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Westland supervisors' contract includes pay raises, contribution to health care

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's supervisory staff members will receive a 4-percent pay raise and some benefit reductions under a four-year collective bargaining agreement that has been approved by the city council.

The agreement is with UAW Local 174, which represents 12 front-line supervisors, including foremen and an accounting supervisor, Westland Personnel Director Cindy King said. Under the agreement, the employees will receive no raise

the first year, 3 percent the second year, 1 percent the third year and no raise but a reopener for the final year.

The agreement requires all employees to contribute 5 percent toward their pensions and cost sharing of approximately 20 percent for health care.

"All of the directors and AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) employees are doing that," King said. "They are helping reduce health care costs. Over four years, there will be a \$130,000

savings to the city."

Decrease in reimbursements

Current employees will also see reductions in tuition reimbursement and overtime. New hires will have a reduced pension benefit and no retiree health care.

"We are pleased to reach settlement on a new contract that provides for pay increases, and we realize that contributing toward pension and health care costs helps the city," UAW Local President Ted Williams said.

As he has in the past, Westland Council President James Godbout expressed appreciation to the employee unions.

"I want to thank the union for working with the city. They made sacrifices as they did in 2010," Godbout said. "This is one of the factors that kept us financially viable, the cooperation of the unions."

King noted that at age 65, current employees will receive a Health Retirement Account, an annual cash stipend to purchase Medicare supplemental coverage. These benefit changes are expected to re-

duce the city's Other Post Employment Benefit and pension liabilities, positively impact its financial statements and credit rating, and reduce a future expense to the city.

Effective management

"As front-line supervisors, we depend upon these hard-working employees for supervising staff and ensuring policy and procedures are followed when delivering vital services," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "These em-

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Class members follow instructor Robert Cassidy in moving and stretching. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ALL JAZZED UP

Senior fitness instructor reaps benefits of regular exercise

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

WESTLAND — Robert Cassidy isn't much for acting his age. At 80, the Westland resident says he feels no different than he did when he started teaching Jazzercise at the Westland Friendship Center in 1998.

Cassidy's age "puzzles" him, he said, because he doesn't feel it.

"I don't have the slightest problem when I'm Jazzercising," he said. "I have a stiff back when I get up in the morning, but when I'm teaching, I never have a problem."

The 20-30 senior citizens who take Cassidy's class up to three times a week don't seem to have any problems either. The women range from 50 to 83 years old and come ready to dance. Men are welcome, but none are currently enrolled, Cassidy said.

The hour-long class is called Jazzercise Lite, a less-intense version of Jazzercise's international dance fitness program. The Lite class uses the same music and choreography as regular Jazzercise classes, except the moves are smaller with no hopping or jumping, and students use chairs instead of



Joyce Swain keeps a close watch on instructor Robert Cassidy.

floor mats for strength and stretching. The class incorporates cardiovascular training, strength training and stretching.

Sixteen years ago, Cassidy, a former student at Jazzercise Fitness Center of Plymouth, became certified to teach Jazzercise Lite — then called Musical Chairs — as a way of bringing fitness

to people his age.

Cassidy said Jazzercise not only keeps his students' cardiovascular systems in shape and increases their flexibility and balance, but improves their emotional well-being. Some of the ladies have never worked outside the

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6 file for 4 W-W school board seats

Three incumbents are among the six candidates who have filed petitions for the Wayne-Westland school board election in November.

Three six-year terms and a two-year partial term will be filled in the election.

Current school board president Shawna Walker of Westland, board secretary Carol Middel of Canton and newcomers Tom Froreich of Westland and Melandie Hines of Westland will vie for the three full terms.

Appointed incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin of Westland and Adam Salam Adamski (the candidate formerly known as Mario Fundarski) are seeking the partial term, which runs from Nov. 4, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2016.

Walker was appointed to the board in 2008 and was successful in her bid for election in 2009. Middel also is completing her first term on the board after winning in 2009.

Griffin has been on the school board since September 2012 when he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrea Clawson. Adamski has been a candidate for numerous national, state and local offices. He currently is a Democratic candidate for Wayne County executive in next month's primary.

Eight candidates filed Tuesday for three four-year seats on the Livonia school board.

The candidates include incumbent President Mark Johnson and Vice-President Colleen Burton. Trustee Randy Roulier did not seek re-election. The other candidates are Jake Emerick, Jeffrey Jacobs, Liz Jarvis, Steve Johnson, Suzanne Migrin and Gregory Zotos.

Only appointed Trustee Dan Centers filed for the partial two-year term previously held by Julie Robinson, who resigned.

Five people also filed for three six-year seats on the Schoolcraft College board. They are incumbents Brian Broderick, board chair; Joan Gebhardt, treasurer; and Terry Gilligan, trustee; plus challengers Robert Breslin and Howard Petty.

By Sue Mason and Karen Smith



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employees recognize the city's need to effectively manage finances, including addressing long-term liabilities."

The mayor, his staff, all directors who are non-union, AFSCME and the Westland Police Officers Association of Michigan, along with the clerk, deputy and approximately 160 employees now contribute toward their retirement and healthcare costs, Wild said.

The city is in talks with the Wayne-Westland Firefighters Union. It will soon begin negotiating with Westland Police Command Officers, Wild said.

"The city's goal is

"I want to thank the union for working with the city. They made sacrifices as they did in 2010."

JAMES GODBOUT,
Westland Council President

consistency in wages and benefits among our various employees groups and achieving new contracts that help stabilize finances and reduce legacy costs by eliminating retirement health care benefits and reforming costly pension packages," Wild added.

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home, and when their husbands die, they have no social contacts.

"There's a big social part to it," he added. "People go out to lunch afterward. Some of them are very faithful and come every Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Depression to dancing

Delores Todd is one of those faithful Jazzerciseers. The 79-year-old Westland resident is a former ballroom dance instructor. She started coming 13 years ago.

"I came out of depression with Jazzercise," she said, explaining that her daughter brought her to class to get her moving

after her husband died. "She came to visit me and she said, 'We've got to get you out of this.' She said, 'Let's go down to the center and see what you can do.' I just went like she was leading me on a leash."

As soon as Todd heard the music, she knew she was in the right place.

"I've been a dancer all my life, and the music just caught my ear," she said.

It was still a struggle to beat the depression, but Jazzercise gave Todd a reason to leave the house. "It was just the repetition of going. You knew that was what you needed to do."

A quick recovery

Last year, Cassidy had a mild heart attack during class. He felt what he thought was indigestion

halfway through class, so he had someone take over leading the class and went back to it once he felt better. The next day, he felt the same way and had to stop. An ambulance came, but Cassidy insisted on driving himself to the hospital.

Cassidy had had a mild heart attack because of blockage in the three arteries near the heart. Three stents were put in through a catheterization procedure. Typically, an 80-year-old patient would need to have one stent inserted at a time, but since Cassidy was in such good physical shape, the doctors were able to insert all three at once.

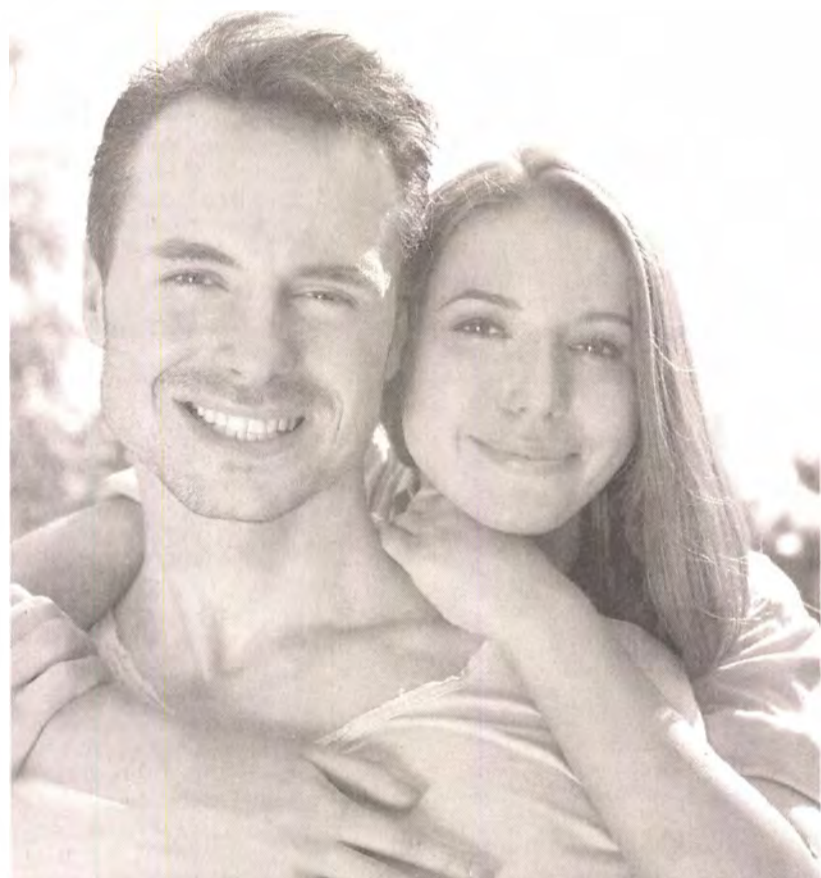
"He said I had arteries like the Detroit tunnel and vitals as smooth as glass," said Cassidy, smiling. He was back to teaching Jazzercise one week

after the procedure.

Cassidy enjoys spending time with his wife Anne, a fellow Jazzerciseer who at 79 teaches conversational English to Japanese people. He is proud of his wife Anne's achievements. She taught elementary school in Scotland, and 30 years ago, she obtained an American degree in English from Madonna University.

Cassidy is also a tenor singer. He sang the national anthem at Comerica Park (his Jazzercise students performed the halftime show at the same game) and has been a member of the Plymouth Oratorio Society for 25 years. His voice is in good shape, he said. "I ascribe a lot of that to Jazzercise."

Cassidy has a son who's 50 years old and a daughter who's 48. He has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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Wayne McDonald's holds grand opening Saturday

The new Wayne McDonald's will host a grand opening celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the restaurant on Michigan at Wayne Road.

Owner Jim Thrower will host the carnival-themed event, including raffles and giveaways, live disc jockey Stick from Channel 95.5, a magician, a balloon artist and an interactive game for children.

Prizes during the family-friendly event will include an iPod Nano and a new bike. To commemorate the celebration, Thrower will make a donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Now through July 31, the restaurant will feature special menu board offers for customers on a daily basis. From 4-7 p.m. every Wednesday will be McFamily Fun Nights.

Jump into July!

Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

Events At:

Independence Village of Plymouth
14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-2600

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 pm

Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun you won't want to miss.

America the Beautiful Patriotic Presentation

Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm

Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.

Sunday Brunch & Open House

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious breakfast and lunch food, be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.

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.

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT



Meet the candidates for Wayne County executive

The Democratic primary for Wayne County executive pits some well-established political figures with a variety of experiences.

There are a total of 11 candidates running for the nomination, with five candidates who are considered the frontrunners. They are incumbent Executive Robert Ficano, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, former Wayne County Sheriff and Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild.

With the hopes of educating our readers about these candidates, O&E Media sent out questionnaires to each. Following are their responses to a series of questions we believe are important to Wayne County voters:

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wayne County?

Cavanagh: Public Safety, fiscal responsibility and integrity are the most critical issues right now. These issues will form the foundation of an administration that can fund essential services before pet projects, that will prioritize safety for our citizens and business, and will create an environment for Wayne County to grow.

Evans: Quality of life, re-population and budget. When families feel safe, they stay in their neighborhoods to enrich their communities and businesses, invest and plant roots. Public safety is the ultimate quality of life issue. My record demonstrates results with a 27-percent reduction in crime in one year as police chief. I will also work to create an environment that attracts small businesses by appointing an ombudsman to help them achieve their goals. A balanced

WILLIAM R. WILD

Residence: Westland

Family: Married to Sherri Wild, who is a sixth-grade science teacher and member of the Michigan Education Association. We have three children: Luke, 11, Lily, 9, and Payton, 7.

Occupation: Full-time mayor of Westland since 2007; owner of Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne.

Education: Graduate of John Glenn High School and Wayne-Westland Community Schools; attended University of Michigan-Dearborn

Community involvement: Westland City Council (2001-06); Westland Planning Commission (1999 to 2001)



Wild

PHIL CAVANAGH

Residence: Redford

Family: Divorced. Three daughters - Veronica, Erin and Mary.

Occupation: State Representative, attorney

Education: BA in business administration and BS in accounting, Aquinas College (1983); JD, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); MBA, University of Detroit Mercy (1998); Michigan Political Leadership Program Graduate (1998); Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2005); Henry Toll Fellows Program Graduate (2013)

Community involvement: Volunteer at Redford Interfaith Relief, Redford/Garden City/Dearborn Goodfellows, Focus:Hope, Motor City Makeover.



Cavanagh

WARREN C. EVANS

Residence: Detroit

Family: Single, two daughters.

Occupation: Professor, Wayne County Community College. Former Detroit police chief, former Wayne County Sheriff, former assistant Wayne County prosecutor, former assistant Wayne County executive.

Education: Bachelor's degree at Madonna University in Detroit, and later earned a master of arts degree in criminal justice at University of Detroit Mercy. Attained juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in Detroit.



Evans

ROBERT A. FICANO

Residence: Livonia

Family: Single; son Robert and daughter Sabrina, granddaughter Lorelei and another granddaughter on the way.

Occupation: Wayne County executive since January 2003

Education: Livonia Stevenson High School, graduated 1970; Michigan State University, bachelor's 1974; University of Detroit School of Law, juris doctor 1977

Community involvement: I established a charitable foundation now known as the Robert A. Ficano Hope Foundation in 2003. It has provided over \$350,000 in scholarships to over 400 high school graduates. It has provided over \$100,000 collectively to dozens of charities including the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the Goodfellows.



Ficano

KEVIN M. MCNAMARA

Residence: Belleville

Family: Married to Aida. One son, Cullan.

Occupation: Wayne County commissioner

Education: Harvard Kennedy School of Government "Senior Executives in State and Local Government" program; studied computer science at Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Community involvement: Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Friendship Church, Detroit Historical Society, Homes for Our Troops, Lions Club, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wayne Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Rotary.



McNamara

budget will ensure a robust economic landscape that encourages opportunity and expansion. This is how we will strive to become the most welcoming county in the nation.

Ficano: With county assistance, hundreds of businesses have located or expanded creating many thousands of jobs. But we must continue work to attract investment to grow more jobs and improve our property tax base. I'm fighting to protect suburban water interests in the Detroit bankruptcy case. We filed objections to stop the Emergency Manager from imposing a new unfavorable system on suburban customers. We also requested continuing court mediation to create a regional water authority. Public safety remains a priority for us,

with about 72 percent of county general funds spent each year to support the operations of sheriff, prosecutor and courts.

McNamara: The three most important issues facing our county are restoring honest government, fiscal stability and public safety. I would also add roads as an important to the residents of this county. I have a plan to take Wayne County back for the communities by leading honesty in government (I will always tell residents the truth about the state of our county), balancing budgets, funding the prosecutor's office first, and restoring Wayne County as the economic powerhouse.

Wild: 1. Fiscal responsibility. We must balance the budget - not just in an election year, but every

year. Long-term, expenses have to match revenues. Otherwise, we risk control by an emergency manager or similar mechanism, which means Wayne County residents lose control of their own destiny.

2. Honest, open and accountable government: Everywhere I go, voters tell me they are sick of the scandal and fed up with seeing county officials indicted and pleading guilty to extortion, bribery and obstruction of justice. I've never held the county office or been on the county payroll.

3. Quality services for Wayne County taxpayers and residents: By putting Wayne County's fiscal house in order and eliminating wasteful projects, we can focus on delivering the high-quality services Wayne County residents and taxpayers

deserve. These include law enforcement, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation, and economic development.

What is the best course of action to balance the county's budget?

Cavanagh: Well, it is certainly helpful that the Wayne County Auditor General recently "discovered" some \$300 million. That will help with the accumulated deficit, but we need to look at the structural deficit. The county is still adding \$30 to \$40 million each year to the deficit. I will focus on funding essential services first, and eliminating unnecessary appointment positions. Transparency will be key to my efforts as well, and all county job descriptions and salaries will be posted online.

Evans: First demonstrate that the county executive and his office is part of the solution, not part of the problem, by cutting the amount of assistant Wayne County executives and making the Executive Office as lean as possible. Look at ways to collaborate with other governments to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Conduct a forensic audit. Tackle health care cost issues like auditing the DMC contract to provide health care to jail prisoners and doing a dependent care health care audit. Set up a grant department to assist all departments of county government to acquire grants. Then, after demonstrating to all the stakeholders that you have made operations as

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Preliminary exam delayed in HalloWayne theft case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The preliminary examination for a man charged with taking money from a local non-profit has been delayed in Wayne 29th District until Aug. 12.

Wayne resident Christopher Sanders remains free on \$1,000 personal bond after his arraignment on six felony charges stemming from the October 2013 HalloWayne event.

Sanders entered a not guilty plea to 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 question is more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

The felony complaint filed with the court lists the complainants as then-Wayne Chamber of Commerce director Paul Strom, Beverly Campbell and Michael Spence. The location of the offenses is listed as Beverly Campbell's home in



Sanders

Wayne.

The HalloWayne event was sponsored by the Chamber and Destination Wayne, in which Sanders has been involved. The allegations are that money was taken without authorization from Destination Wayne.

Allegedly forged name

The forgery and uttering and publishing charges are that Sanders forged Spencer's name to cash a \$1,000 check, also stealing his identity.

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 investigated and submitted a warrant request resulting in the related criminal charges.

An unsuccessful council candidate in 2011, Sanders had been one of six people who applied for the council seat vacated when James Henley resigned. He withdrew from consideration after he was arraigned on the criminal charges.

The 2012 HalloWayne event spurred controversy and a lawsuit 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.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Break-in

The manager at Akron Tire, 27520 Cherry Hill, reported July 18 that somebody broke the front glass window and entered the store.

Entry was made sometime after he closed the shop July 17. The next morning, drawers were found open and rummaged through. Money was also taken from a cash drawer.

Property damage

Garden City police received a call July 19 from a woman visiting someone in the 28000 block of John Hawk. She reported seeing a

suspicious dark-colored Ford Econoline van pull up to a residence in the 2000 block of Harrison. She saw the driver exit the van and walk up to the northwest side of the house; soon afterward she heard a noise.

After the suspect ran back to the car and drove northbound on Harrison, she went over to the Harrison house, took a photo of window damage and sent the photo to police.

When the police officer arrived, he found the northwest window open and glass on the ground. The officer wasn't able to locate the residents to talk to them. The window damage was estimated to

be about \$200.

Theft

An employee at the ACE Hardware store, 28715 Ford, reported that sometime between July 17-18 someone stole six propane tanks. The unknown suspect cut the mesh cage surrounding the tanks before stealing them.

Residents at a home in the 29000 block of Harrison reported July 20 that someone stole two four-wheelers off a trailer.

When the female resident went to investigate, she located one four-wheeler in the area of Brandt and Bock and the

other four wheeler in the area of Brandt and Henepin.

A resident in the 27000 block of Sheridan reported July 21 that someone stole his 2000 Jeep Cherokee. He said it had been parked in the street July 20 but he didn't notice that it was gone until the next day because he took a different car to work.

When the police officer arrived to investigate, he found no broken

glass at the scene.

The owner could determine no motive for the theft.

The owner of a 2004 Chevy van parked July 20 in the 28000 block of Harrison reported it ransacked. Papers taken from the glove box were strewn on the floor of the ground.

The owner also said that her purse, which contained credit cards and her driver's license, was taken from the front

passenger seat.

Retail fraud

Garden City police arrested a 23-year-old Detroit resident and Kmart employee July 18.

The employee was detained after a loss prevention officer reportedly observed the man remove video games and a player and charge kit from the display case without paying for the items.

By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

An employee of Dick Scott Nissan in Canton told police July 17 that someone had stolen a vehicle that was waiting for detailing at their facility, Personal Touch Auto Detailing, 35812 Michigan Ave., in Wayne.

The missing vehicle was described as a 1998 Ford F-150 pickup truck without a license plate. The employee said he had the key to the vehi-

cle, which was at the business for detailing before being offered for sale.

Surveillance video showed the vehicle being driven away about 3:30 a.m.

Break-in

Three roofing nailers, a shingle trimmer, three 25-foot ladders and a compressor valued at \$2,110 were reported stolen from the garage of a home in the 5100 block of Niagara July 14.

The owner, a Rochester Hills resident, told police he has been working on the rental home. He said he finished roofing the home recently and had left about noon July 13. The tools were locked inside the garage, he said.

When he returned the following day about 5 p.m., he said he noticed the entry door was damaged and the tools were missing from the garage.

By LeAnne Rogers

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI 48184, to consider the establishment of Commercial Redevelopment District #2014-01 at 35310 Michigan Avenue West, Wayne, MI 48184 [State Wayne Theater, City-owned] pursuant to Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The establishment of such a district is a prerequisite to consideration by the City Council of any application for commercial tax abatement that may be filed. The public hearing will afford an opportunity for residents and taxpayers to appear and be heard regarding establishment of the proposed District. Inquiries: Peter J. McNerney, Community Development Director (734) 419-0118

Matthew K. Miller
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Candidates make their cases at Jaycees open house

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Is Wayne County in a financial crisis or not? The answer to that question differs depending on the candidate for the county executive's job.

Incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Westland Mayor William Wild, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, county Commissioner Kevin McNamara and county health inspector Russell George Leviska all had their own take on the county's financial issues during a candidate open house Monday. It was sponsored by the Redford Jaycees and held at Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345 in Redford.

Candidates for office were each given three minutes to speak at the open house which was held ahead of the Aug. 5 primary.

"There's not going to be an emergency manager," Ficano said. "There's not a \$175 million deficit."

"Unlike Detroit, our cupboard was not bare," he said of the county's deficit elimination plan.

But Cavanagh, who also served for eight years as a county commissioner, said the threat of an emergency manager is looming.

"I know what's going on in Wayne County," Cavanagh said.

The county has in essence taken an advance on its credit cards, Cavanagh said.

The county has a \$30 million structural deficit, according to Wild, who said he would start by cutting 100 of the 187 county executive appointees on the first day, cutting \$20 million on "day one."

"I think Wayne County is going in the wrong direction," he said. "We're going to cut from the top."

County executive

"You can't cut your way out of a deficit in Wayne County," McNamara, son of longtime county executive Ed McNamara, said.

"We've got to reinvent Wayne County," he said. About 10 percent of the services offered in Wayne County aren't needed, such as engineering and assessments, he said.

The county has hundreds and hundreds of revenue sources, he said.

"I can hit the ground running," he said of his experience as a county commissioner.

There is no deficit, according to Leviska, who worked for the county during both the Ficano and McNamara administrations.

He says there is actually a \$308 million surplus, but politicians are playing with the dollars.

"I felt I needed to stand up and put my



Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz helps state House candidate Leslie Love secure balloons for her table at the open house.

name out there," he said of his candidacy.

Republican candidate Fred Bolden said his technology and public administration background will serve him if he is elected county executive.

Fellow Republican candidates John Dalton and Daniel Wenderlich didn't attend.

Democratic county executive candidates

Warren Evans, Christopher Wojtowicz, Adam Salam Adamski, Cindy Darrah, Bettie Cook Scott and Sigmunt John Szczepkowski Jr. didn't attend the forum.

State House 10th District

In the race for the 10th district seat in the state House of Representatives, Brandon Jessup, Jay Johnson, Leslie Love



Redford residents Kristie Willis (standing), Ruth Bumbar and Linda Cleveland chat during the Redford Jaycees candidate open house Monday.

and Roy McCalister Jr. spoke.

Johnson, a Redford Township trustee, said his campaign is a grass-roots effort, and that he is running to serve the people of the district.

"I'm the type of per-

son that when you call me I will come," he said.

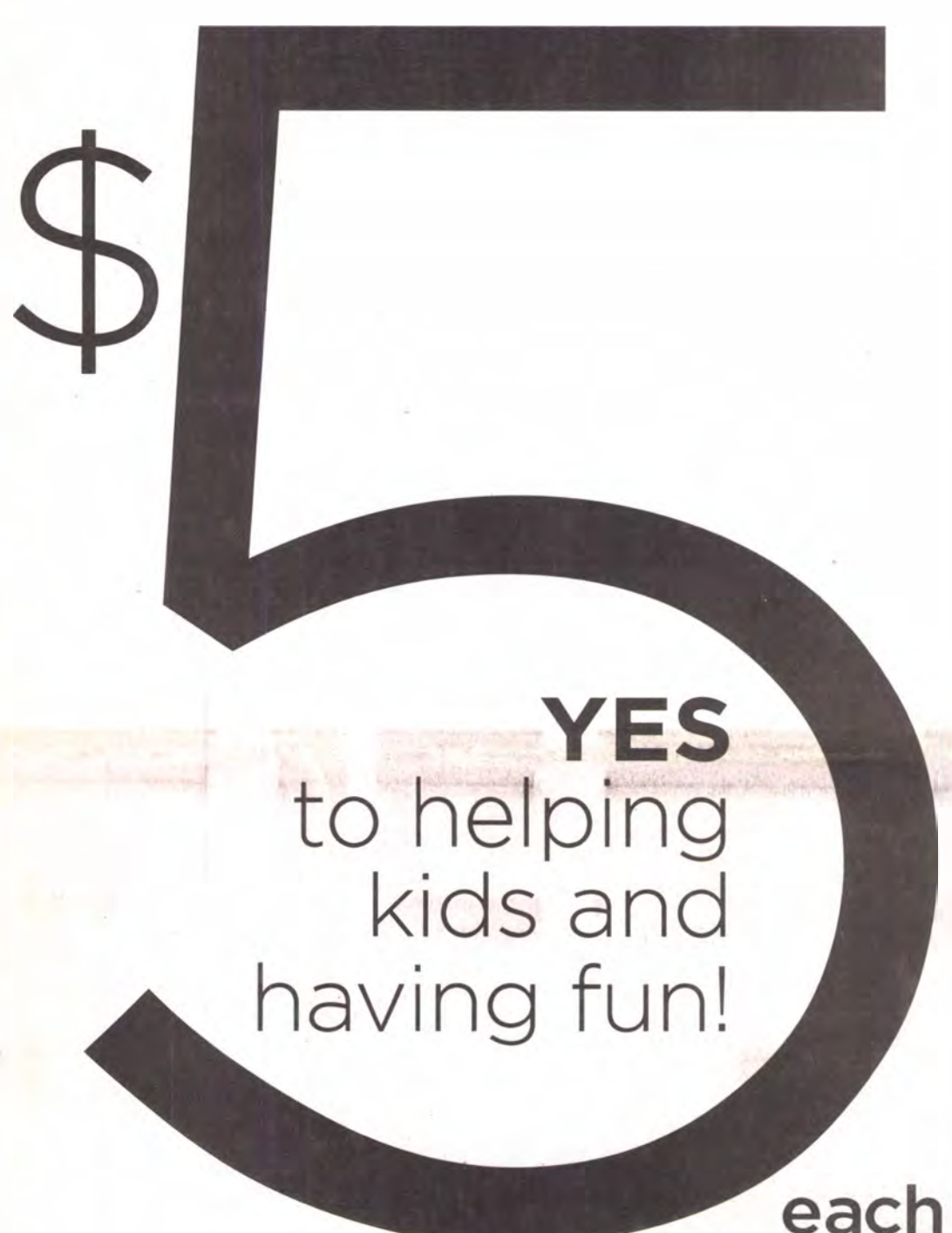
McCalister said his work in the Detroit Police Department and the U.S. Army have given him the experience for the job.

"We can no longer

send people up there (to Lansing) who don't have the experience," he said.

Jessup said he has worked for 15 years on issues at the state, local and federal levels and

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Six seek Democratic candidacy in state Senate 5th District

Six candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination in the new state Senate 5th District. The candidates include Shanelle Jackson of Detroit, David Knezek of Dearborn Heights, David E. Nathan of Detroit, Carrie O'Connor of Redford, Thomas Stallworth of Detroit and Frank Tomcsik of Redford.

The winner will face Republican Jennifer Rynicki of Detroit in the November general election.

The district includes Garden City, Inkster, Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and northwest Detroit. Nathan and Stallworth did not return candidate questionnaires. Tomcsik did not provide biographical information nor the candidate questionnaire.

1. What made you decide to seek election to the state Legislature?

Jackson: I am seeking the office of state senator in the 5th District to continue the work that I began in the Michigan House of Representatives: improve the quality of life of everyday working-class families through the legislative process.

Knezek: With the departure of Sens. Glenn Anderson and Tupac Hunter due to term limits, the new 5th District was in need of new representation. Having served Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Inkster in the Michigan House of Representatives, I was approached by constituents and community leaders urging me to run for the Senate.

O'Connor: I want to serve and advocate for public safety, youth/young adults and senior citizens.

2. State and local roads and bridges are in deplorable shape. As a member of the Legislature, how would you address the issue? Explain where you believe the money should come from.

Jackson: I support the plan currently being debated in the Senate which would repeal the 19-cents-per-gallon gasoline tax and 15-cents-per-gallon diesel tax, then replace them with a 9.5 percent levy on the wholesale price starting at the beginning of 2015. The wholesale tax would then be increased to 11.5 percent in 2016 and then 13.5 percent in 2017 and 15.5 percent in 2018. The cost to Michigan drivers of doing will ultimately be greater than the anticipated increase in gas prices. Right now the average driver spends \$357 annually for unnecessary repairs to their vehicles. This figure will continue to grow if lawmakers do not adopt a comprehensive plan to fix our roads and bridges.

Knezek: I recently supported several bills in the House of Representatives that would increase funding

for infrastructure repairs and investments. Unfortunately, leadership from the majority party was unable to muster the support necessary to pass anything out of the Senate. I supported and continue to support legislation that would increase fines for overweight trucks, provide parity between diesel and gasoline taxes, but I do not support further increasing the tax burden on working families.

O'Connor: Money should come from the county, but this is a strain on taxpayers. It is a great concern.

3. Twenty years after the implementation of Proposal A, there remains a wide disparity in per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific.

Jackson: Studies suggest that when children are reared in areas of concentrated poverty their chances of economic success as an adult are drastically diminished. As a member of the Michigan Senate I will work to reduce poverty, fighting to increase spending on early education, K-12 education, higher education and job training programs that help to put unemployed people to work now. One of the greatest deterrents to poverty and crime is a good job.

Knezek: Per pupil disparities have closed over the past several years but not enough has been done to fix the inequity. For example, schools in the Grosse Pointe School District still receive over \$2,000 per child more than the Crestwood School District. We should not eliminate this difference through reductions at the top but instead increases at the bottom. A portion of this money should come from reductions in allotments for cyber schools where it costs far less to educate a child.

O'Connor: I also worked as a substitute teacher. We need the state and government to be involved and get teachers and children back in the classroom.

4. The state Senate 5th District is a diverse district that includes a portion of Detroit and several suburban communities. What do you see as the issues in the district and how would you address them?

Jackson: The greatest issue confronting the 5th district today is growing poverty. According to the Michigan Department of Human Service nearly 11,000 heads of household, with a total of 45,000 children around the state, were dropped from receiving cash assistance in 2013. Forty percent of those children reside in Wayne County. Policymakers must work to

reverse this trend if we want Michigan to become a place where existing businesses and new industries thrive. Business leaders want to locate in states that have "livable communities," not just low tax rates.

Knezek: Each community within the 5th District has distinct local needs that the next State Senator will need to be well acquainted with in order to be successful. Outside of those needs, I believe all communities have similar needs that should be addressed. First and foremost, we should improve upon our broken system of funding local governments. Until we do, our communities will continue to struggle to provide the first responders necessary to make our neighborhoods safe.

O'Connor: The issue is public safety and increased police and fire departments. We need to add more neighborhood watch programs and with funding from the state and county, provide more drug prevention coverage.

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

Jackson: Thorough God's blessing, hard work and partnerships, I became one of the most effective Democratic lawmakers to serve in either chamber over the last 10 years, with 14 pieces of legislation signed into law with bipartisan support. There is no other candidate in this race who has a better track. My candidacy represents the opportunity for people in the above demographics to have a voice at the table in the Michigan Senate. We deserve to have our perspectives represented when decisions are being made in Lansing that affect our lives. Diversity at the leadership table is extremely important for our states future.

Knezek: What our district needs most out of the next State Senator is someone who is visible in the community and shows up to work so that we're receiving representation in Lansing. I am the only candidate in this race with a perfect attendance and voting record and that will continue in the Senate. I will also continue to be visible in our community, attending events and delivering consistent updates to civic organizations and block clubs.

O'Connor: My education and 33 years of experience as a master level social worker makes me the best candidate. I have the heart to help and serve youth and seniors. Also I have the heart for police, fire and EMS and to make Michigan a better and safer state, a No. 1 state with people who care for the lower and middle class and the poor and down-hearted.

DAVID KNEZEK

Age: 27.
Residence: Dearborn Heights.
Employment: Michigan House of Representatives, U.S. Marine Corps.
Family: Single, no children.
Education: Graduate of Crestwood High School and University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree.
Community involvement: Six coffee hours per month as state representative; vice president, Dearborn Heights Goodfellows; Dearborn Heights Democratic Club; supports various charitable organizations in the community.



Knezek

SHANELLE JACKSON

Residence: Detroit.
Age: 34.
Education: Graduate of Redford High School; University of Michigan, Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in political science; Marygrove College, master of arts degree in social justice.
Employment: Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of State Rep. Virgil Smith; Field Operations Coordinator, Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign, 2004-2005; State Representative Ninth District, 2006-2012; Director of Outreach Relations and Strategic Relations, Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority, MDOT.
Community involvement: Women of Tomorrow Scholarship Program, Lead Mentor 2013; University of Michigan Dearborn, 2012 Young Alumna of the Year award; Michigan Business and Professional Association and Michigan Food and Beverage Association 2011 first ever Distinguished Leadership Award; Marygrove College, 2011 Alumna Of the Year Award; Michigan Chronicle 2011 Women of Excellence Award; NAACP, 2010 first ever Great Expectation: Great Promise in the Next Generation Award; Crain's Detroit Business, 2010 20 in their 20's Award; American Association of University Women, 2010 The Power of a Woman's Voice Award; University of Michigan Dearborn, 2010 Difference Maker honoree; Michigan Chronicle, Legacy in Motion 2009 Rising Star Award; Fannie Lou Hammer 2009 Elected Official of the Year Award; Michigan Front Page 2009 Young History Maker Award.



Jackson

DAVID E. NATHAN

Age: 42.
Residence: Detroit.
Employment: Michigan State House Representative, District 8; owns Detroit-based Nathan's Choice Realty PC.
Family: Married with four children.
Education: Graduate of Detroit Western High School, attended University of Michigan-Dearborn.
Community involvement: "Bless a Family with a Turkey" program providing more than 1,000 turkeys to families in need the last five; annual neighborhood cleanups and a statewide recognized home repair program; former co-chair of the Michigan House Detroit Caucus; Lodging and Tourism Association of Michigan Legislator of the Year; Michigan Chronicle 2012 Men of Excellence honoree; Michigan Front Page "30 under 40;" MICUHCAN's Healthcare Heroes of 2012; Clean Water Hero 2011, Clean Water Action.



Nathan

CARRIE O'CONNOR

Age: 54.
Residence: Redford.
Employment: Social worker for 30 years, served foster care and adoptive for 15 years, two years with senior citizens and 15 years with youth.
Family: Married with one son.
Education: Graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work.
Community involvement: Senior citizen services, youth and young adult mentor, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Commissions on Children's Issues, Alzheimer's Association, Medicare/Medicaid expert, advanced directives and funeral arrangement advocate expert.



O'Connor

THOMAS STALLWORTH

Age: 61.
Residence: Detroit.
Employment: Michigan House of Representatives, employee of the city of Detroit under Mayor Coleman A. Young, executive at MichCon and DTE Energy, overseeing human resources, case management and collections departments.
Family: Married with four and two grandchildren.
Education: Graduate of Mumford High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Development.
Community involvement: Student delegate to the first Congressional Black Caucus Conference in 1971, member of the Detroit School Board, the Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council, The Black Child Development Institute, Children's Aid Society, The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) and Director of the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan.



Stallworth

Westland holds final town hall meeting on trash collection changes on July 29

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The third and final town hall meeting to discuss Westland's new sanitation and garbage collection program is set for 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh.

Residents were invited to attend any of the town hall meetings — there is no geographic restriction. The first meeting was held earlier in the month at the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints on Hix. "We had 15 or so peo-

ple at the first meeting. A lot came from the immediate area but a couple of different subdivisions were represented," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said.

Mainly, residents had basic questions about the trash service, Smith said.

"The meeting was pretty informal. We really just opened it up for questions," he said.

A major change for residents is a move to wheeled carts for trash collection, similar to the cart used for bi-weekly recycling pickup. That

change doesn't go into effect until Sept. 1, but the city will be distributing the wheeled carts or totes to homes next month.

The 96-gallon totes are equivalent to three standard trash cans, Smith said, but residents can request an additional cart for an annual charge. Conversely, residents who don't expect to need the 96-gallon cart can request a smaller 64-gallon cart, which would be the equivalent of two standard trash cans.

"At the town hall meeting, we did get a

guy who had the idea that he had to pay for the cart," said Smith, noting the first cart is provided by the city, only an additional trash cart requires the annual fee.

Encourages recycling

Some changes in the sanitation plan are aimed at encouraging recycling over putting items in a landfill. Residents can request a free second recycling tote.

Another change in the sanitation program is residents will now have to pay for large-item pickup.

"We want people to look at alternatives for large-item pickups. They can give items to local non-profits or people in need," Smith said. "We have our recycling drop-off center that will accept anything with a cord."

Coming sooner than the new trash totes will be changes to the trash collection routes, meaning some residents will have new days for trash, recycling and compost pickup.

Along with Smith, other city officials attending the town hall meetings include West-

land Council President Pro Tem Adam Hammons, Finance Director Steve Smith and Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib, along with Paul Ruthenberg of Midwest Sanitation, the city trash hauler which has also taken over recycling collection.

More information is also available on the FAQ page and informational pages of the city website at MyNewBin.Cityof-Westland.com.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

No Coffee Hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will not be holding coffee hours in Garden City on Monday, July 28.

Constituents who would still like to address an issue with the senator may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at 517-373-1707 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

» Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, and State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights will not be hosting Coffee Hours in Garden City during the months of July or August. The normally scheduled Coffee Hour will resume on Monday, Sept. 8, starting at 11 a.m. in the Maplewood Center on Maplewood south of Merriman. Citizens who have

questions or concerns can contact either of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

Contact LeBlanc by mail at 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, by phone at 313-224-8855 or by email at District12@waynecounty.com.

Contact Knezek by mail at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 888-4KNEZEK or by email at David.Knezek@house.mi.gov.

City Hall closing

Garden City Hall will be closed for August primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5, except for election business.

Health coach

The Garden City Hospital Health Coach, a mobile unit that provides services to address health care needs for the community for those who are low income and uninsured or under-insured,

visits Maplewood Center the third Wednesday of the month.

Services offered include health screenings and assessments, health coaching and patient care follow-ups.

People must be 18 years or older to qualify for the program at no cost, regardless of their insurance status.

The mobile unit parks on the Maplewood side of the center from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more in-

formation, call 734-458-4330.

Support Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support group meets from 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City. There are no dues.

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MSU student, 18, manages branch of Student Painters

Christopher E. Semaan, an 18-year-old Livonia resident majoring in general business management and psychology at Michigan State University and a member of the U.S. Army ROTC, is managing an exterior painting business this summer as a way to learn about what it takes to be a business owner in America.

Semaan answered the following questions about the branch he manages of Student Painters, which specializes in exterior house painting and deck staining.

Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Our services feature all kinds of exterior painting work, from freshening up faded paint to restoring a wall weathered by years of Michigan rain and snow. Whether your project is small or large, Student Painters would



Christopher E. Semaan with Sgt. Jonathan Speier, U.S. Army, after Semaan re-stained Speier's deck at his home in Garden City.

love to lend a helping hand.

What makes your business unique?

My business is unique in that we have a partnership with Sherwin-Williams paint store to bring the lowest prices for the top quality paints, as well as employing

college students trained like professionals to do the job.

How did you first decide to open your own business?

I first decided to open my business after responding to a recruitment newsletter from Student Painters corporate. After months of training, preparations, interviews, and unpaid hard work, I finally decided it was time to put it all into action.

How did you decide to locate in Livonia?

Livonia seemed the obvious choice to start my business because it was my hometown, and where I had lived all my life. I knew the community, and knew how much my services could contribute.

Student Painters' hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. For more information, call 734-751-4190 or visit studentpainters.biz.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



MJR Westland Grand Digital Cinema is offering free popcorn Tuesdays through Aug. 26.

Gubernatorial appointment

Jeff Beutner of Westland has been appointed to the Michigan Board of Nursing Home Administrators.

Beutner was one of three individuals Gov. Rick Snyder recently appointed to the nine-member board. Also tapped to serve on the board were Paul Barber of Freeport and Bridget Lobby of Midland.

The board is responsible for determining entry-level requirements for nursing home administrators and helps provide oversight of licenses.

"These are talented and capable appointees, and I look forward to the work they will do on this board to help protect some of our state's most vulnerable residents," Snyder said.

Members are serving four-year terms that expire June 30, 2018. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

New cremation garden

Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia has a new cremation garden that was "created for memories to thrive," according to Tom Habits, general manager.

The Garden of Grace features dramatic garden/cloister ambiances for heartfelt, nature-enhanced connections with lost loved ones. Notable are the intimate cul-de-sac areas with perimeter graves on berks, encircling visitors for visual and physical closeness. The focal point of one cul-de-sac is a carnelian granite columbarium with a domed top.

The landscaping features traditional flower gardens against a backdrop of pine trees, and the "music" of gently flowing waters nearby. The setting is available for committal ceremonies, as well as visitation.

More information is available at 248-477-4460 or glenedenmemorial-park.org.

Free Popcorn Tuesdays

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

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Westland named Tree City

The City of Westland was named a 2013 Tree City, USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Westland earned the recognition by meeting the Arbor Day Foundation program's four requirements: having a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"I am honored that our All-American City has received this recognition," Mayor William Wild said. "It represents our commitment to support and invest in our community's environmental health."

This designation as a Tree City, USA also comes on the heels of the city planting more than 100 trees to revitalize the landscape of the Norway Community. In addition, the city has a Mission Green program, dedicated to green initiatives, and DTE runs a community garden in Westland.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Westland make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rose now, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a non-profit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information is available at arbor-day.org.

Articulate your mission statement

Today found me reflecting on a question I was asked recently. It's not just a business question; it's a personal question, too.

What is your mission statement?

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For my part, my personal mission statement can be stated in two words that hopefully come as no surprise to anyone who knows me: be sunny. In other



Clarity Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

words, bring enthusiasm, joy and optimism to the world around me.

Let's each be true to our personal mission — and have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. "Personal leadership is the process of keeping your vision and values before you and aligning your life to be congruent with them."

Stephen Covey

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Detroit Metro is nation's fastest in Wi-Fi connectivity

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) was recently ranked as the fastest airport in Wi-Fi connectivity in the U.S. by mobile network management company, wefi. The average Wi-Fi speed over a period of 45 days was collected at airports, hotels and beaches attempting to determine the best Wi-Fi connectivity during the summer travel season.

"With the demand for wireless connectivity stronger than ever, enhancing our airport's public Wi-Fi service has been a priority for our airport management team," Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton said. "Customers are enjoying the increased network speeds, and we view this as one more way we can help create a seamless and enjoyable airport experience for our travelers."

Detroit Metropolitan Airport embarked on a significant upgrade to its wireless network last fall, including ex-

panded, complimentary, high-speed Wi-Fi services.

As a nation, Americans have become increasingly dependent on Wi-Fi. According to a Broadcom Study, 60 percent can't go one full day without Wi-Fi access before seeking a connection and 3-10 percent can't go one full hour without connectivity.

"It's no longer enough to just think about what to pack or where you're headed — significant thought needs to be given to what Wi-Fi connectivity will be like while on the road," said Zur Feldman, Chairman and CEO of wefi. "Whether it's about staying plugged in and on top of things at work, sharing pictures with family and friends, streaming a movie for the kids or as simple as downloading mobile boarding passes before a flight, quality connectivity options are now an important consideration."



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Lucky Dog becomes safe haven for animals in need

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Lucky Dog Luxury Day Care and Boarding in Garden City is becoming a "go-to" location for animals in need.

Both the Garden City and Dearborn Heights Fire Departments have recently looked to owner Stacy Karafotis to provide shelter for animals.

In Garden City, Fire Chief Catherine Harman has been a conduit. In Dearborn Heights, Dearborn Heights Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton has facilitated contact with Karafotis.

"Lucky Dog was asked to be the emergency go-to for the Garden City and Dearborn Heights Fire Departments," Karafotis said. "In cases of emergencies, we are here to help."

Right now, Karafotis is looking for a home for two, spayed 6-year-old

female cats named Liz and Taylor, who came to the boarding location after their owner was found deceased at home in Garden City.

Both cats are available for adoption, preferably together. The two cats were brought in Monday, June 22, by the Garden City Fire Department.

'Fur Ever' home

"No one was available to care for the cats," Karafotis said. "Instead of taking them to the pound, we thought Lucky Dog would be a better place for them. We have had them vet-checked and vaccinated. We would like to adopt them together to a 'fur ever' home."

Liz is a black and white domestic short hair and Taylor is a domestic short hair that is called a tortoise shell.

"They seem to be getting along just fine despite all the noise from



Taylor, a tortoise shell domestic short haired cat, is looking for a home with Liz, after their owner died.



Liz, a black and white shorthair cat, is Taylor's furry companion.

their canine companions," she said.

Karafotis' first case came on the evening of Mothers Day. A house in Garden City had caught fire.

"No one was hurt but the owners had nowhere to take their two dogs," she said. "We received a call from Fire Chief Cathy Harman around 8:30 p.m., and we met the

owners at Lucky Dog at 9 p.m."

Coffee, a 10-year-old male German shepherd, and Patches, a 12-year-old female Cattle dog, stayed at Lucky Dog until May 27.

"They attended day-care and played all day every day until the owners acquired a new home. They now come back for regular visits to play

with their new friends."

Willingness to help

Harman credited Karafotis' willingness to help.

"Fire and other tragedies are difficult on all involved," she said. "Our pets have a comfort zone just as we do. When they are displaced due to a fire, death of an owner, or another event, they

are affected. Having a safe place to go, or a second chance in the case of the two cats, is a great relief to the owners and the fire department."

Lucky Dog is located at 5921 Middlebelt, north of Ford in Garden City. For more information or interest in adopting the cats, call 734-261-PETS (7387).

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Director Craig Strain not only leads the CSO but also contributes his musical talents on trumpet/flugelhorn as well and is a member of the MJF Board of Directors.

Other performers included Michigan's own jazz legends: George Benson, Johnny Trudell, Chris Collins, Walter White and many more. Guests were treated to



Craig Strain leads the Craig Strain Orchestra in addition to playing the trumpet/flugelhorn.

an area called the Jazz Walk where they could meet and greet, get an autograph from the musicians and purchase their CDs.

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By Curtis Drogmiller



Vocalist Sarah Barnes D'Angelo performs with the full Craig Strain Orchestra (CSO). PHOTOS BY CURTIS DROGMILLER

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be an official Public Accuracy Test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the Primary Election, Tuesday, August 5, 2014. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. The test will be held at the Building and Engineering Department, 4001 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 9:00a.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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**ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-20
JULY 15, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 5635 Howe Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Administration of Oath to David James. Public Hearings held for rezoning and street vacation. APPROVED: minutes reg. mtg. of Business Intensive to B-3 Business Extensive; the street vacation of 3455/3475 Dearborn St.; Special Event Permit for Woehlke Palooza; Mat. Recovery License for Renu Recycling and Weiser consider establishment of a Commercial Redevelopment District; resolution to support SB#2221 and HB#4421 to reauthorize Motor Cities Nat. Heritage Area in Mich.; Turn the Town Teal event to place ribbons on streetlights; bid awards for 2014 Concrete Removal & Repl. Proj. and supply Planning Commission; Wayne Ripple Effect as a non profit; resignation of Nathan Adams as Parks and Recreation Director; consent calendar. TABLED: Charter Amendment resolution to place Police & Fire Retirement System on Nov. 4 ballot. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Redford resident Cecilia Gallagher and Parks Commissioner Bill McSweeney talk near Westland Mayor William Wild's table at the open house Monday.



Westland Mayor William Wild, a candidate for Wayne County executive, talks with some of his supporters at the Redford Jaycees Open House on Monday.

FORUM

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that communities have faced cut after cut after cut.

"These are problems caused by keeping too much money in Lansing," he said.

"It's not fair to double tax our seniors," he said. Working families and students have also been overtaxed, he said.

He supports restoring the earned income tax credit and the child dependent credit, he said.

Safety, education and jobs are the priorities for Love, who ran for the

same seat two years ago. "Leslie Love loves public service," she said. Candidate Ron Cole didn't attend.

State Senate 5th District

Candidates for the state Senate 5th District seat who spoke at the forum included state Rep. David Knezek, Frank Tomcsik, state Rep. Thomas Stallworth and state Rep. David Nathan.

"I'm seasoned," Stallworth said. Calling himself diligent, committed and trustworthy, Stallworth said like many residents of the district he has been upside down

in his mortgage and has had to care for children while at the same time caring for his elderly parents.

"I bring that experience to Lansing," he said.

Redford resident Tomcsik said his priority would be to bring state senators together from across the country to fix health care, but that he has several surgeries scheduled so he is withdrawing from the race. He urged voters to sup-

port Knezek.

Students want to know why education spending keeps getting cut and seniors want to know why their pensions are being taxed, Knezek, who is currently a state representative, said.

Middle income families were faced with a

sizable tax hike in 2011,

Knezek said. "The burden was placed on your backs," he said.

Nathan, who is in his third term as a state representative, said he is the most experienced of the candidates and that he voted no when Gov.

Rick Snyder decided he

wanted to tax pensions. He said he has organized block clubs and created computer labs for those who don't have Internet access as part of his public service.

Candidates Shanelle Jackson and Carrie J. O'Connor didn't attend.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTION NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

Absent voter ballots for the Primary Election of August 5, 2014, are available through the Wayne City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for those persons who are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 2:00p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person in the Wayne City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of selecting candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties for the General Election, November 4, 2014 and three (3) proposals. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, August 2, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The offices to be voted on are as follows:

- Governor of the State of Michigan
- United States Senator
- State Senator - 7th District
- United States Representative in Congress- 13th District
- State Representative - 16th District
- County Executive
- County Commissioner- 11th District
- Delegate to County Convention

The following proposals shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Wayne, at the primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014:

PROPOSALS: STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 14-1 APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Wayne City Clerk's Office or on the City website at <http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us/>.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours. At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind. At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

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By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

CITY OF WAYNE
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Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan City of Wayne

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Comm. College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Wayne-Westland	May 2010	18 mills	2025 (non homestead)
Comm. Schools	November 2012	1 mill	2022

Dated: June 01, 2014

Raymond Wojtowicz /s/
Treasurer

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) year of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting are as follows:

- Precinct 1 and 2 Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Ave.
- Precinct 4 and 5 Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria St.
- Precinct 6 and 7 Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.
- Precinct 8 Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, 36075 Currier St.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND PRIMARY ELECTION August 5, 2014

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following items will be voted upon: Governor, U.S. Senator, Congressman, State Senator, State Representative, County Executive, County Commissioner, Delegate to County Convention (Precinct Delegate), and several ballot questions including the following: Proposal 14-1 – APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM AND HELP SMALL BUSINESS GROW AND CREATE JOBS – The amendatory Act adopted by the legislature would: 1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan, 2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes including police safety, fire protection and ambulance emergency services, 3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts, 4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes, 5. Prohibit local use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation. **YES or NO; WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL** – For the purpose of providing funds in support of public transportation serving the elderly, handicapped and general public, shall 1.0 mills on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transportation Authority area, be imposed for a period of four (4) years, being years 2014 through 2017? It is estimated that if approved this millage would raise approximately \$11,080,998 in the first year. **YES or NO; WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL** – Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide spending funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014. **YES or NO;** and two issues for Livonia School residents only – **LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL** – Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in the Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be renewed by 18.45698 mills (\$18.45698 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2016 is approximately \$22,965,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)? **YES or NO;** and **LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY** – Shall the currently authorized millage rate of 1.12 mills (\$1.12 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2015 to 2019, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$4,592,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 levy)? **YES or NO**

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School Districts			
Garden City Public Schools	August, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non-homestead only)
	August, 2011	2 mills	2015
Inkster Schqol District	May, 2006	21 mills	2015 (non homestead only)
	May, 2006	6 mills	2015
Livonia Public School District	November 2009	18.4568 mills	2015 (non homestead only)
	November 2009	1.12 mills	2014
Taylor School District	November 2012	18 mills	2018 (non homestead only)
Wayne-Westland	May 2010	18 mills	2025 (non homestead only)
Community Schools	February, 2012	1 mill	2022

Signed: *Raymond J. Wojtowicz*
RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

Date: June 01, 2014

The places of voting for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
1, 13, 18 & 19	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
2, 11, 23 & 32	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
3 & 7	Stottlemeyer School, 34801 Marquette
4, 5, 8 & 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6, 9 & 10	Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer
12, 25 & 35	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St. (for this election only)
14	Marshall Middle School, 35100 Bayview
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 & 37	P. D. Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21 & 42	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Westland Cable Television Office, 33455 Warren
26 & 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27 & 36	Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz
28	Church of Christ – Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 & 31	Hayes School, 30600 Louise St.
34 & 38	Dyer Social Service Center, Senior Wing – 36745 Marquette
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
Westland City Clerk

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OUR VIEWS

Wild is the change county voters looking for

Track record of success includes turning around Westland's budget

For the first time in many years, the race for Wayne County executive is competitive.

For Robert Ficano, who took over as the county's top leader in January 2003, reelection has almost been a given every four years. However, since his last successful campaign four years ago, much has changed. Ficano's administration has been embroiled in controversy and scandal. A top aide has gone to prison. Throw in the stalled jail project and an annual structural budget deficit that has brought on the threat of an appointed emergency manager and you can see why voters have soured on Ficano.

Ficano's weakened position has opened the floodgates to a number of challengers, but only a few rise to the level of serious consideration by voters in the Democratic primary. They are state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford Township, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans of Detroit, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara of Belleville and Westland Mayor William Wild.

While they have a variety of experiences and backgrounds, all of Ficano's challengers share a message of change and

a desire to bring integrity back to Wayne County government. However, we believe one candidate stands out. We urge Wayne County voters to choose **William Wild** in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary.

Despite the criticism leveled his way, Ficano does deserve some credit for rebounding, putting new people in place and coming up with a deficit reduction plan. However, the damage is done. Voters no longer have confidence in county government. There needs to be change at the top.

Cavanagh has been an impressive state lawmaker and before that a county commissioner. McNamara, a current commissioner, has some good ideas. But neither has the executive experience we believe is needed.

Two candidates who stand out for their leadership abilities, executive experience and vision for the county's future are Wild and Evans. We believe both could provide a steady hand, right the ship and restore confidence.

Of the two, however, we believe Wild has the edge because he is the man who can provide the change voters are looking for. Serving as Westland's full-time mayor since 2007, Wild has taken over one



Westland Mayor William Wild fires up the crowd as he officially announces his campaign for Wayne County executive. We believe he would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership.

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of the largest cities in the county and turned it around, transforming a projected \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus. He was able to work with the city's unions to get necessary concessions, while also maintaining services. He currently has a three-year running balanced budget. Those are the kinds of successes needed at the county level.

He is committed to getting the county's financial house in order, but realizes residents expect high-quality services, particularly in law enforce-

ment, road maintenance, health and human services, parks and recreation and economic development.

Another thing in Wild's favor is his business experience. He owns Scrap Busters, an auto recycling business in Wayne. He has the support of many local and regional business owners, including William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of Ford Motor Co.

Wild also has a young family and fits the demographic Wayne County should be attracting, not losing, as it has too often over the course of the

last decade.

Cavanagh, McNamara and Evans all bring a fair amount of good ideas for change and county ties to the table. This year, however, that doesn't necessarily bode well with voters. They are looking for change and a fresh start.

We believe Wild has the skills needed to lead Wayne County. He would provide a fresh start for a county that needs new leadership. We urge voters in the Democratic primary to select **William Wild** as the nominee for Wayne County executive.

GUEST COLUMN

RESA millage a 'raw deal' for most school districts

The Aug. 5 primary ballot will include a proposal to raise taxes for Northville residents to fund school districts throughout Wayne County with the Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage. Enhancement millages, as they are deceptively known, override constitutional limits on property taxes to collect funds based on property values, and distribute them based on pupil counts. The enhancement millage is a raw deal for Northville residents, and here's why:

If approved, taxes will increase on Northville residents by about \$5 million per year. While proponents attempt to minimize the increase by dividing it into "only \$400 per year," it is still a \$5 million annual tax increase. The millage will also remain in place for six years. That's a total tax increase of \$30 million, and that's a big pile of money, no matter how it's sliced up.

Northville Public Schools, however, will receive only \$2.8 million per year. That's 56 cents for every dollar of new taxes on our residents. The remaining 44 cents of every dollar in taxes go to other Wayne County districts. It's no wonder that our Board of Education voted 7-0 to oppose this new millage. In fact, 43 percent of the districts in Wayne County voted against even putting the millage on the ballot. Unsurprisingly, donor districts like ours voted against this income redistribution scheme, while districts receiving more than they pay approved.

The largest recipient district is, of course, Detroit Public Schools, which, as most know, is

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enacting necessary reforms. Detroit Public Schools will receive nearly \$4 million more than their residents are being asked to contribute.

In addition, cheerleaders of this proposal have gone so far as to celebrate that the new tax revenue will come without "strings." Those "strings" are necessary reforms, like competitively bidding non-core services, adjusting health care benefits to reflect market realities, and disposing of surplus property. Some districts like Northville have enacted those reforms, and the state has rewarded those districts with extra financial resources. Many, including most of the districts who voted for this millage, have surprisingly not turned away additional funding. Rather than making the

difficult choices and often heart-wrenching changes that Northville Public Schools has over the last five years, they kicked the can down the road. Now the road is at its end for some districts, and they are again asking voters to part with their hard-earned money so that unpopular but necessary changes need not be made. Raising taxes isn't the answer, fixing structural financial problems is.

Rather than seeking new tax revenues from districts that have successfully reformed, like Northville, they ought to seek the advice of their residents, many of whom adjusted their lives to reflect today's economic conditions. It's not too much to ask that our school districts undergo the sometimes painful changes that our hard-working residents already endured.

Democracy is the greatest form of government on the planet, but when it comes to tax revenue, it's been described as two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Well, residents of Northville, this tax-increasing initiative has us as the lambs. Someone has to look out for taxpayers, and it is upon us to vote Aug. 5, and to vote against the Wayne RESA enhancement millage.

Matthew J. Wilk is treasurer of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. His opinion does not necessarily reflect the position of the Board of Education as a body.

GUEST COLUMN

All students deserve fair, equitable education

I would like to take this opportunity to explain why the Garden City school board supported placing on the ballot the upcoming county millage and address some factual misstatements that have been shared. I am referencing an editorial that appeared in the *Detroit News* and the *Observer* along with my response.

Since becoming the superintendent in Garden City Public Schools in 2008, the state has cut \$660 dollars per pupil from our district which has had a devastating effect on the services we can provide students. The expectations for all the children in Michigan, run on the assumption that all students are equal and that all children across this great State have the same fundamental abilities to be successful.

We support this in our community, but to meet this goal, we must receive necessary funding. The opportunity to receive funds through a county-wide enhancement millage is one of the only times all students are given an equitable piece of the funding. Regional Enhancement Millages were included in the Proposal A legislation as a legal opportunity for voters to support additional funding for their local schools. Since the State has let us down in their funding responsibilities for local schools, we must now ask our local voters to help our students have the resources they need to be college and career ready.

Garden City is a 6-square mile community. It's a mostly blue collar community, and is still struggling because of the recent downturn in the state economy. Garden City is also middle America. It is home to the world's first drive-thru McDonald's, the first Little Caesars and the first Kmart. Our graduates go on to become CEOs, musicians, physicists, rocket scientists, electricians, plumbers and other productive members of our society.

'Generations strong'

In a transient culture, this community is proud to be "generations strong." We have students who are the fifth generation to graduate from Garden City High School. Many of the districts in Wayne County have similar stories and like GCPS, they are doing everything they can think of to keep the doors to their public schools open. No one is excited to bring forth a tax issue to the voters, but after years of doing everything possible to maintain effective programs for students, we feel this is



Michelle Cline
GUEST COLUMNIST

the only responsible alternative left to maintain the quality of our schools.

Mr. Wilk, the treasurer of the Northville Board of Education, made a claim in an editorial that the proponents of the enhancement millage, such as receiver districts like Garden City Public Schools, have not done any of the necessary reforms. He also added that instead of "making the difficult and often heart-wrenching changes ... they kicked the can down the road." This is simply incorrect. GCPS unfortunately made many of those heart-wrenching decisions way before communities like Northville even had to start considering such options.

Just to outline a few examples, Garden City Public Schools has privatized custodial, food service, coaches, substitute teachers and transportation operations. We have frozen salaries across the board for multiple years; implemented furlough days; reduced health care benefits for all staff; increased class sizes. I could go on with many more examples. The list of cuts is 59

items in length and we started making those cuts in 2004. To add insult to injury, The Romine Group, a for-profit company, opened a charter school in our community last year.

Mr. Wilk, we believe that our students are as critical to educate as yours. The cost to educate each of our students does not differ from the cost you are paying. However, your district receives \$716 more per pupil. For our district that would be an additional \$3.3 million. The list above would not be so devastating, if we received the same funding as your district.

Everyone benefits

Every taxpayer benefits from educating all the children in Michigan. One of our graduates may be the mechanic fixing your car, the surgeon mending your heart, the teacher educating your children, or the firefighter protecting your home. They deserve to be as equally prepared as future citizens and taxpayers as the graduates from other districts. An investment in public education is an investment in a positive future for all.

These two editorials are one example of how our Governor and other leaders in Lansing have devalued our public school system. The manner in which our public schools are pitted against one another from inequitable funding to Schools of Choice is destructive. On Aug. 5, voters have an opportunity, in Wayne County at least, to have their voices heard. I would like to encourage those same voters to ask our Governor and those running for office the critical questions that need to be addressed to make sure our schools are properly funded to assure every student has the opportunity to succeed.

Michelle Cline is the superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools. She also is a resident of Garden City.

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efficient as possible bring them into the discussion to solve the rest.

Ficano: Actually, state law requires that the county budget be balanced annually, and we've done that without raising taxes. The challenge is the loss of about \$100 million in property taxes annually still due to the last recession and substantial deficits run up by departments like the Prosecutor's Office. Our innovative deficit elimination plan has been approved by the County Commission with parts already implemented. Working with the Treasurer, an additional \$150 million from the delinquent tax fund recently boosted the general fund. With this money, cost cutting and budget reforms we've prevented an emergency manager from coming to the county, unlike Detroit.

McNamara: First and foremost, balance the county budget must include the communities at the table. We affect real, sustainable change by getting the communities to buy into the plan, not by selling them out. I did not support Bob Ficano's deficit elimination plan because it places a \$120 million tax on the communities by moving the county debt. I am the only candidate for Wayne County executive who has balanced the budget – without my leadership in 2010 with the McNamara Ordinance when I capped the 13th pension check to save the other 12 checks, it saved \$20 million that in turn balanced the budget.

Wild: Building on my experience in Westland, where we turned a \$50 million deficit into a \$5 million surplus, I will bring together workers, their unions and the 43 communities who are part of Wayne County; be fully transparent about the county budget, so everyone sees the long-term need to match expenses to revenues; cut from the top. In Westland, we cut the mayor's appointees by one-third. Every contribution we asked employees to make for health care and pension, I made them first and all the mayor's department heads were asked to do the same. No one takes a conversation about budget-cutting seriously if the person talking hasn't cut his or her own budget first.

What do you think about the current plan for the jail?

Cavanagh: At this stage, I think our best option is to finish the jail at Gratiot. The Mound Road prison that is being offered by the state is truly not equipped to handle a justice complex as extensive as what is required. Moving to Mound would require adding beds to single cells, adding "linear housing," a model which has been proven to increase behavioral problems among inmates, and would require almost double the staff to handle the logistical difficulties of the site. In addition, the area around Mound does not offer the same safety and level of amenities found in downtown Detroit. We must be cognizant of all persons making contact with the justice system, including jurors, families, attorney, and staff.

Evans: In an ideal scenario, the jails and the courts would move to Mound Road and a facility would be built there. But based on the county's current challenges, the \$150 million that's already been wasted, we should just keep things the way they are until the fiscal stability improves.

Ficano: Two acceptable proposals are being considered by the County Commission; moving to the state facility at Mound Road on the east side or modifying and finishing the partially completed jail downtown. Just like the state stopped a building pro-

ject this past month when they learned it was substantially over budget, I halted work on the jail when we discovered substantial overruns by the contractors and managers. We're suing them to recover county money. We still have \$140 million in unused bonding available, and when the decision is made between the choices the jail will be built.

McNamara: I am leading the investigation into the jail debacle because the commission was shut out of the process and the public deserves answers. I fought for third-party oversight of the Wayne County Consolidated Jail project, only to have it stripped in secret months later. I saw two jails of similar size built for under \$200 million and still cannot understand how our jail was not built for under \$200 million. Although the county has an offer from a private

entity to sell the jail property, I just cannot let go of the \$120 million we have already sunk into the project and will owe no matter what happens.

Wild: Inadequate, rushed and poorly researched. It looks more like a plan to deal with a public embarrassment to current county officials than a real plan to address the losses suffered by taxpayers. I question whether Wayne County taxpayers can afford a brand new jail at the Mound Road site now. Counting bond sales and interest, we're already on the hook for \$560 million. No business in the world would take on another new project of the size and the debt required for the Mound Road site if – like Wayne County – they were already facing over \$175 million in debt and a potential bankruptcy. Instead, I would look at selling the project site and perhaps other coun-

ty-owned properties – at a realistic market value. Coupled with unspent bond proceeds, this could finance major improvements to both the existing jail and the 36th District Court. This is probably a more cost-effective way to go.

Do you feel the county road system is in good shape? If not, how can it be improved?

Cavanagh: As a state representative, I often hear complaints from my constituents about the condition of our roads. After this terrible winter, I can't remember our roads being in worse condition. Providing safe and effective infrastructure is one of the primary functions of government, and I will make it a priority of my administration. A strong infrastructure is the backbone for an economy, and it will be important to have qualified people working in county departments.

Evans: The roads here that we drive on are in desperate shape and failures in leadership are making things worse. According to the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Wayne County has the worst bridge problem in the state. I will re-establish the county's relationship with federal and state legislators who create formulas for distributing road monies. As sheriff, I found federal grants to ensure that we had the staff to provide safety for Wayne County residents. I am a strong leader that can balance the budget, clean up government and provide the innovation needed to stretch and increase road dollars.

Ficano: Wayne County is responsible for about 1,440 miles of county and 462 miles of state roads and freeways. The state sends \$1,500 per mile per year for maintenance,

and it doesn't go very far. Lansing has to provide more funding so we can do better. But we have been proactive with our limited resources. Our Pothole Blitz filled 65 percent more potholes than last year. We especially patched surface streets near the closed I-96 freeway to handle the increased traffic. We're now making available \$14 million to help repair residential streets in the townships.

McNamara: We need an infrastructure overhaul of our county roads. I know how to access federal and state road dollars, because there is a process. Our roads will improve when we work together with state and federal leaders to first increase funding for roads, and second, reduce the weight limits for trucks using our roads as that has been detrimental

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to road conditions. How do we increase state and federal dollars? We show our economic power when we go to Lansing and Washington, D.C. As the next Wayne County executive if voters give me the privilege, I pledge to take leaders who have skin in the game in the county – corporate leaders, union leaders and community leaders to show our economic power. Because we send too many tax dollars to Lansing and D.C. for little return.

Wild: No, our county roads are not in good shape, and we need major improvements. In Westland, we've had to patch and maintain roads that are county, not city property because the county is not getting the job done. Right now, we're stuck in managing the decline of our roads, bridges, tunnels and other critical infrastructure. It's an unacceptable situation that is blocking progress in economic development and other areas; you can't build a strong regional economy without adequate transportation. As county executive, I'll work closely with state and federal

leaders to identify appropriate resources for road repair and maintenance. **Why are you the right person to lead the county for the next four years?** **Cavanagh:** I believe that I have the experience, the education, and the relationships that will be necessary to bring Wayne County back. County government is very complex. As the only candidate with a degree in Accounting and an MBA, I understand how to properly handle taxpayer dollars. I am the only candidate that can walk on the House or Senate floor and talk to my colleagues. I have

relationships with other community leaders, and leaders in Lansing who will be key players in moving the county forward. I understand how these problems developed, so I will be able to hit the ground running on day one, with real changes that will get Wayne County on the right track. **Evans:** Wayne County needs someone who can manage and get things done. I am a proven leader with the experience Wayne County needs at this critical time. As sheriff, I oversaw a budget of \$150 million and 1,300 employees. We secured federal dollars

that paid for hundreds of deputies, which resulted in thousands of dangerous felons being arrested. I also put a halt to foreclosures to help keep families in their homes. As assistant Wayne County prosecutor, I took on slumlords, and as Detroit chief of police, I led a team of police officers and we reduced crime by 27 percent. My experience mirrors the challenges this county currently.

the hood of Wayne County government so that we can first address the most pressing challenges and lead through honest government. Transparency in the Kevin McNamara administration will begin by educating the communities about what services we do provide and our path to rebuild the county to work for the people. Of course, we will place the county checkbook online and staff bios and salaries. Real transparency is being an honest partner with the communities. Together, we will take Wayne County back for the communities.

Ficano: In my 30 years of public service I have tried to honor my parents, who were proud union members, and my children by conducting myself ethically. I seek to build on my successes of leading the effort to reorganize and expand the Cobo Center, which saved Detroit's Auto Show, and creating the Aerropolis around the airport that has attracted \$600 million in investment while creating 5,000 jobs in the last year alone. Not forgetting that people have entrusted me to work in their interest, I still have a passion to bring jobs to Wayne County and improve our quality of life. **McNamara:** I have the only real, sustainable plan to rebuild Wayne County government for the 21st century. I understand what's under

Wild: Voters are choosing a new executive – and I'm the only candidate in the race with executive experience in both the public sector and the private sector. I've balanced seven budgets in a row in Westland. Working together, cutting from the top, sharing services – these are exactly the experiences and skill set we need now to bring fiscal responsibility to Wayne County. This election is about the future, not the past. I think I'm the right person to restore trust in government and give Wayne County taxpayers and residents the government we deserve.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time, at which time, voting will take place for candidates seeking nomination to the following offices:

PARTISAN OFFICES REPUBLICAN PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

- State Governor
- United States Senator
- U.S. Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- Representative in State Legislature
- County Executive
- County Commissioner

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that delegates to the Republican Party and Democratic Party County Conventions will be elected at the August 5, 2014, Primary Election.

STATE PROPOSAL 14-1 APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Should this law be approved?

WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

If approved, this proposal will renew and increase the .59 mills formerly authorized to 1.0 mills for the years 2014 through 2017, and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, handicapped, and general public in Wayne County.

For the purpose of providing funds in support of public transportation serving the elderly, handicapped and general public, shall the millage be renewed and increased from .59 to 1.0 mills on all taxable property located within the Wayne County Transportation Authority area, and be imposed for a period of four (4) years, being years 2014 through 2017? It is estimated that if approved, this millage would raise approximately \$17,080,998 in the first year.

**WAYNE COUNTY RESA PROPOSAL
REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, School District of the City of Detroit, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale - Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

Anyone wishing to view the full text of the ballot may do so at the Clerk's office in Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, prevailing Eastern time, Monday thru Friday.

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan Township of Redford			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Community College	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Clarenceville School District	May, 2005	18 mills	2016 (non-homestead only)
	May, 2006	4.5 mills	2016
	May, 2005	1.1210 mills	2016
Redford Union School District No. 1	November 2, 2010	18.7551 mills	2015 (non-homestead only)
South Redford School District	May, 2005	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
	May, 2013	2.6138 mills	2026 (non-homestead only)

Signed:
RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

Date: June 1, 2014

Each person voting in the election must be:

A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age; and a registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

The place of voting for the election to be held on August 5, 2014 will be as follows:

- 1 Stuckey School, 26000 Fargo, Redford, MI 48240
- 2 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 3 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 4 Beech Elementary School, 19900 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 5 John MacGowan School, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240
- 6 John MacGowan School, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240
- 7 Our Lady of Loretto Ctr., 25700 Six Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 8 Our Lady of Loretto Ctr., 25700 Six Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240
- 9 Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford, MI 48240
- 10 New Beginnings, 16175 Delaware, Redford, MI 48240
- 11 Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford, MI 48240
- 12 Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford, MI 48239
- 13 St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford, MI 48239
- 14 Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, Redford, MI 48239
- 15 St. Valentine School, 25875 Hope, Redford, MI 48239
- 16 Addams School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford, MI 48239
- 17 Christ Church, 14350 Wormer, Redford, MI 48239
- 18 Shear School, 26109 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI 48239
- 19 Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 4829
- 20 St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 West Chicago, Redford, MI 48239
- 21 Pierce Middle School, 25605 Orangelawn, Redford, MI 48239
- 22 Fisher School, 10000 Crosley, Redford, MI 48239
- 23 Michigan Technical Academy, 23750 Elmira, Redford, MI 48239
- 24 Jefferson School, 26555 Westfield, Redford, MI 48239
- 25 Vandenberg School, 24901 Cathedral, Redford, MI 48239

Absentee ballot applications are available by contacting the Clerk's Office at (313) 387-2750, or online at <http://www.redfordtwp.com/clerk-election>

All locations are handicapped accessible and are equipped with handicapped voting machines with the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats (Audio and Braille).

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Redford

Canton's Yack files suit to block Evans' candidacy for county executive

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Yack Evans

Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack has filed a lawsuit alleging county officials broke state election laws by allowing Warren Evans' name to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot as a Wayne County executive candidate.

Yack said Monday he believes Evans, by state law, had to become a resident of Wayne County 30 days prior to the April 22 candidate filing deadline. Yack said Evans changed his residency from Washtenaw County to Detroit and filed his candidacy just one day before the deadline.

Yack, through Warren attorney John F. Harrington, filed a lawsuit last Friday against the Wayne County Election Commission and Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett.

"I think election law is pretty important and I do believe it was broken in this case," Yack said. "(Evans) filed on a particular date when it was too late in the game."

Richard Kaufman, campaign manager for Evans, issued a response on Evans' behalf.

"Warren meets all the requirements to qualify him to run in the Aug. 5 primary for Wayne County executive. This is a merit-less, desperate challenge that is being leveled against the frontrunner," the statement read. "All information regarding Warren's residency in Wayne County has been known for months and they have waited until the eve of the election, after thousands of the voters have cast their ballots, to make it. Wayne County residents should be offended by such backroom politics."

It wasn't clear how quickly a ruling on Yack's complaint could come in Wayne County Circuit Court. Harrington said a show-cause hearing is

expected Friday in Chief Judge Robert Colombo Jr.'s courtroom.

"I think it would take a pretty brave and courageous judge to rule in our favor," Yack conceded Monday, saying it isn't likely new ballots would be printed and old ones discarded because absentee voting already has begun.

"We ask instead that any votes (for Evans) should not be counted," Yack said.

Yack, a Republican Canton Township trustee and former 20-year Canton Township supervisor, said he is supporting a GOP candidate, Fred Bolden, for the post of Wayne County executive.

Evans, in the Democratic primary, faces candidates including incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and Westland Mayor William Wild.

Yack's lawsuit claims Evans was not a "qualified elector" in Wayne County on the filing deadline because he hadn't established residency 30 days prior. Evans changed his residency April 21 from Salem Township to Detroit.

Yack said the issues facing Evans are similar to those that forced Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to mount a write-in campaign in his quest to seek election. He said others, including former state Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, also paid a price when they didn't follow proper election procedures. Yack said he has "no malice" toward Evans, former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief.

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ABOUT PATRICK

Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District which will include Livonia starting in 2014 along with the communities of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included among his over 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp.

While currently residents of Canton, Patrick and his wife, Angie, have deep roots in Livonia. Patrick attended Hoover Elementary School and Holmes Junior High School before graduating from Catholic Central High School. His parents were founding members of St. Colette. His late mother, Barbara, was the organist at St. Colette and later the music minister at St. Edith. His dad, Bill, was an active member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce of which Patrick is a member. Angie attended Dickinson Junior High School and graduated from Stevenson High School. Angie and Patrick's parents live in Livonia.



Patrick received the Good Citizenship Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution while in high school



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Colbeck's views on the issues

JOB "I started my public service in January 2011 at a time when Michigan was suffering from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Our unemployment had skyrocketed and our auto industry was struggling. Many referred to this downturn as our "lost decade". During that decade, Michigan was the only state in the nation to have lost population. Times are better now. *Michigan is coming back!* I am happy to report that Michigan has created over 250,000 private sector jobs. In fact, there are now ~26,000 job openings within a 30 mile commute of the 7th Senate District. Our population is growing again and our youth no longer have to seek employment in other states."

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Astronaut Jack Lousma, Angie, and I



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profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. That is why I have been the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate and will continue to be if re-elected."

SENIORS "As a kid I was blessed to grow up surrounded by both sets of grandparents. They helped teach me the value of hard work, integrity and responsibility. I have worked hard to repay their loving guidance with my public service. During the past four years, I have passed legislation to protect seniors in nursing homes and have been an outspoken advocate for retirees including my passionate **NO** vote on the Senior Pension Tax (Senate Journal #41, Roll Call Vote #170 on HB 4361, May 12, 2011). My opposition to Obamacare is driven in large part by the federal government's push to cut Medicare services for the elderly by over \$700B in order to pay for other services such as the expansion of Medicaid. I am committed to caring for those who spent their entire lives working to leave this nation stronger than they found it and that is why I am honored to have received The Senior Alliance Legislator of the Year award for my work on behalf of all of the seniors right here in our community."

VETERANS "Serving those who serve us is a passion of mine. Active duty, veterans and their families have sacrificed much to preserve our freedom. And it is our duty to honor those sacrifices. As the chairman of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget, we brought Michigan from one of the worst performing states for veteran benefit claims processing, to 3rd in the nation. Public service does not always require legislation. In 2011, I teamed up with a group of service-minded veterans to co-found the MI Freedom Center at Detroit Metro Airport. To date, the MI Freedom Center has welcomed over 90,000 active service personnel, veterans and their families with open arms during their travels."



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SUNSHINE'S SKILLS & DRILLS FOOTBALL CLINIC



Despite being confined to a wheelchair, 5-year-old Lincoln Nicholls puts a good hit on a blocking pad. Helping Lincoln out is his buddy, varsity player Kalen Dunham (No. 21, left). PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

BRAINSTORM BRINGS 'SUNSHINE'S'

Special-needs kids soak up football fun, knowledge, friendship at unique clinic

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Who knows whether medical miracles can someday fix spina bifida, Down syndrome or whatever else ails the 43 youngsters who came out Friday night for the first-ever Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic.

But for one evening, it was all about present moments and future memories. There were special-needs kids tackling, throwing and catching — side by side with players from the Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel Crusaders football teams.

Near midfield at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf field, 11-year-old Nicholas Hochrein of Saline relentlessly went after Plymouth Wildcats player Victor Abraham with a series of tackles unlike any seen previously at the Park.

They were tackling each other with glee, and it was hard to see who had the widest grin — Nicholas, the pre-teen with Down syndrome and alopecia areata or Abraham, the muscle-bound high school player.

"I think it's an amazing thing," said Nicholas' father, Brian Hochrein of Saline. "Nick likes people. Any time we can get him out and actually experience some athletics with



Throwing another spiral is Plymouth's Peyton Domzalski, 7. He doesn't let spina bifida get him down.

some other kids his age, I think it's an amazing thing."

Hochrein said Nick "loves watching football" at Saline High School and was pumped up about participating. Perhaps just as thrilled about the event was Brian.

"We've done some other things, not quite like this," he said. "But this is, ... what a program."

And all of the credit goes to 10-year-old Connor Sherman of Canton, a soon-

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Joey Ahearn (No. 42) was the buddy of 5-year-old James Jacobs at Friday's football clinic, making the rounds to four stations. James has autism.



After finishing up a 12-minute stint at the blocking station, this group of clinic participants, players and coaches enthusiastically shout "1-2-3, O-line!"

VOLLEYBALL

Ex-Zebra Horton joins FSU

Katie Horton, a former all-area standout at Wayne Memorial High School, is headed south to the Sunshine State and a position on the Florida State University volleyball team.

The Westland resident played one season at Ohio University before opting to transfer and join the Seminoles in Tallahassee, Fla.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity to play both indoor and sand at FSU," Horton said. "Everything happened so quickly, but I knew this was a chance I couldn't pass up."

"The more I thought about it, the more excited I got, hopefully, to make an impact on both teams and improve myself as well. I'm very happy and thankful for this opportunity."

Horton was a major asset for the Bobcats, helping them win their 10th Mid-American Conference championship in 11 years the past season.

The outside hitter ranked second on the team in kills (312) and points (368). She averaged 2.6 kills per set. As a high school senior, Horton was ranked as the No. 95 player in the nation by Prepvolleyball.com.

She was more of a soccer player before she switched her focus to volleyball at the age of 15. Since making that change, Horton has developed into an all-around player.

"We were really thin this spring with our left-side attack options and Katie gives us a player that can have an impact attacking out of the left and right front positions," said FSU head coach Chris Poole, who guided the Seminoles to Sweet 16 berth in the NCAA tournament. "She has a tremendous amount of upside, but we expect her to contribute immediately. Katie has started playing sand volleyball and I'm excited to see the impact she makes on our indoor and sand teams this year."

Horton is one of four transfer players and two freshmen in the 2014 signing class.

Another high-level transfer is junior middle blocker Kiara Wright from Houston and USC. She helped the Lady Trojans to consecutive appearances in NCAA regional finals.

"We have a lot of great players returning and have added impact players," Poole said. "I believe this will be one of the most talented groups of players I have ever coached. The athleticism on this team is going to be outstanding and will give us an opportunity to match up physically with any team we play."

"We had faith that everything would fall into place and we expect Katie and Kiara to help this program immediately."



Horton

SWIMMING

Redford summer swim program a proven success

By Alice Walters
Correspondent

Redford Leisure Services has partnered with the Redford Union and South Redford school districts to offer community swimming lessons and open swimming this summer at the RU and Redford Thurston high school natatoriums.

The popular program will run through July 31, so there is still time for youngsters and their parents to take advantage of the unique offering.

The summer swim program's coordinator, Gary Bern-

hardt, noted how the Redford community is collaborating to employ local high school lifeguards who are trained and certified by the American Red Cross.

"Pools are closing due to a shortage of lifeguards and this is a great experience for these young people to gain experience and learn the basics of swim instruction," said Bernhardt, who brings nearly 20 years of experience as a swim coach and Red Cross water safety instructor.

Recent RU graduate and current lifeguard Elizabeth

Oliver said she looks forward to the summertime hours she spends helping up-and-coming swimmers learn vital water skills.

"I really like to teach swimming," Oliver said. "I like knowing the kids can be safe and that I can help build their confidence in the water. At first they are shy and hanging on the wall, but soon they are saying, 'Look! Look! I can do this!'"

Water safety — especially in Michigan — can't be empha-



Pictured are Redford Summer Swim participants Monae Griffin (left) and Sierra Ashby. ALICE WALTERS

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His game plan's a winner for society

It was Connor Sherman's vision to have a football camp for special-needs kids.

And so it was no surprise to see the 10-year-old Canton boy standing in the middle of the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, reading some heartfelt comments to the gathering of about 200 at Friday's Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic.

"Every kid should have the opportunity to play this sport, which is why I came up with this idea," read Connor, who will be entering fifth grade at Workman Elementary School.

Showing the communication skills and poise of someone twice his age, Connor made sure to thank everybody who

took the time to attend the first-annual event.

Connor's idea yielded the sweetest fruit as kids between ages 3-14 enjoyed the time of their lives.

Yeah, the youngsters came and went from P-CEP with the same physical or mental handicaps. But they left with much more, namely a shiny trophy, plenty of new friends and proof they are not alone.

Just amazing

The way the evening unfolded amazed everybody, including TV anchorman Vic Faust (WXYZ - Channel 7) who was an unofficial emcee and one of Connor's biggest fans.

Faust and many others were 100 percent in agreement that it is rare

Youngster delivers the goods, unites football and humanitarianism



Tim Smith

to see a 10-year-old kid step up to the plate of social awareness and compassion the way Connor did.

Of course, Connor's dad knew that the youngster always had a heart that thumped as strongly for those dealt a tough hand in life as it did for football.

"Connor's always been a soft, warm-hearted kid ever since he was little," said Erik Sherman of Canton. "He's been fortunate to be physically

gifted with sports and I think he's always kind of looked at the underdogs as somebody he wanted to help and be around.

"He's been that way since he was little. This fits right in line with his personality."

Connor also is a talented young quarterback for Our Lady of Good Counsel and someday he could be back on that very same field playing for the Plymouth Wildcats.

"He's very serious about football and baseball both, but football is definitely his passion," Erik Sherman added. "He's a great young quarterback, he works hard at it."

If Friday's successful clinic is any indication, Connor won't have any trouble being a field general for a high school team.

The shaggy-haired kid came up with the idea for a classroom assignment in fourth grade. That was the start of the drive.

The finished product that was Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic concluded that march with a definite touchdown strike.

So let the cheering begin. What Connor Sherman conceptualized and



Connor Sherman (left), talks with Plymouth assistant coach and clinic director Brian Rochon. "Sunshine's" clinic was Connor's idea from beginning to end. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

pulled off is a clear signal that there is plenty of hope for the future.

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Toledo family glad to have made trip to clinic

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Most of the exuberant participants at Friday night's Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic didn't have to travel very far to make it to the first-annual event at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But if they had to, they would have traveled as far — if not farther — as Lyndon Parsons' family of Toledo, Ohio, did to be there for an inspirational night.

The first-annual event, the brainchild of 10-year-old Connor Sherman of Canton, provided Plymouth Wildcats and Our Lady of Good Counsel players and coaches the chance to help youngsters with special needs enjoy football fun and instruction.

"We actually heard about it through one of his Special Olympics groups that he's involved in, for special needs hockey," said Tony Parsons, whose 14-year-old son Lyndon was afflicted at birth with Sturge-Weber syndrome. "One of our coaches was telling us about it and so we looked into it and we're here."

Sturge-Weber syndrome is a rare disorder that impacts the nervous system and often results in seizures.

Tony and Lisa Parsons (Lyndon's parents) proudly stood on the P-CEP varsity turf field as Lyndon trotted over to show them his participation trophy.

All 43 participants received those trophies after successfully finishing a quartet of football stations (for quarterbacks, wide receivers, running backs and offensive linemen).

When Lyndon was asked what he learned during the clinic, he quickly repeated

what on-field "buddy" and Plymouth varsity football player Kevin Justice said: "How to throw, how to catch."

He earned it

Although Lyndon does not play football, he was happy to leave with a trophy as well as a pat on the back for a job well done from Justice.

"He was always first, he always hustled," said Justice, who is entering his senior season with the Wildcats. "He earned his trophy today, that's for sure."

Justice then turned toward the youngster and noted that "You worked up a sweat, didn't you Lyndon?"

According to Tony Parsons, it was important to make the trip up to Canton in order for Lyndon to learn "a little bit more about teamwork and learning to hustle" not to mention providing a boost to the teen's self-esteem.

Asked if the family was glad to have made the trek to Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic, Tony's response was a quick and emphatic "absolutely."

Parsons added that the Wildcats might even get some favorable karma out of the deal when the 2014 season plays out. "The football team that was involved here today, I think is going to get something very special out of this."

That wouldn't be necessary as far as Justice is concerned, noting that the players and coaches already were rewarded just for being able to spend the time with a group of football-loving kids.

"It is really nice to give back to the community," said Justice, smiling.

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Having finished Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic, participants and their buddies run through the inflatable Wildcat head. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Cade Tjernagel, 11, of Chelsea, plays catch with his buddy, Plymouth player Jacob Miller (not pictured).



Plymouth football players shadowed their football clinic buddies for the entire night.



Plymouth player Kalen Dunham (left) gives all his attention to 5-year-old Lincoln Nicholls at one of the stations. Lincoln has spina bifida.

CLINIC

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to-be fifth-grader at Workman Elementary School and a quarterback at OLCG.

On target with idea

Like a quarterback spotting an open wideout crossing the field, an opportunity presented itself at school and Connor delivered on it.

During something called "Genius Hour" in the classroom of Workman fourth-grade teacher Melanie Gray, Connor proclaimed his desire to do something for those who through no fault of their own couldn't experience the sport he has loved since he was a toddler.

It didn't take him long to envision putting on a football clinic.

"I wanted to come up with this idea because I love football, it's my favorite sport," said Connor, who like all other volunteers sported yellow T-shirts emblazoned with the clinic's name on the front. "I thought every kid should have the opportunity to play it."

"One of my best friends, Shane Hanson, his mom works with special-needs kids, she's with them all the time. I see them and I thought it was cool if they could be here, and it kind of inspired me."

Gray explained that her students were given time every Friday to work on a project they were passionate about.

"And Connor's passion was creating a football camp for everybody, that everybody should have a chance (to participate) no matter what their needs were," Gray said. "He and his parents (Erik and Jennifer) took it by the reins, and here we are today. Which is amazing."

Including participants (ages 3-14), family members, volunteers, players and coaches, there were about 200 people at the clinic (which Connor wants to become an annual event).

Just humongous

"We are (proud)," Erik Sherman said. "What started out as a classroom project obviously morphed into something humongous, and that's what we're witnessing here."

Connor, also a third-year starting quarterback for OLCG who wears his hair in a longish fashion, already had a good name for the endeavor since his nickname for several years has been "Sunshine."

According to the official website for Connor's program (www.sunshinesfootballclinic.org), it was a natural for him to get the same nickname as the long-haired quarterback in the 2000 movie *Remember the Titans*.

"Having a similar hairstyle and showing signs of being a quarterback," the website description continued, "Connor's first-grade flag football coach gave him the nickname Sunshine. The nickname stuck and coaches and teammates and the OLCG football family still refer to him as Sunshine. Connor wanted to incorporate his nickname into the clinic."

Once Connor had his brainchild, he enlisted Plymouth varsity assistant coach Brian Rochon (who also gives Connor private lessons on quarterback skills) to become clinic director.

"This entire project was Connor's idea from beginning to end," Rochon stressed. "Myself, the rest of the Plymouth staff, our players and program have been lucky to be part of it and kind of help his dream come to reality."

"But all the credit for the idea goes to Connor and his family. This is not our project, it's his."

Rochon added that the participants came to the event "with special needs ranging from Down syndrome to ADHD to autism to spinal bifida to fetal alcohol syndrome and honestly probably a few that I am leaving out. It's a great opportunity for these young men to get to experience football like so many of the rest of us have been fortunate enough to."

Many of the kids were signed up thanks to word of mouth as well as an email blast to families through the special education department at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Station to station

Turns out the Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic was quite an unforgettable experience for the players themselves.

Each Plymouth player wearing a black jersey was paired off with a participant and they stayed together for the entire clinic. Players with white uniform shirts helped out wherever they could.

Groups rotated among four skill stations (for quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and offensive linemen). Coaches and players were at each location to teach the basics.

Consider Plymouth coach Jordan Jones, who worked at the wide receiver station near

the south end zone.

"We'll have everyone face the end zone, ultimately we want to score touchdowns," Jones said. "Turn around, this here is the end zone, that's where we score touchdowns!"

"First it's important to know what a receiver is. A receiver is the guy on the football field that runs out, the quarterback throws him the ball, he catches it and scores touchdowns. Has a lot of fun. But first we got to know how to stand."

Players lined up along the goal line and tossed miniature footballs to their buddies some five yards away.

One of the buddy tandems enjoying the receiver station included 7-year-old Peyton Domzalski and Plymouth junior Darwin Filey.

"Boom," said Filey after Peyton — who is wheelchair-bound due to spina bifida — fired a perfect spiral his way.

"I love it, I like seeing kids that have this opportunity to come out here and showcase their talents even though they're not the same as everybody," Filey emphasized. "It inspires me because I'm blessed."

"It just shows me how blessed I am, how lucky I am to be in the position I am."

Way to go

Over at the station for linemen, Plymouth senior Jacob Noll worked with 6-year-old Joey Shanlikian, who has autism.

"Come on, Joey," encouraged Noll, clapping his hands. Just as enthusiastic was one of the coaches, Terry Sawchuk.

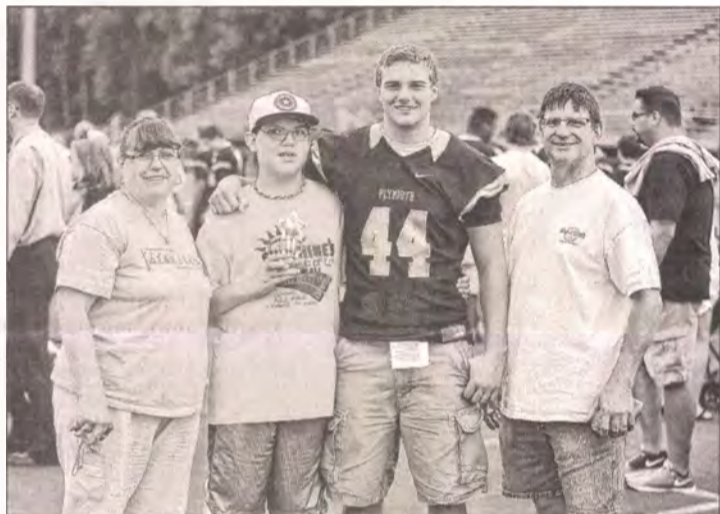
"Check your stance, look up," Sawchuk reminded the kids. "That's a good stance."

Meanwhile, Plymouth player Jonah Peterson and 6-year-old Jonah Connors (who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) were teaming up to learn about blocking.

"We've just been helping him with technique and everything," Peterson said. "He's been doing really well, he knows everything. Best one out here, right Jonah?"

He and plenty of other kids came away from Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic feeling good about themselves and their new-found football knowledge, too.

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Toledo's Parsons family took part in Sunshine's Skills & Drills Football Clinic. Lyndon Parsons (second from left) is shown with his buddy, Plymouth football player Kevin Justice. Lyndon's parents are Lisa (far left) and Tony (far right). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Golf event to help military veterans

Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton will participate Monday, Aug. 11, in the World's Largest Golf Outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The event will involve thousands of golfers and hundreds of courses throughout the country.

The cost is \$200 for a foursome, \$100 for a twosome and \$50 for a single golfer. The fee includes a hat and golf ball with the WLGO logo, greens fee, shared cart, lunch, prizes and awards.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Golfers can register at worldlargestgolfouting.com or fellowscreekgolf.com. For more info, call Fellows Creek at 734-728-1300.

Participants will have a chance to win a trip for four to the Nike Campus, which will include all fittings for custom-fit Nike irons and a Nike hat-and-shirt package.

Generals softball tryouts

The Michigan Generals will have softball tryouts from 6-8 p.m. the following evenings at North Farmington:

» 16U: Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Tuesday, Aug. 19; 14U: Wednesday, Aug. 13, and Wednesday, Aug. 20; 12U: Thursday, Aug. 14; and Thursday, Aug. 21.

Pitchers and catchers should plan on staying a little longer. Registration begins at 5 p.m. each night.

Go to michigangenerals.com for a registration form

and more information.

Glenn volleyball fundraiser

John Glenn High School's volleyball team will have a golf fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 9, at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The cost is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the turn, unlimited range balls, raffle ticket and steak dinner.

The check-in time is noon; play begins at 1:30 p.m. The registration deadline is Sunday, Aug. 3.

For more information, contact Walker at 719-339-6159.

Precision Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the Precision Patriots 11-U travel baseball team are scheduled 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 28, at Precision Baseball, located at 7835 Market Street in Canton.

The Patriots will have winter indoor practices and training, league and tournament play. Players must be age 11 or younger May 1, 2015.

Players from surrounding areas are welcome. Any questions can be sent to precisionpatriots11u@gmail.com.

Churchill golf outing

The fourth annual Churchill softball golf outing fundraiser will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 for golf and dinner. Dinner only is \$20. The format is a four-person scramble.

Contact Steve Gentillia at 734-776-1716 (churchillsoftball@gmail.com) or Kevin McHugh at 734-748-8520 (kmchugh12@yahoo.com).

Whalers alums to give 'Miracle on Ice'

Aug. 16 game at Compuware Arena to benefit
Beaumont's Children's Miracle Network

The Plymouth Whalers have plans to make their 25th season in the Ontario Hockey League a special year worth remembering.

The Whalers start the new season with an event that will prompt more smiles than goals by hosting its fourth Alumni Game at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Compuware Arena.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game (in the form of a \$10 donation) will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at www.plymouthwhalers.com or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at 734-453-8400.

Adding to the event is radio station WDVD-FM (96.3) and morning host Blaine Fowler, who are long-time supporters of the Plymouth Whalers and events at Compuware Arena.

Community Choice Credit Union is also lending support to the event.

Players from all eras of the Whalers' 25-year history are expected to play, including former Detroit Red Wings player David Legwand, Alex Aleardi, Robbie Czarnik, Jamie Devane, John Vigilante, Damian Surma, Chris Terry, Mitchell Heard and Matt Hackett, among many others.

The list of alumni coming back to Plymouth for the Alumni Game grows each week. For the \$10 donation, Whalers Alumni will participate in meet-and-greet autograph session with fans 2-3:30 p.m. before the puck drops. Fans can have two items signed.

Another win-win

"Not only is the Alumni Game a fun event for our fans and everyone else, but we've also helped out great causes over the years," Whalers marketing director Denise Roynayne said. "Two years ago, the alumni donated their time and effort toward Gleaners Community Food Bank in a Hunger Free Summer Campaign. In 2010, we helped raise awareness toward autism.



Plymouth Whalers alums (from left) Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin enjoy a fun moment during the 2012 Alumni Game at Compuware Arena. This year's game is 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

"Supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital this year is a win-win for everyone. Blaine and Allyson and our friends at 96.3 WDVD add to the excitement and help make this event memorable."

Beaumont Children's Hospital pediatrician-in-chief Dr.

Brian Berman said the hospital is "so grateful to the Plymouth Whalers and 96.3 WDVD for their generous support. ... The funds they raise are instrumental in helping to provide comfort and compassionate care to the many children and families that we serve."

Fowler of the radio team

stressed that the event is a way to unite "two of our favorite teams: the Children's Miracle Network Team and the Plymouth Whalers. All of us at 96.3 have big love for both of these amazing partners and are excited to make this event a can't miss for our community."

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Rams strike down Lightning, 13-0

Winners explode for 11 runs in first inning; improve to 20-10

The Michigan Rams seized the momentum of Monday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game against the Southfield Lightning early and never let up on the way to a 13-0 five-inning win at Ford Field.

Paced by the sizzling wooden bat of Kyle Jusick (3-for-4, four RBI, two runs), the Rams improved to 20-10 while the

Lightning slipped to 5-25.

The Rams pounded Lightning starting pitcher Mark Tooley for seven first-inning hits.

The victors were bolstered by a solid start from Chris McDonald, who yielded just two hits while striking out three in four innings. Rams righty Mike Kanitra mopped up with a perfect fifth inning.

In addition to Jusick, others wearing out the Lightning's pitchers were Travis Harvey (2-4, three RBI, run), Nick Harris (2-3, two RBI, run) and Nolan Page, who knocked in

two runs while scoring twice.

On Sunday, the Ram split a LCBL twinbill with the Bulls, dropping the first game 3-2 before bouncing back to claim the nightcap, 1-0.

The Rams outthit the Bulls, 6-2, in the first game, but couldn't solve the exploits of winning pitcher Ryan McClelland, who struck out five and walked just one in 5.1 innings.

Ram starting pitcher Brody Harris was masterful in game two as he blanked the Bulls over the first six innings by scattering six hits and a walk while striking out four.

Team makes big Impact



The 10-and-under North Farmington-West Bloomfield Impact softball team won the Western Wayne County League Silver East Division championship with a 12-2 record. Team members are (seated, from left) Cara Hartley, Karen Austin, Val Pallett, Madeline Sandberg and Sophie Konkal; (kneeling, from left) Ashley Cook, Kathleen McDonald, Corrina Collins and Kate Roggow; and (standing, from left) assistant coach Mike Wojciechowski, Brooke Wojciechowski, Paris Allen, Kelly Simpson and head coach Jeff Simpson. Also on the team are coaches Tom Hartley and Mike Roggow.



Jenacy Cardwell reviews her progress with instructor Luke Crompton. ALICE WALTERS

SWIMMING

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sized enough, Bernhardt added.

"Michigan is surrounded by water, so we want to do all we can to prevent drowning by teaching swimming to children early in their lives while it's easier for them to learn new skills," he said. "We also offer adult lessons so adults can become more comfortable and enjoy the water. We have those who are new to the water and those at swim-level workouts." Lessons run Monday

through Thursday through next week. The cost for a two-week session is \$60 per person.

Interested people can register at the Redford Township Leisure Services offices, which are located at 12121 Hemingway; or they can call 313-387-2650 for more information.

The American Red Cross Swim Program is used and includes a pre-session swim test and post-session progress cards for each participant.

Open swims are available Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RU and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Thurston. The cost for open swimming is \$3 per person.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

10U Livonia City Thunder travel baseball

The Livonia City Thunder travel baseball organization has announced the addition of a 10U team beginning with the 2015 season.

The head coach of the 10U team will be Phil Henriksen. Tryouts will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26; 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3.

All tryouts will be at Bicentennial field No. 5 in Livonia. Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration.

The season will be comprised of entry into the KVBSA (15-18 games) and into six to eight competitive weekend tournaments.

For more information, con-

tact Henriksen at s8henriksen@yahoo.com.

11U Livonia Stars travel baseball

Head coach Matt Fournier will be holding tryouts for the 11U Livonia Stars travel baseball team on Sunday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This will be a travel team that will be playing games in the KVBSA and three or four tournaments.

Players can not turn 12 before May 1, 2015 in order to be eligible to sign up.

For more information, contact Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcbglobal.net or at 734-968-0499.

Bucks roll in finale, clinch crown

The Michigan Bucks finished off their regular season in grand fashion with a convincing 4-0 shutout of the Chicago Fire on July 12 at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

With the win, the Bucks clinched their Premier Development League-record 11th Great Lakes division title to put them in the Central Conference championship tournament this weekend.

The Bucks will take on the St. Louis Lions on Friday night (5:30 p.m. EST kickoff) and will look to advance to Saturday night's conference title game against the winner of the Des Moines Menace-KW United FC semifinal to be played following the Bucks match.

The high-scoring Bucks lit up the scoreboard in the first minute of the game when team-leading scorer Dzenan

Catic knocked home his 14th goal of the season when he converted a Gerald Ben pass from close range to put the Bucks up 1-0.

Catic came into the game tied in the PDL with 13 goals and made a statement in the first half to secure not only the league's goal scoring title, but the overall points leader as well.

In the 15th minute, Tom Owens' free kick fell to the feet of Tanner Sica, who hit a quick pass to Catic who coolly slotted home his second goal of the match.

It would only take an additional five minutes for Catic to complete his fourth hat trick of the season when he played a nice ball to Zach Steinberger, who returned the pass to an open lane six yards from goal and the Bucks striker converted to ensure he would capture

the PDL scoring title with 35 points on the season and the goal-scoring championship with 16.

With the Bucks holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, head coach Demir Muftari substituted Catic at the break.

While offensively the Bucks were as sound as ever, defensively they gave the aggressive Fire forwards and midfielders no room to operate and controlled both the offensive and defensive midfields for most of the game.

Reece Richardson made his third start in goal and recorded his third win, all shutouts, in relief of Adam Grinwis. As usual, the Bucks back line and defensive midfielders did not allow many chances at goal and the team concluded the regular season by shutting out the last four opponents in a row.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Redford Soccer Club

The Redford Soccer Club will host a summer camp for young players from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1 at Bell Creek Park, which is located at the intersection of Five Mile and Inkster roads in Redford.

The camp will be orchestrated by former Detroit Ignition player/head coach Matt Johnson, who is the current head coach at Marygrove College. Johnson's camp staff will include former Ignition players as well as current Marygrove players.

To register, contact Jim Gibbs at 313-995-4234 or meancamino@yahoo.com.

Franklin girls hoop

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

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

MU cross country

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

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, 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).

Churchill gymnastics

The Churchill gymnastics camp for ages 11 and up will be held from 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 Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail.com or assistant coach Sara Wilchowski at sarawilchowski@gmail.com

or call Grodzicki at 248-880-0198.

Summer camps

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

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

Basketball: There will be two more 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 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

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.

ON THE GO: Technology helps Realtors keep in touch, find business leads

Over the years, Realtors have spent countless time and millions of dollars advancing real estate technologies and keeping up with the latest high-tech tools. The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey, conducted by the National Association of Realtors' Center for Realtor Technology, found that Realtors continued to invest in new technology for their businesses in 2013 and spent more than they did in previous years.

According to the survey, brokers spent a median of \$1,410 on technology for their real estate business, up from \$1,122 in 2012, while agents spent a median of \$848, up slightly from \$822 in 2012. Technology that allows work to be done while on the move appears to generate the most interest among Realtors, who are highly mobile professionals. Smartphones and tablets, iPads, Androids, Surfaces or Kindles, are the tools Realtors are most intent on purchasing; 29 percent of participants said they plan on procuring one of these tools in 2014.

"Technology has transformed the way Realtors do business, but in real estate, being high tech can never come at the expense of being highly accessible," said Mark Lesswing, NAR senior vice president and chief technology officer. "Advances in smartphones and social media have made it easier for Realtors to stay in touch with their customers, but maintaining a strong, personal relationship with clients is still at the heart of the business."

According to the survey, the vast majority of Realtors, 94 percent, use mobile devices to communicate with clients. In fact, Realtors spend a median 44 percent of their time corresponding with or doing work for their clients via their mobile devices. Use of iPhones continues to increase among Realtors; 52 percent of respondents now use iPhones. Thirty-six percent of respondents use Androids and 3 percent use Blackberry devices.

"Realtors tend to find the most value in technologies that allow them to conduct business quickly, conveniently and on the go," Lesswing said. "Embracing new technologies and online resources is a vital part of how Realtors identify, market and sell homes and guarantee that they are meeting their clients' needs."

The use of social media to generate leads and stay in contact with clients has also increased since 2012; 91 percent of all Realtors use social media. Seventy percent of those surveyed said that they use social media to build relationships and network, while 64 percent said they use the platforms for marketing and generating leads.

The most frequently used social platforms were Facebook, 77 percent of respondents said they use the site regularly, followed by LinkedIn, used by 75 percent.

The 2013-14 Realtor Technology Survey was based on data collected in January 2014. The survey was emailed to NAR members, including Realtor brokers, managers and agents, and generated 1,280 usable responses. The survey is available for free at crt.blogs.realtor.org



Realtors have joined other busy professionals in using technology. GETTY IMAGES/MOODBOARD RF

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In 2001, NAR established the Center for Realtor Technology to provide technology leadership, guidance and assistance to Realtor associations and mem-

bers. Through its mission of evaluating, implementing and applying emerging technologies, CRT makes available informed industry insight, research and open-source applications.

Alternatives exist in Calif. to San Diego

Q: What is happening to Dana Point, California, from an investment standpoint in residential real estate as opposed to investing in San Diego?

A: These are two different residential scenes, although, they both, of course, border the Pacific Ocean. As I recently observed, the cost of residential units in San Diego and its coastal cities have flattened out in terms of appreciation, because of new construction and local taxes.

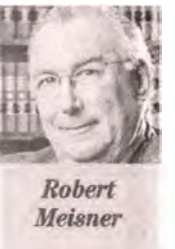
Coastal properties are still, of course, strong, however, in the Marina area, but the mega appreciation has not occurred. Dana Point, on the other hand, is a small coastal community

which is in the process of spending millions of dollars to redo their entire harbor development by tearing down the old shops and restaurants, and in town turning the one-way Pacific coastal highway, going through the city, to two-way traffic. Accordingly, look for major investment and appreciation in the next two years in Dana Point, though as in any situation, you need to get experienced real estate brokers to assist you in evaluating your investment opportunity.

Q: I hear that Banff, Alberta, Canada, is like Aspen in the cost of real estate for the so-called upper-crust. What can you tell me?

A: There is a street in Banff called Buffalo Street, which is along the Bow River, where the houses range from \$2 million to \$10 million. They are not that extravagant, but have a great location in a breathtaking picturesque town much like Aspen. Of course, Banff is in a Canadian National Park where elk and deer stroll everywhere with an occasional bear for excitement, especially, if you leave garbage unattended. Simply put, real estate is extremely expensive in Banff, but based on recent observations, new construction of residential communities is substantial and pre-construction opportunities may be available.

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Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 10-14, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
16302 Buckingham Ave	\$195,000
31495 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$590,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1242 Greenlawn St	\$543,000
2768 Manchester Rd	\$285,000
843 Ruffner Ave	\$315,000
2324 Yorkshire Rd	\$190,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4244 Wabeek Lake Dr S	\$294,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4739 Brafferton Dr	\$459,000
443 Fox River Dr	\$200,000
3891 Oakhills Dr	\$335,000
2192 Yarmouth Rd	\$1,600,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1779 Kinghill Dr	\$50,000
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FARMINGTON

33614 Adams St	\$155,000
23234 Floral St	\$150,000
35509 Heritage Ln	\$92,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37242 Chesapeake Rd	\$288,000
31223 Country Ridge Cir	\$310,000
25311 Crown Point Ct	\$287,000
38652 Evonshire	\$152,000
31623 Folsom Rd	\$210,000

29262 Glen Oaks Blvd W

31189 Harmony Ln	\$466,000
29490 Lochmoor St	\$160,000
21318 Ontaga St	\$65,000
34205 Rhonswood St	\$118,000
24790 Toddy Ln	\$258,000
22026 W Brandon St	\$118,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

19051 San Jose Blvd	\$210,000
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MILFORD

2925 E Commerce St	\$173,000
534 East St	\$150,000

NOVI

25620 Hillsdale Dr	\$580,000
25848 Island Lake Dr	\$550,000
28785 Summit Dr	\$332,000
21837 Sunrise Blvd	\$238,000

49648 Timber Trl

\$425,000	
SOUTH LYON	
54890 Grenelefe Cir W	\$301,000
1082 Paddock Dr	\$268,000

SOUTHFIELD

29510 Ashley Ct	\$168,000
19825 Magnolia Pkwy	\$97,000
28096 Marshall St	\$59,000

WHITE LAKE

4629 Coastal Pkwy	\$320,000
1499 Hillway St	\$258,000
1974 Kingston St	\$150,000
525 Teggedine Rd	\$82,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 through April 4, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
1181 Brookline St	\$215,000
1633 Brookline St	\$107,000
7055 Copper Creek Cir	\$150,000
5500 Denton Rd	\$157,000
42230 Hanford Rd	\$178,000
46271 Hanford Rd	\$237,000
7458 Kingsbridge Rd	\$163,000
47391 Larchmont Dr	\$275,000
48425 Manor Bridge Dr	\$124,000
2739 N Woods Blvd	\$273,000
850 S Haggerty Rd	\$82,000
5870 Wedgewood Rd	\$21,000
45937 Windridge Ln	\$333,000

GARDEN CITY

33315 Brown St	\$91,000
28824 Cambridge St	\$110,000
32556 Marquette St	\$95,000

LIVONIA

9581 Arcola St	\$120,000
16712 Bell Creek Ln	\$275,000
9847 Denne St	\$135,000
14147 Golfview St	\$172,000
16642 Harrison St	\$240,000
16955 Inkster Rd	\$115,000
15190 Knolston St	\$188,000
16470 Ladywood St	\$220,000
14559 Newburgh Rd	\$130,000
29737 Nottingham Cir	\$117,000
19434 Osmus St	\$153,000
29866 Robert Dr	\$138,000
35647 Southampton St	\$236,000
17865 University Park Dr	\$95,000

NORTHVILLE

611 East St	\$292,000
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717 Grandview St

\$323,000	
16169 Johnson Creek Dr	\$700,000
16040 Morningside	\$150,000

PLYMOUTH

39636 Birchwood Dr	\$120,000
817 Deer Ct	\$200,000
432 N Sheldon Rd	\$300,000
9524 Winterset Cir	\$307,000

REDFORD

10078 Beech Daly Rd	\$55,000
16851 Brady	\$26,000
13592 Centralia	\$35,000
15832 Denby	\$73,000
25455 Ivanhoe	\$47,000
25146 Keeler	\$10,000
19437 Lennane	\$77,000
24463 Pilgrim	\$45,000
8883 Riverview	\$60,000
16681 Ryland	\$70,000

WAYNE

34954 Harroun St	\$38,000
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3148 Winifred St

\$80,000	
WESTLAND	
35810 Avondale St	\$79,000
2732 Barns Dr	\$218,000
32102 Bertram Dr	\$106,000
8115 Bristol St	\$52,000
328 Brookfield Dr	\$120,000
30802 Burlington St	\$66,000
112 Carson Dr	\$100,000
112 Carson Dr	\$124,000
31521 Fairchild St	\$79,000
32261 Fairchild St	\$69,000
29445 Joy Rd	\$35,000
1485 Lillian St	\$37,000
37671 N Butler Cir	\$121,000
6398 N Radcliffe St	\$80,000
34539 Nancy St	\$64,000
38370 Shelby Dr	\$182,000
34021 Tomahawk Dr	\$111,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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- Cut flowers
- Romps
- Washstand item
- Potluck choice
- Monk's hood
- Cheesy snack
- Followed orders
- Arctic sight
- Soft toss
- Enlisted person (abbr.)
- UPS unit
- Sass
- Motif
- Archipelago dots

DOWN

- Mr. Spock's forte
- Form a stalactite
- Skein of yarn
- NE state
- Breathtaking
- Deke or juke
- Rapper Tone —
- Lady's man
- 66 and I-80
- Taiga denizen
- Cobras' kin
- Word in a telegram
- Mantra chants
- Wine cask
- Cyclops had one
- To wit
- Musical note
- Brand of spandex
- Menu term (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

RUM	APTS	CROC
ERA	MUSE	HERO
PACKAGED	INCA	SLEAZE
UNSEAL	LOT	CEE
GREEN	DECLAIM	OAR
SIS	SRA	TWOBITS
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8 Hebrew letter
9 Garr or Hatcher
10 Foal food
11 Jostle
16 Compass pt.

18 Bloodhound's clue
20 Conclusion
22 Winter weather
23 Band member
24 Internet sites
26 Quilt fabric
27 Major airports
29 Frozen-waffle brand
31 Tub in the fridge
32 Cracker brand
33 Domed recess
39 Sorts
41 Company avoiders
43 Freeze over
45 Comet — Bopp
46 MP target
47 Bottle part
49 Labrador prov.
51 Mouths, in zoology
52 Calendar divs.
54 Morticia's cousin
55 Prefix meaning "recent"
56 Salt meas.
59 Einsteinium, in the lab

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	5		8		2			
8		4		5				
	3						7	
7			6		4			2
	5	1						9
					2			
4			1	2	5			
	9			7				
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Level: Intermediate

OCEANIC WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

J	M	F	E	R	H	O	P	G	T	N	E	M	I	D	E	S	D	U	H
W	A	F	R	U	S	L	C	A	I	E	G	R	T	F	I	R	D	D	
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A	B	D	V	E	L	O	C	I	T	Y	B	S	V	W	A	V	E	S	F
B	S	J	M	N	U	L	S	A	L	T	W	A	T	E	R	I	O	D	Y
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H	T	D	E	W	R	A	E	S	A	N	D	S	V	N	E	A	P	V	D
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H	C	G	O	V	P	Y	A	B	P	E	N	H	O	C	F	H	R	G	S
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T	I	R	B	N	U	T	W	T	J	E	A	R	A	W	P	O	P	D	A
V	S	M	O	R	E	V	R	J	B	E	D	M	A	I	S	V	S	M	G
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F	D	C	S	E	A	W	A	L	L	C	R	N	R	E	I	R	R	A	B
E	A	V	U	Y	J	L	T	D	I	V	J	E	T	T	Y	M	O	T	G

WORDS

ACCRETION MARINE
BAR MARSH
BARRIER NEAP
BAY OCEAN
BEACH OVERWASH
BREAKWATER SALTWATER
COASTAL SANDS
CURRENT SEA LEVEL
DREDGING SEAWALL
DRIFT SEAWEED
EBB SEDIMENT
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Sudoku

8	9	5	6	3	4	7	2	1
6	7	2	2	4	1	8	9	4
6	3	7	5	1	2	8	9	4
7	8	1	2	6	5	9	4	3
4	6	9	7	8	3	1	9	2
5	2	3	5	2	1	4	9	6
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Word Search

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Learn about CROP walk at Livonia meeting Aug. 2

Organizers of the 2014 Livonia/Garden City CROP Walk will hold an informational meeting about the event, 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia.

Last year, 195 CROP walkers raised more than \$17,000 for hunger relief. Church World Services allocated 25 percent of the funds to food banks in southeast Michigan.

The 2014 Livonia/

Garden City CROP Walk is set for Sunday, Oct. 5, starting at Rose-dale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Walkers can choose routes from a half mile up to 4 miles. Ice cream will be served at the end of the walk.

Donations also are accepted at cwsglobal.org. Click on the "find a walk" link and select "Livonia/Garden City Walk."

JULY 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

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26
Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Free festival with Christian music by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: 313-937-2424; www.HosannaTabor.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 5:15-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 28 through Aug. 1
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: For 4-year-olds through grade 5
Contact: www.connectingwith-god.org

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

and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: 248-374-5920

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
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.
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BRISTOR, PATRICIA KING

Age 79, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2014. Patricia was born March 17, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Edward McCutcheon and Dorothy (Dykstra) McCutcheon. She married William Bristor in 1973. Patricia had lived in Brazil and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She spent summers in Bay View, Michigan. She loved to paint and garden. Patricia is survived by one sister, Laura Smith of Fenton, Michigan; her two children, Laura Hanssen of Denver, Colorado, and Carl Hanssen and his wife Amy; her two grandchildren, Christina Hanssen and Jack Hanssen. Patricia was predeceased by her husband William, and her parents Edward and Dorothy. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Birmingham, Michigan, and Bay View Michigan. Contributions in memory of Patricia may be made to the Little Traverse Bay Conservancy and the National Wildlife Federation. For more information visit:
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SCHNEIDER DR. ROBERT P. PINKNEY, M.D.

His Legacy... Dr. Robert Phillip Schneider, age 79, of Pinckney, MI, died July 19, 2014, while surrounded by family. Dr. Schneider was born to Jacob and Rose (Morofski) Schneider in Detroit, MI. On June 14, 1970, he married the love of his life, Alice, in Detroit, MI. Dr. Schneider was a family physician in the South Lyon area who loved his wife, children, and going to work to care for his patients. He firmly believed that the doctor / patient relationship was something special. Robert and Alice worked together many years before retiring in 2012. Robert belonged to many medical associations and also on staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and DMC. He enjoyed family trips, walking and jogging, and being out on the lake with his dogs. Robert will be dearly missed by family and friends.

In Memoriam



BRIAN HINZMAN

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 We love and miss you very much and we are thinking about you every day.
 Love, Your Family



MURRAY, RUTH P.

Age 72. A Loving Mother, Grandmother, and Sister of Roscommon, and former resident of Wayne, passed away July 20, 2014. Survived by four children: Kathy, Linda (Scott), Grady (Julie), and Candice (Ken). Also survived by eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, seven brothers, and one sister. Visitation and Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 24th at Generations Funeral home located at 29550 Grand River Ave in Farmington Hills. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. The burial service will be held in the chapel at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m., located on 17840 Middlebelt Rd in Livonia. The luncheon will directly follow at Rotary Park (Rotary Pavilion #3), located in Livonia on six mile at Hubbard, 1/2 mile west of Merriman Rd. Donations accepted in lieu of flowers.

His Family... Robert is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Ronald (June) Schneider of Shreveport, LA, and Jay Schneider of Toledo, OH; Sister Charlotte (Herbert) Feldman; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Jacob; nephews and nieces, Mark, Gary and Jeanette; long-time friend and business associate, Dr. Patrick Brennan; and many special neighbors and friends.

His Farewell... A private Natural Farewell has taken place. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service Thurs., July 24, 2014, from 4-5:30 p.m. with Service beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Memorial donations are suggested to ALS of Michigan. Please leave a message of comfort for Dr. Schneider's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 28 through Aug. 1
Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: "Wilderness Escape" VBS will give youngsters a taste of what it was like to live in the Israelite camp with Moses. For kids in grades K-5. Registration is \$15 per child.
Contact: mthopechurch.wordpress.com

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—ready for gift-giving—with cat, comfort, car, soothing and child-pleasing themes. Proceeds fund mission team trip
Contact: Mary at 248-471-1322 or Melissa at 734-466-8694

AUGUST FREE STUFF GIVEAWAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 26; rain date is Aug. 2
Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church plans to give away gently-used clothing and shoes, toys, children's items, furniture, collectibles, appliances, household items, and more
Contact: 248-476-8222

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 4-8
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, in Livonia
Details: Open to all kids entering preschool (must be potty-trained) through sixth grade. Includes music, games, Bible stories, science, crafts, snacks and more. Registration fees are \$5 for one child in the family, \$10 for families with two or more children. Families who register before July 27 with receive a VBS music CD
Contact: 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

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 kindergartners
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 Methodist Church
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.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through 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
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» 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 Church
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

Your Invitation to Worship

<p>CATHOLIC</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p>	<p>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p>
<p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT150641</p>	<p>Rosedale Gardens PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs AT150637, LO-00018410</p>	<p><i>A Church for Seasoned Saints</i> OPEN ARMS CHURCH Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazzini 33015 W. 7 Mile Rd., Livonia 48152 Between Farmington & Merriman Across from Joe's Produce 248.471.5282 Church As You Remember It! AT150638</p>	<p>St. Paul's Ev. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA (734)261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday : 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. THURSDAY : 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org AT150642</p>	<p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LO-00018434</p>
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LIVONIA BAND SET TO ROCK THE PIKE ROOM IN PONTIAC

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When Jacob Peetz and Frank Ritz were kids they dreamed about playing in a rock band.

"It was always something we said — let's be in a band, but we couldn't play instruments," said Ritz, 17, who has been friends with Peetz since fifth grade. "He and I played music in eighth grade. I knew four chords."

By their sophomore year, they had chosen a name for their collaboration, Royale, based on a line of dialogue in *Pulp Fiction*, one of their favorite movies, and they began rehearsing in earnest.

When they graduated last month — Peetz from Livonia Stevenson High School and Ritz from Livonia Churchill High School — their music resume included four recorded songs, air play on 89X and several shows in such venues as Token Lounge in Westland and the Pike Room inside The Crofoot, in Pontiac.

"Because we've been friends for so long, when we play music together it just clicks," said Peetz, 18. "We don't have to struggle to make things work."

The pair will be back at the Pike Room, 1 S. Saginaw Street, Pontiac, Saturday, July 25. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Two other bands, Blind Season and The Antycs, will open the show at 7:30 p.m., with Royale taking the stage at around 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit thecrofoot.com.

Collaborating

Peetz is self-taught on drums and Ritz played piano and drums as a youngster, before switching to guitar. They've invited other musicians to play with them, but generally perform as a duo.

Ritz writes all of the songs, fleshing out lyrics by hand and working out the music on an acoustic guitar.

"Honestly, none of the songs would sound the way they do without him," Ritz said, acknowledging their collaborative effort. "They are folk songs when I write them on acoustic guitar. Then he jumps on the drums. They become Royale (songs) because of him and me combining. We have overlapping styles."

Both musicians grew up listening to classic rock. Rush was a favorite of Ritz, but he also liked Kiss, Queen, Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd. In recent years he has added The National, The Front Bottoms, and Neutral Milk Hotel, among others, to his favorites list. Peetz counts Led Zeppelin drummer, John Bonham, and Who drummer Keith Moon among his influences.

"Frank's guitar and vocals are more standard rock and when I play drums I'm more punk rock in my style," Peetz said.

Excited about performing

Royale played at a friend's neighborhood music festival before landing its first gig at a public venue, Token Lounge in Westland. The professional gig confirmed Peetz's career choice.

"It was unreal. I went from playing in the basement to actually showing this to people," he said. "As soon as we played our first show, that was it. That was what I wanted to do forever. It was so much fun and exciting to play for people. You send your own message out with your music."

Peetz said the "terrible stage fright" he had experienced at school disappeared when he performed on stage.

Ritz said his experience with the Creative and Perform-



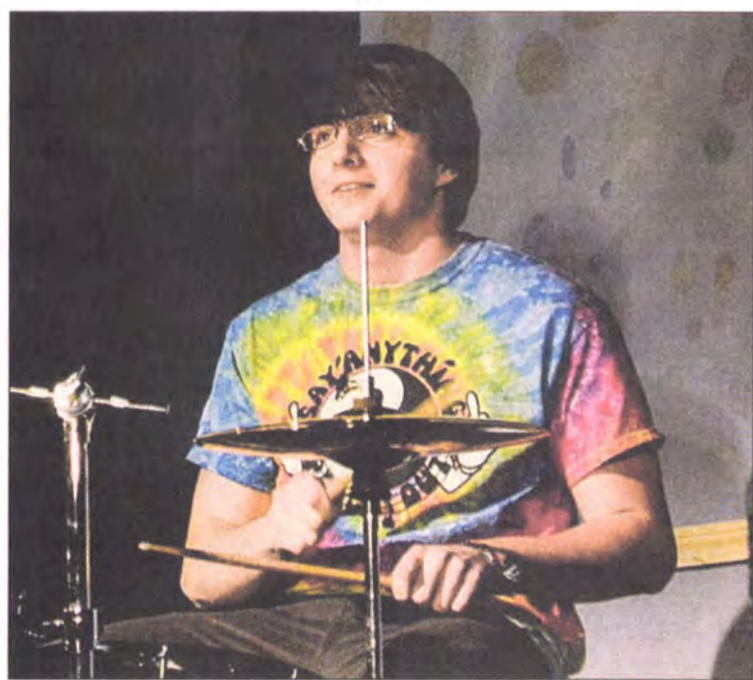
Frank Ritz, Royale guitarist, graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia.

ing Arts program at Churchill helped to polish his stage presence and sharpened his vocal skills. He initially entered CAPA to study filmmaking, but ended up in theater classes, acting and singing in 15 shows. He was president of the thespian society his senior year and directed a drama, in addition to performing in musicals.

He and Peetz both have delayed college to see where Royale might lead them. They're working toward an album and hope to add eight more songs to the four they've already recorded.

"Our goal is to finish it by September and we want to put it on tour in December," Ritz said.

Listen to their single, *Swan Song* at <http://withcheese.bandcamp.com/>. Check out their Facebook page at facebook.com/royalemichigan.



Jacob Peetz, Livonia Stevenson graduate, plays drums in the band, Royale.

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 Jill Jack, folk, July 30; Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Americana, Aug. 6; The Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS 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, July 26-Aug. 14

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

Details: "Kids Gone Creative" exhibits artwork from Farmington Hills' summer art camps

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. through Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

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

Contact: 248-432-5448

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Kevin McCaffrey; tickets are \$12 show only, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomeclub.net; 734-261-0555



Celeste Lee (left) is Rumpelstiltskin and Corrine Marsh is Tilda in Spotlight on Youth's production of *Rumpelstiltskin*, July 24-27.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 25 and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Keith Fields performs; tickets \$18

Coming up: Phil Johnson performs stand-up comedy and music, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$18 for Friday-Saturday

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Belle*, admission \$3

Coming up: *Chef*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3

Summer Cinema Series: All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday.; seats \$3. *Jurassic Park*, July 24; *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, July 31; *Back to the Future III*, Aug. 7; *The Nutty Professor*, Aug. 14; *Abbott & Costello in Buck*

Privates, Aug. 21; *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Aug. 28

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 25 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 26

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *The Princess Bride*, \$5

Coming up: *Carrie*, 11 p.m., Aug. 1; \$5; *Best In Show*, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, including live improv performance before the film and during intermission and a meet and greet after the movie with Fred Willard, \$6

Contact: 313-537-2560

FUNDRAISER FASH BASH 2014

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14

Location: Detroit Institute of Art (DIA), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Includes an outdoor cocktail party, the Neiman Marcus "Art of Fashion" runway show in the DIA's Great Hall, followed by the Audi After Party. Tickets are \$500 for front row seating at the fashion show and a \$100 gift card with purchase of two tickets; \$250 includes priority reserved seating in the second row of the fashion show; \$175 per ticket includes priority reserved seating in the third row for the



Jill Jack performs July 30 in the Wild Summer Nights concert series at the Detroit Zoo, in Royal Oak.

fashion show; and \$85 provides access to the Audi After Party on the steps of the DIA. Proceeds benefit the museum's operating endowment

Contact: 313-833-5646

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Sept. 7

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of similar use and/or appearance.

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: *Wheels of Summer*, an exhibit of toys with wheels, runs through Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, July 28

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Ann Dahl plays piano; no admission but tips accepted

Contact: 734-985-0875

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: On July 29, the Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde will perform. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Jack Williams, July 25; Mikaela Davis, Aug. 8; Brion Riborn and Barelyon, Aug. 9. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 25

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: Improv mixer will include the troupes Gut Shot, 7 Minutes in Heaven and Legally Problematic. Admission is \$5

Contact: 734-985-0875

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7-9 and 15-17

Location: 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: *The Good Doctor* by Neil Simon; tickets are \$12 for general seating, \$10 for seniors and college staff, and \$8 for students with ID

Contact: theatre.hfcc.edu; 313-845-9817

INSPIRE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 25-26 and Aug. 1-2 and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 27

Location: 5767 Executive Drive, Westland

Details: *No Stone Unturned*, an original murder mystery comedy in the style of the '40s, written by Joe Davis and Len Fisher; tickets \$10, \$8 for seniors and students

Contact: 734-751-7057

MOTOR CITY THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to dusk July 26

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia

Details: A Renaissance and Medieval Festival includes free entertainment and games. Wear a costume to receive a free treat

Contact: 586-894-8628

Beets

FRESH, FUN SUMMER MEALS

When it comes to summer fare, familiar favorites are always welcome, such as burgers on the grill, sandwiches, salad, lemonade and dessert. But if the tried-and-true choices are getting a little too familiar, maybe they need a makeover.

These deliciously doable ideas start with time-saving, prepared products, such as jarred vegetables and classic bean salads, that provide real homemade flavors. Here's how:

» Elevate burgers from basic to sensational with a dollop of Red Cabbage, Onion & Bacon Jam, made with sweet-and-sour red cabbage, sauteed onions and smoky bacon.

» Need a new sandwich inspiration? Mediterranean Bean & Pita-Wiches are a combination of three- or four-bean salad, vege-

tables, olives and feta cheese stuffed into whole grain pita pockets.

» Trade the traditional greens or potato salad for Herbed Beet & Tomato Salad, an updated combo of colorful sweet-tangy pickled beets, garden-fresh yellow tomatoes and herb vinaigrette.

» What's for dessert? Try Fudgy Beet Brownies, which are made with Harvard beets to keep them extra moist and yummy.

» Lemonade is always a welcome thirst quencher, especially if it's pink. Here's the simple secret: Just stir pickled beet liquid into prepared lemonade — it's pink in a wink.

For additional recipes and serving suggestions, visit www.auntnellies.com and www.readsalads.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

MEDITERRANEAN BEAN & PITA-WICHES

Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad
½ cup crumbled feta cheese
½ cup chopped tomatoes
½ cup coarsely chopped baby spinach
¼ cup sliced celery
¼ cup sliced pitted black or Kalamata olives
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or basil
6 whole grain pita pocket halves
Dressing:
2 tablespoons reserved bean liquid
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 clove garlic, minced
Black pepper, coarsely ground

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid. In large bowl, toss together bean salad and next six ingredients.

For dressing, whisk ingredients together. Add dressing to bean mixture; toss. Fill pita pocket halves with bean mixture.

PINK LEMONADE

Makes: 2 quarts

Add 2 to 4 tablespoons pickled beet liquid to 2 quarts prepared lemonade; stir. For deeper pink color add additional beet liquid.



RED CABBAGE, ONION & BACON JAM

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
¼ pound bacon (thick cut or regular)
1 large yellow onion (about 8 ounces)
2 tablespoons granulated or brown sugar
2 tablespoons white balsamic or white wine vinegar
1-2 tablespoons fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried thyme)
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)
Green onion or parsley (optional)
Drain cabbage; reserve liquid.

Cut bacon into pieces (about ¼ inch). Cook in large skillet over medium to medium-low heat until browned and crisp. Transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate; reserve. Measure 2 tablespoons drippings and return to skillet. Discard remaining drippings.

Meanwhile, cut onion lengthwise in quarters. Cut crosswise into very thin slices (about ¼ inch thick).

Heat bacon drippings over medium-low heat until hot. Add onion slices, reduce heat to low and cook 5 minutes or until onions begin to soften, stirring occasionally. Stir in sugar, vinegar, thyme, peppers, bacon and ½ cup reserved liquid. Add cabbage and continue cooking over medium-low to low heat 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and mixture is very soft and thick, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with thinly sliced green onion or chopped parsley before serving, if desired.

Serve warm or at room temperature as topping for burgers or crostini, as sandwich spread, condiment for meats or tossed with pasta.

HERBED BEET & TOMATO SALAD

Prep time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

1 jar (16 ounces) sliced pickled beets
2 medium yellow tomatoes, sliced ½ inch thick
¼ cup olive or vegetable oil
¼ cup white wine or rice vinegar
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh herbs (such as thyme, parsley, basil, oregano or chives)
1 clove garlic, minced
Salt and pepper

Drain beets well. Reserve liquid for pink lemonade, if desired. Cut beets in half. Cut tomato slices into quarters.

For vinaigrette, whisk together oil, vinegar, herbs and garlic. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place tomatoes in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Gently toss in beets. Serve immediately or chill.

FUDGY BEET BROWNIES

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: Per package directions
Servings: 24 brownies

1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Harvard Beets, not drained
1 box dark or milk chocolate brownie mix (for 13-by-9-inch pan)
¼ cup vegetable oil
2 eggs
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks
Confectioners' sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Place beets in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside. Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs and pureed beets in large mixing bowl; stir until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake as directed on package, checking after shortest recommended baking time. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.
Note: Package sizes may vary according to brand.

