

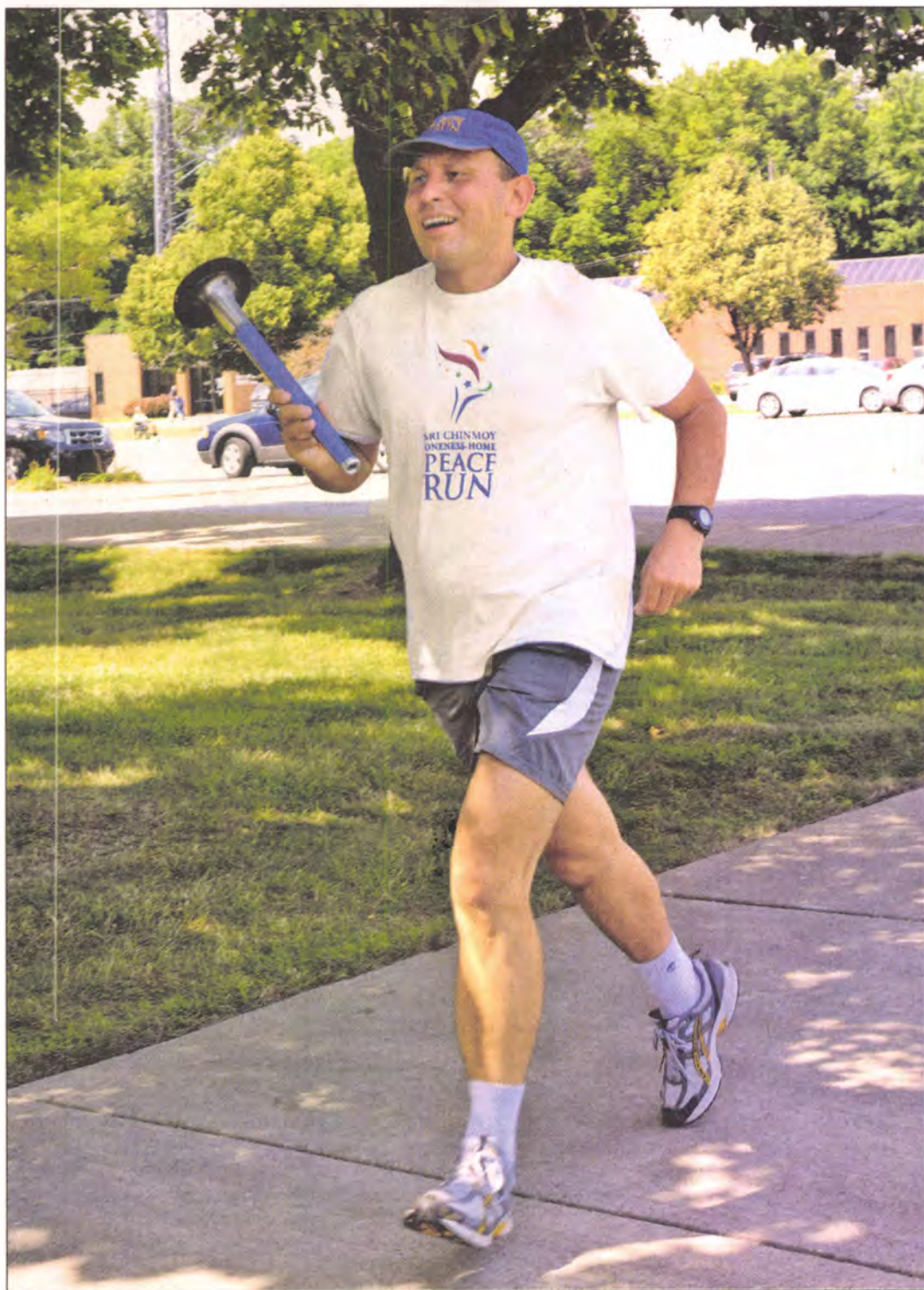
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Yatkara Aleksapolskyy from Donetsk, Ukraine, carries the torch as he runs along Ford Road by Westland City Hall. TOM BEAUDOIN

INTERNATIONAL PEACE RUN MAKES STOP IN WESTLAND

Torch being carried for 10,000 miles

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The peace movement came to Westland on Friday, but few people noticed. There was no police escort, no cheering crowd, just Yatkara Aleksapolskyy from Donetsk, Ukraine, running on the sidewalk along Ford Road. Followed by an escort vehicle, driven by Salil Wilson, Janczak was covering a distance of 2-3 miles before passing the torch he carried

to another runner. An international team of 12 runners is participating in the North American Oneness - Home Peace Run, carrying the Olympic-style torch on a 10,000-mile journey that started in New York City on April 15. The runners have been covering 80-100 miles a day on a trek through the United States, Canada and Mexico that will end in New York on Aug. 15. "We keep changing runners," said Mahasatya Janczak, who joined the run in Santa Fe, New Mexico. "Some do it for a few weeks, some longer. I'll run all the

way to New York." **Vision of peace** The inspiration for the run, which is also taking place in Europe and Asia, is late peace visionary Sri Chinmoy who dedicated his life to the pursuit of the ideal of world friendship and oneness. Sri Chinmoy saw sports as a powerful instrument for promoting world harmony. Volunteers all over the world are carrying on his vision by taking the torch to communities on six continents. Janczak has done some

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General election races can be decided in primary

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As reflected in the traditionally lower turnout, many voters don't put much importance on primary elections like the one coming up Aug. 5. "A lot of people aren't really aware of the importance of the primary election. It's really more important in that it determines who you can vote for in the general election," Westland

City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof said. And in heavily Democratic districts, voting in the primary election often determines who will take a seat in general election against a Republican candidate. A case in point is the 11th Wayne County Commission race to replace Kevin McNamara, who didn't seek reelection

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Woman suffers burns in fire

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne woman was hospitalized and suffered from burns on about 35 percent of her body following an early morning apartment fire Tuesday. "She had a fire extinguisher but didn't know how to use it. She tried to extinguish the fire but was unsuccessful," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. "She has first-degree and second-degree burns on her upper body — the arms and back. I'm told some of the burns will be third-degree." Firefighters were called to 35641 Brush, south of Michigan Avenue and west of Elizabeth, at about 2:45 a.m. The fire was inside a garage that had been converted into an apartment, Eggers said. The resident, 51, told firefighters she had been in the bathroom washing clothes when the fire started. The woman was burned trying to put out the fire, Eggers said, but was able to escape the building before firefighters arrived. "We don't know how the fire started. The cause is indeterminate," Eggers said. "It may have started in the sofa — it is completely gone. So is everything in living room." The resident, who also suf-



This garage apartment was destroyed by fire early Tuesday.

ferred from some smoke inhalation, is expected to make full recovery from her injuries, Eggers said. The apartment is a complete loss, he said. An investigation will attempt to determine the cause of the fire. Eggers said part of that investigation will include looking at whether the detached garage apartment was converted with city permits and inspections to make sure building and safety codes were met. "We will certainly look into the legality of the apartment. We will look at the electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling," Eggers said. "If no permits were pulled, we will try to see if we can tell if the work was up to code."

W-W successful in refunding \$36 million in bonds

WESTLAND — Taxpayers in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will see the amount they pay for the district's bonded indebtedness reduced after what school officials are calling a successful sale of \$36 million in Refunding Bonds. The refunding of the district's outstanding 2004 Refunding Bonds was approved by the school board earlier this year. The 2014 Refunding

Bonds will reduce the district's interest expense approximately \$3.4 million, resulting in lower debt payments over the next five years. "The district was in a unique position to lower the cost of our 1998 bond to our taxpayers," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala said. "Due to the structuring of the district's 1998 bonds, we were able to

refinance the remaining debt payments, much like a homeowner refinances their house to a lower interest rate, to save our residents \$3.4 million. This savings goes directly to our taxpayers." In preparing to sell the refunding bonds, the district worked with its financial advisor, Stauder, Barch & Associates Inc., in requesting that Moody's Investors Service and

Fitch Ratings evaluate its credit quality. Moody's and Fitch assigned the school district underlying ratings of A3 and A respectively. Moody's cited the school district's large tax base, favorable employee contracts and below-average direct debt, while Fitch cited management reduction in expenditures through negotiated long-term labor contracts and increased

state funding in their rationales for rating the school district at those levels. The financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, and Stauder, Barch & Associates Inc. The district's legal counsel, Clark Hill, served as bond counsel. "Wayne-Westland Commu-

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Man pleads guilty in I-96 death case

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A motorist accused of killing a pedestrian on Interstate 96 last fall has pleaded guilty to the charges on the same day a jury trial was scheduled to begin.

James Johnson, 24, of Redford pleaded guilty Monday morning before Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny to driving while license suspended causing death and driving while license suspended causing injury, according to

online court records. A jury was scheduled to be selected for a trial when Johnson pleaded guilty.

Johnson was charged after police said his vehicle struck a man on I-96 in November just east of Middlebelt. Johnson reportedly struck 22-year-old Wayne resident Daniel Davis on the freeway, who was out of his vehicle after experiencing car trouble.

Davis died as a result of his injuries and another man, a 22-year-old Westland resident, was injured in the incident.

It was several months before any charges in the case were filed. Johnson was arraigned in March in Livonia's 16th District Court on the charges, which carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

Johnson is scheduled to return before Kenny for sentencing at 9 a.m. Aug. 12 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

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CORRECTION

A story in the July 27 *Observer* about a business roundtable discussion at Fraza Forklifts in Plymouth Township should have identified company officials as CEO Greg Black-

wood and President Tim Blackwood. The chief financial officer should have been identified as Roger Rynyan.

PRIMARY

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and instead is a candidate for Wayne County Executive.

Three candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination: Jeremy Cady of Huron Township, a Wayne County Sheriff's deputy; William Collop of Wayne, a 29th District Court officer; and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous. There is no opposition in the general election, so the winner of the August primary will win the two-year term. The dis-

trict includes Belleville, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Huron Township, Romulus, Wayne and a portion of Westland.

Similarly, the winner of the crowded Democratic primary field for Wayne County Executive — which includes incumbent Robert Ficano, former Wayne Sheriff Warren Evans, Westland Mayor William Wild, State Rep. Phil Cavanagh and McNamara — is expected to take the seat in November.

"We need to remind people that they can't cross over in the primary

election — they have to vote Republican or Democrat. Otherwise it will spoil their ballot," Schoof said.

As required under state law, the Westland and Wayne city clerks' offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to issue absentee ballots. Voters can complete their ballots and hand them in or take the ballots with them.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Monday by 4 p.m. and the ballot must be completed on site. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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running in the United Kingdom and France. His first encounter with the peace run was in 2005 in his native Poland, and "now I try to do it every year."

Wilson participated in his first peace run in 1987 in Australia and was hooked. He moved to the United States in 1990 and has been associated with the run since then. In 2005, he became the executive director of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run.

Janczak and Wilson stopped at Westland City Hall where they were welcomed by Westland Mayor William Wild. This is the second time the relay has come through the city. The last time was in 2012.

"The last time all the runners were here," Wild

said. "This time they're staging it with the next runner waiting a mile down the road."

The run has three relief vehicles, a motor home and two vans. The group has stayed in hotels and has camped out, mostly in traversing portions of Canada. A coordinator organizes events along the way, so the miles covered each day varies. They have visited schools and camps to share Chinmoy's vision.

"It's been great every step of the way," Wilson said. "We have found that people have a yearning for peace and the torch brings that out in them. It's a celebration of language and culture people get caught up in, but underneath there is the global family looking wanting peace."

International team

The two men presented Wild with a peace run

certificate, signed by the participants who hail from Italy, Ukraine, Serbia, Indonesia, Russia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Luxembourg, Bosnia, Canada and New York.

A similar run is taking place in Europe.

"It takes eight months in Europe," Janczak said. "There's 49 countries; it takes a bit longer to do."

After their brief stop in Westland, the team members headed for Garden City and Dearborn Heights. With three weeks to go until the run's conclusion, they had no details about how it would end.

"We haven't decided who will carry it into New York City," Wilson said.

More information about the Oneness-Home Peace Run can be found at www.peacerun.org.

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nity Schools Bonds were well received by the bond market," said Brenda Voutyras, managing director with Stifel. "We saw high demand and were able to take advantage of historic low rates that resulted in a very nice level of sav-

ings for the district and its taxpayers."

The 2014 Refunding Bonds were sold at a true interest rate of 1.34 percent with a final maturity of 2019, a repayment term of approximately five years.

"We are very conscious of Michigan's and our local economy, so when opportunities are available to lower our costs and save our resi-

dents money we want to take advantage," Harnala said. "These savings will not impact the operations of the district."

She added that her administration and the Board of Education "will continue to review ways to achieve long-term savings without impacting the outstanding educational programs and services we offer our students."

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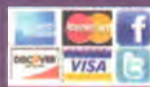


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165th Highland Games coming to Greenmead in Livonia this weekend

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After 100 years of only the men having a trophy at the Highland Games tug-of-war event, it'll be the women's turn to battle for some hardware at the games this weekend in Livonia.

Highland Games co-chairwoman Patty McKinnon said the games will feature the annual tug-of-war event with groups from organizations such as the Livonia Fire Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Office and St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. But new this year is a chance for several female teams, including one from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, the Detroit Dark Angels women's football team and the Detroit Derby Girls, to compete for a newly donated trophy at the games, which take place this weekend at Livonia's Greenmead Historic Park.

"This is the first year for the Wayne County Sheriff's women's team," said McKinnon, a Clawson resident who is co-chairing this year's games with her sister, Micki McFarlane. "They are donating (a trophy)."

The 165th Highland Games, put on by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, begin Friday night with the Ceilidh, a social gathering recommended for adults complete with drinks and Scottish music throughout the evening. The next day, competition begins in the morning and the opening ceremonies for the games begin at noon, complete with many groups marching on the ground.

"I know we have 12 pipe bands coming, so there will be great opening ceremonies at noon," McKinnon said. "If everybody gets there by noon, they'll be able to see that."

After that, professionals will begin competition and include events such as the weight throw, Caber toss and tug-of-war. Amateurs will compete in the morning, while most professional competitors will compete in the afternoon.

Other activities will take place throughout the event as well, including a whiskey tasting for those 21 and up and a children's area for the "wee" attendees. Children will be able to create and color their own shield, as well as learn about Scotland and see some animals found in Scotland.

Children under 12 accompanied by an adult can enter free of charge.

"Everything they do is free," she said. "We have a catapult, where they can try to hit a the castle with the bean bags."

Several bands will also hit the stages at the games this year, including groups such as Empty Flask, the Mudmen, Stone Clover and Cu Dubh.

Tickets

Advance tickets for the event are \$12, but will be only sold until noon today, McKinnon said. After that, tickets will be \$17 and available the day of the games at the historical village, located at 20501 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile. Parking at the site will be limited; free shuttles will run from Schoolcraft College to Greenmead



Ed Bicknell, of Livonia, marching with the St. Andrews Pipe Band, one of some 20 bands that played together in the massed bands exhibition at last year's Highland Games.



Jeremy Gillingham warms up before competing in last year's stone throw, similar to the shot put. He's from New Haven, Ind. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

throughout the day.

McKinnon said several thousand are expected to come out to Greenmead for the event, one of the longest-running of its kind in the United States.

She said she hopes the weather stays nice enough for the crowds to enjoy the games, which serve as a fundraiser for the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. More information on the event can be found at highlandgames.com.

She said the games are a great celebration of Scottish culture in the area, and even offer sites most people would not usually see at other festivals.

"It's the Scottish heritage," she said. "For all the ladies who like to see men in kilts, it's a great day."

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland woman told police July 24 that someone had used her 86-year-old mother's debit card at multiple locations, spending over \$5,300. The transactions occurred April 1 through July 14.

The woman told police she closed the account July 18 and that she has the only debit card for the account.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Parkcrest Apartments, 7141 Parkcrest, told police July 24 that her neighbor told her the wheels and tires had been stolen from her 2013 Dodge Dart overnight. The car was sitting on landscaping bricks.

The officer noted that when the car was lifted, the front of the vehicle was placed on the curb possibly causing front end body damage.

Hit and run

A resident of the Landings Apartments, 6939 Lakeview, told police July 24 that someone had hit his parked car overnight in the parking lot. The 2004 Ford Focus was reported to have been found with the rear bumper missing and the exhaust bent.

Larceny

On July 25, a resident in the 7700 block of Melvin reported that a BMX boy's bicycle had been stolen from her front porch. She said that a girl's mountain bike had been stolen July 20. The bicycles were each valued at \$100.

Bicycle found

Police were called to a home in the 38000 block of Palmer on July 24 when a resident reported two bicycles had been left parked at the end of his driveway for several days. The officers collected the bicycles, neither of which had city licenses.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police July 22 that she had received a letter from the IRS stating someone had already

filed a tax return using her Social Security number. She said her taxes were completed by her accountant at the end of March and no one else should have used her Social Security number.

The woman also told police that her credit report showed someone had tried to open a credit account using her information at Toys R Us but she didn't know the location.

Vandalism

Police were called to the former Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, July 27 just before 2:30 a.m. on an alarm call. A school employee met officers who found a window broken next to a door on the north side of the building.

Officers reported it did not appear that there was entry or attempted entry to the building. All the doors in the area were locked and gates blocked access to the hallways.

Larceny

On July 22, a resident in the 32000 block of Montcalm Court told police July 22 that someone had stolen a gold Schwinn 10-speed bicycle from her backyard. She said bike had been chained and locked but the chain and lock were also missing.

» A resident in the 33000 block of Somerset told police July 22 that someone had stolen her wallet after it was left overnight in her unlocked vehicle. She said a neighbor returned the wallet, which contained her identification, after he found it in his yard.

Larceny from a vehicle

An electric heater, three DeWalt tool boxes, four framing lasers and a paint sprayer, valued at \$1,750, were reported stolen July 22 from a trailer parked at Modern Classics, 1118 S. Newburgh.

The owner, a Garden City man, told police he had parked his work trailer on July 17 and returned to find the side door had been pried open.

By LeAnne Rogers

Break -in

On July 27, an employee at Westlawn Cemetery, 31472 Michigan Ave., reported someone had broken into the maintenance garage at the rear of the property. The door was found to have been kicked, the frame pulled away from the building and eventually pried open.

Reported missing were assorted hand and power tools. Two dump trucks, a 2004 and a 2000 Chevrolet, were reported damaged. The 2004 was parked inside the garage and found to have a steering column damaged in an apparent theft attempt. The other truck was parked outside and had a bent passenger door handle appar-

WAYNE COP CALLS

ently due to being pried.

The maintenance overhead garage door was also damaged from being pried and the lock had been cut off.

Vandalism

Six emergency lights, eight cages housing lights, a clock and the clock cage were all reported damaged at Wayne Memorial High School Alumni Arena, 3001 Fourth St., on July 22. An employee told police the damaged was noticed June 9 and had already been repaired.

The damage was estimated at more than \$1,800.

Larceny

A black Dell laptop computer, a black Apple iPhone with a purple case and a black

computer monitor, valued at \$750, were reported stolen July 24 from a home in the 3400 block of Niagara.

The owner told police she returned home from a bar about 12:30 a.m. after having consumed several beers. She said she believes she closed and locked the front door prior to going to sleep but it was open when she got up.

Attempted break-in

On July 23, a resident in the 34000 block of Currier told police that his grandson was visiting and noticed that a window screen was damaged. The screen had been pried upward damaging the frame. No entry appeared to have been made to the house.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny

Stolen electronic equipment from Rite Aid at 29947 Ford was recovered July 26 but Garden City police were unable to apprehend the suspect.

Employees reportedly observed a man run out of the store clutching the electronic merchandise. One employee watched the suspect get into a Mercedes. When the suspect saw the employees looking for him, he ran from the car and fled behind the store, the report said.

"I didn't know that he would steal the stuff," the Mercedes driver reportedly told the witness.

As he drove off, the witness was able to get the license plate number but police could find no record of it when they checked. The Mercedes driver was reportedly observed circling around the adjacent McDonald's restaurant on Middlebelt.

A short time later, a police officer located the items behind the Dumpster belonging to Pro-Clean and returned the items to the store. A K-9 track led police through

yards to the parking lot at Garden City Presbyterian Church at 1841 Middlebelt where it ended.

Stolen license plate

A Romulus woman came to the Garden City police station July 22 after she had dinner at Sports Venue about 5 p.m. that day. She returned to her vehicle and found that her license plate was gone.

She told police that the last time that she saw the plate was in Romulus.

About the same time, the license plate drew the attention of Dearborn Heights police because it was on a vehicle at a repair facility in their jurisdiction. The vehicle was causing a road hazard.

After the two police departments communicated with each other, the police went back to the repair shop but the vehicle and the misplaced license plate were gone.

Property damage

A resident who lives in the 27000 block of Maplewood reported July 23 that his 2014 Chevy Silverado that was parked in the street had been

keyed. The car owner didn't bring the car with him when he came to the police station to file a report so the police officer couldn't examine the car. The owner did, however, bring a photo of the damage.

» A woman who resides in the 6000 block of Cardwell reported July 23 that a glass panel on her door was broken. She said that she heard a noise from the front of her home during the night when she was sleeping but didn't get up.

It's unknown what caused the damage which was estimated at about \$450.

No license

The police arrested a 21-year-old Westland man July 20 after the driver reportedly couldn't produce a driver's license even though he had a valid license.

The man reportedly had disregarded a traffic signal at southbound Middlebelt at Block.

After he was cited for not carrying his driver's license and for impeding traffic, he was released.

By Sue Buck

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Motor City misfits get their due

Plymouth show gives love to lemons of auto world

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Bob Gribb's 1996 Buick Century has seen better days. Its color is questionable and it's got rust, but his grandson, 12-year-old Max Gribb of Livonia, still wants the Buick. "I want all these cars," the younger Gribb said, eyeing the grounds Saturday, July 26, at the inaugural Concours d'Lecons in Plymouth.

"This is my everyday car right here," Bob Gribb said. It's got some 188,000 miles on it and he sometimes took side roads to his job at the Ford Rouge plant, as a 43-year Ford worker.

"I never missed a day of work," said Gribb, also owner of a 2009 Ford Fusion. "The wife drives the other one. She doesn't like to ride in (the Buick)."

His car has a "Junker" hood ornament he made. Gribb started with a '64 Falcon to work on and worked on many others through the years.

The event took place the day before the higher profile Concours d'Elegance of America down the street at the Inn at St. John's. The Concours d'Lecons was at the old Ford plant grounds on Sheldon in Plymouth.

'Something not serious'

"A friend of mine runs a racing series called the 24 Hours of Lemons," said organizer Alan Galbraith, a Sacramento, Calif., resident. "It was kind of a send-up of high-end racing. The idea of featuring the oddballs and misfits of cars came around."

"Some of the fun has drained out of it," Galbraith said of car shows. "We decided to do something not serious."

He's done a similar California show some seven years, which has been successful, and wanted to expand to Michigan to coincide with the Concours d'Elegance. "They can just show up," he said of participants at the free event. "I think we have probably 35 or 40 cars here."

Judging was tongue in cheek, with Galbraith joking bribes to the judges would sway votes. There were no lofty standards to get in.

"Oh, most certainly not," Galbraith said. "If it's odd or mundane or you're just proud of it, we're glad to have it. We do have a communist car class and they didn't show; not too surprising."

He planned to attend the Concours d'Elegance. "I've shown vehicles at Concours," he said of the upscale event. "It's fun, it's just a different style."

Galbraith has done restoration work, mostly motorcycles. "I identify more with the cars that can get driven," he said. He was pleased with the turnout for a first-year event, with some television reports helping to publicize it.

The Concours d'Elegance folks helped with the grounds for the Concours d'Lecons, with Hagerty Classic Car Insurance, based in Traverse City, the d'Lecons sponsor.

"They understand and get the joke," Galbraith said. "They were happy to help out. There's usually a few members that get the joke. That breaks the ice."

"We'd obviously like to see it grow," he added. "The main idea is to have fun with it."

Nearby was a 1986 Maserati, its sign reading "Needlessly Complex Italian." A group of Ford Pintos clustered nearby, with one owner from Hamilton, Ontario.

Some cars didn't run and were trailered in, Galbraith said, adding the California show draws from Michigan and Canada.

Corvairs aplenty

Pete Cimbala of Swartz Creek is president of the Detroit Area Corvair Club and has been a member since 1976.

"Oh, this is cool," Cimbala said of the Concours d'Lecons. "I would have traveled out of town for this one. It's only 68 miles for me, but I would have gone farther. They're making this a fun event."

He arrived in a two-tone 1960 Corvair, which another owner whose cars he stores lets him drive.

"I've got nine of my own, nine other Corvairs," Cimbala said. "It's



Bob Gribb of Livonia would be happy to pass along his 1996 Buick Century to 12-year-old grandson Max Gribb, also of Livonia. Gribb's Buick, shown July 26 at the Concours d'Lecons in Plymouth, has a "Junker" hood ornament he made. JULIE BROWN

just different. When I was a 15-year-old kid, I wanted something different."

As a teen, he bought a car for \$50 and put a couple of hundred more in to get it running. "I needed a cheap car," he said.

He also owns a 1995 Riviera. "I drive the Corvair every day," Cimbala said. He drove a Corvair in winter years ago, but no longer does.

A nearby sign read "Nader's Nightmare" about the Corvairs, a reference to consumer advocate Ralph Nader, who wrote a book about the car titled *Unsafe at Any Speed*.

"We tried to downplay that more than anything," and be positive, said Cimbala, who feels safe driving one.

In 1991, he said, Nader was the guest speaker at the national Corvair club

convention. There are photos of Nader in Corvairs.

"He does have a sense of humor," Cimbala said, adding the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration later proved the car safe in comparison to others of its size.

"Most of them are all good memories," he said of the Corvair and reaction he gets out and about. He's owned some

40-50 cars over the years. "A lot of cars have changed hands in the group," Cimbala said. "I just started wrenching on cars when I was 14, 15 years old."

A sticker on the car he drove to Plymouth noted, "Life's Too Short To Drive Boring Cars."

Cimbala attended to the Concours d'Elegance years ago, but didn't plan to this year. "It's nice, but it's out of most people's reach," he said.

"You can still buy a Corvair for \$1,000 and you have the whole car," he said by comparison to high-end cars. It's a good pick for young restorers, he added.

"One thing about the Corvair is its uniqueness. There isn't anything like it on the road," Cimbala said. He's looking forward to his club's Corvair Homecoming, Aug. 21-24, with many events at the Comfort Inn of Plymouth.

Dale Suich of Dearborn brought his 1977 Ford Maverick to the Concours d'Lecons. "It's great," Suich said of the show. "I think it's a neat way to showcase cars that aren't normally part of a car show. It's a great way to highlight those vehicles."

Cars ranged from around 1950 to newer, as well as some motorcycles and vans. Galbraith kept fans entertained with announcements such as "They're contraception," referring to the GM Vega of the 1970s. "Nothing happens in a Vega."

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Melvino the Clown, from the Kelly Miller Circus, entertains youngsters at the Wayne Community Center.

Send in the clown...

Kelly Miller Circus makes annual visit to Wayne

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There were jokes, juggling and even riding a unicycle in oversize shoes as Melvino the Clown arrived to promote upcoming performances of the Kelly Miller Circus at Wayne's Attwood Park.

Melvino made several stops around Wayne last week, first performing for youngsters attending the summer day camp at the Wayne Community Center. Tickets are on sale now for the Kelly Miller Circus performances at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

During Melvino's performance, he was peppered with

questions and suggestions from the youngsters. One asked if Melvino's feet, clad in clown shoes, were that way when he was born.

Other youngsters tried to offer helpful suggestions when Melvino had difficulty figuring out which way was up as he tried to ride his unicycle.

Brothers Brian, 3, and Jeremy Strange, 5, posed for a photo with Melvino although Brian seemed hesitant.

"I work here (at the Community Center) so I brought them," said their mother Jamie Strange.

Arriving in advance of the circus, Melvino said he's been to all of the lower 48 states as part of the circus.

"It's been like an hour," he responds when asked how long he has been a clown. "Actually

a little over 10 years full-time."

As a result of his promotional work, Melvino said he rarely spends time with his circus colleagues — he's moved on before the circus comes to town. Later in the day, he was set to perform at the library and for local senior citizens.

Tickets for the circus are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children and are available at the Wayne Community Center, Mark Chevrolet, Law Auto Sales, the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, Professional Insurance Agents and online at www.kellymillercircus.com.

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Opinions mixed on outdoor beer garden's noise levels

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Whether the complaints about loud music from a Westland bar offering outside live music have been resolved appears to be a matter of opinion.

Residents living east and north of Ashley's Beer & Grill, located on Wayne Road between Warren Road and Central City Parkway, have complained about noise from the outdoor beer garden since it opened in September 2013.

The complaints resumed when the beer garden, which is allowed to have music Thursday through Saturday evenings under a city permit, opened for the season. That resulted in meetings between city officials, residents and Ashley's ownership, along with a sound engineer being hired to work with the business.

"We have received no verbal or written complaints from

last night (Thursday) or last weekend," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said Friday. "I checked with the mayor (William Wild) and he had received no complaints either."

If problems continue, Smith said they will be addressed, but to his knowledge at this point the city hasn't heard additional complaints.

"It was fine. I didn't hear it at all Saturday. I did a little on Friday and texted (owner) Roy Moore," said Sharon Linder, who lives on Deborah Court. "We sat outside in the yard Saturday and had folks over. We heard nothing."

Shellye Court resident Richard Graham disagreed.

"I don't believe it is resolved or even close to being resolved," he said. "I don't think this will ever go away without Ashley's unplugging their sound system."

Living more than a quarter-mile from Ashley's, Graham is

upset that Westland officials approved the outside music and didn't resolve the complaints last fall.

Moore couldn't be reached for comment. City officials had met with him and neighbors separately and jointly to find a solution to the complaints.

Ashley's is offering live music from the beer garden each Sunday in violation of its permit, Graham said, as well as Memorial Day.

"I have had a terrible experience with the city. It either knows and doesn't care or doesn't have a clue," said Graham, who has spoken at several council meetings about his complaints. "Various members of the city council have acknowledged this is not a new problem. They chose not to do anything."

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Residents turn out for Coffee with a Cop

Fireworks, speeders, illegal parking and thefts from vehicles were among the concerns that residents wanted to discuss during Westland's first Coffee with a Cop session Wednesday.

About 15 residents turned out to talk with Chief Jeff Jedrusik, Deputy Chief Brian Miller and Sgt. Jon Torolski at the Dorsey Center.

"I was happy with the turnout. Our goal at the Police Department is to have a partnership between the community and the Police Department to help resolve issues," Jedrusik said.

"This type of informal meeting lets police hear residents' concerns on a personal scale, he said.

"There are quality-of-life issues we can help address. Overall, I think it was a success," Jedrusik said. "It gave people an opportunity to speak with us on an informal basis. There are issues we may not have known about."

The Coffee with a Cop was held in Norwayne but was attended by residents from other sections of Westland. Future meetings are expected to be held at other locations in the community.

Seeing an officer

Some residents complained about calling police but never



Westland Deputy Police Chief Brian Miller (left), Sgt. Jon Torolski and Chief Jeff Jedrusik meet with residents at the first Coffee with a Cop meeting.

seeing an officer or even seeing an officer drive through their neighborhoods.

"If you call for a police officer, one will show up. People often say they don't see the police, but we are there," Jedrusik said.

In other instances, Miller said officers will respond to a call without talking to a resident unless the caller specifically requested that the officer stop to speak with them.

"Cities like Detroit focus on response times. If it is an emergency, we will be there immediately," Jedrusik said. "We want to resolve the issue. If there is a neighbor trouble, we try to resolve it — not just take a report. If that takes 15 minutes, that's fine. The department has a problem-solving philosophy."

Norwayne continues to have

community police officers who work out of the Dorsey Center. Representing the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, Reaster Everett asked about the bike patrol program that is no longer offered by the department.

"They (the officers) were not only there to enforce the law but to let people know they were there to help," Everett said. "I like to be proactive. I tell my people that they are the eyes and ears of the community."

Crime mapping

Another way to keep a handle on where crimes are occurring in the city, Miller noted, is the nearly real-time crime mapping system available through crimemapping.com or linked through the Police Department on the city website.

Henry Johnson, president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, suggested that due to the number of rental units in the area perhaps landlords should be required to appear in court, if their tenants are arrested.

"One of the big needs is a proactive police force. We need to develop those relationships better," Johnson said.

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Aug. 2, 1776: Signing the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence, announcing the American Colonies' independence from Great Britain, was adopted by the Continental Congress of the 13 American Colonies on July 4, 1776.

Although the Declaration was adopted and Independence Day is celebrated on the Fourth of July, the official signing of the Declaration of Independence did not take place until Aug. 2, 1776. On July 4, the day it was officially adopted in Philadelphia's Independence Hall, only John Hancock and Charles Thomas signed a draft copy of the document.

Because the 13 American Colonies felt they were not being treated fairly under British rule — no representation in British parliament and unfair taxation — five men from the Second Continental Congress were charged with writing a document to explain why Congress wanted to gain independence from British rule. The five men were John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson was elected to draft the document. The Declaration was then edited by the committee and by Congress, and the final version was ratified on July 4.

Though the document is not formally divided into sections, it includes an Introduction, Preamble, Indictment of George III, Denunciation of the British People, Conclusion, and signatures.

The majority of the text is found in the Indictment, which outlines all of the things Great Britain and the king had done to infringe upon the Colonists' rights and liberties, but the most well-known section outlining certain fundamental human rights is found in the preamble:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The copy of the Declaration of Independence on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., is the copy that was signed on Aug. 2, 1776.

If you're interested in learning more, check out the National Archives website, www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html, or ask for more resources at the library by phone at 734-326-6123, at the reference desk, or via the library's website at www.westlandlibrary.org.

Highlighted Events

Parents in Action Workshop: Word Play, 9:30 a.m. Aug. 4 — Join us for a free two-hour parent support workshop presented by Starfish Family Services. This month's topic is: Word Play. Free childcare provided. Register at www.greatstartconnect.com or call the library at 734-326-6123

Teen Minecraft Club, 2 p.m. Aug. 4, Grades 7-12 — Play Minecraft on the Westland Teen's multi-player server or try a cool Minecraft craft. You don't need your own login to play, we'll get you started.

Cock-a-Doodle Dance! and Book Signing, 10 a.m. Aug. 5, All ages — Join author Christine Tricarico for a rockin' read-aloud, doodle dance lesson and book signing of her children's book, *Cock-a-Doodle Dance!* (Signed books are \$14, cash only). Christine will be available for book signing after the 45-minute program. No sign-up necessary.

The Way Things Work, 6 p.m. Aug. 5, Grades 5 and up — Students in grades 5 and up are invited to join us as we take apart various items to see what's inside. Register at [westlandlibrary.org/kids/events](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/kids/events), at the Youth Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Be Proud! Be Responsible! Workshop, 4 p.m. Aug. 6, Ages 12-18 — The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen



Health Center have joined forces to offer this fun and interactive workshop where teens can learn how to make responsible choices about sex and relationships. Participants will receive free snacks, lunch, prizes, and a free gift card. For more information or to sign up, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup, 10 a.m. Aug. 7, ages 1-4 with a caregiver — This free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. Siblings welcome. No registration.

Writers Workshop, 7 p.m. Aug. 7 — The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or contact andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

Gone with the Wind Answer Lady, 7 p.m. Aug. 7 — Kathleen Marcaccio's *Gone with the Wind* presentation provides background on author Margaret Mitchell and her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Gone With The Wind*, the 1939 film, Margaret Mitchell's post-GWTW life and *Gone With The Wind* in popular culture. Includes a display of vintage and contemporary GWTW memorabilia.

Family Matinee Movie, 1 p.m. Aug. 8 — Join us for a family movie. Movies are rated G or PG and run about 90 minutes. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Children under 10 must have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information.

No Friday Night Movie on Aug. 1 — Movies will resume Friday, Aug. 15, with a showing of *Jeb Gumbardella*. Doors for all summer movies open at 6:30 p.m. with movies starting promptly at 7 p.m. Not Rated.

Annual Family Scavenger Hunt, 9:30 a.m. Aug. 9, Ages 5 and up with parents — Come join this summer's family competition. Each family will get a sheet of items to find around the city. Figure out where to find the items, drive there and take a picture on a digital or phone camera with your family in it.

Once you have taken a picture with all the items on the list, come back to the library to get a prize. There is no time limit. Register only once using a family name and include the number of family members at westlandlibrary.org/kids/events or call the library at 734-326-6123.

Beginners Computer Lab, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 9 — During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world.

Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Information Central was compiled by Tara Scott. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.



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DWTS's Maksim Chmerkovskiy to appear at Westland Center

Maksim Chmerkovskiy will take center stage at Westland Shopping Center on Saturday, Aug. 9, to help celebrate the opening of three new stores and show renovations at the mall.

The recent winner of ABC's hit show *Dancing with the Stars* will not only dazzle with his dance moves, but will kick up his heels to help Westland Shopping Center roll out three new stores and show its recent renovations and improvements.

Maksim, through 14 appearances on the popular show, has made it to the final round five times. On May 20, 2014, he won his first mirror ball trophy with celebrity partner and Olympic ice dance champion Meryl Davis of Bloomfield



Maksim Chmerkovskiy of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" will be at Westland Shopping Center Saturday, Aug. 11.

Hills.

"We're thrilled to welcome Maksim on Aug. 9 to help us celebrate the new look and feel of the center and the great new stores that are opening at Westland

Shopping Center," Westland Shopping Center General Manager Carol Rutz said. "As we approach our 50th year of service to our community in 2015, never before have we enjoyed such exciting improvement projects and new national retailers all at the same time."

As part of the celebration, Westland Shopping Center will be welcoming three new stores and introducing several remodeled stores.

» Ulta, the nation's largest beauty retailer which provides one-stop shopping for prestige, mass and salon products and services, will be opening in late August in a 10,000-square-foot space that will anchor a newly renovated mall entrance on the south

side of the center facing Warren Road.

» Charming Charlie, an award-winning fashion accessories retailer, will also open in late August in a 4,596-square-foot space directly across from Ulta.

» Shoe Carnival, which carries brand name shoes and accessories for the entire family, recently opened in a 9,000-square-foot space across from Olga's Kitchen and will be celebrating its grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Victoria's Secret, with its customer-favorite PINK boutique, has expanded and remodeled both stores to their latest prototype. Other upgrades include Justice & Brothers, which just completed a full-store remodel to include its

boys line and Bath & Body/White Barn Candle Works, which relocated to the East Court with a brand new store.

H & R Block, Hot Topic and Nestle Cookies also are introducing remodeled and upgraded stores.

"We are pleased to bring these great stores to Westland Shopping Center," said Carmen Spinoso, CEO of Spinoso Real Estate Group, which provides leasing and property management to the center. "These great retailers and all of the exciting improvements are part of our commitment to make Westland Shopping Center the premier shopping destination for Westland and the wider community we serve."

Recent improvements

at Westland Shopping Center include new mall entrances, renovated exteriors, full-color LED outdoor billboards, new LED exterior lighting, new carpeting throughout the mall, and new outside amenities.

The center will also be introducing a new fully integrated marketing program focused on What Matters to the community along with new social media programs, such as Instagram.

Built in 1965, Westland Shopping Center offers over 70 specialty stores and serves Westland, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne, Dearborn, Garden City and surrounding areas. Visit www.westlandcenter.com or the Westland Shopping Center Facebook page for details.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Free rides home

A Wayne bar has started offering free rides to patrons who have been consuming alcohol and feel it would be unsafe to drive themselves home beginning Friday, July 25.

The US 12 Bar & Grill, located at 34824 Michigan Ave., will offer the free rides within a 10-mile radius of its location. Patrons who live farther away can negotiate with the driver on the distance beyond the 10-mile radius.

"I wanted to do something for my customers who are like family to me," US 12 owner John Goci said. "My family business has been in Wayne for over 35 years and I want to give them a safe ride home."

The idea received support from a US 12 employee, as well as a patron.

"I'm excited that we are offering this safe ride home because I believe it will save lives and it will help our business as well," US 12 bartender Misty Dubois said.

"I would definitely use this service if I feel I've had too much to drink. I really appreciate that the owners of my favorite bar care enough to offer something like this, and hopefully other bars will take their lead and eventually do the same," customer Randall Nieman said.

Be MIS flag waver

The Pure Michigan 400 at Michigan International Speedway is less than a month away, and one lucky fan will get the best seat in the house as honorary starter on race day.

Pure Michigan has announced the launch of the Pure Michigan 400 Honorary Starter contest, which runs through Aug. 6 on Pure Michigan's Facebook page. Fans are invited to share why they want to wave the green flag to signal the start of the race at MIS on Sunday, Aug. 17. Entries may be submitted directly to the Pure Michigan Facebook page via the contest tab.

Fans of the page also will have an opportunity

to vote for their favorite entry. The winner will be chosen from the 10 submissions with the most fan votes, based on which submission best displays a passion for racing and all things Pure Michigan.

Individuals must be fans of Pure Michigan on Facebook to view the entries and vote. The winner will receive four tickets to the race in addition to serving as the honorary starter. All other expenses, including travel to the Michigan International Speedway, will be at the winner's own expense.

Fans voting for their favorite submission will also have an opportunity to sign up for the Pure Michigan eNewsletter, which includes ideas to help plan Michigan getaways, including festival and event highlights, special promotions from featured destinations, deals, packages and shopping trips and a run-down on seasonal outdoor activities.

Race tickets are on sale at www.MISpeedway.com or by calling at 800-354-1010.

Wayne Ripple Effect: A Michigan Main Street Program

By Lindsey Wooten
Guest Columnist

Wayne Ripple Effect, a non-profit volunteer-driven downtown revitalization effort, recently achieved a tremendous goal of establishing Downtown Wayne as a Michigan Main Street Community. Main Street is a national program created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation that has spanned three decades and taken root in more than 2,000 communities — a movement that has spurred \$49 billion in reinvestment in traditional commercial districts.

Urban renewal and sprawl in the 1970s left many traditional downtowns vacant and crumbling, and cities have been struggling to get back onto their feet ever since. The Main Street program is a proven success story across the country and operates on the basis of a four-point approach: Design (histor-



Lindsey Wooten

ic preservation, downtown beautification), Economic Restructuring (business retention/recruitment), Promotions (image building, events/festivals), and Organization (fundraising, volunteer recruitment/retention).

Being a Main Street community now allows Wayne Ripple Effect to tap into many state and national resources to assist business and building owners that were not available to Wayne before.

Building a foundation

Now that the Wayne Ripple Effect has hired me as their executive director, it is time to start working on many foundational matters of the organization. It is my job to be the primary outlet of communications to the public about what the program is doing, to coordinate volunteers, and to collaborate with other organizations in Wayne to ensure everyone is complimenting each other's efforts to better the community.

Since I began in mid-May I have been attempting to meet as many people in the community as possible: business owners, organizational leaders, city staff, and residents. The Wayne Ripple Effect now has a temporary office in the Conference Room of Professional Insurance Associates at 3028 S. Wayne Road that can be accessed from the street.

Drop-in office hours are from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or by appointment. I welcome

you to visit, if you'd like to discuss Wayne Ripple Effect Main Street program, or anything having to do with the common good of downtown Wayne.

So far, Ripple Effect volunteers have created a successful downtown planter program that allows businesses or interested citizens the opportunity to adopt a planter. This entails purchasing and planting the flowers, and continual maintenance throughout the spring and summer, including weeding and watering.

Great success

This project has been a great success in many ways: not only does it get people directly involved with keeping Downtown Wayne beautiful; it has also saved our local small business owners money. In the past, the city billed business owners each year to cover the cost of the flowers planted. Now that volunteers have taken that cost on themselves, business owners are no longer receiving these bills.

In addition to the flower planters, Ripple Effect has been responsible for the much-loved scarecrows that hang all over town each autumn, the spring cleanup, and most recently the post-Cruisin' US12 cleanup. While these programs are going to continue, new ideas are currently in the works amongst our four committees which are determined to revitalize Downtown Wayne.

For more information about volunteer opportunities and how you can help revitalize Downtown Wayne, call 734-629-6822, email director@downtownwayne.org, or visit our website at www.downtownwayne.org. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lindsey Wooten is executive director of Wayne's Michigan Main Street program.



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Livonia school board revokes contract with Japanese immersion school

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board voted 6-1 Monday to revoke its contract with Hinoki International School, saying the charter school it authorized since 2010 defaulted on the contract by not having a facility and not enrolling students for fall 2014.

Before the vote, Hinoki International School parent Todd Tatar asked the board to give the school another year. "A lot of time and energy has been used toward the survival of Hinoki and it just seems like it would be a waste if it ended like this," he said.

After the meeting, a former Hinoki school board member, Itaru Inoue of Livonia, called the Livonia school board's action harsh. "They could keep the charter until June 2015," he said, allowing the school time to find a building.

Trustee Eileen McDonnell was the only Livonia board member to vote against revoking the contract. She said after the meeting, she had received an email earlier in the day from a Hinoki parent requesting that the board give the school the chance to find another charter authorizer.

"In his email, he had indicated that the school found another location, but it was outside the Livonia Public Schools district boundaries; his email had a lot of information and questions," she said. "I felt that I needed more time and information in order to vote on this. I just couldn't vote yes on something with having so many doubts; it just wasn't the right thing to do."

Livonia creates own program

The Livonia school board voted in June to create its own K-6 Japanese Immersion Magnet Program starting this fall, saying it had serious concerns about Hinoki International School's ability to continue running its program because of a breakdown in the relationship between Hinoki's board and administration. LPS plans to admit as many as 75 schools of choice students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

As the school's chartering authority, LPS has "certain responsibilities that we owe, not to the parents, but to the students," LPS board President Mark Johnson said at the time. "We have to

do what we believe is in the best interest of students."

The principal and founder of Hinoki, Ted Delphia, and the educational service provider terminated their relationship with the school because they could no longer work with the current Hinoki board in a productive manner, Livonia school board Trustee Randy Roullet said at the time.

Creating a magnet program protects the current and future students who wish to take advantage of such a program, according to the motion the board approved. The school had about 130 students last school year and was projected to have 190 students this fall.

LPS did not renew Hinoki's lease for space in a former LPS elementary school at 36611 Curtis Road.

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa told the board Monday that while LPS had committed earlier this year to chartering the school for the 2014-15 school year, the final year of its five-year agreement, that commitment was made under the assumption Hinoki would have "a school up and operational this year."

However, because Hinoki has no facility, no staff and is not enrolling students, Hinoki is in default of the contract with LPS, which calls for automatic revocation if enrollment drops more than 50 percent from the previous year, Liepa said.

The state department does allow for a public school academy to be left dormant for one year, like Tatar and Hinoki school board President Anne M. Hooghart formally requested, but Liepa said it doesn't make sense for LPS to use its time and resources to meet its authorizing responsibilities for an entity that has no school.

Liepa said LPS would also be in uncharted territory as Michigan has never had a public school academy remain dormant for a year.

Liepa said as a non-profit corporation, Hinoki can amend its articles

of incorporation and continue to look for an authorizer and a location even though the contract with LPS is revoked.

Some Hinoki parents and leaders viewed LPS' creation of its own program as a hostile takeover.

Hooghart said in June that LPS "supplanted" the Hinoki program, recruiting teachers and students without the Hinoki board's knowledge. "It's had backroom deal written all over it," she said.

LPS' year-round program starts Aug. 11.

Officially chartered by LPS, the school was founded in 2010 to provide a two-way bilingual learning environment for temporary Japanese residents, Japanese-heritage families and American families with an interest in the concept. The school took the best practices of both Japanese and American

schools to create a global learning community, giving students a culturally rich learning environment.

Assistant principals appointed

In other action, the board appointed John Diponio and Andrew Pesci as assistant principals at Franklin High School.

Diponio is a Franklin social studies teacher and department chair; Pesci is a teacher at Churchill.

The two vacancies were created when former assistant principals Gary Meldrum retired and Keith McDonald moved over to the principal position at Churchill. McDonald replaced Ron Anderson, who went from Churchill to the Livonia Career Center.

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Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
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Judge dismisses second lawsuit challenging Evans' residency

Challenger Cavanagh appeals decision

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer



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Wayne County Circuit Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo Jr. dismissed Monday a second lawsuit to declare Warren Evans ineligible to run for Wayne County executive.

This time, however, Colombo was a little more harsh, calling Phil Cavanagh's lawsuit "frivolous" and questioning the motivation behind the suit.

"I'm very unhappy with what has happened here. I'm thinking 'What are you doing?'" Colombo said to Cavanagh's attorney, Andrew Patterson, during the Monday morning hearing. "Why shouldn't I sanction you for filing a frivolous lawsuit?"

Cavanagh, a state representative from Redford, and Evans, the former Wayne County sheriff and Detroit police chief, are among a group of 11 candidates running for the Democratic nomination for county executive.

Colombo dismissed a similar lawsuit Friday. That suit, filed by Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack, who is a Republican, also questioned the residency of Evans. Both lawsuits claimed Evans was not a Wayne County resident for 30 days before the filing deadline, as is stipulated by state election law. Both alleged Evans was a Washtenaw County resident a day before the filing deadline.

However, Colombo said the Wayne County charter specifically says that executive candidates "must be a qualified elector" - or legal county voter - 30 days before the election and not the filing deadline.

In addition, Colombo ruled that the lawsuits were filed too late in the election process, noting thousands of absentee

ballots have already been turned in across the county. He noted that it would cost the county roughly \$300,000 to reprint ballots, plus there is no way the county clerk's office would have the time to reprint them and get them to local clerks before the election, thus violating state law.

Yack filed his lawsuit July 18, while Cavanagh filed his suit July 24. Both wanted Evans removed from the ballot.

While Yack hadn't decided whether or not he would appeal, Cavanagh was undeterred by Colombo's decision and said he would appeal.

"I am filing an emergency appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals. That court will take a fresh look at our issues. We are hopeful that the integrity of the electoral process will be upheld," Cavanagh said after court.

Cavanagh filed his appeal around noon on Monday, and is awaiting word on a hearing.

Both Yack and Cavanagh said the reason their lawsuits were filed so late in the game was

due to the time it took to research Evans' residency. According to paperwork Cavanagh filed with the court, Evans filed March 26, 2013, for a homestead tax exemption for his 20-acre horse farm in Washtenaw County's Salem Township. By doing so, the property at 9101 Joy Road became his primary residence.

The day before the filing deadline, April 21, 2014, Evans registered to vote in the city of Detroit, declaring his newly acquired Park Street apartment as his primary residence. On that same day, Evans rescinded his homestead tax exemption on the Salem Township property.

Evans said he was satisfied with Colombo's decisions. He also questioned why the lawsuits were filed so late in the game. Had either one succeeded, he said "thousands of voters would have been disenfranchised" due to the fact they've already voted absentee.

Evans also shot down the notion that he is simply a political opportunist

looking for another government job, as both Yack and Cavanagh have suggested. And while he doesn't dispute that he changed his primary residence just before the filing deadline, he said he has no doubts he is eligible to run.

"The statute that the judge ruled on is quite clear that to be eligible, a candidate must live in the county 30 days before the election. I was a resident before that time. Nobody is disputing that," Evans said.

Evans said he is moving forward with the campaign. He was notably absent Thursday at a candidate forum sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, but said he wasn't there due to a scheduling conflict. He said he's made plenty of campaign stops in the suburbs and will continue to do so.

"We're trying to get in touch with as many voters as we can," he said. "I've worked for Wayne County for 35 years. I've got a record of service. I'm not worried about

pointing fingers at the other candidates. I'm focusing on what I have to offer."

Most polls have Evans comfortably ahead of fellow candidates Cavanagh, Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara and incumbent Robert Ficano.

As for Cavanagh, he said he's not deterred by Colombo's decision and feels the appeals court will see the matter differently.

"Mr. Evans is not a qualified candidate - legally, he should not be considered for the office of county executive," Cavanagh said. "When I became a state representative, I took an oath that I would uphold the law in all cases. Warren Evans is a lawyer, former police chief and sheriff. If he thinks he complies with the requirements, let him explain it to the court and, more importantly, the residents of Wayne County."

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Ashley's in Westland hosting bike-in to benefit cycling association

Ashley's, in partnership with New Belgium Brewing, is hosting a bike-in Saturday, Aug. 2, to raise money for the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association to

promote bike riding and healthy living.

The event starts at noon, with bicyclists and supporters gathering at Ashley's Beer and Grill at 7525 N. Wayne Road,

Westland. A 12-mile bike ride in town and along Hines Park bike trails will follow, with participants returning to Ashley's for an afternoon and evening of games, music, giveaways and more.

At 7 p.m., there will be a giveaway of a new, limited edition New Belgium touring bike. For

every New Belgium beer sold that day, Ashley's will donate \$1 to the Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association that New Belgium Brewing will match.

The Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association works to establish and maintain safe, quality scholastic cycling programs.

"We have always supported the communities that support us," Ashley's co-owner Roy More said. "This event is part of our mission of doing good while drinking better."

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES and NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on **August 15, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, to hear the proofs and allegations and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code (MCL 280.197).

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Added	Portions of Sections or Private Claims (PC) Removed
Allen Drain	City of Melvindale	-	31, 36, PC35
	City of Allen Park	PC31, PC66, PC640	36, PC661
Black Creek Drain	City of Romulus	1, 4	2, 3, 10
Douglas & Kelly Drain	City of Romulus	12, 13	12
	City of Taylor	6, 7	6, 7, 18
Freeman Drain*	City of Romulus	2, 3, 10, 11	11
	City of Taylor	6	6
Freeman Drain**	City of Romulus	1	-
	City of Dearborn Heights	31	31
Ganong Branch of McConologue Drain	City of Romulus	1, 2	2
Godfrey Drain	City of Romulus	12	12
Gordionier Drain	City of Romulus	-	-
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Trouton Drain	City of Romulus	4, 5, 8, 9, 10	4, 5
Tyre Drain	City of Allen Park	PC31, PC66, PC640	-
	City of Melvindale	36, PC661	36

*Freeman Drain F013 - Located in the City of Romulus near Ecorse Road and Merriman Road
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Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at www.waynecounty.com/doe.

Notice Is Further Hereby Given that on **August 29, 2014**, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will also hold a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division, Central Maintenance Yard, located at **29900 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan**, for the benefits of land within the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed above. Any property owner within the Drainage Districts, Road Commission representative, representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Township, City, Village or County wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of costs with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time specified.

The computation of costs for each of the Drains will also be available for review. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within each of the Drainage Districts. Drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the collection period is greater than one year, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You Are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the addition and/or deletion of lands to a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision. Persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Drain Commissioner as to the apportionment of benefits for a Drain may appeal to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the decisions.

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Newcomers crowd field of candidates for Livonia school board

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Six newcomers are among the candidates who have filed to run for seats on the Livonia school board Nov. 4.

They, along with incumbents Mark Johnson and Colleen Burton, will vie for three four-year seats. Incumbent Trustee Randy Roulier is not seeking re-election.

The newcomers are Jake Emerick, 37, a police officer for the City of Wayne; Jeffrey T. Jacobs, 43, Senior Facilities Services Division manager at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn; Liz Jarvis, 51, a stay-at-home mother who's president of the Livonia PTA Council; Steve Johnson, 59, a data retrieval specialist for Consumers Energy; Suzanne Migrin, 39, a librarian at the Plymouth District Library and president of the Webster Elementary PTA; and the Rev. Gregory E. Zotos, 50, an author and private professional tutor.

All eight candidates for the four-year terms ending Dec. 31, 2018, live in Livonia.

Migrin, the mother of two school-age children, said she threw her hat into the ring after reading in the *Observer* that only one candidate had filed for the three four-year seats and one partial two-year seat just three days before the filing deadline July 22.

That candidate was recently appointed Trustee Dan Centers of Livonia, who is running

opposed for the partial two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2016.

"I felt that it was my duty as a supporter of LPS to volunteer to serve our community as a school board member," said Migrin, who graduated from Franklin High in 1993. "I am running for school board because I care deeply about our schools and have long been fascinated by the operations of our school board."

Jarvis sees her candidacy as an extension of her involvement with LPS. "For 15 years - since my oldest child started kindergarten - I have been an active volunteer in the children's schools, and in the PTA," she said, adding she has served on the board of the Livonia PTSA Council for six years, including the past two years as president, has been active in committees in the Michigan PTA, sits on the Board of Directors of the LPS Education Foundation and has been a member of the District School Improvement Team for two years.

"I am running for school board so I can continue to offer my experience, passion and commitment for the benefit of our schools and our community," said Jarvis, who has two children who graduated from LPS and a third who is a student at Churchill High.

Zotos, who attended Livonia Public Schools,

said he is running because he thinks he would be effective. "I believe I would be valuable to promote responsibility for ensuring that the schools are well run and that resources are used wisely," he said. He has no children in the district.

Emerick, the father of two LPS students, said he has a vested interest in the district. "I am passionate about doing what is best for the students, and parents," said Emerick, vice president of the Wayne Police Officers Association. "I want to be an advocate for the students and a voice for the community. I will work toward maintaining, improving our school district, and thereby attracting young families to our community."

Jacobs, the father of four LPS students, said he is running because of his background in public safety and facilities management. "With all of the school shootings, the increasing access to drugs in schools, I hope to use my knowledge of law enforcement and safety to ensure our policies, practices and partnerships with law enforcement align with the needs of the schools in our district," he said.

Steve Johnson, 59, a data retrieval specialist for Consumers Energy, said with the number of serious challenges facing public schools, such as state funding and declining student enrollment, "I want to be a part of the

conversation to move the district forward to provide the best learning environment that we can."

Steve Johnson had opposed the school board's sale of property to St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in 2011, but he said that is not a major reason he is running. "The property's been sold; that's in the past," he said. However, he said the board had changed its rules regarding selling its land, and he would like to revisit that issue. "In the past we had to be in dire straits to sell our assets," he said. Johnson and his wife have a daughter in China they expect to enroll in first grade a year from September.

Incumbents

Mark Johnson, 60, a trial attorney who serves as president of the board, said he is running for re-election because there is more work to do and he

has the experience and skill set to help.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of this board, particularly the passage of the bond in May of 2013, which is allowing the district to move forward by modernizing and improving our facilities," Mark Johnson said. "These improvements have been shown to be factors in advancing student achievement."

"While much has been accomplished, there is still much to do. We are facing dwindling state funding, which will require important action to maintain the level of education each child deserves. I want to continue to be part of that process and I believe my experience will play a significant role as we move forward."

His daughter is a 2011 Stevenson High graduate.

Burton, 50, a sales assistant who is current-

ly vice president of the board, said she is seeking re-election because she is an experienced board member who is passionate about public education and the continuation of excellence in Livonia Public Schools.

"I am proud of the work that I have contributed to the passage of the technology, security and building bond which will benefit our students and community for the next 30 years, leading the board in a thorough review of every school district policy, and oversight of one of the best superintendents in the state as named by the *Observer*, and I wish to continue those efforts," she said.

Burton has two sons who graduated from Livonia Public Schools and a daughter who is a senior at Stevenson.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 15 7/21/14

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James Godbout
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Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

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City of Livonia: Regular Meeting Minutes 7/7/14

Call to order 7 pm.
Present: Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Brosnan
Absent: None
#184-14 Approving the minutes of the meeting of 6/16/14
#185-14 Referring subject matter of limiting firework usage in the City to the Legislative Affairs Committee for R/R.
Several items received and filed.
#186-14 Approving a block party on Marie St from Knolston to Minton on 8/2/14 from 4-10 pm.
#187-14 Approving block party on Curtis St from Lathers to the nature trail on 7/19/14 from 11am-11pm.
#188-14 Approving block party on Grantland between Arcola and Cavell on 7/26/14 from 10 am-9 pm.
#189-14 Approving the request to waive the sidewalk requirement for a home at 20326 Purlingbrook.
#190-14 Determining a revised proposal for a special assessment district to 10" sanitary sewer main to service 15160, 15200, 15230 Levan.
#191-14 Approving the appointment of Robert Bowling to the ZBA for a 3 yr. term expiring 7/12/17.
#192-14 Approving the appointment of Vahan Nazarian to the Board of Review for a 3 yr. term expiring 2/16/17.
#193-14 Authorizing city to execute all contracts in connection with Phase 2 of the Nehasil Park improvements further authorizing \$268,446.32 from the Unexpended Fund Balance of the Community Recreation Fund with the understanding that the fund will be reimbursed by private donations and a \$140,000 grant from Wayne County.
#194-14 Determining to hold a Public Hearing 10/8/14 @ 7pm in Livonia City Hall regarding the Annual Budget for the fiscal year ending 11/30/15.
#195-14 Referring the Annual Budget for the fiscal yr. ending 11/30/15 to the Finance, Budget and Tech Comm. for R/R.
#196-14 Authorizing the purchase of NexGen E9-1-1 from Intrado Systems Corporation for \$143,445.08 and authorizing the City to enter a 6 yr. maintenance agreement for \$80,750.00.
#197-14 Accepting Risk Avoidance Program grant from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for \$2,000.00 to reimburse the City for the purchase and training for the newest K-9, Kuno.
#198-14 Directing the administration to contact Wayne County Road Commission relative to placing signs that would restrict parking in the right-of-way which are under the jurisdiction of Wayne County.
#199-14 Directing Director of Public Works and the City Engineer as the authorized reps for all activities associated with the DWRP Project No. 7355-01, including the submittal of said Project Plan.
#200-14 Authorizing the purchase of one 2015 Ford F350 (DRW) Stake Truck in the amount of \$25,167.00 from Signature Ford. Will be fitted with a snow plow and other items by Cannon Truck Equipment in the amount of \$17,810.00 and configured to run on propane/ unleaded gas by ICOM North America in the amount of \$6,325.00.
#201-14 Authorizing the purchase of two 2015 Ford F250 Super Cab for PSD from Signature Ford in the amount of \$92,049.00.
#202-14 Approving Petition 2014-05-02-08 submitted by Biggby Coffee #416 to operate full restaurant on 37405 Ann Arbor Rd.
#203-14 Approving the assignment for Livonia Hockey Association of its right and responsibilities and transfer LHA leases for the use of the Devon-Aire and Eddie Edgar Arenas to the Livonia Civic Arenas.
Second reading and approval to the Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND. (Petition 2014-02-03-01) (CR 139-14 and CR 86-14)
#204-14 Authorizing the purchase of one 2015 Ford F250 Super Cab from Signature Ford for \$53, 271.
#205-14 Approving Petition 2014-04-02-07 by Panera Bread to add a drive-up window @ 20140 Haggerty Rd.
#206-14 Referring the matter on whether or not to rezone property at 27403 and 27451 Schoolcraft Rd from OS and M-1 to C-2 to the Committee of the Whole for Report and Recommendation.
#207-14 Approving block party on Susanna between Ross and Donald from 10 am-10 pm on 7/12/14.
#208-14 Approving waving the noise ordinance for a graduation party at 28290 7 Mile on 7/12/14, until 11pm.
#209-14 Accepting cash donation of \$1,000 from Allstate Insurance, for purposes designated by them.
Meeting adjourned @ 7:37 pm.
Complete meeting minutes at City Clerk's Office.
Terry A. Marecki
Livonia City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **August 20th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Senior Center Parking Lot Lighting Project

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devon J. Adams
City Controller

July 31st, 2014

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REQUEST FROM MIKE CHALHOUB TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS FROM C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARCEL NO. 79-050-03-0001-000 & 79-050-03-0005-000
Lots 1 through 6, inclusive, "SNELL PARK MANOR SUBDIVISION", of part of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 33, T.19., R.10E., Redford Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9086 & 9082 TELEGRAPH ROAD.

AMENDED ZONING MAP NUMBER 4-13 of the Charter Township of Redford, Wayne County, Michigan

Adopted by the:
REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD by Motion #14-091 at a regular Board meeting on July 22, 2014
SUPERVISOR Tracey Schultz Kobylarz
CLERK Garth J. Christie

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of: **Fresh Made Pizza for the 2014-2015 School Year.**

Sealed bids will be received until **11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of August** in the Food Service Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and recorded. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Patricia Schuchardt, Food Services Department, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening.**

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT/Purchasing Bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit of compliance- Iran Economics Sanctions act of 2012. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement attached. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Livonia, Michigan**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request. **Any bid submitted will be binding for the next two (2) school years subsequent to the date of the bid submission.** All bids must be submitted on the bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid form are to be addressed to the attention of:

Patricia Schuchardt
Food Service Department
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"Fresh Made Pizza"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions **regarding bid specifications** should be referred to the Livonia Public Schools, Patricia Schuchardt, pschucha@livoniapublicschools.org, or 734.744.2820, extension 44106.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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OUR VIEWS

Voters should support SMART system

Public transportation important to region

Anyone who regularly drives down Michigan Avenue, Ford Road or Telegraph should know that supporting public transportation is the right thing to do. Though the majority of residents in this area have an automobile and prefer to drive themselves around, others take the bus.

Whether it is a local Detroit Tigers fan who would rather avoid the parking hassle downtown, or a person who lives outside the immediate area but takes a bus to work — the system is critical for the success of the region.

Without the SMART system, some would have no way to work and others couldn't accomplish things most of us take for granted like going shopping or to the post office.

In the Aug. 5 primary, Proposal 2 asks Michigan voters to renew and increase the taxes they pay to support the SMART system.

In this area, several communities have opted out of the SMART system but residents in Wayne, Westland and Garden City will have a say on the matter Aug. 5.

Voters should pay special attention to wording of the ballot on this issue. While the ballot poses the question as an "Wayne County Public Transportation Millage Renewal," it is actually more than that.

In late March, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation announced a decision to



Public transportation is too important to the region for voters to reject a SMART millage increase Aug. 5.

seek a property tax increase from the current 0.59 mill to 1 mill from 2014-17.

The 0.41-mill increase would generate an additional \$28 million per year and an estimated \$140.9 million during the next five years to fund capital needs, such as replacing buses, balancing operating budgets and possibly allowing for some increase in service, according to SMART officials.

To make that tax hike a reality, voters in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties would have to vote yes

on Aug. 5.

To be clear, the owner of a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 currently pays just under \$60 to support the SMART system.

A yes vote would take the annual bill to \$100. While there is no concrete proof that buses would stop running if the increase is rejected by voters, the benefit to the region outweighs the cost.

Vote **YES** on the Wayne County Transportation Millage on Aug. 5.

Vote no on Wayne RESA school millage

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Wayne County voters will decide a 2-mill tax increase for schools throughout the county.

The six-year millage placed on the ballot by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service (RESA) asks too much of local taxpayers, and we reluctantly urge a no vote on this question.

We support public education, but it is time for state officials to step up and solve the funding problem. Locally, many school districts have done their part to reduce expenses and adopt best practices. Most have privatized food and custodial services. Others have privatized and/or cut transportation

costs. Many have increased class size and have frozen or reduced salaries and benefits.

And while Lansing needs to take the lead, local school boards also need to examine the viability of some existing districts.

Individual public school districts are limited in what they can request in addition to the 18-mill non-homestead tax. They can seek bonds for technology and infrastructure improvements. They cannot ask local voters for additional operating revenue, which was part of Proposal A passed some 20 years ago.

The countywide millage is the only way to raise additional school operating reve-

nue. According to the ballot question, Wayne RESA would raise an additional \$80 million a year for districts. Property owners across Wayne County, including those in Wayne, Westland and Garden City, would pay an extra \$200 each year for every \$100,000 of taxable property value.

Many school districts are struggling and this millage would provide \$379 per student for six years. In Wayne-Westland, the millage would raise \$3.8 million and bring in \$4.63 million on revenue, while Garden City residents would pay out \$947,101, with the district receiving \$1.72 million.

But districts such as Northville, Livonia and Ply-

mouth-Canton, while benefiting from the per-pupil increase, would largely be subsidizing other districts. That's why in April, the Northville Board of Education voted against the proposal. If approved, the two-mill increase would generate just over \$5 million in tax revenue from Northville taxpayers in its first year, with Northville Public Schools receiving back \$2.8 million, or approximately 56 cents for each \$1 of Northville tax revenue collected.

The Livonia Board of Education also opposed placing the enhancement millage on the Aug. 5 ballot. Livonia already has two millage questions on the primary ballot, a

sinking and building fund millage and a renewal of the district's regular operating millage. The *Observer* endorses those local requests.

The Plymouth-Canton Board took no position on the millage because by the time it got around to voting, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service already had secured the required percent of districts representing more than half of the students in Wayne County to get on the ballot.

Plymouth-Canton is also a "donor" district and also has a non-homestead millage on the August ballot.

The Aug. 5 proposal is too large for local residents. Voters should say no.

OUR VIEWS

Renew LPS sinking fund, operating millage requests

Voters in the Livonia Public Schools district will decide two millage renewal proposals when they go to the polls Aug. 5. We recommend a yes vote on both.

One is for the sinking fund and the other is for the non-homestead tax. Both are for five years and will not raise the tax rate.

The 1.12-mill sinking fund tax funds ongoing repairs, while the 18.4568-mill nonhomestead tax is for operations.

The sinking fund tax would be levied against all properties in the district, including residential properties, while the non-homestead tax would be levied against businesses, and commercial and industrial properties.

The sinking fund tax, which expires this year, brings in about \$4.6 million annually districtwide. The owner of a home in the district with a market value of \$132,000 pays about \$74 per year for the sinking fund.

Some voters may wonder why the district needs the sinking fund renewed when they just approved a \$195 million construction bond in May 2013.

The answer is that the sinking fund has been used in the past and would continue to be used to pay for projects not covered by the bond, such as roof and parking lot repairs, boiler and water main replacements and other emergencies.

The money from the bond is paying for enhanced technology, facility upgrades, cost-saving energy improvements, new high school auditoriums, safety and security measures and buses. At the time the board decided on the amount for the construction bond, it knew it wouldn't pay for all necessary repairs but wanted to keep the bond costs down for taxpayers.

The nonhomestead operating property tax, which expires in 2015, has been levied since 1994 when Proposal A reformed how schools are funded. It brings in about \$22 million in revenue to Livonia Public Schools. The state assumes local districts will receive 18 mills from nonhomestead properties when they look at the overall funding package for schools.

The ballot language will ask for a renewal of 18.4568 mills, but 18 mills would be levied. The additional .4568 mill would be levied only if the 18 mills is rolled back to an amount lower than 18 mills by the Headlee Amendment.

LETTERS

Tonight Show material

This just in. It has been reported that a Garden City resident, Jennifer Vandewater, has been offered a head writer position on the *Tonight Show* with Jimmy Fallon. Supposedly, the offer was made after employees of the show read her comments in the *Garden City Observer*.

Mrs. Vandewater said she can put her relationship to her husband, who happens to be the president of the Garden City teachers union, aside when deciding issues. "I can be objective. I am a nurse," she said to uproarious laughter at the studio in Rockefeller Center.

Mark J. Czajka
Garden City

Voting for Land

I am voting for Terri Lynn Land because she is upholding the dignity of being a woman. She is pro-life. She understands the meaning of giving on one's self in service to others. She knows that abortion destroys a woman mentally, physically and spiritually. Many women die as a result of having had an abortion.

That's why I am voting for Terri Lynn Land.

Dolores Kapanke
Garden City

Yes on RESA millage

What the people that are making this argument are overlooking is that these same districts are already donor districts to the Michigan system of school finance. The 6-mill statewide education property tax and the sales tax collected within these school districts already exceed the school funding these districts get back. This is the system that Michigan residents voted for under Proposal A in the 1990s — to fund schools on a per-pupil basis. To not support the enhancement millage on the basis of the donor district argument is therefore misguided.

The enhancement millage is not a new concept. The residents of Midland and Kalamazoo counties already support such a millage. I will be voting to provide local dollars to partially make up for how the state government has fallen short in its support of K-12 students across the county and across the state. It is a shame that we have to do this, but many local districts have reached a point of crisis that the state is ignoring, and that is a bigger shame.

Douglas Coates
Northville

OUR VIEW

Colbeck should be Republican choice in race for state Senate 7th District

When voters cast their ballots Aug. 5 in the Republican primary for the state Senate 7th District seat, they'll have their choice between the one-term incumbent with four years' experience or a young man barely out of college seeking his first political office.

We believe the incumbent, state Sen. **Patrick Colbeck** of Canton, deserves the GOP nomination over political newcomer Matthew Edwards of Plymouth Township. The winner will face Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton in the November general election.



Colbeck

Colbeck may actually be too conservative for the district now, considering many observers believe Canton is becoming more diverse and a little less conservative. It's possible the redrawing of district boundaries, which took out the more Democratic-leaning Downriver communities and added Wayne and Livonia, a traditionally Republican city, left it more conservative than it used to be. And Colbeck's experience gives him the edge over Edwards.

Conservative voters certainly can find reasons to support Colbeck. He was a staunch supporter of Michigan becoming a right-to-work state and has supported the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax and the personal property tax. He opposed an increase to the minimum wage, saying it wouldn't

do anything to create jobs.

He's not in favor of a tax increase to pay for roads, calling it "good money after bad," until the state addresses road construction quality. While the general impression was the Senate adjourned this spring without a comprehensive road plan, Colbeck points out it did pass several initiatives aimed at making sure gas tax revenue goes to roads, plus added \$737 million in the next two budgets.

Colbeck is co-founder and a board member for the Michigan Freedom Center, serving military personnel and their families at Detroit Metro Airport. He's a member of the U.S. Navy League and an honorary member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Edwards, a few months removed from his graduation from Michigan State University, is an energetic, well-meaning young man who could have a bright political future, if he decides to pursue it. His solutions are a little unfinished — for instance, he'd fix roads by eliminating gas and sales taxes, but says only that he'd replace it with "a revenue stream that stays consistent," without identifying possible sources.

Edwards would be better served by honing his political agenda at the local level — township board or perhaps the school board (having recently graduated, he certainly knows the issues facing young people today).

Whether voters agree with his performance or not, though, Colbeck has earned the GOP nomination for his state Senate 7th District seat.

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ELECT Patrick Colbeck Vote August 5th

Republican State Senator



"A problem solver, not a politician"

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



"Like many of you, I dearly love our country but I am very disappointed by our current political environment. I am disheartened by attempts to transform our nation from one of a free and independent people to one of increasing government control and dependence. How do we change this course? Well, my wife Angie and I left the comfort of a relatively obscure private life and successful small business to change the direction of the state we love. With your support, we have made a significant difference by focusing on actual solutions to the problems that we face rather than politics as usual. I am working hard to faithfully represent your voice in Lansing. I will need your vote to continue to provide your voice of common sense."

- Senator Patrick Colbeck



Grand Opening of the MI Freedom Center November 11, 2011

JOBS	EDUCATION	SENIORS	VETERANS	ROADS	PUBLIC SAFETY
Did you know that there are ~26,000 job openings right now within commuting distance of the 7th Senate District? <i>See MorninginMichigan.com for link to job openings</i>	Total funding per pupil by state for Livonia school district has increased by \$1,450. Over \$1.9B has been dedicated to protect the public school retirement system alone. <i>See MorninginMichigan.com for school funding facts</i>	Senator Colbeck has been awarded The Senior Alliance Legislator of the Year Award for his work to safeguard our seniors. He voted NO on the Senior Pension Tax.	In 2011, Senator Colbeck co-founded the Michigan Freedom Center to "serve those who serve us". As Chairman of MI Veterans Agency budget, he has driven performance improvements in veterans services.	Did you know Michigan already spends 53% more per mile for our roads than the national average? We can fix our roads without raising taxes. <i>See MorninginMichigan.com for plan to fix roads</i>	As Chairman of the State Police budget, Senator Colbeck added more police, more truck weight enforcement officers, and grants to keep our schools safe.

ENDORSEMENTS

- The Detroit News
- Observer & Eccentric Media
- Right to Life of Michigan
- National Federation of Independent Businesses
- Small Business Assoc. of MI
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Metropolitan Association of REALTORS
- REALTORS PAC of Michigan
- Associated Builders and Contractors PAC
- Medical Doctors PAC
- Docs4PatientCare
- Police Officers Assoc. of MI
- Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association
- National Rifle Association
- Citizens for Traditional Values
- The Madison Project
- Bruce Patterson, Former State Senator, Canton
- Laura Toy, Former State Senator, Livonia
- Jack Kirksey, Mayor of Livonia
- Astronaut Jack Lousma

MORE INFORMATION

Elect Patrick Colbeck to be your state senator and you will be among the best informed citizens in the state. His Senate website at MorninginMichigan.com contains links not only to his editorials, press releases, office hours, and floor speeches, it also provides links to what he calls the "Solution Center" and "Data Center". His Senator Patrick Colbeck Facebook® page provides almost daily updates on events, issues, and votes happening in Lansing and throughout the district.

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."

HEALTHCARE "As one of a handful of legislators who have actually read the federal Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare), it is obvious that this act is neither affordable nor caring. Putting 159 new organizations between a doctor and patient does not lower costs or improve care. This is why I strongly opposed Obamacare and applied my experience in the healthcare and IT industries to develop a free market alternative called "Patient-Centered Care". This approach has been described by Forbes.com as "Two parts Marcus Welby, M.D. and one part Steve Jobs". Not only would this solution lower costs, it would also improve care by providing patients of all income levels access to life-saving, preventive care. My solution keeps healthcare decisions between you and your doctor. See MorninginMichigan.com for more info."



Sharing biography of Neil Armstrong with students

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."



Astronaut Jack Lousma, Angie, and I

EDUCATION "Like many parents, my parents were always passionate about ensuring that their kids received a quality education. A quality education is a team effort that requires hard work from students, parents and teachers. In Michigan, we helped students and parents by expanding dual enrollment programs that significantly lower the cost of higher education. We also changed teacher tenure law to reward educators on the basis of performance not length of service. We have gone on to provide over \$1B in additional funding during my tenure, but we still need to remove roadblocks to innovation like Common Core. The Common Core Standards Initiative adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010 not only micromanages our state standards and assessments, it also micromanages the classroom by mandating not only what kids are taught but also how they are taught. The teaching 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."



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Joe's Meat & Seafood

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All Natural Fresh Bone-in Center Cut Pork Chops \$3.99 lb Save 50¢ lb	Joe's Ready to Grill Marinated Kabobs Italian, Herb & Garlic, Mesquite or Teriyaki \$8.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Entrees to Go Bacon Muenster Stuffed Chicken Breast \$4.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Wild Caught Mahi Mahi (pf) \$6.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Ready to Grill Salmon Patties \$9.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb

DELI

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Livonia trainer wins 'A-List' award

Carlomusto earns trust with honest, energetic approach

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like most successful personal fitness trainers, Livonia's Andrea Carlomusto won't ask her clients to try anything she's not willing to try — even if that means running a full 26.2-mile marathon or completing ultra-demanding fitness events like the "Tough Mudder."

Carlomusto's gung-ho, seize-the-day enthusiasm played a pivotal role in her placing first in a recent "Best Personal Trainer" contest hosted by Detroit A-List.

Armed with a boundless energy supply and a chiseled physique, Carlomusto has turned her once grass-roots business (RX-Training) into a popular destination for metro

Detroiters who are looking to upgrade their fitness level.

Carlomusto was nominated for the award by a client.

"You can follow how the voting is going online up until the last week of the contest," she said. "With a week to go, I was in third place, which I thought was cool since I finished fourth last year. I figured, hey, at least I moved up a spot."

"When I received the email (earlier this month) that notified me that I had won, I was floored. I thought it must have been a typo. It was just an unreal, happy feeling."

Carlomusto's path to personal-training stardom has been extraordinary.

A cheerleader at Livonia Churchill High School, Carlomusto attended Marygrove

College after graduating in 1995 to study opera singing. However, a near-fatal battle with anorexia curtailed her education at the Detroit-based school.

"At one point I was down to 60 pounds and the doctors (at Beaumont Hospital) had my family come into my hospital room to say their final good-byes," she said. "The doctors said they had only seen one other case as severe as mine, and that girl died."

Carlomusto eventually pulled through and regained her health — thanks in large part to new-born passion for fitness.

"Once I got my strength back, I started going to the gym and working out," she

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Andrea Carlomusto poses with her Detroit A-List "Best Personal Trainer" plaque during a break in her work schedule Tuesday afternoon. ED WRIGHT

AN AMAZING ASCENSION

Livonia's Rainville makes name for himself on junior international stage

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Richard Rainville's grueling climb to the higher levels of international junior cycling has taken him to races around the world on high-priced, state-of-the-art bicycles that are built to help carry their riders up relentless mountainsides.

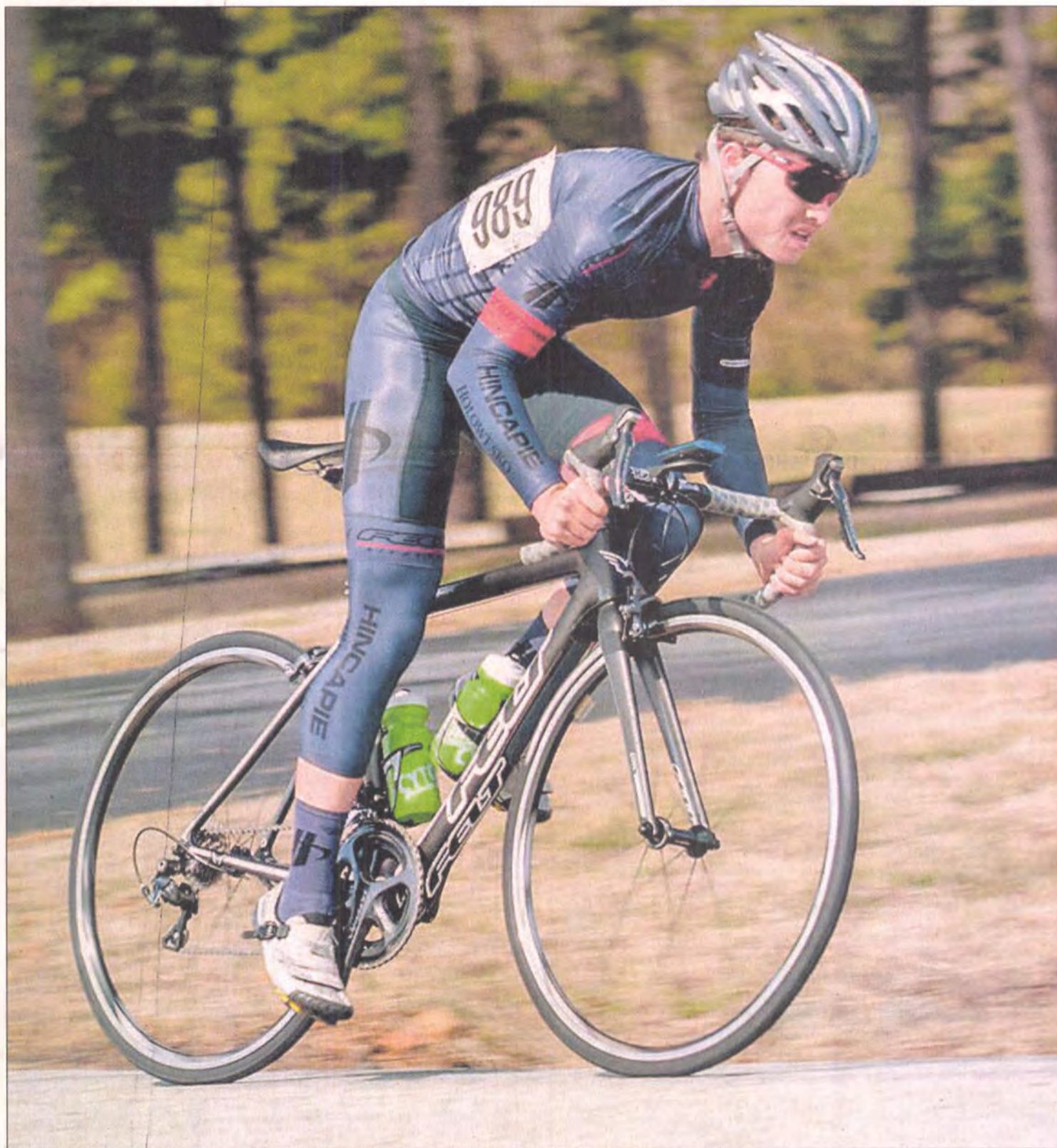
But the 18-year-old Livonia resident's amazing trek all started with a basic 10-speed bike from Target and a stretch of pavement along Hines Drive.

Rainville is the lone Michigan resident on the prestigious George Hincapie Development Team, an invitation-only squad of athletes that competes in races around the globe.

His against-the-odds inclusion on the Hincapie roster resulted from countless hours of muscle-punishing, mind-fatiguing training that all started, surprisingly enough, with an early disinterest in anything related to two wheels and pedals.

"When I was in elementary school, I remember my dad (Rick) would have me go on bike rides around the neighborhood with him, but, to be honest, I wasn't too fond of riding bikes," Rainville reflected Tuesday afternoon, just a few hours after returning from a six-day, 600-kilometer event in Quebec, Canada.

"When I was around 13, we



See CYCLIST, Page B2 Livonia cyclist Richard Rainville has earned a spot on the prestigious George Hincapie Development Team.



Redford Township resident Hallea Garcia takes a cut at a pitch during the MHSACA All-Star Game played earlier this month at Central Michigan University.

Redford's Garcia proves she's ready for the next level

Ladywood grad set to sign letter of intent to play for UM-Dearborn

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When opportunity knocked prior to Hallea Garcia's senior softball season at Livonia Ladywood, the Redford Township resident not only answered — she knocked it out of the park.

After serving in a reserve role during her junior season with the Blazers, the longtime diamond resident was unsure of whether she wanted to return to the field for her senior season.

Heart-felt discussions with

two of her biggest supporters — her dad, Art, and Ladywood coach Scott Combs — changed her course of thinking.

"My confidence was down quite a bit before this season and I wasn't quite sure if I would play or not," Garcia said. "But I had a meeting with Coach Scott (Combs) before the season and he said he wanted me on the team and that I'd regret it if I didn't play. My dad had a long talk with me too and he convinced me to give it one more try."

In hindsight, Garcia — in addition to her Ladywood

teammates — is glad she kept playing.

The senior first baseman blasted five home runs, including a three-run, walk-off shot that pushed the Blazers past South Lyon East in a Division 2 district title game in mid-June.

The Blazers ultimately advanced to the D2 championship game before getting derailed, 4-3, by Stevensville Lakeshore.

Garcia's play earned her D2 All-State accolade and paved

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were vacationing in Montana, where my dad grew up, and I saw a sign for a one-day, 130-mile charity bike ride for a cancer camp for kids. I thought it would be neat to try it, so I told my parents I was going to do it the following year."

A star is born

After returning to Livonia, Rainville purchased a set of clip-less pedals for his Target bike and started incorporating one-hour bike rides along Hines Drive into his weekly schedule.

"One day when I was in a local bike shop, I saw a flier for a half-hour race at Maybury State Park," Rainville said. "I entered it and ended up finishing first. I won a gift card to a cycling shop, which I thought was pretty cool. That's when I really

caught the racing bug. "Back then, I thought my hour-long training rides were long. Now I'm training three or four hours a day, seven days a week, up steep mountains."

Fueled by the unwavering support of parents Rick and Alice Jo, and a tireless drive to improve, Rainville has evolved into a cycling dynamo. During a recent race in Belgium, he placed 11th out of 160 international competitors.

The success hasn't arrived without sacrifice. In addition to the high cost of competing on the world stage, Rainville was home-schooled throughout his high school years so that he could spend much of the winter training on steep, mountainous terrain of California and Arizona.

Up to the challenge

One of Rainville's winter training sights is Mount Lemon, a steep,



During peak training season, Livonia cyclist Richard Rainville trains up to 21 hours per week.

unforgiving hill located on the outskirts of Tucson, Ariz., that is much more demanding than its innocent-sounding name indicates.

"You're pedaling up a mountain for 26 miles," Rainville said. "There are a few flat areas on the path, but not many. When you reach the top,

you're relieved more than anything else, knowing that you get to go down.

"The hardest part of cycling at the high end like this is racing on a bike for three-and-a-half hours. Your endurance level has to be pretty high. It's mentally tough, too. Even though you're tired toward the end of the race, you still have to focus because near the finish we're traveling about 40 miles an hour and we're weaving in and out through other cyclists."

Rainville's career has included more than just muscle soreness. During a track national race three years ago in Pennsylvania, he fractured his collarbone during a collision with another cyclist.

"That definitely made me think about whether I wanted to keep doing this," he said, with a smile. "But I was back on the bike in a month, ready to go."

Bright future

Rainville's accomplishments have earned him a partial scholarship to ride for Furman University's cycling team beginning in the fall. Ultimately, he'd like to race professionally in Europe and compete in the Tour de France.

"I'd say I'm definitely on the right track," he said. "But like in all professional sports, it's not going to be easy. I just have to keep working hard and see what happens."

Rainville, who aspires to someday work as a physical therapist, offered this advice for young people who may want to give cycling a try.

"Find a local bike shop and ask a lot of questions," he said. "Find a group of kids who like to cycle and work hard. You never know where it could take you."

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said. "I liked how that made me feel."

A few years after her near-death experience, Carlomusto completed the aforementioned marathon.

"My sister tried to talk me out of it, but I was determined to do it," she said. "It was hard and I barely finished, but I felt good when I did. It's something my clients and I can relate to."

Prior to starting RX-Training, Carlomusto bounced around various Detroit-area fitness centers working as a personal trainer. She thoroughly enjoys her current independent status.

"I generally have 50 to 60 clients at any given time," said Carlomusto, who works out of the Body Rocks fitness facil-



Livonia personal trainer Andrea Carlomusto's client list numbers anywhere from 50 to 60 at any given time.

ity located on Plymouth Road in Livonia. "I'm honest with my clients—if they've reached the point where I can't make them any better, I tell them and they're off on their own."

"Some of them return for quick refresher

courses, but I don't want to take their money if there's nothing more I can teach them."

Carlomusto's clientele ranges from people who are just finishing up physical rehabilitation to elite athletes searching for that extra edge.

"Basically everybody who comes to me is from word of mouth," she said. "A lot of my clients are looking to lose weight and just tone up. But I also train personal trainers, so it runs the gamut."

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UDM golf team is nation's third-best academically

Women's squad posts 3.838 GPA

The University of Detroit Mercy women's golf team took home a lot of hardware for its play on the links, but the Horizon League Champion Titans were also winners in the classroom as UDM had the third highest cumulative grade-point average in the nation this past season.

On Thursday, the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announced its All-Scholar Team GPA Award and the top 25 team GPA's in the country with Detroit posting a

3.838 GPA, just behind UTEP's 3.840 and New Mexico's 3.839.

"It is a well-deserved honor for the team," said head coach Terri Anthony-Ryan, longtime PGA teaching professional at Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield. "They had the pressure on them all year long to repeat as champions, and they did, all while taking care of business in the classroom as true student-athletes."

"From the strength room, to the classroom and out on the course, they were champions, and that is why we had the success we have had because of their work ethic and their pursuit to be the best."

All eight of the Titans on

this year's roster had GPA's over a 3.4 with seven of the student athletes over a 3.5 and two perfect 4.0's. Among team members is 2013 Plymouth High School graduate Sarah Thompson.

It is the second-straight season that Detroit has earned the WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA accolade as it ranked 20th last year with a 3.617.

"I couldn't be more proud of the women's golf team and everything they have accomplished, on and off the course," said Amy Gasahl, director of athletic academics. "When you consider what they did in winning the Horizon League Championship is amazing and

then to combine that with the extraordinary work in the classroom from all eight of the golfers is what UDM athletics is all about."

Detroit was one of two schools from the Horizon League in the top 25 with Youngstown State at 22nd and also one of two schools from the state of Michigan as Eastern Michigan was 11th.

The team award exemplifies the hard work Detroit has instilled in its program as the Titans won the HL for the second-straight season and made its third NCAA Regional Championship appearance in the last five years.

Earlier this season, the

squad won the 2014 Team Excellence Award at the Annual Academic & Athletic Awards Dinner, which recognizes the varsity team with the highest overall grade point average for the past academic year.

The National Golf Coaches Association honors the women's collegiate golf programs with the highest Team GPA with the NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award.

This award is based on the average GPA for all members of the women's team for a specific year. The All-Scholar Team GPA Award is distributed to the top 25 teams at all levels — Division I, II, III, NAIA and JUCO.

'SUPER' STOPPER

Senior league goalie tallies 1,000th win, 200th shutout with no end in sight to hockey career

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Leave it to professional magician Bret "Superman" Beaudry to do something otherworldly as a senior hockey league goaltender.

On July 22 the 55-year-old Beaudry, a former Plymouth resident who now lives in Harrison Township, recorded the 1,000th victory of his 14-year-and-counting "beer league" career.

That was a 6-1 win in the playoffs of the Michigan Sting adult hockey program at Troy Sports Center. Just one week before that, Beaudry tied his 200th shutout. All told he's played about 1,800 contests so far.

"I do magic, professional magic," said Beaudry who recently performed at the Farmington Founders Festival. "Some of them (teammates) think I'm doing magic out on the ice."

Indeed, it's pretty magical to play approximately 130 games each year since 1999, the year his daughter Robin helped him rekindle the desire to play hockey again after a long hiatus following his high school days.

More about that later on. "I get tired just thinking about strapping those pads on that many times," said Beaudry, during a recent telephone interview. "I don't know, maybe that's why they call me Superman."

"That's alleague play and tournaments and doesn't include drop-ins."

'Super' look

For good measure, Beaudry rocks the superhero look between the pipes, too. He wears goalie pads and gloves sporting Superman's red-yellow-blue color scheme and dons a jersey complete with the trademark "S" crest in the front.

"That's the fun part," said Beaudry, asked about what teammates and opponents think about his on-ice persona.

"The people that know me say it's old hat now. But when people haven't seen it, or I'm in a tournament or something you get all kinds of strange reactions."

"But after they start playing ... don't get me wrong, everybody has a bad game once in a while where the floodgate (opens). I can tell you this S crest is a bullseye that people just wind up to get a piece of it."

Beaudry plays pretty much year-round, in two leagues for two teams. One of them is the Prowlers, an 18-and-over team he runs (also out of Troy Sports Center).

"Right now I play three games a week, one Sunday game with the Prowlers and two every Tuesday with the Michigan Sting," he said. "I live in Harrison Township and I used to skate in Mount Clemens, and Mount Clemens is closer to my home."

"But Troy is a much nicer facility and basically I've skated more games there than I have anywhere else."

Ice hockey's always been in his blood, although Beaudry's super-yeoman numbers (which would make Martin Brodeur blush) never could have been predicted back in the 1970s.

Back in his youth, he played pond hockey near Fenton, stuffing boat cushions down the front of his pants for makeshift goalie pads.

"I tried out for the high school team (Linden) and I was going to make the team but my dad couldn't afford the pads," Beaudry said. "... It went dormant after that, other than a little bit of skating here and there."

Daughter gets assist

Already a magician, it would take quite a trick for Beaudry to get back on the ice.

That's exactly what happened in the late 1990s. His daughter, Robin, then a junior at what then was known as Plymouth Salem, discovered floor hockey during gym class.



Robin Beaudry (left) is shown with her dad, Bret Beaudry, at a 2007 Las Vegas tournament. Robin was a backup goalie for Plymouth Salem's first varsity boys team in 1999-2000.

Robin Beaudry came home and pronounced to her parents (Bret and Christine) that she wanted to take up the ice hockey version of the game in time for the 1999-2000 school year — when Plymouth Salem was slated to launch its first boys hockey team.

It didn't matter to her that she'd be trying to find a spot on the roster of a boys team. It would be another handful of years before girls hockey would begin in earnest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"She talked about the Plymouth Salem Rocks going to have their first inaugural boys varsity ice hockey team and she so wanted to be their goalie," Bret Beaudry recalled. "She's a good skater and everything but she never had played ice hockey."

"So she came home and I heard the echoes of me coming home to my dad and asking to play hockey."

He wasn't about to deny her that chance.

They went to a sporting goods store and ordered \$1,200 worth of equipment needed for Robin to safely suit up for summer drop-in sessions.

"We had some money in her savings account and I said to her 'You pay \$600, I'll pay \$600

and if you make the team I'll give you \$600 bucks back.'

"She made the (Salem boys) team. She was at every practice. And then when Senior Night came she got to play the whole game and she got a shut-out."

One big reason why she did make the Rocks was a relentless summer schedule where father and daughter went to every drop-in session they could find.

"I even bought a headset she could wear and I could coach her from the stands," he said. "Soon I found myself in love with the sport and playing myself."

Although Robin later played goal for Michigan State University's women's club team, she ultimately put her skates away several years ago.

On the other hand, Bret Beaudry was just getting started.

Stars tell story

Before long, he was playing multiple games a week, gaining confidence and swagger.

He racked up victories and shutouts. Each whitewashing gave Christine Beaudry opportunity to sew a new star on his blue jean jacket.

"Pretty soon this jacket was just full of stars," Bret said.

"Then I kept an Excel spreadsheet going all the way up to break (Detroit Red Wings legend Terry) Sawchuk's record at 104."

"After that, I relied on the stars (to keep track). I thought I might actually live long enough to get the 200."

Beaudry emphasized that one reason he is so successful is he's played so much.

"There's a thing I tell my kids," he said. "That's if you want to be good at something, you got to do a lot of it so that it's second nature to you. You don't think about it."

He also doesn't think much about how long he'll be physically able to continue strapping on the colorful gear and stopping hard rubber pucks.

The goalie they know as Superman does know how much he still loves the game — putting in a healthy workout to boot (something he said Christine is thankful for).

"I'm out on the ice the whole game," Beaudry said. "It can get tense ... because you're the last line of defense. If the puck goes in you can be the goat or you can be the hero."

"And I actually like that. Because by the numbers, more times than not I am the hero."

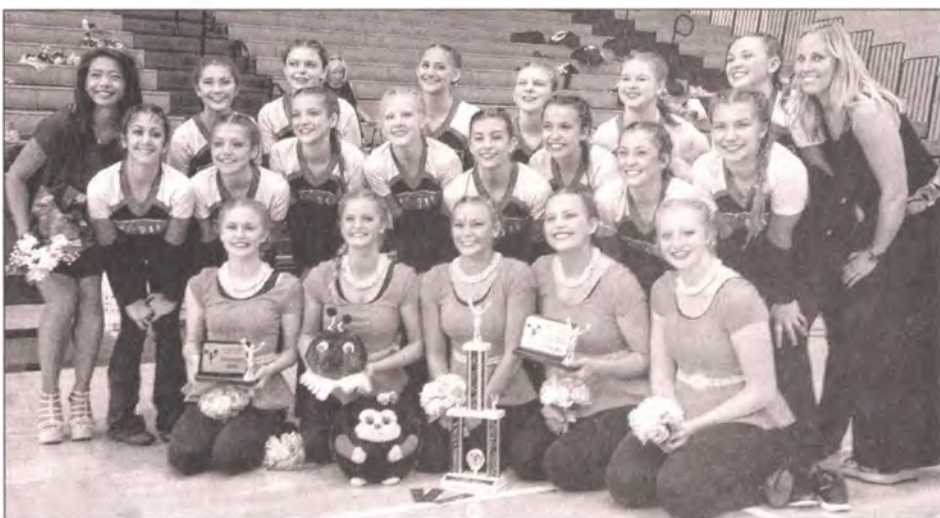
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Winning smiles!



The Canton High School varsity pompon team had it going on July 9-13 at the Mid-American pom competition. The team won the Grand Champions Award as well as the Showmanship, Peppy Pom and Knock Your Socks Off awards. In addition, varsity seniors took first in the Senior Kickline competition. By the way, each member of the team was accepted to the elite Mid-American All-Star Team for the first time ever. In the back row (from left) are coach Gabby Cayao, Grace Brekke, Brenna Shaw, Emily Cesario, Aleigh Gorham, Emma Stephens, Clara Mason and coach Jenny Kesler. In the middle row (from left) are Sophia Mekled, Mia Tavian, Shelby Petersen, Abby Crippes, Alicyn Mabry, Stacey Partain, Maigan Byars and Micala Tafelski. In the front row (from left) are seniors April Santori, Gabby Watts, Aiden Peters, Tara Quigley and Katie Valchine.

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Rams zap Lightning with dramatic rally

P.J. Nowak's seventh-inning double drove home Trent Drumheller with the winning run to cap a four-run rally and lift the Michigan Rams to an 8-7 victory over the Southfield Lightning in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played Saturday night at Ford Field in Livonia.

The heart-pounding triumph

lifted the Rams' record to 22-11 while the Lightning slipped to 5-26.

Rams relief pitcher Connor Fannon earned the victory after yielding three runs and five hits over the final three frames. Fannon took over for starting pitcher Brody Harris in the top of the fifth.

Mark Tooley suffered the

loss after giving up four runs in 1.1 innings.

Nowak finished the night with three RBI. Drumheller also contributed a pair of ribbies. Nolan Page was 4-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored for the winners.

Kevin Kersnick, Kevin Moore and Joe Killian all delivered two hits each for the

Lightning.

On Friday, the Rams were upended 10-0 by the Bulls in a game limited to six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Bulls pitcher Jake Lee limited the Rams to just two hits — one each by Drumheller and Travis Henry.

Pacing the Bulls' offensive assault were Jeremy Shay

(1-for-3, two RBI), Mike Battistelli (two RBI) and Victor Barron, who went 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Jake Balicki took the loss for the Rams after yielding four earned runs over 4.1 innings. Balicki struck out five batters.

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Bridging the world through golf

Teaching pro from Pakistan lands at Tanglewood

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Syed Jamal Badshah can certainly claim he is one of the world's true golf ambassadors.

In his second year as a seasonal teaching pro at South Lyon's Tanglewood Golf Course, the former Asian and Nike tour pro once played a practice round in 2007 in Dubai with Tiger Woods and provided TV color commentary for the Royal Trophy (the Ryder Cup version between the Asian and European tours).

He also started the Olympic golf team in Turkey, has written newspaper articles and published a golf magazine, besides teaching at the exclusive Karachi Golf Club in his native Pakistan. He also wrote a book, *Play Better Golf*, which sold more than 1 million copies worldwide with proceeds going toward educational opportunities at a local orphanage.

"Poverty taught me golf and life, not richness," said the 47-year-old Badshah, who was born in the northwest frontier of Pakistan (Peshawar), next to the border of Afghanistan. "Golf is life and has taught me everything about it."

His father was a prisoner of war for five years during the 1971 India-Pakistan War and at age 3 Badshah moved to Karachi, the country's largest metropolitan area with more than 9 million people.

Humbling youth

It was then that Badshah became what he calls "a ball picker" at the local course, working after school to help support his family. And through his golf connections, Badshah learned a new language at the St. Mary English School, which served him well later in life as a golf envoy.

After stints on the Asian (1990-95) and the Nike (1998-2000) tours, Badshah scaled back his tournament golf to concentrate on teaching. He's made stops in England, Dubai, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan and the U.S.

In 2007, Badshah played in the U.S. Golf Teachers Federation World Cup in Las Vegas and struck up a friendship with Livonia teaching pro Jerry Seal, a retired 66-year-old Detroit Police officer who has leased the driving range for the past five years at Tanglewood from owners Bob and Ken Freund.

The two continued to exchange emails and phone calls and, in 2013, Seal invited Badshah to spend the summer months teaching at Tanglewood.

"When we first met, he didn't have a rental car at the time," Seal said. "We invited him to dinner, then we hit it off right from the start. I couldn't handle all the work myself with lessons. He expressed about teaching golf here because he teaches golf there. And he likes to play golf and tournaments so I said, 'Why don't you come over here and help me out? I need help and we can play golf together. We can go tournaments together' and we did for the second year."



Novi's Mike Calacino (middle) has improved his golf game with the help from Pakistan native Syed Jamal Badshah (left), along with Tanglewood driving range pro Jerry Seal (right).

New tenant

Badshah lives in the spare bedroom and he's become like family, according to Seal.

"We do everything together," the range pro said. "My grandkids like Jamal. He plays soccer with them. To them, he's like uncle Jamal."

And Badshah has developed a loyal clientele at Tanglewood. According to Seal, his methods are a lot like the late Harvey Penick, a world-renowned instructor who coached the likes of well-known PGA pros Davis Love Jr., Tom Kite and Ben Crenshaw.

"He uses simple methods," Seal said. "He doesn't use a lot of teaching of aids or teaching devices. He sticks with the basics, very much like Harvey Penick did. He makes it simple, if you keep it simple. I think Jamal makes it simple and keeps a lot of people happy. I've never seen anybody not improve in the hundreds of lessons I've seen him do. And he keeps your whole life simple."

One Badshah convert is 60-year-old Mike Calacino of Novi.

"I had back surgery about four years ago and it was a triple-spinal (fusion). I was really struggling to learn how to play golf again and literally had to learn it all over," said Calacino, a national account manager for SAF in Holland. "Two years ago, I met Jamal and since (then) it's been quite an improvement, not only from a physical play standpoint, but from the mental side also, because he did a lot to boost my confidence. He told me I could do this again. And then we would figure out a way on how to hit a golf ball pain-free. And he has done that."

Making strides

Calacino has watched his handicap take a dramatic turn for the better this summer.

"Probably now it's around a

16-17," Calacino said. "My problem was I've been as low as a two or three in my life. I'm trying to get back to (shooting) something that's in the low 80s, which I should feel I should be able to do. It was just a goal of mine once I got out of surgery to try to get back and playing some reasonable golf. I'm getting really close now ... 15 to 16 has come down from a 25 or a 26. I think by the end of the summer, I've got an attainable goal. The last four or five rounds, I've shot in the mid-80s. I keep saying to myself 'I don't want to shoot 90 again.'"

Right now it's the hot season in Pakistan, where temperatures average 92 degrees F and can go as high as 110 degrees F.

Badshah, who produces a website called JBswings.com, will return to Karachi in September and work there until February during the peak season. Badshah and his wife have a son, 22, who now plays golf, along with a daughter, 21.

"I would like to see him come over here permanently and have his own teaching academy," Seal said. "I think he'd do very, very well. Everybody that meets him likes him. He's very easy to get along with. I'd like to see his family come over here. I think he'd be a good citizen and do well."

The Karachi Golf Club, rated No. 1 in Pakistan, has 20 pros and more than 3,000 members.

Different cultures

"In America it's very popular, it's very achievable," Badshah said. "It's cheap, people can play golf. In our part of the world, middle-class or poor people cannot play. It's expensive. You have to buy membership of the club."

"What I see here is a guy pull out of his car, he's a plumber, he changes clothes, comes to course and plays golf. In this society, it's more pleasurable

and equal. It makes the atmosphere much better for the nation. No differences."

One of Badshah's students back home is 101 years old.

"He takes lessons and wants to get better," Badshah said. "Golf is an amazing sport. It's a lifetime sport. You can play until the end of the line."

Badshah appreciates the opportunity given to him by teaching at Tanglewood.

"Their management of the golf club is really good and the people who play golf at Tanglewood are very, very amazing people," he said. "They're very helpful. They are very friendly. And the golf atmosphere at this club is excellent. I've taught in many other countries, but this is something that is an amazing experience. And Michigan people are very nice. I really get along good with them."

"I'm not scared to say I'm from Pakistan, because normally if you say you're from Pakistan, they get scared of you. They say, 'Aw, you're a terrorist (laughing).' Everybody likes me here. It's an amazing atmosphere, plus Jerry is a great guy. We do a lot of lessons and people are very happy with our work that we do. They improve their golf, win some tournaments and we get a lot of compliments. And the club is doing well on the name of the golf academy here."

Whether it's beginners, juniors, novices or adults, he has a wealth of golf knowledge to offer.

"Some people say I'm the grand ambassador for my country, but it's just the game of golf," said Badshah, who once finished seventh in the Carolina Classic on the Nike Tour. "If I wasn't a golfer, I wouldn't be here talking to you today or teaching all these golfers. It's just the game of golf and I say, 'Golf can put the world together.'"

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SPORTS TRYOUTS

Livonia Lakes 13U travel baseball

The Livonia Lakers 13U travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for its 2015 season Aug. 9-10 from 2-4 p.m. each day at Bicentennial Park (field No. 7), which is located at 35400 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Players from Livonia and surrounding areas are invited to attend. The Lakers, who were established in 2010, play approximately 20 games in the advanced division of the KVBSA in addition to four to six tournaments, some out of state.

The team starts winter workouts in January. The head coach is a former high school varsity baseball coach who strives to prepare the team's players to make them high school ready.

Players are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to check in. For more information, contact Aaron Rumberger at ccrumberger@yahoo.com.

Livonia City Thunder 1U travel baseball

The 15U Livonia City Thunder baseball team will be holding tryouts Saturday, Aug. 16 from 1-3 p.m. at Bicentennial Park (field No. 3). The team will be playing in seven to eight tournaments during the months of June and July, and possibly early August of 2015 after the high school baseball seasons over.

Players are asked to arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration. For more information, send an email to jakackiimily5@aol.com.

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, 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, contact Henrikse at s8henrikse@yahoo.com.

11U Livonia Stars travel baseball

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

This travel team will play 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@sbcglobal.net or at 734-968-0499.

15U Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks travel baseball

The Dearborn Heights Diamondbacks 15U travel team will be holding tryouts for the 2015 season on Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m. and Aug. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. The tryouts will be at Field of Dreams, which is located at 7506 Inkster Road (between Warren and Joy) in Dearborn Heights.

For more information, send an email to rmstwins@yahoo.com or scamton@comcast.net.

GARCIA

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the way to a scholarship to play for Combs beginning in the fall at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"After my junior year, I was all set to attend Schoolcraft College after I graduated," Garcia said. "But my senior

season was like a dream come true. After Coach Scott offered me a chance to play in college, I took a tour of the (UM-Dearborn) campus and loved it right away."

Garcia will officially sign a letter of intent to play for the Wolves sometime next month.

"The thing I love about softball is that you have to be able to do a lot of things — field well, hit well, support your

teammates — in order to be successful," she said. "I'm very thankful for the opportunity I'm getting to continue to play."

Garcia played her pre-high school softball career for St. Valentine's in Redford Township with her dad serving as her coach.

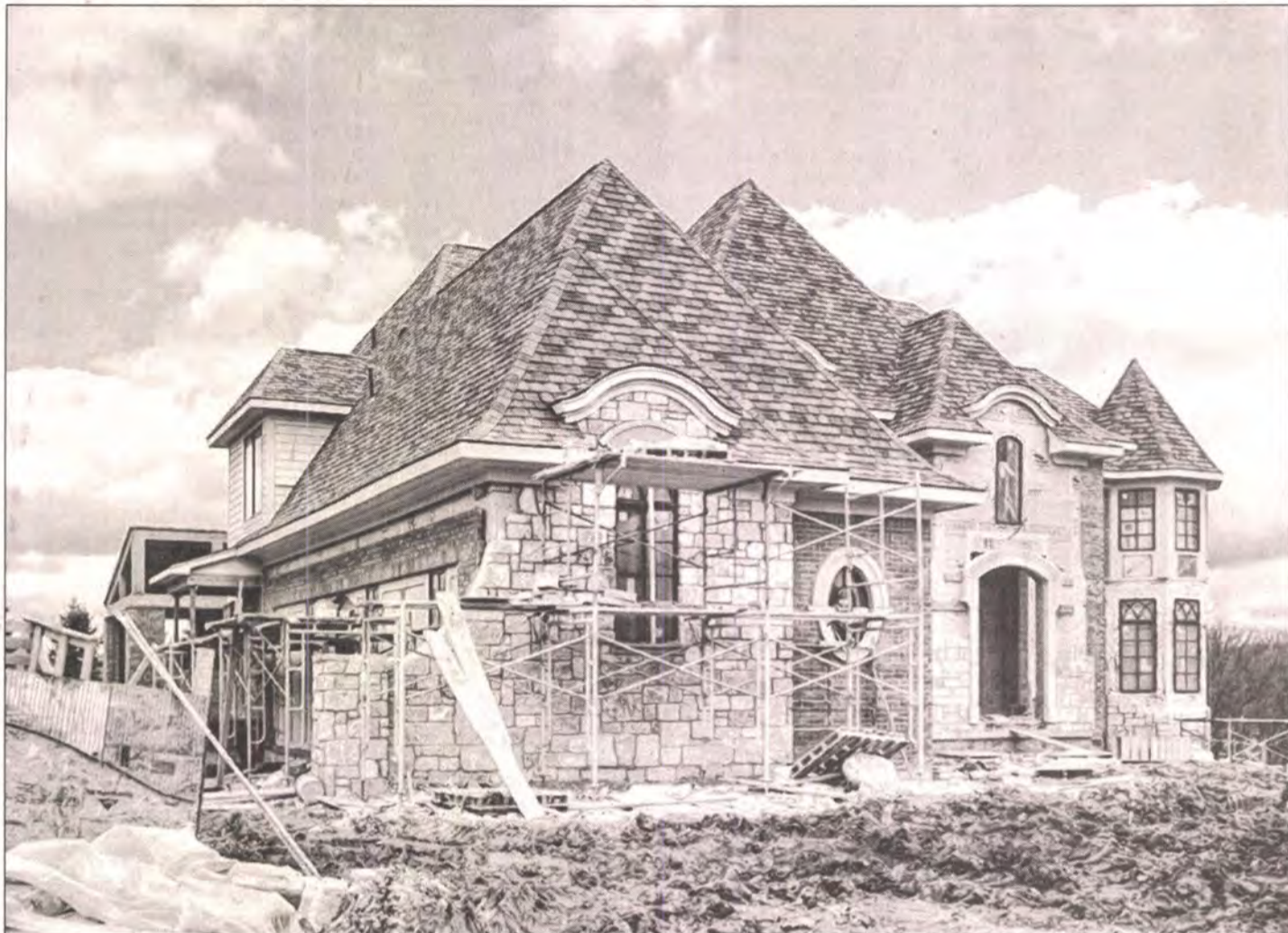
Garcia said her entire family — including Art, mom Judithia, and sisters Ashlei and

Chelsey — have provided her invaluable support during her long and successful softball experience.

"They've all been awesome," she said.

Garcia, who earned a stellar 3.3 grade-point average at Ladywood, will pursue a degree in animal science and/or zoology.

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Ultimate Homearama organizers note its return shows an upswing in the region's housing market.

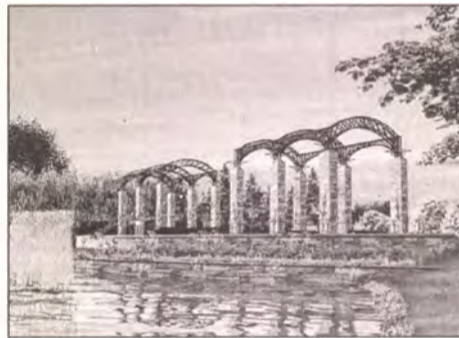
Revived Homearama lines up sponsors, sets charity preview

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced that Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design has been designated presenting sponsor for the first Homearama celebration in more than a decade. Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA commented, "We are extremely excited that Gorman's will be playing such a significant role in the event."

The event will be hosted at the new Pinnacle luxury estate home community developed by Mocerri, located off the north side of Silverbell Road, east of Adams Road in Oakland Township.

Pinnacle is majestic in every detail, from its grand entry walls, to its original sculptures, to its water features and iron work. The crème de la crème at the 2014 Ultimate Homearama will be the six residential masterpieces, built by Arteva Homes, Cranbook Custom Homes, MJC Companies, and Mocerri Homes, all lavishly decorated and landscaped by some of the nation's top professionals. The public will have the opportunity to see all the one-of-a-kind concepts found in the \$2.8-\$4 million custom homes through self-guided tours.

The Ultimate Homearama will be launched with a gala Charity Preview Party on Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 6-10 p.m. All ticket proceeds will be donated to Rainbow Connection and Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. The event will be open to the public from Aug. 29 (Labor Day weekend) through Sept. 14, 2014. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets and information are available at UltimateHomearama.com. "The Ultimate Homearama is more



The event is focused on the luxury home market. Organizers say attendees can get ideas for their own homes of all types.

than just a way for designers and builders to exhibit their creativity and skill," said Tom Lias, Gorman's president and COO. "Gorman's has partnered with Mocerri Homes and Dominick Tringali's Architectural Collection to tie together the elegance of their three dream homes by adding our exceptional interior design and home furnishings to create the pièce de résistance."

A team of Gorman's designers conceptualized and will bring to life three distinctive lifestyles to complement each of the Mocerri/Tringali homes: New Traditional, Collected, and Transitional. Construction of all six multi-million dollar homes is nearing completion.

The Ultimate Homearama has also attracted the attention of several other high-profile sponsors. Along with Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design are the Detroit Media Partnership, XFINITY, and many more.

"It's a privilege to be part of the Ultimate Homearama," said Tom Lias. "What it represents - quality, beauty,

innovation - is exactly what Gorman's brings to every project. A person's home is the most important place on earth, and the Ultimate Homearama is a celebration of that fact," he said.

"The Ultimate Homearama is a recognized symbol of excellence in the housing industry, showcasing some of the most beautiful homes and communities in the area," stated Stoskopf.

"Bringing the Dream Home is the event's theme because it offers something for everyone. Many will come looking for the right builder or for fresh decorating and interior design ideas; and some will also be looking to buy a home. The Ultimate Homearama is also a great event for those who just want an entertaining experience and the opportunity to see what their dream home might one day look like."

"All six homes will exhibit the latest trends in design, construction, and technology including professional-grade kitchens, spa-style master retreats, spectacular exterior and interior water features, idyllic landscapes, unique outdoor living experiences, theater-quality home entertainment systems, tasting rooms, original-themed Man Caves, and more surprises around every corner," said Dominick Tringali, architect for the three Mocerri homes.

"This year, Homearama is more than just a home showcase," Stoskopf said. "It's a tangible sign that our region is growing again. It's not just Oakland County or new construction. This is about all of Michigan and our entire economy recovering and gaining momentum."

Additional information may be found at www.UltimateHomearama.com.

Calif. court holds architect responsible

Q: Our homeowners association is contemplating suing our condominium developer regarding various construction design defects that made the homes uninhabitable for significant portions of the year. Two of the proposed defendants are architectural firms who designed the homes in a negligent manner, but did not, apparently, make the final decisions regarding how the homes would be built. Do you think our lawyer has a chance on that argument?



Robert Meisner

A: Based on a recent Court of Appeals case out of California, which may or may not be adopted in Michigan, the court held that an architect owes a duty of care to the homeowners in these circumstances under the common law and under a statute that was applicable to California. The court reasoned that an architect owes a duty of care to future homeowners for the design of a residential building where the architect is the principal architect on the project, that is, the architect, in providing professional design services, is not subordinate to other design professionals. The court noted that the duty of care extends to such architects even when they do not actually build the project or exercise ultimate control over construction. Your attorney should, obviously, become cognizant of this case as it may help in his/her argument as well as other relevant case law.

Q: I recently purchased a condo unit and did not check before I bought it only to find that a special assessment has been levied and that it is due now. Do I have to pay that?

A: More than likely you do and, based upon a recent Ohio Court of Appeals case, the court indicated under similar facts that under the Declaration and Bylaws, every assessment is a personal obligation of the person who owns the unit when the assessment is due. The documents in that case further provided that although a delinquent assessment isn't the new owners personal responsibility, the association's lien against the unit for delinquent assessments is unaffected by the title transfer. In Michigan, any prospective purchaser should clearly determine whether, in fact, there are any outstanding assessments due and owing, either before or at the closing. Each case is fact-intensive so you are best advised to consult with a community association lawyer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 17-21, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18832 Riverside Dr \$355,000
32816 Robinhood Dr \$413,000

BIRMINGHAM

1910 E Lincoln St \$225,000
909 Fairfax St \$1,650,000
1712 Graefield Rd \$106,000
1283 Holland St \$500,000
1005 Stanley Blvd \$575,000
1524 Washington Blvd \$705,000
5564 N Adams Way \$220,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

209 Dourdan \$320,000
2694 Heathfield Rd \$83,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1586 Apple Ln \$1,295,000
2499 Parcels Cir \$184,000
1563 S Hill Blvd \$125,000
3789 Shellmarr Ln \$370,000
1736 Squirrel Valley Dr \$330,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

5043 Carinas Way Ct \$278,000
5061 Carinas Way Ct \$306,000
5086 Carinas Way Ct \$277,000
5157 Carinas Way Ct \$337,000
9405 Commerce Rd \$20,000
4065 S Commerce Rd \$60,000
2472 Solace Dr \$65,000

FARMINGTON

1218 Harrison Dr \$143,000
23871 Colchester Dr \$170,000
32120 Marblehead Rd \$170,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

38850 Country Cir # 108 \$124,000
28576 Green Willow St \$207,000
21435 Hamilton Ave \$101,000
35043 Meadow Ln \$149,000

21291 Parklane St \$285,000
38251 Remington Park \$175,000
31033 Scenic View Cir \$280,000
32316 W 11 Mile Rd \$90,000
30052 W 12 Mile Rd \$60,000
27815 W Nine Mile Rd \$92,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

17535 Wiltshire Blvd \$157,000

MILFORD

1054 Riverside St \$430,000

NORTHVILLE

1238 Charleston Ct \$150,000
44328 Chedworth Dr \$222,000
1076 Grace Ct \$275,000

NOVI

45327 Bartlett Dr \$425,000
27636 Belgrave Pl \$258,000
24710 Bethany Way \$405,000
22677 Cheshire Ct \$354,000
44850 Lafayette Dr \$430,000
51111 Luke Ln \$277,000
23978 Mondavi Dr \$100,000

41024 Mooringside \$145,000
24684 Olde Orchard St \$110,000
25580 Portico Ln \$175,000
41835 Primrose Dr \$138,000

SOUTH LYON

52435 Fremont Dr E \$423,000
52706 Fremont Dr E \$403,000
389 Harvard Ave \$133,000
24023 Lyon Ridge Dr \$485,000
23342 Sawgrass Ct S \$410,000

SOUTHFIELD

21041 Andover Rd \$138,000
18501 Mount Vernon St \$40,000

WHITE LAKE

28099 Pierce St \$55,000
29922 Pleasant Trl \$75,000
23673 Rutland Ave \$152,000
22757 S Bellwood Dr \$138,000
9024 Millward Ave \$53,000
231 N Williams Lake Rd \$130,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 7-11, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

7537 Admiralty Dr \$183,000
46442 Bartlett Dr \$240,000
41435 Copper Creek Dr \$195,000
49719 Courtyard Ln \$155,000
7092 Foxridge Dr \$265,000
44735 Kirk Ct \$242,000
48408 Manor Bridge Dr \$110,000
47555 Ormskirk Dr \$21,000
44251 Postmill Ct \$175,000
3913 Ravensfield Dr \$160,000

8102 Rolling Meadows Dr \$720,000
42621 Somerset Dr \$195,000
41074 Southwind Dr \$70,000

GARDEN CITY

1218 Harrison St \$44,000
6152 Henry Ruff Rd \$55,000
6857 Lathers St \$67,000
31514 Windsor St \$105,000

LIVONIA

9834 Brookfield St \$122,000
9163 Danzig St \$179,000
28473 Elmira St \$87,000
9353 Gillman St \$115,000
30060 Hathaway St \$144,000
18120 Manor Ln \$322,000
9054 Texas St \$90,000
18131 University Park Dr \$99,000
18131 University Park Dr \$65,000

NORTHVILLE

42148 Brampton Ct \$290,000
44322 Deep Hollow Cir \$560,000
39660 Dun Rovin Dr \$315,000
48240 Manorwood Dr \$865,000
46317 N Valley Dr \$435,000
19534 Northridge Dr \$116,000
714 Spring Dr \$316,000
19175 Surrey Ln \$102,000
45878 Tournament Dr \$759,000
50141 Venice Ct \$440,000

PLYMOUTH

11865 N Canton Center Rd \$295,000
324 N Evergreen St \$182,000
225 N Holbrook St \$360,000
40446 Newport Dr \$94,000
1201 Ross St \$255,000

REDFORD

17000 Inkster Rd \$32,000
20162 Kinloch \$62,000
11302 Sioux \$46,000
9045 Virgil \$58,000
19403 Wakenden \$34,000

WAYNE

3253 Mildred St \$86,000
35638 Park St \$19,000
34941 Richard St \$8,000

WESTLAND

7503 Deering St \$85,000
8433 Fremont St \$47,000
8261 Huntington St \$34,000
38575 Lawrence St \$86,000
6020 N Carlson St \$45,000
7777 Ritz Ave \$134,000
34101 Tonquish Trl \$108,000
34808 University St \$75,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

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

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: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

AUGUST 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 will receive a VBS music CD Contact: 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

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 Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday 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, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew. Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good. Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

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BEER, DAVID G.

July 24, 2014. Age 72. Beloved husband of Donna for 53 years. Loving father of Craig (Kate) and the late Jennifer A. and David W. Loving grandfather of Janet, Jennifer, Charlie, and Emily; and great-grandfather of Camron. He was dearly loved and will be deeply missed by many family members and friends. Services were held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jennifer Ann Beer Scholarship Fund at Garden City High School.

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CLUGSTON, GUY RUSSELL, DVM (Ret.)

94, of Detroit, Michigan, lately of Mercer Island, Washington, died July 20, 2014. "Russ" Clugston, son of Guy McCuen Clugston and Lucy Almina Mason Clugston, passed away in Bellevue, Washington after a short illness. His wife, Suzanne Simpson Clugston, died in 2001. Surviving are his children Catherine Suzanne Clugston and Curt James Clugston (Renee Motheral Clugston); three grandchildren, Caroline Derreth Wexler, Jake Sung Hyun Clugston, and Lily Sook Hee Clugston; and his brother, William Albert Clugston of Jackson, Michigan. Dr. Clugston graduated from Royal Oak High School in Michigan in 1937. He attended the Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science (now Michigan State University) Division of Veterinary Science where he earned a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1942. He was drafted in the U.S. Army on September 1942 and sent to Camp Custer in Michigan. In December 1942, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army Medical Department, in January 1943 he was assigned to the Quartermaster Depot in Chicago, Illinois, then in March 1943 he was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas and assigned to the 23rd Vet Med Evac Co. In September of 1943 his unit was assigned to the South West Pacific Area command (SWPA) and sent to Townsville, Queensland, Australia aboard the "President Grant" troopship. In October 1944, his company participated in the Invasion of Leyte (Philippines) (aka Operation "Red Herring") arriving at Tacloban four days after the initial assault. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to Detroit where he worked as a veterinarian until his retirement in 1990. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Services will be held in Michigan later this year. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, 800-873-6983. www.stjude.org/tributes.

EICHHOLTZ, MARY JANE

Age 78, of Louisville passed on July 27, 2014 at Baptist Health Palliative Care. She was a retired Secretary having worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the New York Daily News. Mary was a member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church and a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Washingtonville, NY. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 38 years, Harry R. Eichholtz; 7 children, William Manning (Margaret), Bryan Manning (Shari), Kevin G. Manning, Michael Eichholtz (Kim), Paul Eichholtz (Debra), Kevin Eichholtz (Debbie) and John D. Eichholtz; daughter in law, Lisa Eichholtz; 10 grandchildren. Her Funeral Mass will be conducted at 10:00am on Wednesday at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 1395 Girard Drive. Visitation will be in the parlor of Arch L. Heady and Son at Westport Village, 7410 Westport Road, from 4:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Washingtonville, NY. Her Funeral Mass in Washingtonville will be at 9:30am on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Visitation in Washingtonville will be from 5:00pm - 8:00pm on Friday at the David T. Ferguson Funeral Home, 20 North Street. In lieu of customary expressions of sympathy, the family has requested contributions to Baptist Health Palliative Care, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 or Alzheimer's Association. Please visit us at www.archheadwestport.com to leave a condolence for the family.



WEST, DOROTHY JEAN

Passed away July 27, 2014 at the age of 90. She was born July 31, 1923 in Detroit. Dorothy was preceded in death by husbands Michael M. Spitz and James S. West. She is the dear mother of Karen Eve (Oliver) McClure, Deborah S. (Robert) Davenport, Michael M. (Elizabeth) Spitz, Matthew J. Spitz, Dorothy Jean (Brian) Spitz-Wolcott, and David Charles Spitz. Dear grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of seven. She is also survived by her sister Marilyn (Charles) Carrey. Dorothy was a homemaker and a retired Beautician. She was born in Detroit and moved to Northville where she went to High School. She met Michael Spitz from Plymouth, they were later married and moved to Plymouth in 1941. Dorothy served her country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. She is a former member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion where she served as Chaplain. She was very athletic and was an ice skater, swimmer, tennis player and enjoyed aerobics. She loved to play Bingo, however, her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, especially babysitting her grandchildren. Dorothy was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by many. Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. To leave a condolence, www.schrader-howell.com.



UTTER, ELISABETH H.

June 30, 1917-July 27, 2014. With gratitude for a life well lived and gracefully passed, the family of Betty Utter shares news of her gentle passing Sunday afternoon, July 27, 2014. Her ashes will be interred at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, Michigan at a private family gathering. She was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Robert C. Utter, and is survived by her three daughters and son-in-laws: Susan Seelye of Novi, Michigan, Barbara Mills (John) of Denman Island, British Columbia, and Judi Beck (Kevin) of Boone, North Carolina, as well as 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice, the Fox Run Scholarship Fund, or Novi United Methodist Church.

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Spontaneous: Celebrities, local troupes mingle at annual improv fest

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Seasoned improvisors, including out-of-town troupes, celebrities and hometown performers will keep fans laughing from Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 3-9, during the Detroit Improv Festival. The Detroit Improv Collective has expanded the annual event this year from four to seven days at venues throughout Ferndale, as well as in Detroit and Hamtramck.

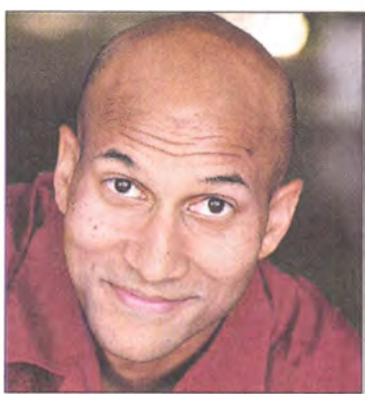
A screening of *Best in Show* will kick off the festival at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Redford Theatre. Fred Willard, who played a dog show commentator in the 2000 comedy, will greet fans after the film and will be on hand at an opening night afterglow. Movie tickets are \$6.

Rachel Dratch of *Saturday Night Live* will take the stage as a part of D.O.R.F. improv troupe on the festival's closing night. 313, a troupe of former Detroit-area improvisors now based in Los Angeles, Calif., also will perform on Aug. 9, at the Rustbelt in Ferndale.

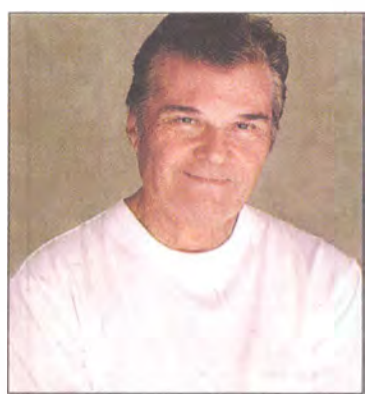
"We've done well in terms of getting top-notch talent the last four years," said Chris Moody, a Redford resident and president of The Detroit Im-



Rachel Dratch of *Saturday Night Live* will perform Saturday, Aug. 9, during the annual Detroit Improv Festival. PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN MATTHEWS



Former *Detroit*er Keegan Michael Key, of Comedy Central's *Key & Peele*, will perform with 313 during Detroit Improv Festival.



Actor/improviser Fred Willard will help kick off the festival at a screening of *Best in Show* at the Redford Theatre in Detroit.

prov Collective. "Troupes that go to different festivals do talk. Our biggest resource is Detroit improvisors who have moved on to other cities and they promote us."

Local, out-of-state troupes

In addition to celebrity improvisors, 44 out-of-state groups, from as far away as Florida, Vancouver, California and New York, along with 21 homegrown troupes, will fill performance slots throughout the week and on the final weekend.

"They had to go through the

same process of submitting and putting up a video of their performance," Moody said, describing the selection process for local performers. "The team we put together to rate the groups wanted to make sure we showcased the best of the best."

After producing a one-venue, three day festival in 2011, organizers formed the nonprofit Detroit Improv Collective to coordinate the event and promote improv locally. It has worked with HAVEN, an Oakland County-based organization for victims of domestic violence, Havenwyck Hospital

in Auburn Hills and Gilda's Club, a support community for cancer patients and their families, offering improv workshops and benefit performances.

Moody, who is experienced in producing trade shows, offered to stage the Collective's festival.

"It's a combined effort of six board members and 25 directors," he noted.

Taking classes

Moody got involved in improv after watching a New Year's Eve show at Go COM-EDY! in Ferndale. He had

been laid off in late 2009 and was looking for a distraction. He signed up for improv classes at the venue and has never looked back.

"I loved it and it became a release for me and it got me through tough times until I found a job," he said, crediting his think-on-your-feet improv skills for helping him to land a new position. Moody will perform with a troupe called Low-Rez JPEG at 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, during the festival.

"Our festival is considered long form for improv. A group asks for suggestions at the beginning of (their set) and uses it as motivation and inspiration," he said. "Short form is games, what you'd see on *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*"

In addition to watching other performers, improvisors of all levels can sign up for workshops.

"They get to learn from different sources. Some of the best improvisers in the world don't follow one particular (form of) advice."

For workshop fees and show tickets, along with a full schedule of performance times, dates and troupes, visit detroitimprovfestival.org. Performances range from free to \$30.

AT THE MOVIES

Friday, Aug. 1

» *Boyhood* opens exclusively at the Main Art in downtown Royal Oak. Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, Richard Linklater's *Boyhood* is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason who literally grows up on screen. Ellar Coltrane stars as Mason. Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette play Mason's parents and newcomer Lorelei Linklater is his sister Samantha. *Boyhood* charts the rocky terrain of childhood, from road trips and family dinners to birthdays and graduations. Rated R.

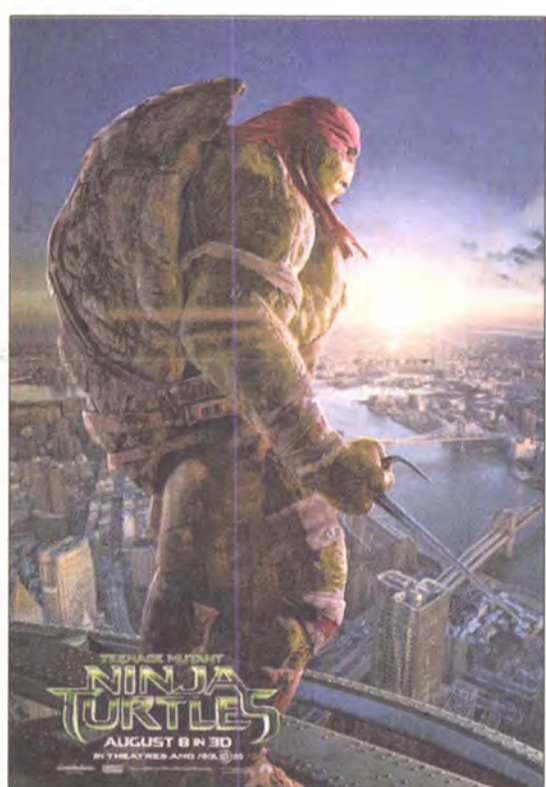
» Chadwick Boseman plays James Brown in *Get on Up*. Based on the incredible life story of the Godfather of Soul, the film gives a fearless look inside the music, moves and moods of Brown, taking audiences on the journey from his impoverished childhood to his evolution into one of the most influential figures of the 20th century. Also starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Nelsan Ellis, Lennie James, Tika Sumpter, Jill Scott and Dan Aykroyd. Directed by Tate Taylor. Film rating to be determined.

» *Guardians of the Galaxy* from Marvel, the studio that brought you the global blockbuster franchises of Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and The Avengers, is an action-packed, epic space adventure. The film expands the Marvel cinematic universe into the cosmos, where brash adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the object of an unrelenting bounty hunt after stealing a mysterious orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain with ambitions that threaten the entire universe. To evade the ever-persistent Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with a quartet of disparate misfits — Rocket, a gun-toting raccoon, Groot, a tree-like humanoid, the deadly and enigmatic Gamora and the revenge-driven Drax the Destroyer. But when Quill discovers the true power of the orb and the menace it poses to the cosmos, he must do his best to rally his ragtag rivals for a last, desperate stand. Rated PG-13.

» *I Origins*, opens exclusively at the Main Art in Royal Oak and The State Theater in Ann Arbor. The second feature film from writer and director Mike Cahill, tells the story of Dr. Ian Gray, played by Michael Pitt, a molecular biologist studying the evolution of the eye. He finds his work permeating his life after a brief encounter with an exotic young woman, played by Astrid Bergès-Frisbey, who slips away from him. As his research continues years later with his lab partner Karen, played by Brit Marling, they make a stunning scientific discovery that has far reaching implications and complicates both his scientific and spiritual beliefs. Also starring Steven Yeun and Archie Panjabi. The film is not rated.

» *Magic in the Moonlight*, opening at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Township, is set in the 1920s on the opulent Riviera in the south of France. This Woody Allen film is a romantic comedy about a master magician, played by Colin Firth, who is trying to expose a psychic medium, played by Emma Stone) as a fake. What follows is a series of events that are magical in every sense of the word and send the characters reeling. Rated PG-13.

» *Mood Indigo* is a love story starring Audrey Tautou and Romain Duris. Set in a charmingly surreal Paris, Duris plays wealthy bachelor Colin, whose hobbies include developing a cocktail-making piano and devouring otherworldly dishes prepared by his trusty chef Nicolas, played by Omar Sy. When Colin learns that his best friend Chick, played by Gad Elmaleh, a fellow acolyte of the philosopher Jean-Sol Partre, has a new American girlfriend, he attends a friend's party in hopes of also falling in love. He soon meets Chloé, played by Tautou and, before they know it, they're dancing to Duke Ellington and plung-



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles opens Friday, Aug. 8.

ing headfirst into a romance. Their whirlwind courtship is tested when an unusual illness plagues Chloe; a flower begins to grow in her lungs. To save her, Colin discovers the only cure is to surround Chloe with a never-ending supply of fresh flowers. Directed by Michel Gondry, the film is not yet rated.

Friday, Aug. 8

» *The Hundred-Foot Journey* tells the story of an Indian family that moves to Southern France and opens an Indian restaurant a hundred feet across the street from a Michelin-starred French restaurant. A culinary battle ensues between the two eateries that ultimately tests the power of family, loyalty and love. Based on the best-selling book by Richard Morais, Steve Knight wrote the script. Lasse Hallström directed. Rated PG.

» In *Into The Storm*, the town of Silverton is ravaged by an unprecedented onslaught of tornadoes. The entire town is at the mercy of the erratic and deadly cyclones, even as storm trackers predict the worst is yet to come. Most people seek shelter, while others run towards the vortex, testing how far a storm chaser will go for that once-in-a-lifetime shot. Told through the eyes and lenses of professional storm chasers, thrill-seeking amateurs, and courageous townspeople, *Into the Storm* throws viewers directly into the eye of the storm to experience Mother Nature at her most extreme. Stars Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies, Matt Walsh, Alycia Debnam-Carey, Arlen Escarpeta, Max Deacon, Nathan Kress, Jeremy Sumpter, Kyle Davis, Jon Reep, and Scott Lawrence. Directed by Steven Quale. Rated PG-13.

» *Step Up All In* is the fifth installment in the *Step Up* series. Dance all-stars from previous installments come together in glittering Las Vegas, Nev., to battle for a victory that could define their dreams and careers. The film is not yet rated.

» In *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, the Turtles must work with fearless reporter April O'Neil and her wise-cracking cameraman Vern Fenwick to save New York City and unravel a diabolical plan. Starring Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Alan Ritchson, Noel Fisher, William Fichtner, Jeremy Howard, Danny Woodburn, Pete Ploszek, Minae Noji, Abby Elliott and Whoopi Goldberg. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. Rated PG-13.

Courtesy Allied-THA

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 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 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, through 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 Gratuities: 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

FILM

PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3
Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: *Chef*, admission \$3
Summer Cinema Series: All shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday.; seats \$3. *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

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

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
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.
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

BLUES@THE ELKS
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: \$5 donation
Contact: 734-453-1780

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: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

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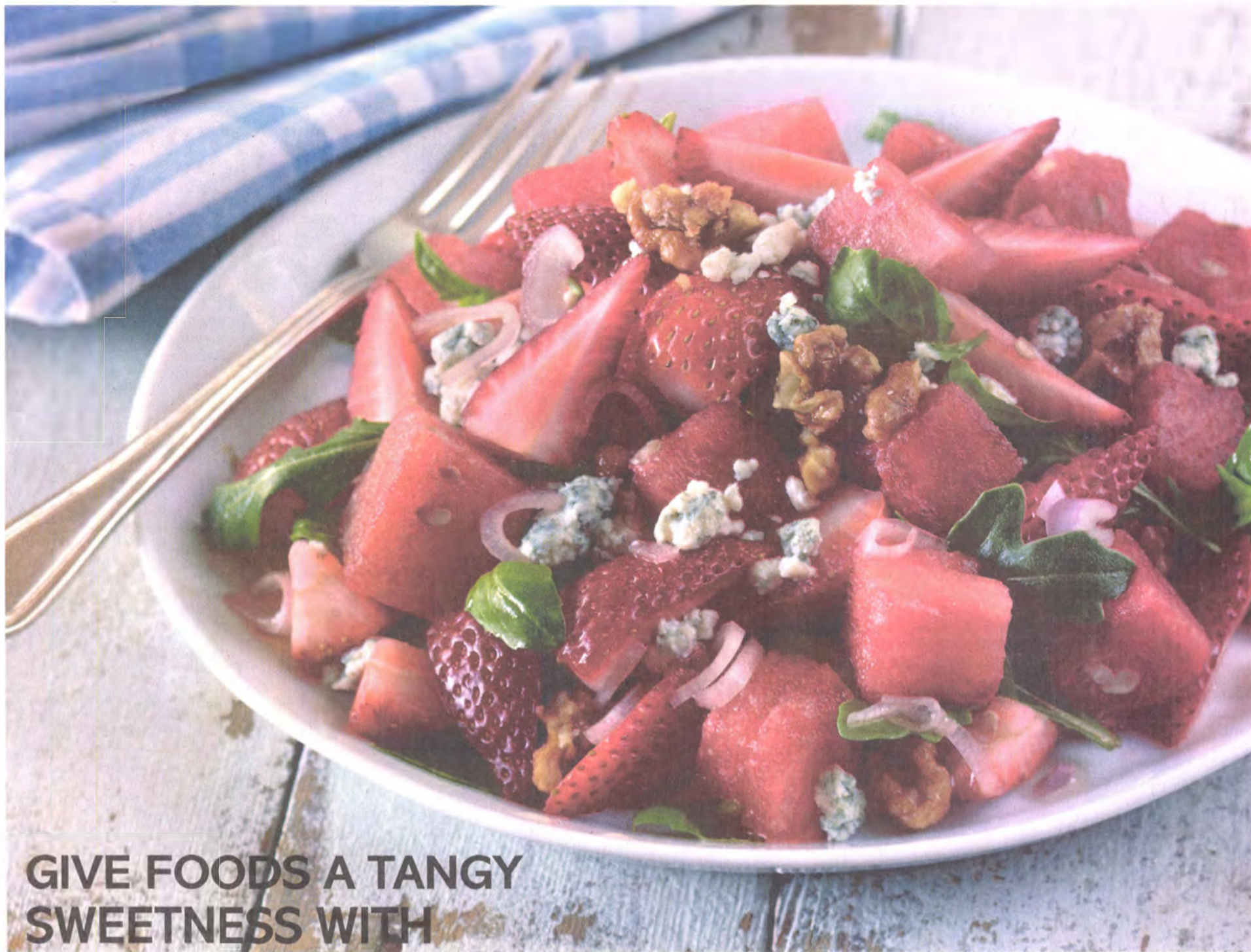
Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Mikaela Davis, Aug. 8, Brion Riborn and Bareylon, Aug. 9. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

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: Aug. 1-2
Location: 5767 Executive Drive, Westland
Details: *No Stone Unturned*; tickets \$10, \$8 for seniors and students
Contact: 734-751-7057



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Summer is peak strawberry season and the perfect time to enjoy one of America's favorite fruits.

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Strawberries are versatile, making them ideal additions to summer dishes.

» Try substituting strawberries for tomatoes in a salsa or Caprese salad.

» Use puréed strawberries in place of some or all of the vinegar in a salad. They'll add tangy sweetness, body and a dash of color.

» Roast strawberries in a hot oven to make a jam that can be used as a sauce or dressing base, condiment or sandwich ingredient.

» Skip the ice cubes and add frozen strawberries to drinks.

"Fresh, seasonal ingredients bring flavorful bursts to recipes at my restaurants and home," said Brian Malarkey, celebrity chef, restaurateur and spokesman for the California Strawberry Commission. "I love incorporating the natural taste of strawberries in both sweet and savory dishes for an unexpected hint of sweetness."

From fresh fish and salads to lemonade and even barbecue sauce, just add strawberries to give any meal scrumptious summer flavor. For additional recipes by chef Malarkey and more, visit www.californiastrawberries.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

SUMMER LOVING STRAWBERRY & WATERMELON SALAD

Servings: 4

2 cups quartered and cleaned California strawberries
2 cups diced watermelon (yellow and red, if available)
¼ cup sliced fresh basil
1 handful arugula
Sherry vinaigrette (see recipe below)
Salt and pepper, to taste
½ cup candied walnuts or pecans
½ cup blue or goat cheese
1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses or balsamic syrup
Sherry vinaigrette:
½ cup sherry vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 shallot, cut in half and sliced thinly
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste

To make vinaigrette, bring sherry vinegar and honey to a boil in small sauce pan. In small mixing bowl, pour hot sherry mixture over shallots and let cool to room temperature. Once cooled, whisk olive oil with shallots and add salt and pepper to taste. In a large mixing bowl add strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula. Gently add drizzle of mixed vinaigrette over strawberries, watermelon, basil and arugula mixture. Toss and season with salt and pepper, plate on desired serving platter or into bowls, then top with nuts, cheese and syrup to serve.

STRAWBERRY AND GOAT CHEESE PIZZA

Makes four 8-inch pizzas

½ ounce active dry yeast
1 tablespoon sugar
3-4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
½ cup aged balsamic vinegar
½ cup (4 ounces) softened goat cheese
4 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered
½ cup (2 ounces) crumbled goat cheese
Coarsely ground black pepper
Baby arugula and frisée



To make pizza dough, in a mixer bowl, sprinkle yeast and sugar over 1 cup warm water; let stand until foamy. Add 3 cups of the flour, the salt and olive oil; mix with dough hook until stretchy and no longer sticky, adding more flour if necessary. Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Refrigerate, covered, until needed.

To make white balsamic vinaigrette, in a small nonreactive saucepan, simmer white balsamic vinegar until reduced to 1 ½ tablespoons. Whisk in extra virgin olive oil.

To make aged balsamic reduction, in a small nonreactive saucepan, simmer aged balsamic vinegar until reduced to about 4 teaspoons.

Heat oven to 400°F. On lightly floured surface, roll each piece of pizza dough into an 8-inch circle. Place on a baking sheet; bake in 400°F oven 10 minutes or until firm and slightly brown. Spread pizzas with softened goat cheese, leaving a ½-inch border. Toss strawberries with white balsamic vinaigrette; arrange strawberries evenly on goat cheese. Bake 10 minutes more. Remove from oven; scatter crumbled goat cheese on top. Drizzle with aged balsamic reduction; sprinkle with black pepper. Garnish pizzas with a few leaves of arugula and frisée.

Good-for-you grilling ideas

As you stoke the flames of your grill this season, choose a versatile canvas that allows you to build on flavors and textures, lending itself to a wide range of cuisine and preparation methods. Tofu is a perfect grilling companion — a complete protein that's low in fat, cholesterol-free and tasty, too.

From teriyaki to Buffalo to vinegar-based barbecue sauces, tofu perfectly absorbs your favorite bold flavors from the grill. This easy-to-prepare meat alternative also boasts many heart-healthy benefits.

"The nice thing is that the soybean, by its nature, is a complete food," said Peter Golbitz, director of international business development at SunOpta, who touts the better-for-you benefits of soyfoods. "It's a complete protein, it's very high in protein, it contains valuable oils, essential fatty acids, fiber — even the

sugars in it are considered to be probiotics, in terms of they are good for the gut."

Finding from the 2013 Consumer Attitudes About Nutrition study also reveal that interest in soy foods is on the rise. "The study has found that 50 percent of consumers are very interested in their diet and are attempting to lose weight or maintain their weight," said Steve Poole, director of Soybean Oil and Protein Programs for United Soybean Board. "They want to know that soy is good for them, particularly the saturated fat content, and it is. And they also see some heart health benefits associated with soy and protein."

Tips for grilling tofu

Even seasoned masters of the flame can use some tips for properly preparing tofu. Use these tricks to make your grilling experience a success:

» Weigh it down

Use firm or extra-firm tofu and always press it well before grilling to get extra moisture out. Simply place it between several layers of paper towels, place a plate on top and then weigh down the plate.

» Clean and coat

To keep tofu from sticking to the grates of your grill, make sure the grates are clean and coat them with cooking spray or oil.

» Enjoy a skewer

Place tofu on skewers to keep it from sticking to the grill and to make it easier to handle when turning and serving. Tofu kabobs are fun and easy to prepare. Just marinate chunks of tofu with your favorite flavorings and grill with vegetables or fruit, such as pineapple.

For more flavorful techniques and recipe ideas, visit www.soyfoods.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

PARTY-PERFECT TOFU SKEWERS WITH SOYNUIT SATAY DIPPING SAUCE

Yield: 14 servings

Sauce:
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, chopped
½ cup soy nut butter
¼ cup fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon soybean oil
¼ cup rice vinegar
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
¼ cup fresh green onion, chopped
1 ½ teaspoons fresh ginger, grated
Skewers:
1 package (20 ounces) extra firm tofu, drained and cut into 42, 1-inch cubes
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon soybean oil
1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce
14 bamboo skewers
Additional soy sauce and oil for brushing



To prepare sauce, pulse all ingredients in food processor until smooth. Place in small bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

To prepare skewers, marinate tofu cubes with lime juice, oil and soy sauce in large bowl; gently stir to coat. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or overnight; stir occasionally.

Assemble three tofu cubes on each skewer. Brush grill with oil. Preheat grill to medium. Grill over medium heat 3 minutes, turning frequently and brushing with soy sauce and oil until golden brown. Serve with prepared sauce.