. Evaluate and restructure various departments within Wayne County. Maximize monies that are going to departments that have a high demand on them, reallocate money from departments that are not a critical service. 2. Provide stricter oversight on the Executive branch as well as contracts, appointments and pensions for non-Union employees. 3. Ensure the Sheriff and Prosecutor are staffed appropriately for their actual staffing needs to cut down on overtime and fringe benefits costs.

Collop: Don't engage in any new projects until there is control over current spending, start-ing with County Executive's Office - is there duplication of services, can office be more streamlined? Thoroughly research all projects before engaging in spending money, i.e. Jail, Race Track.

Haidous: 1. Cut expenditures, by evaluating the structure of the county government and cutting wasteful spending. 2. Strong oversight and scrutiny of every county contract especially those related to vital services. 3. Having an open mind towards inviting economic growth and jobs to the county to enhance the revenue.

3. What are the top three priority issues that the County Commission should address and what actions would you, as a commissioner,

Cady: Three priority issues are: 1. wasteful spending, 2. budgeting various county departments appropriately, 3. monitoring contracts within the county to ensure the best price is obtained: As a Commissioner I will not support and projects that are not an absolute must for Wayne County. I will work closely with department heads to determine what type of budget is needed in order to provide the best customer service to the residents while staying cost efficient. I will not sup-port no-bid contracts or contracts from vendors who have relationships with county elected officials or any other County employee who has influence on the selection process.

Collop: A. Crime -Speak with prosecutors and sheriff to see if both can be run more efficiently. Research to see how other counties provide these services and elicit new ideas. B. Jobs

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-18

July 1, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne

Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: minutes reg.

mtg. of June 14; 2nd reading and adoption of Chapter 210.00 Uniform Fee Schedule; Aug. 5th Council Mtg to Aug. 4th because of Primary Election; CDBG agreement to Wayne County; cemetery plot buyback; PSA with Yth. Svs Director; sale of State Wayne Theater to Insight Holdings II; payment of Mobile Data Computers from Dell for Patrol Cars; FY '14-'15 Budget

Amendments; resolution proposing a Charter Amendment and ballot proposal to amend

Charter Sect. 10.1 (i) to extend Police & Fire Svs millage for another 5 years; annual sidewalk sales and waive fees for Special Event Permit with the Chamber of Commerce. Received and

filed Communications and Reports. Recessed to Closed Session to discuss attorney-client privilege at 10:05 p.m.; reconvened in open session at 10:35 p.m.; Adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

 Be more business friendly and research to see how to obtain them. C. Roads - Roads are fixed presently in a crisis situation. Why constant repairs? We need long-term solutions, not quick fixes. Is it truck weight or quality of material used?

Haidous: The top three issues would be to: 1. Balance the budget; 2. Ensuring our roads and bridges are safe; 3. Maintaining and enhancing public safety. Of course, lastly to make sure that the county government works for everyone. Overall, we need Wayne County to be a safe and clean environment for everyone who lives and works here.

4. What makes you the best candidate for this position?

Cady: I am the best candidate for the position because I have the ability to independently think on issues pertaining to the county. I do not have longstanding relationships with the County Executive as other candidates in this race do. I am able to serve the residents of the 11th District honestly and with integrity. I understand the needs of the residents because I have been communicating with them prior to seeking election to this position. I will ensure residents are treated with dignity and respect, ensuring their tax dollars work for them and provide them with the services they need.

Collop: I have a sincere desire to promote growth in Wayne County. I am concerned about deficit, crime and what I see as the deterioration of Wayne County. I am concerned about the deterioration of the justice system, cutbacks in local fire, police and EMS services. I want Wayne County to provide quality services to all residents. It devastates me to see how hard people work, pay taxes and get little in return for all their effort.

Haidous: I have a proven track record as an elected official as being someone who works hard on the behalf of his constituents to do what is in the best interest of all parties involved. I have represented citizens at the city, county and state government levels over the years and am highly experienced and motivated. I have the ability to work as part of a team and bring people together to work towards a common goal and the greater good.

Age: 27. **Employment:** Deputy Sheriff-Wayne County Sheriff's Office (2008-present), 1st Vice President-Wayne County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (2013present).

JEREMY R. CADY

Family: Single, no children. Education: Huron High School (New Boston), graduated in 2004; currently enrolled in Labor Studies at Wayne State University.

Community Involvement: Senior Advisor, Huron Township Police Explorers (2004-2010), Huron Township Police Explorer (2000-2004), Huron Township Fire Explorer (2002-2004), member of the Michigan Democratic Party, 12th Congressional District Democratic Party, Western Wayne Democrats United, Southwestern Wayne County Democrats, Romulus Democratic Club, Brownstown Democratic Club, National Rifle Association, Police Officers Association of Michigan and Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan

#### WILLIAM COLLOP

Age: 51.

Employment: 29th District Family: Father of three grown children. Education: Graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, some college. Community Involvement: Wayne 100 Club board mem-



#### ABDUL "AL" **HAIDOUS**

Age: 72.

Employment: Mayor, City of Family: Married, 5 children, 10 grandchildren. Education: High school. Community Involvement: Mayor, member of Wayne City Council, chairman of the Retirement Board, Risk Management and Real Estate Committee, member of the Cable Communication Regulatory Commission and Downtown Development Authority, Vice- Chair Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), Southeast Government Alliance (SEMCA/SEGA), Advisory Council, Delegate for Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Committee, Conference of Western Wayne County (Past

President), Central Wayne

(Chairperson).

County Sanitation Authority

#### CITY OF WAYNE DANGEROUS BUILDING PROCEEDINGS

#### HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER

In the matter of: Owner/Interested Persons: Law Auto Reality Associates

32115 Michigan Avenue Wayne, Michigan 48184

Cayman Enterprises, Ill, LLC c/o Albert Swiden RIA 204 Dresden Pontiac, MI 48340

Subject Property: 3448 Mildred, Wayne, Michigan Hearing Dates: 10/17/2012; 02/20/2013; 04/17/2013; 06/19/2013; 10/16/2013: 12/18/2013: 04/16/2014: 06/18/2014

Inspection Date: 05/01/2013

Hearing Officer: Thomas M. O'Brien

Effective Date: Date of Publication

#### HEARING OFFICER'S FINDINGS

A public hearing was conducted on the above Hearing Dates in accordance with City Ordinance 1472 relative to the City of Wayne's request to declare the subject property a dangerous building and order such alterations, repairs or rehabilitations, or in the alternative the demolition and removal of the dangerous building located on the subject property.

A hearing was conducted on the Hearing Date. The representatives of Owner, Law Auto Sales, attended the hearing on October 17, 2012, February 20, 2013, April 16, 2013, June 19, 2013, October 16, 2013 and December 18, 2013; however, Owner failed to appear on April 16, 2014 and June 18, 2014. City inspection reports as well as testimony from City of Wayne Building Department representatives were received. No written or oral objections to the above mentioned reports were presented by owner or any interested party

Testimony having been presented by the Building Inspector and/or Building Official for the City of Wayne, wherein they testified that the following violations existed at the subject

Lot is a dump site for trash and debris and is overgrown;

Electric service is damaged and missing cover- open to access;
 Concrete parking lot is in disrepair, off-level, broken and hazardous;
 Block wells are deteriorated, cracked, shifting and structurally unsound;

Lintels over doorways are shifting and structurally unsound;

Roof structure is deteriorating and unsound;

Sewer is full of debris and appears open for site drainage; Electrical, gas and water utilities are off; and

9. Ordinance 1472, Section 2, Subsections a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l and k The owner and/or interested parties were not in attendance at April 16, 2014 and June 18,

2014 Hearing Dates. No written or oral objections to the City's inspection were presented at

After personal inspections of the exterior and interior of the Subject Property by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer concurs with the above findings of Building Inspector, and further makes his own observations that additional violations exists as follows:

#### holes;

1. Lot and drive cracked, broken and missing cement; blacktop disintegrating with

2. Weeds and debris scattered about; and

3. Large accumulation of debris and trash stacked up on eastside of property.

#### BUILDING:

- 1. Building in total disrepair;
- Possible structural damage;
- 3. Missing fascia; pealing painting (in and out); 4. Visible cracks in masonry walls;

5. Exposed wiring:
6. Open electrical boxes in existing bay;

Floors cracked and broken;

Missing drain covers; 9. Bays containing tires and trash and debris; and

10. Utilities were off

#### ORDER

This matter having come on for hearing and the above findings being presented;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all buildings (and accessory structures) located at 3448 Mildred, Wayne, Michigan are dangerous buildings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the findings of the City Engineer are hereby sustained.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should the owner/interested person(s) fail to comply

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the building and accessory structures located at <u>3448</u> <u>Mildred</u>, Wayne, Michigan must be demolished within 30 days from the date of service of this

with this Order, the City of Wayne is ordered to correct the violation by demolition and charge to the owner/interested person(s) its cost in accordance with City ordinances.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be conducted before the City of Wayne's Appeal Board on August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., (the third Monday of the month following the expiration of 30 days from the date of this Order), which will be at City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184, for the purpose of affirming the action herein. You may attend and show cause why this Order should not be affirmed by the Appeal Board as the final order regarding the demolition of the property noted herein.

THIS NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER IS FINAL, THE HEARING OFFICER HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REVERSE HIS DECISION, TO GRANT AN EXTENSION OF TIME, OR TO ENTERTAIN A REQUEST TO REOPEN THE HEARING OR TO GRANT ANY OTHER REQUEST OF THE OWNER OR THE OWNER'S AGENT.

6-30-14

-H.OB Hearing Officer

AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO THE APPEAL BOARD. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY MUST FILE AN APPEAL OF SUCH ORDER WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE. THE AGGRIEVED PARTY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION WITH THE CITY CLERK.

AN AGGRIEVED PARTY MAY APPEAL BY ANY DECISION OR ORDER OF THE HEARING OFFICER AND/OR THE APPEAL BOARD UNDER THIS ORDINANCE BY FILING A PETITION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE HEARING OFFICER'S NOTICE OF FINDINGS AND ORDER OR THAT OF AN APPEAL BOARD WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE.

Matthew K. Miller, City Clerk

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Adopted: July 1, 2014 Published: July 10, 2014 Effective: July 11, 2014

Section 1.

Section 2.

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Matthew Miller

07-14-0219 Motion by Damitio, seconded by Rhaesa and unanimously carried the, it was resolved to approve the Second Reading and adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No.

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

210.00: Uniform Fee Schedule. CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS: THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO PART TWO, ADMINISTRATION CODE; TITLE TWO, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 210, UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE Building and Engineering Department Fees The full document

is available at the City Clerk's Office. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Amending free speech is wrong idea

Critics have castigated the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in campaign finance cases as assaults on democracy. The solution, some members of Congress think, is to commit an assault on democracy of their

They would do this in an amendment to the First Amendment to the Constitution. Such an amendment was introduced by 15 senators. It would allow Congress and the states to limit spending on elections. The amendment is not likely to succeed since it would have to pass with the support of two-thirds of both houses and be ratified by 38 states.

Nonetheless, this is an opportunity to be reminded of the purpose of the First Amendment, which says in part, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech." That means the government cannot tell people what they cannot say, including speech that may be disagreeable, outrageous, hateful, disgusting, mean or nasty.

The underlying principal is that government cannot be trusted to define what speech is worth protecting and what speech should be prohibited. The founders understood that a government that has the power to silence its critics is a dangerous government.

That is why the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of Nazis to march through a community of German concentration camp survivors in Skokie, Illinois. It is why the court said Westboro Baptist Church followers have a right to spew hatred at grieving survi-



vors attending funerals of war dead. It is why the court has said protesters cannot be put in jail for burning the American flag.

Amendments have been proposed to reverse such rulings, including more than one that would criminalize flag burning. But courageous defenders of free speech over cynical appeals to patriotism have stood in the way. As a result, in the 223 years since the Bill of Rights was ratified, the First Amendment has never

And it should not be amended now to give federal or state governments the power to prevent some people from seeking to influence political elections, either through campaign contributions or through independent spending in support of political campaigns. The Supreme Court long ago held that campaign spending is the equivalent of speech because the power to prevent spending money on speech is the power to silence speech.

The latest amendment was inspired by recent Supreme Court rulings allowing independent corporate campaign spending and large individual contributions. Though it is billed as preserving democracy, the amendment would be a perversion of democracy by empowering government to uninhibited expression about political campaigns.

The amendment "is rooted in the disturbing concept that those who hold office in both federal and state legislatures, armed with all the advantages of incumbency, may effectively prevent their opponents from becoming known to the public," the noted First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams said in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee last

Members of Congress or state legislatures could do that under this amendment by passing laws that would restrict the amount of money their opponents

may raise and spend to defeat incumbent politicians. The authors of the First Amendment would likely be shocked at the amount of money spent on political campaigns today. But they certainly would be appalled at the idea that the Constitution would permit a law preventing any person or group of people from spending their own money to influence elections for

# Cady best choice for county's 11th District

Wayne County has gotten quite a black eye of late: several top aides of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano convicted of bribery; its highly touted new

jail has become a testament of cost overruns and failed oversight; and retirees have mounted a legal challenge over the end of their 13th check.

It is not a pretty picture, but one Jeremy Cady believes he can help improve, if elected to represent the 11th Wayne County Commission District. Cady, along with Wayne Mayor Al Hai-dous and 29th District Court officer

William Collop of Wayne are hoping to win the Democratic nomination for the seat, currently held by Commissioner Kevin McNamara, in the Aug. 5 pri-

Each man has a different view of county govern-

ment and believes they have what needs to be done to mitted to making sure the needs of county residents correct the problems. Collop, a 29th District Court officer, and Cady, a Wayne County Sheriff deputy, are newcomers to politics while Haidous is a veteran politician, having served in local government for 21

Haidous has done well in representing the city of Wayne and has served on several county boards; however, in speaking with each candidate and hearing their ideas, we believe that Jeremy Cady has a better understanding of county government and would be the best choice for the seat.

Cady shows a depth of knowledge about the county and its problems, due in part to his being a county employee. He is clearly outspoken about the county problems and what the commission has and hasn't done, including oversight of projects like the new jail and using its veto power, to right the ship. He is com-

are met before the county's wants.

He points out that he is not a career politician and that he has no ties to the current county executive Cady offers a fresh face with fresh ideas and plans to be an elected official who sticks up for the people of what he calls "forgotten southwestern Wayne County." On his to-do list, if elected, is lobbying for services for his constituents and bringing customer service to the county. He will answer to the people who would elect him not the county executive and the county commission.

Jeremy Cady offers the best opportunity to restore credibility to Wayne County, and he deserves the Democratic nomination in the 11th Wayne County Commission District the Aug. 5 primary election.

**GUEST COLUMN** 

## Tragic death of local referee sheds light on contributions, challenges that sports officials face

By Francisco A. Villarruel **Guest Columnist** 

very year, there are thousands of soccer matches played in Michigan, and hundreds of thousands of matches are played throughout the United States. Regardless of age, matches are played with enthusiasm, excitement, and energy. Two teams compete against one another for victory in emotional

Yet, in every match, there is a third team - the referee crew. Officials range in age from as young as 14 to as old as 70. As the World Cup competition displays, referees are admonished, blamed, ridiculed and applauded for their contribution to the beautiful game of soccer. Like players, we also compete to succeed - to get to the top of the sport we love.

Unfortunately, there are times when players or fans forget about the game and displace their frustrations in manners that impact everyone. This is noted in the tragic death of John Bieniewicz, a 44-year-old father, referee, and man who loved officiating youth matches in Michigan. He has been described as the "gentle giant who took pride in telling stories of his two sons" and who accepted willingly youth matches of all ages. He was a teacher, a coach, a role model, a father and a man who simply enjoyed giving to a game so players and fans could fully enjoy a sport that they loved - especially in love of his two sons.

We share this tragic story for a simple reason. John's unfortunate death gives us an opportunity to reflect on the contributions and role of the "third team" in sports. Like players, sports officials dedicate time to training, studying the rules of competition, and helping to develop players. Out of over 131,000 registered soccer referees in the U.S., only one referee crew was fortunate to earn the privilege of being invited to officiate the World Cup in Brazil. While John may not have had the desire to reach these



John Bieniewicz

heights, his passion for officiating to support the enjoyment of others was evident. He selflessly gave of his time to provide opportunities for youth to develop their soccer skills. Comments being posted on social media laud John as a colleague, a peer, a father who will be missed by this world.

Like players, referees develop their skills through work and effort. Yet, unlike players, sports officials are subjected to consistent criticism. "Referee, are you blind? How could you call that? Where did you get your referee license - a Cracker Jack box?" Imagine for a moment if the stands were filled with referees who made such statements to players - would we as a society tolerate this type of verbal abuse directed towards others?

Occasionally, there are reports of referee abuse and assault in virtually every sport. What are we teaching our youth, schools, or communities when we "join the crowd of dissent"? When spectators are asked if they would be interested in becoming a sports official, an all to common response is: "Who in their right mind would subject themselves to verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse, and repeated negative statements?" Simple - people who have a passion for sports, who enjoy working with others, and who help support the skill development of young amateur

John's tragic death is a painful loss to the soccer community – and youth soccer in Michigan – but this pales in comparison to the loss to the Bieniewicz family and thousands of persons who John touched in his short life. The Michigan Soccer Referee Committee asks those who read this to offer their prayers and support for the Bieniewicz family, but also to thank sports officials of all ages for their willingness to be the "third" team for the enjoyment of athletes and fans throughout the world.

We also ask that you reflect on how public criticism expressed at sports officials can turn into rage that can impact the life chances of sports officials who do what they "love." Remember, like young athletes, sports officials are also developing and refining their skills. Referees are also human. Celebrate their contribution by expressing your gratitude for their time, effort, and contribution to the sports that we choose to play

And to John Bieniewicz and his family, we express our gratitude for your contribution to soccer, for your support and collegiality of bettering the referee community across Michigan and the nation and for touching the lives of youth in your professional and personal communities. You may be gone from this world but never forgotten.

Francisco A. Villarruel is the Michigan State Soccer Referee administrator.

LETTERS

#### Short-sighted opinion

In response to "Our Views" on the editorial page of the June 26, 2014, edition: I don't know of anyone willing to pay more at the pump for gas when the taxes we pay for that purpose are not being utilized there.

It's always the same with politicians; they take the easiest route and raise taxes. Not one of them with exception of a few like Sen. Patrick Colbeck is willing

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to put in the time and work to find solutions and cuts and other ways to raise revenues without raising taxes and burdening taxpayers and job creators

Ideas such as renting out rest areas along our highways to fast food chains. Planting alfalfa along highways and medians and then cutting, bailing and selling it for feed. For the Observer to come out and say they side with higher taxes is incredibly shortsighted and telling of how the media feels about the citizens of this state. Please, show us any poll you have taken or know of that shows that the people of Michigan are willing to pay more for gas.

Phil Solarz Westland

#### Tale of two cities

On Monday, June 23, 2014, in City 1 - Garden City GCYAA baseball championship games were going on at Moeller field. The Mets (8-9) won their game and the championship. My grandson plays on the team. He was so happy with his trophy and fun with the team. Earlier in the day he had gotten a surprise

new bike, which only added to the celebration.

While the celebration was going on, over in Livonia City 2 — some lowlife scum bag was stealing not one but two bikes from my grandson's backyard, including the new one. The bikes were in the backyard concealed from street view. Imagine the disappointment and sadness my grandson felt when arriving home after his victory to find this.

Back to Garden City — City 1 — the parents of the Gladiators ((9U) baseball team, for which my grandson also plays, heard what had happened and had gotten together, collected enough money amongst themselves and bought my grandson a new bike. He was called to Garden City Park on the pretense of pictures for the team only to be presented with the bike. The joy had returned and smiles were large.

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> Marty Williams Garden City



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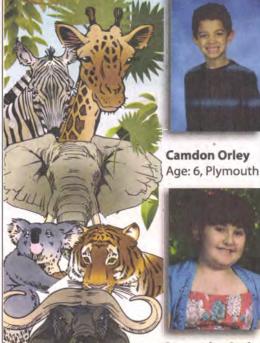
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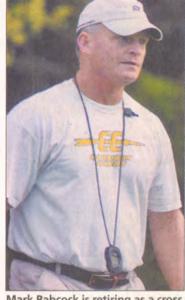
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Mark Babcock is retiring as a cross country coach. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Babcock steps down at Harrison

Longtime coach retires from girls cross country post

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

When practice begins in August, the Farmington Harrison girls cross country team will have a new coach for the first time in 24 years.

Mark Babcock, who has taught health and physical education for 34 years at Harrison, is retiring from teaching and also leaving his fall coaching post.

He does plan to return and coach the Harrison girls track and field team for one more season in 2015, however.

Babcock and his wife, Shelly, will spend next fall in Hammond, La., where their two daughters, Jennifer and Lauren, will be teammates on the Southeastern Louisiana University women's soccer

Jennifer will be a senior captain; Lauren will be an incoming freshman. Both played soccer at Plymouth High School and are scholarship players at SLU.

"I'll miss those (cross country) girls and that season," Babcock, 56, said, "but I'm going to be doing some things with my girls.

"I look at it as a once-in-alifetime opportunity with your kids playing on the same college team. I think any parent would"

Babcock, who attended North Farmington High School and now resides in Canton, has been the Harrison track coach since 1981 and brought continuity to that position.

"They had three coaches in three years," he said. "I hadn't thought about coaching girls at that time, but the job opened up and the rest is history as they say."

In the fall, Babcock was a football coach for the first 10

years of his career. He was the defensive coordinator at North Farmington for the last eight.

When Harrison needed a cross country coach in 1990, Babcock thought a change in sports made sense at that time.

"We were having a hard time keeping a cross country coach, and I had been a track coach for 10 years," he said. "I thought it would help the track program.

"It was a logical move to coach in the same school (where he taught) and a sport that complements the other.

that complements the other. "And football is a lot of work; it's seven days a week. It

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Livonia native and Novi Detroit Catholic Central grad Michael Dube will take his talents to Michigan State. PHOTOS BY DAN DUBE

# Dube setting his sights on MSU tennis career



Michael Dube, a Livonia native and Catholic Central grad, played in last year's boys 18 USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo.

Ankle injury slowed CC grad in Midwest Closed

By Brad Emons

Michael Dube's junior tennis days are over, but in the fall he'll gear up again for what he hopes is a successful four-year career at Michigan State.

The Livonia native, who graduated in May from Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, signed an NCAA letter of intent last November with the Spartans.

He is one of two incoming recruits for coach Gene Or-

Dube, who recently played his last junior event at the USTA Midwest Closed in Indianapolis, had a comfort level with MSU's returning players and coach.

"I really like them a lot,"
Dube said. "Also, they have
good academics and a good
tennis program, too."

Dube qualified last year for the prestigious boys 18 USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo, where he posted a 3-2 record overall while falling in the Round of 64 to Collin Altamirano (Santa Barbara,

Calif.) in straight sets. "I thought I did pretty well and got a pretty good draw,"
Dube said.

Rated a four-star recruit by tennisrecruiting.net, Dube posted a 31-13 singles record in USTA tournament events during the past 12 months.

In Indianapolis, Dube captured his first-round match before retiring with an ankle injury after playing just one game in the opening set against No. 2 seed John

McNally (Cincinnati, Ohio).

Dube, who injured his ankle playing soccer two weeks prior to the Closed, was able to rebound in the consolation bracket and win four of five matches.

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MHSBCA ALL-STAR GAME

## Prep showcase has local flavor

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

The cream of the high school baseball crop — including several players from Observerland — is ready to step onto the Comerica Park field for Thursday's annual all-star game.

Area players such as Canton High School's Nick Hazergian, Plymouth Christian Academy's Daniel Jipping and North Farmington's David Lett are among 36 recent graduates who will take part in the 33rd annual East-West

The 7 p.m. contest is presented by the Detroit Tigers
Foundation (an affiliate of
Ilitch Charities) in conjunction with the Michigan High
School Baseball Coaches Association. Tickets are \$10 and
will be available for purchase
at the gates prior to the start
of the game.

Meanwhile, all youth baseball players attending in uniform will get in free.

Hazergian, Jipping and Lett will suit up for the East All Stars along with a handful of other players from metro

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on the East All Stars. FILE PHOTO

# Whalers open, close at home against Erie

OHL franchise to host 28 games on Friday, Saturday nights

The Plymouth Whalers start the 2014-15 Ontario Hockey League schedule playing four tough opponents from the Western Conference. It will mark the Peter Karmanosowned franchise's 25th season.

owned franchise's 25th season.
After opening the season
Friday, Sept. 26, in London,
Plymouth hosts the Erie Otters
in the home opener at 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27, at Compu-

ware Arena.

The following weekend, the Whalers play Friday, Oct. 3, in Guelph against the OHL-champion Storm at Sleeman Centre before returning home to host the London Knights at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4.
Plymouth will host Windsor on Thanksgiving Eve in what

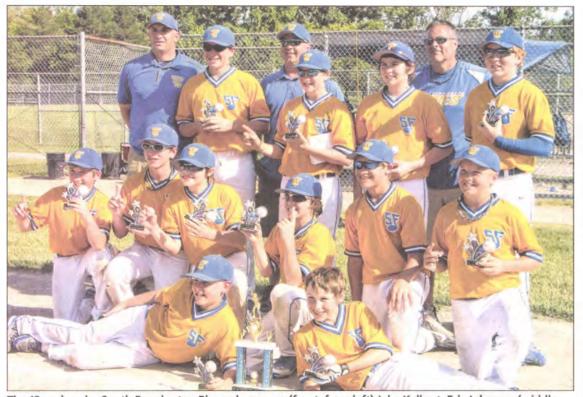


usually is a popular home date. So is the annual holiday matinee, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, also against the Spitfires. That home game is one of just three during the month. Also visiting Compuware in December are OHL powerhouses London (7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6) and

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The Plymouth Whalers host the Erie Otters in their home opener at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Compuware



The 12-and-under South Farmington Blues players are (front, from left) Jake Kelbert, Eric Johnson, (middle row) Jack Felder, Parker Kent, Alex Kosdrosky, Tommy Walsh, Greg Wiacek, Nick Pearen, (back row) Ben Ward, Gunnar Lombard, Chris Martin and Kyle Goodling. The coaches are (from left) Chris Kelbert, Jim Pearen and Eric Johnson.

## Blues win pair of tourney titles

The South Farmington Blues 10- and 12-and-under baseball teams continued their winning ways in the 16th annual USSA Blues Invitational June 14-15 at Founders Park.

The 12U Blues won their first three games before losing their fourth, but they still advanced to the championship game and defeated the Bay Area Bulls from New Baltimore, 11-1.

The 10U Blues opened with a loss, but they came back to win their next three and reach the final round.

They avenged their lone defeat with an 11-5 victory over the Oakland Diamondbacks in the championship

It was the second consecutive tournament title for both teams, following their wins June 1 in the Livonia Junior Athletic League's Diamond Dig Classic

The 10U Blues improved to 24-5 overall and are the first-place team in the Advanced East A Division of the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association.

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The 10-and-under South Farmington Blues players are (front row, from left) Michael Downs, Nicholas Zappia, Davis Kent, Kyle Harvey, Gus Weaks, (back row) Anthony Jentzer, Jake Matteson, Danny Hanus, Sam Felder, Noah Felder and Alex Switlik. The coaches are (from left) Chris Weaks, Tom Downs and Jim Kent.

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and won championships in two others this season.

The 12U Blues were 24-3 and 13-1 in the Northwest Division of the KVBSA's 12U Advanced Division. They have won all three tournaments in which they have participated. The 12U team traveled to

The 12U team traveled to upstate New York to play in a national tournament June 29-July 3 at the Cooperstown Dreams Park.

# Generals finish third in ASA tourney

The Michigan Generals, a 12-and-under girls softball team based in Farmington Hills, finished third in an ASA national qualifying tournament.

Games were played June 19-22 at Power Park in Novi and ITC Sports Park in Northville. The Chicago-based Orland Park Sparks won the tour-

The Generals opened with a 6-2 loss to Ice Blue from the Clarkston area. Sarah Cassidy drove in a run with a double and scored a run. Kacui Noseworthy, who had a single and two stolen bases, scored the other run.

The Generals won their next two games in pool play, defeating the Michigan Rage, 7-3, and the Great Lakes Sharks, 11-3.

Jordyn Taylor and Sarah Fish scored two runs each in the win over the Rage. Taylor had two hits and a walk, Fish a double and two walks.

Noseworthy and Alayna Mulford had two hits apiece in the Great Lakes game. Mulford also scored two runs.

Sydney Bernot (single), Noseworthy and Molly Simpson, who played outstanding defense at second base, each scored a run. Emma Curan was the winning pitcher in both games.

The Sparks used a 10-run inning to engineer a 12-1 win over the Generals, who slipped to 2-2.

The Generals rebounded later Friday with a 15-2 defeat of the Mid-Michigan Firesticks, scoring 14 runs in the first inning.

Curan had three hits; Noseworthy, Kelly McCullough and Allison Poremba had a double and two walks apiece.

Curan, Poremba and McCullough also scored two runs each. Maddie Armstrong chipped in a double; Taylor was the winning pitcher.

In the first round of bracket play Saturday, the Sharks edged the Generals in 10 innings, 4-3.

Each team scored three runs in the ninth inning. Using the international tiebreaker, the Generals left their runner at third base in the 10th.

Taylor hit a two-run single; Curan, who pitched a complete game, had a double and a run scored. Simpson was a standout at second base again.

The Generals won their next two to stay alive in the doubleelimination tourney and advance to the final round Sunday.

Mulford, Curan and McCullough had three hits each in the team's 19-10 win over the Firesticks

Mulford had two doubles and scored twice; Curan tripled and scored three runs, and McCullough had a double and one run scored.

Fish, who walked twice and had one hit, scored four runs. Mulford, Taylor and Curan shared the pitching duties.

Bernot had three hits and scored two runs as the Generals beat the Rage again, 10-4. Noseworthy had a double, a walk and two runs; Poremba had two singles and scored once

The Generals, who finished the tournament with a 5-4 record, fell one game shy of the final Sunday when they lost to Ice Blue, 7-4.

#### **BASEBALL**

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Detroit schools.

Also on the East squad are Dazon Cole (West Bloomfield H.S.), Grant Reuss (Cranbrook Kingswood Prep), Gordon Fisher (University of Detroit-Jesuit) and Will Salter (Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep).

Cole and Reuss recently were selected by the Atlanta Braves and Detroit Tigers, respectively, in the Major League Baseball amateur draft.

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# Highly touted center Bitten commits to OHL's Whalers

Plymouth Whalers General Manager Mark Craig last week announced the commitment of center Will Bitten, who was taken by the Whalers in the first round (seventh overall) of the 2014 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection.

"Will's exactly the kind of player we need," said Plymouth Whalers Head Coach Don Elland. "I love the fact that when he doesn't have the puck - in spite of his size he'll do whatever he can to get it back. He's a very good play maker. Given time, we think Bitten will become a very good player in the Ontario Hockey League."

Bitten, who turns 16 on Thursday, scored 36 goals and 42 assists for 78 points in 29 games as captain of the Ottawa Jr. 67's minor midgets last season. He added five goals with five assists for 10 points in six games last spring in the OHL Cup tournament. He was named Minor Hockey Player of the Year for the Ontario East Minor Hockey League.

In 2012-13, Bitten scored 29 goals with 25 assists for 54 points in 30 games for the Ottawa 67's bantams. In 2011-12. Bitten scored 30 goals with 33 assists for 63 points in 28 games for the Ottawa 67's bantam minors.

After playing in Ottawa, Bitten hoped to be taken by his hometown team. But the 67's chose left wing Travis Barron

Guelph (7 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

and February, with eight and

ly. Some of the highlights in-

game against Sault Ste. Marie

King Jr. Day matinee against

Saginaw (2 p.m. Monday, Jan.

19) and contests against Sarnia on Saturday, Feb. 21, and Thursday, Feb. 26 (both 7 p.m.).

Meanwhile, Erie closes out

the Compuware slate with a 7

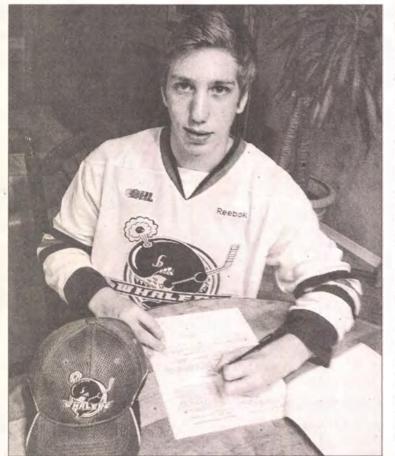
p.m. Saturday, March 21, con-

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Things pick up in January

seven home games, respective-



Center Will Bitten recently was taken by the Plymouth Whalers in the first round of the OHL Priority Selection. PHOTO COURTESY BITTEN FAMILY

with the third overall pick in the OHL Priority Selection.

"I'm very excited to play for the Whalers," Bitten said in a recent interview. "Plymouth seems like a really good place

to play. My goal is to be ready for the NHL Draft in a couple of years. The Whalers will help me to realize my dream."

According to NHL Central Scouting, Bitten "is an un-

January: Fri. Jan. 2, Saginaw, 7 p.m.; Fri. Jan. 9, North Bay, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 10, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 17, Sudbury, 7 p.m.; Mon. Jan. 19, Saginaw, 2 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 24,

March: Thurs. Mar. 5, Saginaw, 7 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 7, Oshawa, 7 p.m.; Sun. Mar. 15, Sagidersized, skilled center that doesn't play like he's 5-foot-8. He is very tenacious and is not afraid to get into the dirty areas of the ice to get the puck or to defend. He is a very smart player with a high hock-

Bitten is part of an athletic family. Parents Doris Piche and Mike Bitten played badminton for the Canadian Olympic team. Doris Piche played is a two-time Canadian Olympian, playing singles and doubles in the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona and singles and mixed doubles 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Mike Bitten played singles and doubles for Canada in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

His cousin — Sebastien Piche - skated in the Ouebec Major Junior Hockey League from 2004-09 for Lewiston, Shawinigan and Rouyn-Noranda and played against the Whalers in two games in the 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup while playing for Lewiston. A free agent, Piche spent time in the Detroit Red Wings system from 2009-12, playing between Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League and Toledo of the East Coast Hockey League.

Bitten joins a young Whalers team that made the OHL Playoffs last season for a league-record 23rd consecutive season.

p.m.

TICKET CAMPAIGN: The Whalers are in the middle of a "25 Days of Giveaways" campaign for season ticket Fans who purchase a season ticket in full are eligible to win

prizes in a raffle. The first two winners are Canton residents Tom Pawlowicz and Steven Gavala.

ALUMNI GAME: One highlight of the Whalers' preseason schedule is Plymouth's fourth Alumni Game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena. More details will be released soon. Some 20 alumni have committed to the game, with more coming soon.

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PRESEASON SLATE: Plymouth starts the preseason with its annual off-site game, hosting Windsor at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30, at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland.

The Whalers play Thursday, Sept 4, at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre and then finish the preseason with home-and-home games Sept. 5-6 with Saginaw.

ETC: Plymouth finished 28-33-0-7 last season, eighth in the Western Conference, while making the OHL playoffs for the 23rd consecutive season. The Whalers were eliminated in the first round by the Guelph Storm.

The Whalers return an entire roster of players from last season.

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#### SPORTS CAMPS

Churchill hoops

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, at the high school. The cost is \$50.

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

#### Plymouth Y programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs. The focus will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

The programs include preschool soccer, preschool and youth basketball and volleyball. Ages vary by program but offer something for children age

The programs are open to YMCA and community members. For more information, contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit ymcadetroit.org/plymouth.

#### **Canton football**

A summer football camp run by the Canton High School program is slated for July 14-17 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.

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

Visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com to download a

#### Wildcat baseball

The Plymouth Wildcat summer baseball clinic will be Wednesday, July 23, at the Plymouth High School baseball field.

The first session is 9 a.m. to noon for boys and girls entering grades 1-4; the second is 1-4 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 5-8.

The cost, which includes a snack and water, is \$25 before July 20, \$30 after that date. Participants need to bring a glove, cleats, bat and baseball

To obtain a registration form, contact head coach Jason Crain at plymouthbaseball@pccsmail.net or plymouthbaseballboosters@gmail.com.

#### Harrison volleyball

Harrison High School will host a girls volleyball camp July 22-24 in the school gym.

The hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for girls who will be in the grades 4-6 in the fall, 1:45-4 p.m. for girls in grades 7-8.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per girl for a family with two or more children participating.

A concussion form must be completed and signed. Go to farmington.k12.mi.us to find the form.

For more information, call either coach Mike Love at 313-758-1185 or coach Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

#### Lutheran soccer

A soccer mini-camp for beginning and intermediate players (boys and girls ages 5-12) will be 6:30-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farming-

ton Road, Livonia. The cost is \$20 (includes T-shirt, snacks and soccer

To register, visit www.christoursavior.org or call 734-522-6830.

#### 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.

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All told, the Whalers will WHALERS play 28 home games Friday and Saturday nights. Continued from Page B1

Following is the home portion of the Whalers' 2014-15

September: Sat. Sept. 27, Erie, 7 p.m.;

October: Sat. Oct. 4, London, 7 p.m.; Sat. Oct. 11, Peterborough, 7 p.m.; Fri. Oct. 24, Mississauga, 7 p.m.; Sat. Oct. 25, Kitchener, 7 p.m.;

November: Sat. Nov. 1,

Kingston, 7 p.m.; Fri. Nov. 7, Owen Sound, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 8, Kitchener, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 15, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 22, Niagara, 7 p.m.; Wed. Nov. 26, Windsor, 7 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 29, Sarnia, 7 p.m.;

December: Sat. Dec. 6, London, 7 p.m.; Sat. Dec. 13,

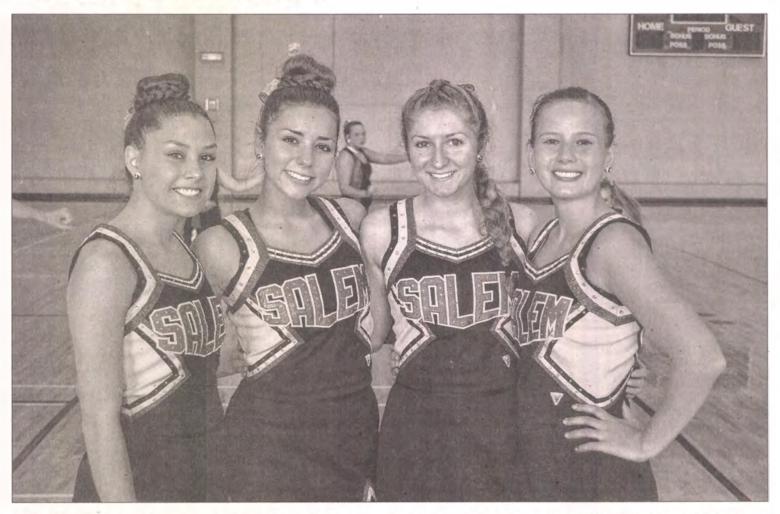
Guelph, 7 p.m.; Tues. Dec. 30, Windsor, 2 p.m.;

Guelph, 7 p.m.; Fri. Jan. 30, Belleville, 7 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 31, Windsor, 7 p.m.;

February: Sat. Feb. 7, Owen Sound, 7 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 13, Barrie, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 14, Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 20, Windsor, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 21, Sarnia, 7 p.m.; Thurs. Feb. 26, Sarnia, 7 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 28, Ottawa, 7 p.m.;

naw, 2 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 21, Erie, 7

#### **All-American Rockettes!**



Salem Rockettes varsity girls pom squad members (from left) Olivia Benintende, captain Rachel Duprey, Maddie Harvath and Lauren Lachowski receive All American honors at the UDA camp held June 13-16 at Oakland University. Only 10 percent of each camp is selected as an All-American.

#### DUBE

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"This year I didn't play that many tournaments, but ones I played I did pretty well, especially this last tournament at the Closed," said Dube, who was the Southeast Michigan Muthig Junior Qualifier runner-up to Novi's Tim Wang, 6-4, 6-4. "I was coming off a sprained ankle and I was still able to do pretty well in the back draw, at least. I was playing through pain for most

of the tournament. I just wanted to go in and play my game and play competitive tennis, which I thought I did."

As a freshman at CC, Dube teamed up with his older brother Joseph to help the Shamrocks win the 2010 MHSAA Division 1 state title. Joseph, who will be a senior this fall at Marist (N.Y.) College, was the state runner-up at No. 1 singles, while Michael took the No. 2 singles flight.

Dube was also state semifinalist at No. 1 singles both in 2011 and 2013 (losing in three sets to Northville sophomore

Connor Johnston).

A four-year honor roll and National Honor Society member at CC, Dube plans on majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology at MSU.

"We are excited to have Michael and another great player from southeast Michigan," Orlando told msuspartans.com following the signing. "One of our recruiting goals each year is to win with Michigan talent and Michael adds to that tradition. Michael's biggest attribute to his game is his ability to find ways to win. He's a hard

worker and will only continue to grow in our program."

Although he did not qualify this year for Kalamazoo — in large part because the draw has been reduced from 196 to 128 — Dube plans to stay busy training under coach Grant Asher at The Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

"I'll played in a couple of ITA, college-age tournaments this month and it should prepare me pretty well for the fall coming up at Michigan State," Dube said.

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# Cadwell's love of bowling pays off

#### Recent Salem grad to continue career at Siena Heights

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Bowling has always been a family passion for the family of recent Salem graduate Steven Cadwell.

His grandparents, Jim and the late Camille Ebersole bowled. So do his parents, Kevin and Denise Cadwell.

And, so does Steven Cadwell - who parlayed an outstanding four-year career with the Rocks into a scholarship to bowl at Siena Heights University (NAIA Division II).

Cadwell, 17, is the first boys bowler from any of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams to receive a college scholarship to continue his career.

He was a member of Salem's 2012-13 state championship squad and had another big year, with an average of 211 and high-water marks of 279 (game) and 475 (twogame series).

"Steven has been a pleasure and key member of the Salem varsity team for four years, Salem coach Kathie Hahn said. "He was key in getting the state championship, ... he was team captain (as a senior).

"The younger players looked to him for advice and guidance. He will do well at Siena Heights and in his future. We will miss him and wish him only the best, he deserves it.

Cadwell recently signed his national letter of intent during a ceremony attended by his parents as well as Jim Ebersole, grandma Nancy Cadwell and Saints men's bowling coach Charles Cain. Salem coaches Hahn and Glenn Clark also were on hand.

"Steven started league bowling when he was four at Super Bowl (in Canton)," wrote Kevin Cadwell in a text message. "He participated in other sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis.

"But bowling's pas-sion. He lives, sleeps and breathes bowling.

He also took his allowance growing up and used the money to buy a new bowling ball or other equipment.

If the younger Cadwell's college career is as successful as his high school career, the money might be coming in rather than going out.

"Steven dreams of becoming a pro bowler one day," Kevin Cadwell said. "He would also like to own his own pro shop one day and give lessons to kids, and (to) coach."

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bowl at Siena Heights University.



Steven Cadwell's proud parents (Kevin and Denise Cadwell) watch as he signs his national letter of intent to bowl at Siena Heights University.

#### **CAMPS**

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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 non-residents.

Baseball: The baseball camp is slated to run

What will capture your eye?

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14.

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 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 a camp for grades 9-12 including advanced offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, July 27-29.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agree-ment. 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.

#### Franklin girls hoop

The Livonia Franklin girls summer basketball camp (grades 5-8 as of this fall) will be 4-7 p.m. July 29-31 at Franklin High School.

The camp is free to all. To register email coach James Milican at schools.org. Please give name, age and grade when registering.

#### **MU** cross country Madonna University

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will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school run-ners 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. Sat-urday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park.

The cost is a \$2 donation 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).

#### CC basketball

Detroit Catholic Central High School will have a boys basketball camp from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 5-7) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 8-9) Monday through Thursday, July 7-10, at the high school, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi. To download a flier,

visit catholiccentral.net. For more information. email CC coach Bill Dyer at dyerja01@southredford.net.

#### Churchill gymnastics

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11-and-up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 11-14, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The fee is \$71.

For more information, email coach-director Kelly Grodicki at kgradzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com.

For more information, call Grodzicki at 248-880-

#### Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will have a series of volleyball camps for middle and high school players.

The remaining camps are: hitters (session II) -8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defenders -1-4:30 p.m. Monday though Thursday, July

The cost for each camp is \$135. For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.

#### **BABCOCK**

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was a step back and a good move for me then. We were going to have children and all that."

Babcock coached a number of outstanding runners such as Allison Noe, Breanna Morrison, Janel Carter and Catherine Barkach, and the 2000 team qualified for the Division 2 state meet.

In recent years, the Hawks won four OAA Blue Division championships during a fiveyear span between 2008 and 2012. "You

really get those topnotch kids," Bab-

cock said. "They're really motivated; they're top students and they're fun to coach. There's a lot of things to love about cross country.

Babcock

There are a lot of team elements about the sport. You train together and do the same things. It's definitely a close-knit group.

"You don't get as much of that in track because of the size of the team and different elements. You don't always train together.

"There's a lot of bonding and we do a lot of things to develop that team chemistry. I'll miss that most. That's one of the great things about coaching high school sports, especially cross country.

'It's been a good run; I've enjoyed it. It was sad when I had to tell (the current team members) goodbye, but it's for the right reason."





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# Green leads field at Lyons Oaks

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association (MPSGA) held the seventh of its 15 tournaments on June 24 at the Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom.

Billy Green of Waterford shot a 71 for the low round of the day. There

were 21 winners from a handicapped field of 101 players (50 years and older).

The first-place prize winners were (Gross/ Net): Flight A: Billy Green, Waterford (71/66); Flight B: Mark Iovan, West Bloomfield (80/68);

Flight C: Steve Germond, West Bloomfield (88/67); Flight D: Tie: Carl Carli, Sterling Heights (103/71); and Desmond Roberts, Trenton (93/71)

For more MPSGA information, visit www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888







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# Parade of Homes winners show design innovations

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 25th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 45 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeast Michigan. The showcase took place during the month of June. All 45 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in eight categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condomini-

The blue ribbon homes are: » Attached condominiums - MJC Companies for Fairfield

» Homes base priced under \$230,000 -Steuer and Associates for Marlee II

» Homes base priced from \$230,000 to \$275,000 - Clearview Homes for Dover - B » Homes base priced from \$275,000 to

\$325,000 - MJC Companies for The Laura » Homes base priced from \$325,000 to \$345,000 - Lombardo Homes for The Sum-

» Homes base priced from \$345,000 to \$400,000 - Silverado Custom Homes for The Majestic

» Homes base priced from \$400,000 to \$500,000 - Robertson Homes for Fair-

» Homes base priced over \$500,000 -Arteva Homes for Sinclair idea Sho-

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of



In homes base priced under \$230,000, Steuer and Associates for Marlee II was the honoree.

condominiums

winner is MJC

Companies for

Fairfield.



Moiseev/Gordon Associates; and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing more than 700 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and

suppliers to the single-family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-(

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

and sales prices.	
BEVERLY HILLS	
16940 Beverly Rd	\$185,000
18184 Kinross Ave	\$340,000
16252 Reedmere Ave	\$350,000
BIRMINGHAM	
125 E 14 Mile Rd # 7	\$85,000
1133 Henrietta St	\$518,000
615 Oak Ave	\$385,000
2313 Pembroke Rd	\$315,000
1116 Washington Blvd	\$280,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2831 Chestnut Run Dr	\$135,000
4255 Meadowlane Dr	\$254,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
100 Billingsgate Ct	\$160,000
4025 Blackthorn Ct	\$475,000
2659 Bridle Rd	\$188,000
457 Cambridge Way	\$450,000
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4348 Karen Ln
5139 Mohr Valley Ln
1692 S Hill Blvd
7079 White Pine Dr
COMMERCE TOWNSHI
3216 Belle Terre
8423 Cascade St
3808 Ellisia Rd
4750 Halberd St
1807 Luneta Ct
855 N Commerce Rd
5431 Riverwalk Trl
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>
25581 Crystal Spring Ct
30134 Fiddlers Grn
26300 Kiltarton St
31750 Lakeside Dr Unit
421
32435 Nestlewood St
33632 Old Timber Rd
28331 Quail Hollow Rd
29360 Summerwood Rd
23735 W Newell Cir

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32435 Nestlewood St
33632 Old Timber Rd
28331 Quail Hollow Rd
29360 Summerwood Rd
23735 W Newell Cir
25422 Witherspoon St
FRANKLIN

740,000	26197 Meadow Dr
305,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE
152,000	27334 Evergreen Rd
243,000	26207 Meadowbrook Way
\$75,000	MILFORD
\$33,000	1569 Boulder Lake Dr
201,000	2889 Central Blvd
137,000	1997 Charles Ct
\$85,000	1130 E Commerce St
136,000	2240 Honeywell Lake Rd
305,000	1395 Old Plank Rd
	1092 Riverstone Cir
164,000	NORTHVILLE
260,000	21346 E Glen Haven Cir
180,000	318 Ely Dr N
118,000	NOVI
	30766 Ardmore Ct
200,000	24056 Argyle St
238,000	31125 Bancroft Dr
194,000	28288 Carlton Way Dr
200,000	26052 Island Lake Dr
134,000	44580 Mansfield Dr
360,000	23434 Meadowbrook Rd 44974 Paine Dr

OAKL	AND COUNTY	
\$410,000	39763 Squire Rd	\$365,000
	44837 Stockton Dr	\$93,000
\$50,000	44843 Stockton Dr	\$93,000
\$149,000		\$200,000
	28478 Witherspoon Dr	\$97,000
	SOUTH LYON	
\$395,000		\$140,000
\$73,000	58697 Bridge House Ct	\$79,000
\$463,000	60125 Deer Creek Dr	\$320,000
\$130,000	983 Devonshire Dr	\$156,000
\$115,000	166 Eagle Way	\$192,000
\$161,000	1103 Paddock Dr	\$249,000
\$291,000	356 Princeton Dr	\$173,000
	SOUTHFIELD	
\$125,000		\$195,000
\$254,000	25075 Lathrup St	\$50,000
	19628 Nadol Dr	\$76,000
\$148,000	28425 Red Leaf Ln	\$45,000
\$625,000	29131 Wellington Rd E #	\$71,000
\$380,000		180
\$193,000	20506 Westhampton Ave	\$22,000
\$580,000	WHITE LAKE	
\$290,000	10179 Cedar Island Rd	\$171,000
\$154,000	1074 Round Lake Rd	\$50,000
\$429,000	9534 Roundlake Blvd	\$133,000

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-\

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 18-21, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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-	CANTON	
	43130 Applewood Rd	\$184,000
1	2075 Centennial Dr	\$535,000
	411 Cherry Grove Rd	\$190,000
1	2234 Fairway Cir	\$164,000
	45913 Graystone Ln	\$100,000
	44539 Heather Ln	\$200,000
1	8410 Holly Dr	\$130,000
	45019 Middlebury Ct	\$272,000
1	42285 Oakland Dr	\$275,000
	1652 Orchard Dr	\$70,000
-	49830 Potomac Rd	\$218,000
1	1930 Preserve Cir W	\$170,000
ľ	771 Princess Dr	\$198,000
	48114 Red Run Dr	\$409,000
4	413 Sandalwood Rd	\$335,000
1	3582 Shepherd Ct	\$219,000
1	3453 Shepherd Ln	\$164,000
-	43896 Shiloh Ct	\$140,000
1	2410 Stanton St	\$300,000
	42964 Versailles Rd	\$160,000
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31528 Block St
28552 Bridge St
32214 Dover St
6501 Henry Ruff Rd
30775 Maplewood St
32611 Maplewood St
LIVONIA
32305 Seven Mile Rd
36007 Allen St
30049 Bentley St
33705 Bloomfield St
29470 Bobrich St
28940 Broadmoor St
9080 Butwell St
29506 Clarita St
9048 Deering St
18125 Deering St
14481 Fairway St
11846 Farmington Rd
15316 Fitzgerald St
33013 Hees St
11065 Hillcrest St
15385 Inkster Rd
18411 Inkster Rd
29858 Lori St
18892 Maplewood St
35733 Minton St

**GARDEN CITY** 

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\$134,000	3417
\$122,000	9744
\$68,000	2009
\$99,000	1938
\$60,000	2804
\$73,000	NOR
	1706
\$47,000	4659
\$240,000	1812
\$155,000	4132
\$150,000	
\$39,000	PLYN
\$62,000	4945
\$175,000	9116
\$53,000	814 [
\$102,000	1481
\$169,000	1246
\$219,000	4049
\$115,000	5112
\$165,000	9168
\$150,000	4297
\$141,000	
\$118,000	
\$111,000	1521
\$140,000	
\$165,000	1746
\$138,000	1870

37544 Newburgh Park Cir
34170 Orangelawn St
9744 Pere Ave
20099 Purlingbrook St
19386 Rensellor St
28044 W Chicago St
NORTHVILLE
17060 Horseshoe Dr
46592 Pinehurst Cir
18126 Shadbrook St
41328 Windsor Ct
20374 Woodhill Dr
PLYMOUTH
49455 Cooke Ave
9116 Countrywood Dr
814 Deer Ct
14818 Farmbrook Dr
12468 Lochness Ct
40499 Orangelawn Ave
51123 Plymouth Lake Ct
9168 Redbud Ave
42975 River Bend Dr
198 Riveroaks Dr
REDFORD
15215 Aubrey
20510 Beech Daly Rd
17462 Centralia
18707 Centralia

\$203,000	9327 Fenton	\$71,000
\$111,000	15225 Garfield	\$28,000
\$145,000	18504 Gaylord	\$50,000
\$49,000	17190 Lennane	\$36,000
\$73,000	27211 Lyndon	\$55,000
\$110,000	18601 Negaunee	\$40,000
	25857 Westfield	\$93,000
\$556,000	24532 Westgate Dr	\$88,000
\$665,000	WAYNE	
\$660,000	34509 Chestnut St	\$76,000
\$125,000	5248 Fletcher St	\$39,000
\$337,000	35059 Glenwood Rd	\$10,000
	36232 Kendall St	\$70,000
\$407,000	2931 Tanglewood Dr	\$200,000
\$358,000	35007 Winslow St	\$82,000
\$188,000	WESTLAND	
\$182,000	39268 Armstrong Ln	\$109,000
\$450,000	6963 Bison St	\$125,000
\$187,000	340 Brookfield Dr	\$115,000
\$533,000	35250 Donnelly St	\$88,000
\$190,000	7445 Hartel St	\$67,000
\$220,000	35238 John Hauk St	\$15,000
\$100,000	32840 Merritt Dr	\$129,000
	1360 N Hix Rd	\$25,000
\$22,000	32700 Parkwood St	\$46,000
\$36,000	1233 Sharon St	\$28,000
\$48,000		
\$29,000		

# Oregon appeals: Go west, young people

Q: We love the Columbia River Gorge area and the city of Hood River and Portland itself, but can't make up our minds where we can get the most for our money

for a retirement home. Do you have any suggestions?

A: A tough question to answer as all of these



areas are sensational, but different in character. Hood River, by way of example, is a resort town similar to a northern Michigan town like Charlevoix or Elk Rapids. The Gorge is like living on a mountaintop overlooking a beautiful river and Portland is very cosmopolitan with, nearby, two large mountains, revitalized neighborhoods springing up and new and converted condominiums all over the downtown area. Depending upon your preferences, Portland proper may be the best bet in terms of real estate costs, especially if you stay out of the downtown area, but you will still have access to downtown and its environs because of the great transit system, plus you will still be near the Gorge, Mount Hood and Mount Adams. Visit an experienced Realtor in each of these areas before you make a decision.

Q: Has the new Bay Bridge between San Fran-cisco and Oakland changed the real estate market in downtown San Francisco on the water-

A: Well, it was a contributing factor, I am sure, to the new condominiums, low and high rise, that are sprouting up around areas of the Old Wharf, east of the Embarcadero. The changes to the bridge allow for better access to downtown San Francisco, plus, of course, the city of Oakland and Walnut Creek, which is an affluent suburb of the city of Oakland. The price, however, for real estate in downtown San Francisco continues to be extremely high per square foot and even Oakland properties near the bridge are appreciating substantially. It is beneficial to get an attorney to assist you in getting a real estate broker who is knowledgeable and can help you assess the most advantageous areas for you to buy in, but you will experience sticker shock in these areas.

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an open forum. Investors will answer ques-

#### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

tions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to

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#### JULY **CAR WASH**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660

#### CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 Location: Lola Park Lutheran

Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford **Details:** Branches Band will perform sacred and secular music

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

#### CROONING IN THE COURTYARD

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. July 31 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Sing-along and karaoke event; bring your own chair, instruments

#### Contact: 734-427-3660 FILM

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 16

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free screening of Gravity. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950

#### MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 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 Contact: 313-937-2424;

#### www.HosannaTabor.org

**OUTDOOR WORKSHOP** Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 13-Aug. 24

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton

Details: Bring your own lawn chair for this service with members of St. Michael Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

#### Contact: 734-459-3333 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Livonia

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road,

Details: Bag sale, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday; scrap metal collection runs July 14-18 Contact: 734-427-2290

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 15-17 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: An ice cream social will be held in conjunction with the sale on July 16. Cost for ice cream is a goodwill offering

#### Contact: 734-427-3660 SOCCER MINI-CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 21-24 Location: Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: For children, 5-12, of any skill level; \$20 per student includes T-shirt, instruction, snack and take-home soccer ball

#### Contact: 734-522-6830; info@christoursavior.org **VACATION BIBLE**

SCHOOL Time/Date: 5:15-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 28 through

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: For 4-year-olds through

Contact: www.connectingwithgod.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

#### YARD SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26 Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Runs rain or shine and includes gently used items, craft supplies, baked goods, and baskets — wrapped and ready for gift-giving — with cat, comfort, car, soothing and child-pleasing themes. Proceeds fund mission team trip to South

Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

#### YOGA CLASSES

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. July 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

#### **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 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 MOMS

#### RELIGION CALENDAR

#### **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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

#### or Kristen at 734-542-0767 PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

#### Contact: 313-563-0162 **PRAYER** Nardin Park United Method-

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

Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

#### St. Edith Church

Contact: 248-476-8860

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

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

#### SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers

group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at

313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **First Presbyterian Church** Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time: 7:30 p.m., announcements:

7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry;

cost is \$5 Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit

www.singleplace.org

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

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-

#### an Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

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

#### **SONG CIRCLE**

**Congregation Beth Ahm** Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

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

#### SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church** Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire-

» Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling. Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

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

Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist

Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Riverside Park Church of

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, **Details:** Adult Day Ministry

offers an adult daytime care

program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to

rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

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

» St. John Neumann

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154

or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

#### » St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

sibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good. Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

0322 for additional information » Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia **Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

www.oa.org for additional information » Ward Evangelical Presby-

Contact: 248-559-7722;

terian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Redford Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third

Saturday from October through

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

#### Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar

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#### BARSAMIAN, ARMEN HAMERNIK, DIANE C. Age 89, July 3, 2014. Beloved Age 70 passed away peacefully on July 4, 2014. Diane was the husband of Norma. Dear father of Mark (Linda), Nona (Byron) owner of White Lace and Prom-Brigham, and Roger (Roxanne). ises Bridal Shop in Canton for 12 Loving grandfather of John (Julie) Graham, Allison, Carmen Brigham, Sara (Anthony) Gil-

years. Loving wife of Ronald Hamernik for almost 48 years. Dear mother of Cheryl (Scott) Taylor of Seattle, WA. grandmother of Matthew Taylor, and Jacob Taylor. Caring sister of John Kohnke. Visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday July 8, at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Ply-mouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Forgotten Harvest. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



#### JOHNSON, MARIE A. 96, June 30, 2014. Beloved wife

of the late Loren. Dear mother of Kay (Jim Case ) Jones-Case and David (Karen ). Also leaves 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and sister Marilyn Larrabee. Preceded in death by 2 grandchildren and 5 siblings. Services were held Thursday. Share your memories www.schrader-howell.com

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# Canton actor takes on three roles at Shakespeare festival in Jackson

**By Sharon Dargay** Staff Writer

Every summer for the past six years Rick Eva temporarily moves from Canton to Jackson, where he rehearses and performs in three plays that make up the Michigan Shakespeare Festival season.

They put us up in housing at Jackson College. We have about three weeks of rehears-al...eight hours every day, Tuesday through Sunday. We're going into technical rehearsals this week," said Eva, who is cast as Osric in Shakespeare's Hamlet and a lord in Cymbeline, and Merriman in Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest. The plays will run in repertory, July 17 through Aug. 17, starting with previews for Hamlet Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, at Jackson College.

"People come from everywhere ... Ohio, Indiana, Chi-cago," said Eva, describing the 15-member cast. "My first year, one of the actors came from New York. We put on good work. That's why the festival is special and there is a demand for it. I just wish more people would come to Jackson to see it. I would love it if we had extra weeks of performances. It's kind of a haul to get out to Jackson, but it's worth it.'

Eva hopes the festival, now in its 20th season, will attract a large audience from metro Detroit next summer when it moves three weeks of its monthlong season to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The festival will rehearse, preview and open performances in Jackson before staging shows July 29 through Aug. 16, 2015, in Canton.

#### **Considering Canton**

"I hope it opens up access to people. Ever since Jan (Blixt) took over I've been whispering in her ear, 'You should look at the theater in Canton. It's really nice." Eva isn't certain if his suggestion to Blixt, the festival's artistic director, prompted next season's expansion into Canton, but he's happy about next summer, he'll play to a hometown audience.

"Nothing is guaranteed. I audition every year," said Eva, 34. "Except for this year. I was



Rick Eva of Canton is in his sixth summer with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. Previews begin Thursday, July 17, in the Baughman Theatre on the campus of Jackson College in Jackson.

on my way to the auditions and I flipped my car on 96. It was one of those days when it snowed all night and they hadn't cleaned the roads and it was really slushy. I was going 30-35.

Drivers who stopped to assist told him the car had flipped twice before coming to rest on an embankment. Eva was able to drive the car to the repair shop before heading to the hospital to check on his sore neck, but missed the auditions. The directors cast him

"They knew me," he explained. "It was my sixth year doing it."

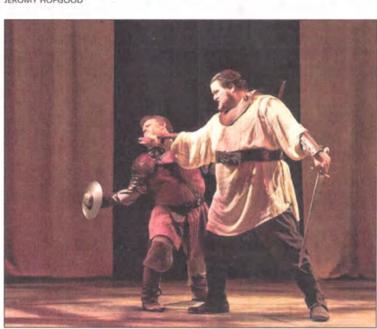
#### School, apprenticeship

Eva began developing his acting skills at Salem High School, where he was president of the thespian troupe. After graduating in 1998, he headed to Eastern Michigan University to study theater, but became overwhelmed by a demanding schedule that also included cheerleading. He transferred to Western Michigan University after two years and decided to get serious about acting. Breaking his foot while cheering at a football game helped to confirm his decision.

After graduating in 2003 from WMU, Eva spent a year in New York before accepting an apprenticeship at the Purple ward he stage managed a children's theater in Milwaukee, Wis., for a year and then returned home to audition for plays, while also earning his



Rick Eva and Melanie Keller in Michigan Shakespeare Festival's 2013 production of Twelfth Night.



Rick Eva (right) battles with Alan Ball during in Michigan Shakespeare Festival's 2012 production of Richard III. JEROMY HOPGOOD

master's degree in theater studies from EMU. He was rehearsing for a play at the Performance Network in Ann Arbor when another actor suggested he audition for the Michigan Shakespeare Festi-

He was cast after his first audition and has returned to the festival every year since. Five years ago, he also became a member of the festival's touring company, which per-

forms Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth in high schools throughout Michigan and adjacent states.

After six years with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, the performances and rehearsals seem more like play than work, Eva said.

"Auditioning is the job. The work is getting the job. When you're cast, it's no longer work. Then it's time to play and have

#### MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE **FESTIVAL**

What: The 20th anniversary season includes Shakespeare's Hamlet and Cymbeline, along with The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

When: July 17 through Aug. 17; Previews are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, for Hamlet, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20, for The Importance of Being Earnest; and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 24-25, for Cymbeline. See a complete list of show times and dates online at michiganshakespeare festival.com

Where: Baughman Theatre, located in the Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College, 2111 Emmons, Jackson

Details: The cast includes Rick Eva of Canton, who will perform in all three plays. Tickets are \$40 for an adult orchestra ticket, \$34 for an adult mezzanine ticket, \$108 for a season flex pass orchestra seat, \$90 for a season flex pass mezzanine seat, . The senior discount is \$3 per ticket and group discounts for 10 or more are \$5 per ticket. Get tickets online at michigan shakespearefestival.com or call

517-796-8600 Contact: 517-998-3673

# Adopt a theater seat, see Woody Allen comedy in Plymouth

Patrons will laugh their way through Barefoot Production's first play of the summer sea-

son from comfy, new seats. The Plymouth theater will present Woody Allen's Play It Again, Sam, as a staged reading at 8 p.m. July 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. July 20, at its playhouse, 240 N. Main. Tickets are \$15. The box office opens an hour before performances. Call 734-560-1493 for more informa-

"Over the past nine years, we have never had a complaint about our shows, only our seats, so we have done something about it. We have purchased wonderful seats to make our theater-going experience for our patrons more enjoyable," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of the theater company, in a news release.

He said the cost of the chairs "took a big bite" out of Barefoot's limited budget. He hopes the public will help replenish those funds by adopting a seat. Patrons who donate \$100 will see their names engraved on brass plates and affixed to a front row seat. Middle row seats are \$75 and back row seats are \$50 and also include the brass name plates.

One row of 11 seats will be designated as Restaurant Row. Plymouth eateries will receive perks, such as a brass name plate and link from the theater website, for adopting one of

Barefoot Productions member Rex Tubbs of The Engraving Connection of Plymouth is providing all of the brass

To adopt a seat, visit just-



Mat DeLisle (left) of Ypsilanti plays Allan Felix and Eric Corliss of Livonia is the ghost of Humphrey Bogart in Barefoot Productions' staged reading of Play It Again, Sam.

gobarefoot.com or call Hane at 734-276-9075.

#### Woody Allen comedy

Play It Again, Sam, is a romantic comedy that became a Broadway hit in 1969. The show centers around Allan Felix, who has been dumped by his wife and encouraged by friends to re-enter the dating scene. Throughout the play, he asks the ghost of Humphrey Bogart for advice.

Hane said the play is perfect for a staged reading because it relies on Allen's writing rather than blocking or physical humor to tell the story. Actors will be at music stands, referring to scripts, with minimal props and blocking. They will have entrances and exits, wear costumes and

portray fully developed char-

The play will serve as an homage to one of Hane's favorite movies, Casablanca. Patrons will hear sound clips from the film during the performance and monitors in the theater lobby will play Casablanca and The Maltese Falcon, two Bogart films, be-

fore the show. Mat DeLisle of Ypsilanti plays Allan Felix and Eric Corliss of Livonia is his film hero, Bogie. Other cast members are Tim Majzlik of Ann Arbor as Dick, Jennifer Beitzel of Northville as Linda, Lauren Berryman of Farmington as Sharon, Samantha Lowry of Livonia as the Girls, and Dana Naughton of Plymouth as Nan-

#### **GET OUT! CALENDAR**

#### ANIMALS **DETROIT ZOO**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August Location: I-696 service drive and

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

and parking. Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, children's, July 16; The Verve Pipe, children's, July 23 Contact: 248-541-5717

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS **ART IN THE PARK**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July

Location: Downtown Plymouth Details: More than 400 artists sell their works. Activities include creation of a living mural, chalk on sidewalk art, children's theater, One Love Reggae Band and more

Contact: 734-454-1314; artinthepark-.com

#### CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, through July 18 Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clay and bronze sculptures by Bernadette Marcos Contact: 248-473-1859

#### **JANICE CHARACH**

GALLERY Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17

through Sept. 11 Location: Jewish Community Center

#### of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W.

Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Daily Gratitudes: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also opening July 17 are exhibits by glass artists and Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

#### COMEDY

Contact: 248-432-5448

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10 and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12 Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Steve Gillespie performs; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10; 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 11; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Nate Weatherup performs; tickets are \$15

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@Com-

edyCastle.com

#### FILM **PENN THEATRE**

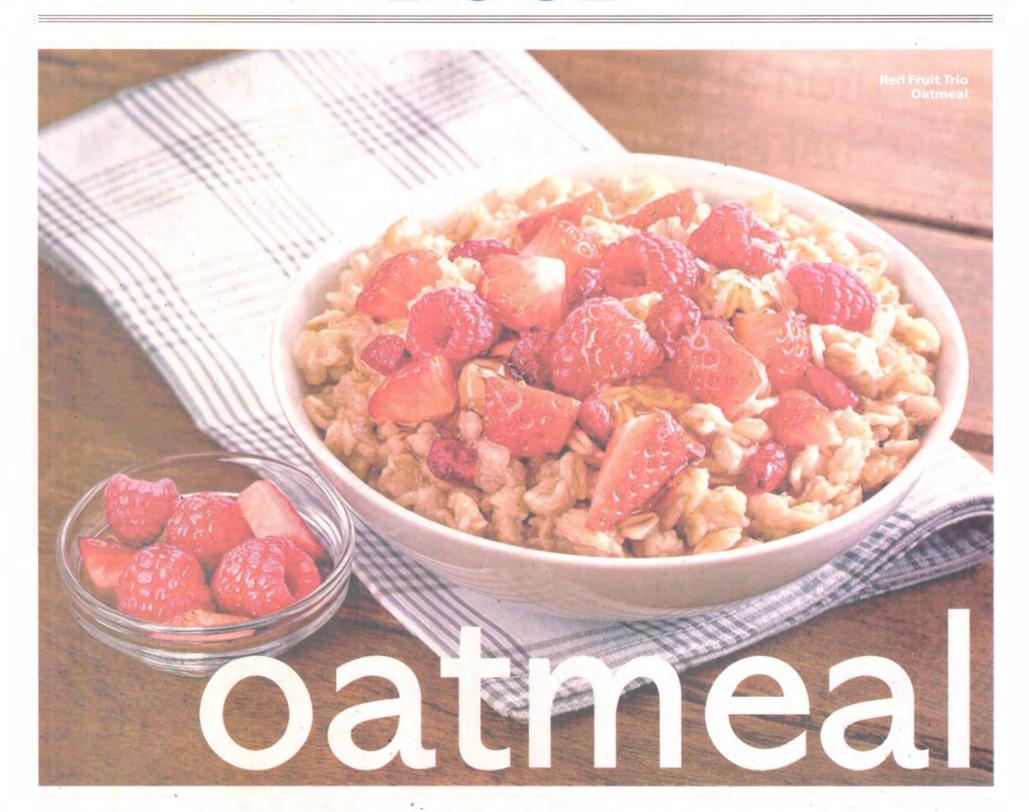
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, and 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: Million Dollar Arm, admission \$3

Coming up: The Amazing Spiderman 2, 7 p.m. Friday, July 18, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20; *Belle*, 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 4:45 p.m.

and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-

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# A summer treat with fresh toppings

f you think of oatmeal as old-fashioned, it's time to think again. Whole grain oats are one of the most versatile breakfast staples and provide a perfect blank slate for this summer's seasonal ingredients. Most produce is at its best during the summer months; fruits like cherries, raspberries and nectarines or vegetables like corn, tomatoes and zucchini are great additions to turn oatmeal from a typical winter dish into a fresh summer freat.

"It's amazing how toppings found at the grocery store or farmers market can transform a traditional bowl of oatmeal into a culi-

nary delight," says Sam Stephens, owner of OatMeals, the world's first oatmeal bar, which opened its doors in 2012 in New York City. "Ingredients like fresh figs and blueberries or even tomatoes and basil can help boost the dish's flavor to the next level and change the way we typically enjoy oatmeal."

As Creative Oatmeal Officer, Stephens has partnered with Quaker to help nourish families in New York City and across the country with creative tips and innovative recipes filled with delicious flavors. She discovered her love for all things oatmeal in college and

since then has devoted her life to sharing her passion, creativity and appreciation of oatmeal with everyone.

Oatmeal shouldn't be limited to just the breakfast table. It can be a healthy, budgetfriendly option for families also looking for delicious snack, lunch or dinner options. There are numerous ways to use simple ingredients to create both savory and sweet dishes for the whole family. Visit www.oatmealchefsam.com for more inspiration.

-Courtesy of Family Features



#### STEEL CUT OATMEAL WITH SWEET CORN, TOMATO & PANCETTA

1 tablespoon olive oil

1/2 cup diced pancetta (or bacon, prosciutto or ham)

2 cups corn (approximately 3 ears, fresh or frozen

and thawed)
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

1 tablespoon butter

2 diced whole small shallots (optional)

2 diced whole garlic cloves (optional) 1 cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats

4 cup low sodium chicken stock Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Grated Pecorino or Asiago cheese

In large saute pan, heat olive oil at medium heat. Add pancetta, corn and cherry tomatoes and cook for five minutes. Remove mixture from pan and place in bowl; set aside.

In same pan, add butter, shallots and garlic, and cook for two minutes at medium heat. Add steel cut oats and stir continuously for two to three minutes, until lightly toasted, golden and fragrant. Add chicken stock and stir to combine.

Cover pan and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until oats are al dente. Add pancetta, corn and tomato mixture to the cooked oats and stir to combine. Season with black pepper to taste and top with grated Pecorino cheese



#### PB&J AND APPLE OATMEAL

½ cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned). Or try ¼

cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats 1/2 cup fresh apple, diced

1 tablespoon peanut butter (or almond butter) 1 tablespoons strawberry jelly

Prepare oatmeal as usual, add toppings and enjoy! For additional topping ideas, try adding fresh strawberries, honey, or dry roasted peanuts

#### **RED FRUIT TRIO OATMEAL**

1/2 cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned) 2 tablespoons diced strawberries

4-5 fresh raspberries

3 pitted and halved fresh cherries (or 1 tablespoon dried cherries) Drizzle of honey

Prepare oatmeal as directed. Top with fruit, drizzle with honey and enjoy. Also try adding 2 teaspoons of dried currants or dried cranberries to create a more flavorful red fruit experience.



#### **CUBAN-STYLE BLACK BEANS &** PLANTAINS OVER OATMEAL

1 cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats 2 tablespoons olive oil

2 pieces firm, ripe plantains, peeled and sliced in

two 1 whole large onion, diced

1 whole green pepper, diced ½ cups chicken broth/stock

115-ounce can of black beans, rinsed and drained

1 teaspoon cumin 1 pinch salt and pepper to taste

Optional ingredients:

1 cup fresh cilantro leaves 1 cup fresh sliced avocado

1 cup Cotija or Queso Frescho cheese Prepare oats as usual and set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Cook plantains for 4-5 minutes until golden and slightly browned, turning once after 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat and sauté the onion and green pepper 5-7 minutes until onion is translucent and beginning to brown. Add the beans, chicken stock, cumin, salt and pepper, and cook for 5-8 minutes more, until beans are heated. Top oatmeal with black beans and plantains. If desired, garnish with fresh cilantro, sliced avocado and cheese.

#### **BANANA SPLIT OATMEAL PARFAIT**

1/2 cup Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned) or try 1/4 cup Quaker Steel Cut Oats

½ banana, peeled and sliced horizontally in half 1/2 cup non-fat Greek yogurt

1/4 cup blueberries 1/4 cup strawberries, diced 1/4 cup almonds

2 teaspoons chia or flax seeds

1 tablespoon honey, agave, or maple syrup

Prepare oatmeal as usual and place in a sundae or parfait bowl.

Place both banana segments on either side of the bowl. Spoon Greek yogurt in the center. Top with strawberries, blueberries, and almonds. Add chia or flax seeds as "sprinkles" and drizzle with your choice of honey, agave, or maple syrup.