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Harmala restructures W-W executive staff

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

In her first major move as superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Michele Harmala has restructured her executive staff to include a deputy superinten-dent and two assistant superintendents.

The reorganization, approved by the school board Monday evening, will divide the duties of the former deputy superintendent for instruction between Kelly Bohl, who becomes the assistant superin-



will oversee educational Harmala services.

Jim Larson-Shidler will remain the deputy superintendent for business and administrative services.

nel appointments were created to ensure our primary focus is on students, teaching and the instructional core," Harmala



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'The structure and person-

said. "It ensures that we maintain the instructional focus that has been implemented over the last two years. The district has a slogan of great futures start right here and we want to start putting meat on the bones of that slogan. We

want great futures starting here for students and staff." Albrecht and Kelly will

replace Paul Salah who left his position of deputy superintendent to join the staff of Wayne County RESA. While their titles will be assistant superintendent, they will be co-equals with Larson-Shidler, who will

continue to manage the business and finance, transportation, food services and maintenance and operations.

Focus on students

The reorganization removes the non-instructional items that had been part of the depu-ty superintendent position. Bohl, who had been the senior executive director of human resources, will now be responsible for human resources, communications, the Dyer Senior Center and the Family **Resource Center.**

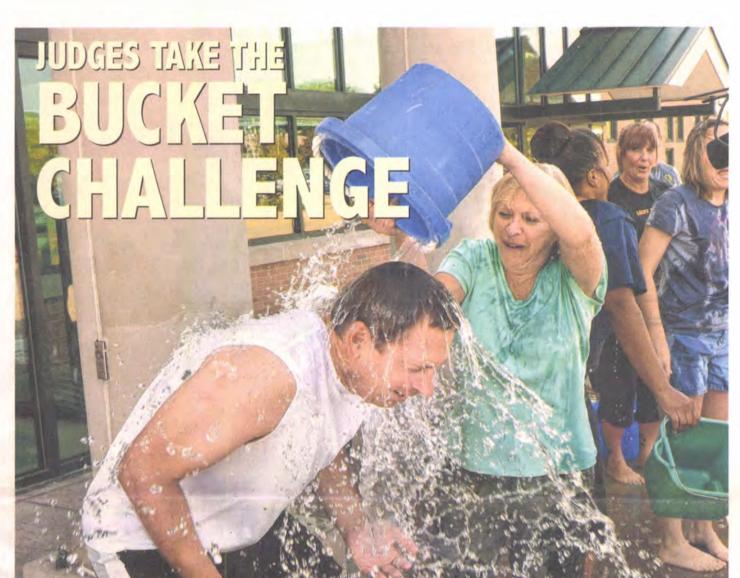
Albrecht had been the exec-

utive director of student and legal affairs. As an assistant superintendent, he will handle that department as well as curriculum development, federal and state programs, school improvement and innovation, professional development, assessment and data analysis, special education and technol-

"This will allow us to narrow the focus so his work truly affects students," Harmala said

The changes will be cost-

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Council will select new mayor, council member

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

As the winner of the August Democratic primary and having no Republican opposition in November, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous will be moving to the Wayne County Commission at the end of the year.

That leaves the mayor's seat vacant for the one year remaining on Haidous' current two-year term Based on an opinion from



Haidous **City Attorney** Paul Bohn, the council will appoint one of its members to serve as mayor until the posi-



Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli douses Judge Mark McConnell in the ice bucket challenge.

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By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Lots of people have taken the ALS ice bucket challenge fundraiser - pouring a bucket of ice water on their heads or having someone else do it.

Staff members at Westland's 18th

District Court, including judges Sandra Cicirelli and Mark McConnell, took it to a new level Monday with a bucket brigade.

The judges and seven staff members two violations clerks and the rest from the probation department — lined up in front of the courthouse with buck-

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ets of icy water. Each poured a bucket on the person next in line.

McConnell, the last in line, had to bend over for Cicirelli to empty the bucket on his head. Buckets ranged from a beach sand pail to a five-gallon

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tion is filled in the November 2015 general election.

Council would also need to appoint someone to fill the vacant council position created by the mayoral appointment. The new council member would also be appointed to serve until the November 2015 general election.

After a question was asked at a recent council meeting, resident Ron Roberts argued that as Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman James Hawley should replace Haidous as mayor.

"It feels like you are going against the charter," Roberts said. "The mayor pro tem was elected by the council to fill in for the mayor, if he can't per-

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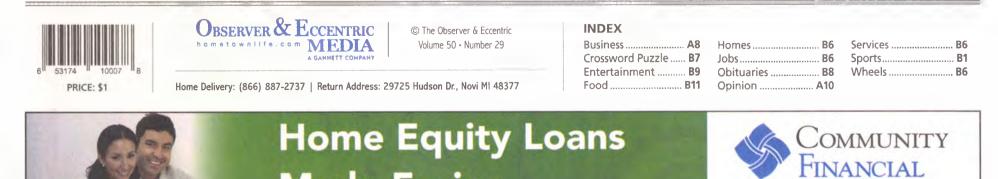
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neutral and will save the district an estimated \$70,000. The savings is based on the middle of the pay scale for the student and legal affairs position. The actual savings will depend on the salary for the new hire, Harmala said.

"By moving our non-instructional oversight to the assistant superintendent for human resources and support services, we will be able to increase our direct support to schools, principals and teachers," she said.

Input from staff

Harmala made her decision after talking with teachers, staff and administrators to find out "what is going well, what are the challenges and who is ready to be an educational leader." Through her meetings, she found out the services the staff wanted to see continue and the value they see in them. She added that the

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Bohn said the intent of

the charter drafters to

fill council vacancies

through a council vote

would apply to mayor

form his duties."

restructuring will allow for the creation of a talent development system to allow the staff to "grow into positions of leadership within the district and to receive ongoing professional development and support for their current roles."

"We need to grow our staff who wants the experience things like serving in central office and administration," she added.

Harmala's proposal was approved unanimously by the board.

"I appreciate the way you kept us informed about your reorganization," Trustee Charles Griffin said. "I think it's insightful and on the right track. I think we're going to see our student scores improve. It won't happen overnight, but I'm encouraged about our students' future." "I think it will be

great for the district," added board Treasurer Frederick Weaver.

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also. "Under the Netter Amendment, we decided we want to choose the mayor. We let you choose the mayor pro tem," Roberts said. "You're trying to play games with us. I want to see the language to support this position and a definition of mayor pro tem."

In response, Hawley said the attorney's opinion should be made available to the public.

Under the city charter, the mayor and council members have terms expiring the Monday following the November general election. That would be when terms start for newly elected city officials.

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Ghedotte leaves Wayne for position in Illinois

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Wayne has lost another department head. Finance Director James Ghedotte has resigned to accept a position as finance director for the City of Joliet, Illinois. With 150,000 residents and covering 62 square miles, it's a move to a significantly larger organization.

"They have housing from Section 8 (subsidized) to million dollar homes," Ghedotte said. "It's exciting. It was a big decision. I wanted to do it. I have never lived out of state. It will be the pinnacle of my career." An Oak Park resident, Ghedotte actually has had two stints working for Wayne. He was the city's comptroller for nine years before becoming Oak Park's finance director.

After serving 18 years in Oak Park, Ghedotte retired and returned to Wayne as finance director in 2012.

Earlier this summer, Nathan Adams resigned as Parks and Recreation director. Ramzi El-Gharib retired as Department of Public Works director and now oversees both the Wayne DPW and the Westland Department of Public Services as a contract employee.

The new position in Joliet will be more directing a large staff than the hands-on position in Wayne, Ghedotte said. Another change will be a municipal revenue system not dependent on property taxes like Michigan, he added.

"The system for municipal financing in Michigan is broken," Ghedotte said. "The (Wayne) council made solid decisions at the time. The deflation of property values hurt us. No one Lansing is willing to tackle it."

Council members thanked Ghedotte for his service after voting to accept his resignation. "I want to congratulate Jim on his new job and with regret accept his resignation," Councilman Albert Damitio said. "He has done quite a bit for the city since he came back and he was with the city before."

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem James Hawley joked that talking before the meeting Ghedotte had promised to balance the budget before he left.

Ghedotte's resignation was effective Aug. 22. He starts his new position Aug. 25.

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Westland council OKs tax abatement for strip center

By Sue Mason

Staff Writer

Improvements will soon be made to the strip center that included a restaurant where a fire killed a Wayne-Westland firefighter in 2013.

The Westland Council has approved a 12-year property tax break for the Hunter Retail Center based on an expected \$2 million investment.

Approved as part of a Commercial Redevelopment District, the project would have its property taxes frozen at the current level — prior to renovations — for 12 years.

Located on the northwest corner of Hunter and Wayne Road, the plaza included the Electric Stick/Marvaso's Italian Grille that was destroyed by fire in May 2008. The fire has been determined to be an arson and the death of Firefighter Brian Woehlke a homicide. The investigation remains open.

Eugene Abdal, part of Hunter Retail Center LLC, said the company purchased the strip center in December. He said they were aware that the property had not been properly maintained and there was great deal of deferred maintenance that needed to be done.

After about \$18,000 had been invested toward roof repairs, Abdal said the May 8 fire destroyed Marvaso's and damaged other units. "We looked at plans for redevelopment. After the fire, we threw out

our plans," Abdal said. Due to the fire, Abdal said the company lost income due to tenants that left and rent reductions aimed at keeping other tenants. Currently, nine of 17 units are rented. It was only in late June that the Michigan State Police, which took over the investigation last year, released the

site of the fire, he said. Plans to renovate the exterior of the property will cost just over \$2 million, Abdal said, a figure that doesn't include planned interior improvements.

"We want to make it an attractive property for the city and a viable business for us," Abdal said.

The CRD allows for

who added that the water was colder than he expected.

After the dousing, the judges issued their own challenges — to the Westland Police Department, Wayne 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack the property tax freeze for redevelopment or a 50-percent tax abatement for development of vacant property. The council has a policy of using the amount of investment and projected number of jobs in determining the length of abatements.

Along with the \$2 million investment, Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said the project is expected to generate 30-40 construction jobs and 25-30 permanent jobs.

"That's probably low. It will probably be 60-70 jobs, if the center is filled," Fodale said.

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and her staff and Plymouth 35th District Court judges James Plakas, Michael Gerou and Ronald Lowe.

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plastic pickle container. "We organized it on Friday. Everyone donated even without doing them doing the ice bucket challenge," said Mikale Guel, who works in the probation department and organized the challenge.

The judges and court staff had received numerous ALS ice bucket challenges, said McConnell,





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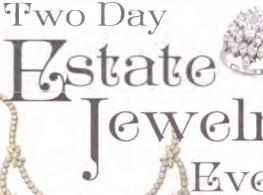


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Pick up the latest in back-to-school items

The rush is on to get kids ready for back to school.

using them.

"We typically see the biggest surge in back-toschool shopping the weekend before school begins, but we've already seen one of our best seasonal starts as customers are clearly looking for value early in the season," said Peter Whitsett, executive vice president of merchandis-

ing and marketing for Meijer. And back-to-school

shopping is big business. Meijer predicts that it will sell more than 14 million pencils and 3.5 million notebooks this back-to-school season.

Here are some of the items Meijer expects to be popular with schoolkids

» Products like backpacks, lunch kits and

assorted school supplies, with top choices including Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Despicable Me, Pokemon, Spider-Man and Hello Kitty. For the older student, geometric patterns and neon will be a hit, along

ers to personalize their lockers. » Stylish and comfortable apparel such as

with decor like chande-

liers and magnetic flow-

bohemian-inspired looks like peasant tops with lace, fringe handbags and floppy hats, along will be popular for both

flatbreads for sandwiches and introducing more southwest flavors. New food containers and reusable snack bags will be popular for managing portions and keeping lunch interesting.

Target predicts these items will be popular with kids:

» Kid Made Modern applies designer Todd Oldham's style to kids' art supplies, making the craft fun and approachable

» Licensed items like backpacks and lunch boxes, from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to Hello Kitty and Superman

» Clothing such as graphic T-shirts, denims and colorful hoodies. » S Sport Designed by Skechers athletic shoes.

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Strasser named Wayne's Police Officer of the Year

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Stephanie Strasser has been named Wayne's 2014 Police Officer of the Year.

"It's a really special night for me as chief and an officer to recognize her for her work, especially in the Detective Bureau," Wayne Police Chief Jason Wright said.

A Wayne police officer for 17 years, Strasser was assigned as a detective in 2013.

"I worked a lot of calls with Stephanie over the years. She significantly decreased our open caseload in the Detective Bureau," Wright said.

In particular, Wright noted the Strasser had worked tirelessly investigating a 2013 robbery at Leo's Jewelry,



A Wayne police officer for 17 years, Stephanie Strasser has been honored as the Police Officer of the Year.

eventually identifying four suspects.

"She truly deserves being called Wayne's finest," Wright said. "This really highlights how a great a job Stephanie did in 2013 and for many years. She's a consummate professional."

Strasser was selected as Police Officer of the Year by the department citation board.

"I don't interfere with it. The officers nominate. I think it means more when you are nominated by your peers," Wright said.

Strasser received plaques from the department and at a recent Wayne City Council meeting. She was joined by family members, including her husband Christopher, a Dearborn police officer, and their four children.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

A resident in the 34000

stolen a blue golf bag contain-

clubs and a box of Titleist golf

balls, valued at \$500, from his

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Aug. 19, he said there was a

neighborhood, which caused

outside. It was then that he

him to check on the items left

discovered the items missing.

The bottom section of a

glass front door was reported

smashed with a rock at Food

Wayne Road, Aug. 19. An offi-

cer responded to an alarm call

at the store. That area of the

city had lost power earlier in

The owner told police he

the evening due to a storm.

Basket Party Store, 5703

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Vandalism

Break in

A pair of diamond earrings, a gold necklace with a threediamond charm and a gold necklace with a pink stone charm, valued at \$650, were reported stolen Aug. 24 from a home in the 36000 block of Thinbark.

The homeowner said she and her husband had been on vacation for a week and returned Aug. 23. Nothing seemed out of place, but the following day, she said a neighbor told her the screen from a window was laying on the grass.

After putting the screen back, the homeowner said she went inside and began looking around. She reported the jewelry missing from her dresser drawer and discovered a desk in the bedroom had been damaged.

While the couple was away, the woman said her daughter's friend had cared for their cat but she didn't think the friend was responsible for the thefts. had left the store about an hour earlier due to the power being out. No entry was made to the store since the glass had a laminate, which kept it intact.

Vandalism

On Aug. 25, a Westland woman told police she was driving west on Van Born near Howe when three males on the side of the road threw a rock striking her vehicle. The 2014 Chrysler Town and Country received a small dent in the passenger door. She said the suspects ran south into Romulus.

Larceny

A resident in the 4100 block of Filbert told police that someone had broken a window and entered his garage Aug. 19. He said his grandson's Mongoose Freestyle bicycle was missing. He said the bike was last seen the previous day.

By LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

A Westland man told police that someone had stolen his bicycle Aug. 22 after he left it parked and locked to a sign while he was inside McDonald's restaurant at 33921 Ford. The lock was broken and also taken. He was able to provide police with the bicycle serial number.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Warren woman told police that someone had stolen her Toshiba laptop computer, valued at \$600, from her vehicle overnight while it was parked at the Willow Creek Apartments, 1637 Fairwood. The officer noted no sign of forced entry.

Larceny

On Aug. 22, a resident in the 32000 block of Cheboygan told police that her daughter went to play with friends but left her backpack, containing her Nextbook tablet, on the front porch. A short time later, the resident said they returned home and the backpack was missing.

The backpack was located in a vacant field at the corner of Grand Traverse and Cheboyan Court but the tablet was gone.

Larceny from a vehicle

A York, S.C., resident told police Aug. 22 that someone had stolen assorted CDs and eight or more prescription medications from his vehicle while it was parked overnight in the 32000 block of Parkwood. The officer noted there was no sign of forced entry.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Aug. 24, a Belleville resident told police that someone had stolen a laptop computer, two duffle bags and tennis rackets, valued at \$1,100 from his vehicle while it was parked in the 30000 block of Birchwood. He said he had left the windows rolled down.

Larceny from a vehicle

Two Illinois women told police items were stolen from their vehicle while it was parked in the 30000 block of Malvern for about 20 minutes Aug. 22. The car doors had been locked but the windows had been left rolled down.

One woman reported her purse, containing credit cards, missing. The other woman said her wallet was stolen, containing \$460 cash and credit cards.

Break in

A weed trimmer, a lawn mower, a snow blower and a men's mountain bicycle, valued at \$1,400, were reported stolen from his garage in the 30000 block of Hanover on Aug. 24. He said he had been away since Aug. 21 and had left the side door to the garage open. The items were missing when he returned.

Found bike

A resident in the 6700 block of Geronimo Trail told police Aug. 24 that someone had thrown a bicycle over the wall from the MJR Theater into his yard. Police said no one reported their black 15-speed mountain bike stolen from the theater.

Larceny

On Aug. 24, a resident at the Orchards of Newburgh Apartments, 37098 Orchard Circle, told police someone had stolen his bicycle after drove to his girlfriend's home leaving the bike in his parking space. He said the bike, valued at \$200, had been secured with a lock and chain, which were also missing.

Larceny from a vehicle

A Livonia man told police Aug. 24 that while his 2004 Pontiac Aztek was parked at Bed, Bath and Beyond, 35120 Central City Parkway, someone stole the catalytic converter. He said his wife was working while the vehicle was parked and noticed the loud exhaust as she drove away.

she drove away. » On Aug. 25, a Roscoe, Ill., resident told police someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2002 Pontiac Sunfire while it was parked at the Hines Park Apartments, 31600 Cowan.

By LeAnne Rogers



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Classics, hot rods take over Hines Drive

Ask people what they don't want to see at a car cruise and they say mini vans. But that doesn't put off Gary and Joyce Swain.

The Westland couple sat under an awning along Hines Drive on Sunday with their 1992 Chevy Lumina minivan, which they've named Westland's Largest Hot Wheels. And the blue and gray minivan does look like an oversized kid's toy with flames covering the front end.

"I was at Toys R Us and heard a kid tell his parents that it looked like a big Hot Wheels — that's where I got the idea," Gary Swain said.

The Swains were among thousands of cruisers and spectators who converged on Hines Drive on Sunday for the fourth annual Cruisin' Hines. Spectators and cars lined the roadway from Outer Drive in Dearborn to Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to see and be seen in a cruise that has become a popular event for car buffs.

"We love the Hines cruise," said Ron Wahl of Grosse Ile who was there with his wife Sheila and Larry and Mary Ligenza of Farmington Hills. "You can actually cruise and not get jammed up in traffic.'

"This year we came in off of Ford Road. I don't know who thought of that, but it was great,' Merriman Road to get in last year." Ligenza said. "I waited on

The two couples staked out a spot near Nankin Mills to show offer their vehicles -Wahls' 1964 Ford Fairlane 500 and Ligenza's 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1and watch the car show.

"We do as many cruises as we can," Ligenza said. "We did the Woodward Dream Cruise and a Mustang cruise last weekend and the weekend after Labor Day we'll do the Frankenmuth cruise.'

Grandfather's car

Wahl was a senior in high school when his grandfather bought the Fairlane. When he passed away in 1968, his grandmother drove it for a few



SUE MASON Matt and Julie Barns of Westland and their children Brandon (right), Shawn and Zachary used their bicycles to get to the cruise.



The Klassic Kruisers showed off a few of the Ford pickup trucks along Hines Drive.



Klassic Cruisers Buck and Sue Sobolewski of Livonia (from left), Randy Bastion of Canton. Bob Mroz of Livonia, Mark Laskosky of South Lyon and Gary Michalak and his son Kevin of South Lyon were among people at Cruisin' Hines Sunday.



Gary and Joyce Swain of Westland brought their Hot Wheels Lumina minivan to the Hines Drive cruise.

cruise back and forth," Laskosky said.

Taking a walk

Gene and Fran Lucier of Westland had parked their 1985 Corvette and were walking along the parkway to see the other cars

"We enjoy seeing the old cars here," Fran Lucier said. "This is the only place you see the nice cars. At the other cruises you have to wait seveneight cars before you see a nice one.'

In 1985, the Luciers couldn't afford a Corvette — they were busy raising five children but eight years ago, Lucier brought the Cor-

who owned the Corvette," Fran Lucier said. "Our other son said dad and he replied, 'No, I'm serious. Whose is it?'

The cruise weekend started Saturday at Crosswinds Church in Wayne, which hosted the pre-cruise kick-off party as part of its Family Day. More than 500 cars showed up for the event.

"We went to look at the cars," Gene Lucier said. "It was really good."

Matt and Julie Burns and their three children used their bikes to get around the park to see the cars. Son Brandon rode his own bike, while sons Shawn, 6, and Zachary, 3, rode in a pullblood," added his wife. When he smells that smell, he has to come. He and his dad go to cruises and car shows.'

Matt Burns had a 1973 Camaro, but sold it years ago

"I was young and didn't realize its value," he said. "It's like everyone says, I wish I hadn't."

Spectators and cruisers alike picked took photos of the cars and the crowd. And some even had video cameras set up along the road to record the event.

"This is going to be the best cruise ever," Gary Swain said. "It's slow enough you can see the cars and cut across the

SUE MASON

Classics mixed with hot rods and even a few minivans at the fourth annual Hines Drive cruise Sunday.

don't think he ever washed it. He bought it right out of the showroom and drove it. He was in a carpool and a guy bought it for his son who had it one month and got in trouble, so he sold it. We got it in 1992.'

Further down the road, the Klassic Haulers were watching the show

years then parked it in a garage in Texas. In 1974, she came to visit at Christmas and gave him the title as a present.

"He bought a car with a small block V8 engine and a stick shift," Wahl said. "My wife and I dated in that car."

"He likes to say 'same car, same gal,' " said his wife.

Ligenza's care wasn't quite as clean.

"It was a mess," he said. "The original owner drove it for 20 years and I

with their pickup trucks lined up beside them. The club draws in members from throughout southeast Michigan and uses Rotary Park in Livonia as

lak and his son Kevin of South Lyon. They started at Ford Road in the morning and decided to park for awhile near Nankin Mills.

its meeting spot.

We're about Ford

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trucks," said Mark Las-

Joining hum were Buck and Sue Sobolewski

of Canton, Bob Mroz of

Livonia and Gary Micha-

of Livonia, Randy Bastion

kosky of South Lyon.

"After lunch, we'll go

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of July 2014, are posted at the following public places within the Township:

> Community Center, 12121 Hemingway Fire Department, 15145 Beech Daly Library, 25320 Six Mile Road Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly Police Department, 25833 Elsinore Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved minutes may also be viewed on-line at www.redfordtwp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk Charter Township of Redford

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 24 8/18/14

 Presiding: President Godbout Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves 171: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 8/4//14. Appr. WWFA Charity Boot Drive 9/25-27 Wayne & Ford Rds. Appr. St. John's Episcopal Church 1-day beer tent for Fall Fere Appr. LHS Homecoming Parade 9/26/14. Appr. Liberator Pk Movie Night 8/23/14. Appr. purchase of 6 in-car video cameras & DVR units for PE Appr. renewal of COMCAST Uniform Video Service Local Fra Adopt Ord. 9-W-9 to amend the City Code concerning the coll recyclables, & yard waste. 172: Closed public hearing on Hunter Retail Center LLC CRD 173: Adopted Prepared Resolution granting Hunter Retail Cert 174: Appt. R. El-Gharib as City's Street Administrator for MD 176: Designated J. Godbout as Council Del. MML Conf. 10/15-178: Designated A. Hammons as Council Alt. Del. MML Conf. 179: Appr. checklist: \$9,713,681.75 Mtg. adj. at 8:05 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office. 	e: amt. not to exceed \$17,393.72. \$7,618. anchise Agreement. lection of solid waste, P application. hter LLC CDRP application. OT. 17.
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#HappyFeet: Have you walked barefoot in grass today?

By Courtney Conover Correspondent

admit it. I will never be a contender for the gold medal in the Crunchy Olympics, but I think I'm good for an honorable mention. I cloth diapered my first child; I had more slings and baby

carriers than I had bras at one point; I drink almond milk; and I



truly be- Conover lieve that there are few problems

that yoga can't solve. I'm going to cut to the

chase now and tell you now that the following definitely falls within similar guidelines.

It's called grounding, my friends, and I truly put stock into it.

Several years ago about four to be exact — while I was studying to earn my yoga teaching certification, I read somewhere (*Yoga Journal*, I think) that there are health benefits to be had by spending time everyday walking on grass with one's bare feet.

This act, which, again, is called grounding, has been said to actually help decrease anxiety and depression while simultaneously increasing the levels of endorphins the chemical released by the brain that works as our own private narcotic. Endorphins are responsible for our feelings of excitement or satisfaction and can be triggered by all sorts of things, including sex, exercise and even hot peppers.

Yes, hot peppers. That one leaves me scratching my head.

Understanding grounding

But back to bare feet



Walking barefeet in the grass is a healthy form of grounding, according to the website MindBodyGreen.com.

and grass.

The most eloquent and easily understood description of grounding I was able to find comes from the website, Mind-BodyGreen.com:

"Our bodies are made up of about 60 percent water, which is great for conducting electricity. The earth has a negative ionic charge. Going barefoot grounds our bodies to that charge. Negative ions have been proven to detoxify, calm, reduce inflammation, synchronize your internal clocks, hormonal cycles and physiological rhythms."

Six months after learning about grounding, I became pregnant with my son Scotty. And without regaling you on the long, sordid details, I was put on modified bed rest during my second trimester after a fibroid tumor in the muscle lining of my uterus grew to the size of Texas — a whopping 17 centimeters, it was way bigger than a large grapefruit. My lowest point was when the fibroid began to battle Scotty for blood supply and lost — a process that's called degeneration.

Worth the effort

The important thing is that while my OB was unsure of my ability to carry Scotty to full-term (I did) or deliver him vaginally (again, I did), I was thankfully never at risk of losing him. That said, the physical pain I endured from this experience made my labor and delivery feel like a paper cut. And what felt arguably as bad was my inability to practice yoga during my bed-rest. I went from doing sun salutations and headstands everyday to, at times, not being able to walk to the kitchen without help.

Grounding became my yoga. Sometimes I wondered if it was worth the effort, but I made a point to walk on our lawn every chance I could until the day I delivered my son. I'm no doctor, of course. I can't tangibly measure what benefits — if any — I gained from grounding. But I believe it did something for me.

So I make an effort to practice grounding to this day.

And so I ask you: Have you walked on grass today?

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two little ones and the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover. She has more LEGOs and NFL memorabilia than she needs. She blogs at thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and overshares at facebook.com/the browngirlwithlonghair.

Meet Wayne library's new co-director

note from the new Wayne Public Library co-director, Steve McGladdery:

Hello all! Let me begin by saying it's a genuine pleasure to be serving as your library co-director. I have only been working for the city of Wayne for a short time, and I am already incredibly fond of this community. This community has been incredibly warm, welcoming, and has displayed a very encouraging level of interest and involvement in their library

In case you wanted to know a bit about my background, I received my master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University in Detroit. While going to school and after graduating I worked in an academic setting, acting as a librarian for ITT Technical Institute. After that I was a substitute librarian for Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham and a reference librarian for Wixom Public Library.

I've been working



many people in and around Wayne get involved and engaged with not just the amazing programs, but also the reading.

I would like to convey my personal thanks to the many generous donors who helped make these events possible. As the community and its library continue to recover, it's these donors who enable us to provide you all with better services and better collections. I would like to thank the Ford Fund in particular. Their generous donation of \$20,000 will go a long way toward improving the library's collection.

However, it's not just the big donors. Every charitable contribution that comes to us is a blessing, and is always welcome. Even if it's just buying a book from the Friends of the Library book carts out front, or from their book sales. And speaking of book sales, the Friends of the Library will be hosting one soon. It will be taking place Oct. 1-4, and I hope to see you there.

performances this summer were on Tuesday mornings; they were very fun and well-attended. Several of our performers commented on how well behaved our children were (parents, you should be proud) and a few said ours was their biggest show of the year.

Our shows were Grandma Science, Miner Sam, Mad Science Detroit "Sound of Science," Boom of the Dinosaur (University of Michigan Natural History Museum), Spirit of Alexandria Nature Bus (with Howell Nature Center), and Boom Boom Wow presented by the Michigan Science Center.

We received a grant from the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation to bring the Nature Bus to our library. Michigan Science Center was also made possible from a grant. The other performers were made possible by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Storytime has been very lively. We have made lots of crafts, sung songs and read 19 books Bionic Zebra from Wayne Memorial High School, sponsored by the Wayne Civitans Club. This was a fabulous hands-on experience for teens that have never used power tools before. They learned quite a bit.

On the last day, their project was finished (a catapult); however, during the launching of the catapult the arm snapped in two. No one seemed terribly disappointed, they were able to see it launch a few times, had snacks, played games, won prizes and learned the valuable lesson that sometimes things don't work out as you planned.

The teen party took place on Aug. 1. Psychic/ Medium Kristy Robinett entertained the teens with stories from her personal experiences and let them try her ghost hunting equipment. It was a delightful afternoon of stories, pizza, ice cream and, of course, prizes. The teen grand prizes were given away, along with the art contest prizes. The art contest received 17 submissions this year of varying

them! Special thanks to Friends of the Wayne Public Library, Wayne Civitans Club, Captain Nemo's Sub Shop (Wayne Road location), Warrior 3 Comics and Games, Walgreens (Michigan Avenue), Target (Westland), Walmart (Livonia), Jungle Java, Northside Hardware, Zap Zone (Canton), Taco Bell, Skatin' Station (Canton), Dairy Queen (Wayne Road), Canton Cinema and Henry Ford Museum. Without their help we could not offer the summer reading program.

Ford donation

The Wayne Public Library would like to publicly thank the Ford Motor Company for their generous donation to the library. With proceeds from The Ford Motor Company Fund, we were able to replace many of our aging public Internet computers with new Dell desktops, as well as upgrade them to a newer version of Microsoft Office.

In addition, the donation assisted us in updating our staff computers as well. Thank you Ford Motor for supporting the Wayne Public Library. Registration is required. For the fall storytime (sessions 1 and 2) we are lucky to have a grand prize Arthur basket to give away. Every time a child attends a storytime they will receive an entry to win the basket. The drawing will take place on Nov. 18 at the end of storytime.

Session 1: 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7; Session 2: 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct, 28 (Halloween costumes encouraged), Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

Manga Drawing Class with Amy de la Merced, 6 p.m. Sept. 24 – Local artist Amy de la Merced will be leading a manga/ comic drawing class for all teens and tweens (grades 7-12). No matter what your artistic skill level is, you are welcome to attend. This will be a fun evening of drawing and learning new techniques. There will be prizes and snacks! Signup begins Sept. 10 at the youth reference desk.

Friends of the Wayne Public Library Used Book Sale, noon-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 2-4 — Attention bargain hunters: don't miss our annual used book sale.

service-based jobs pretty much as long as I've been old enough to be employed. I love working with people. So please, if you have any questions or concerns for me, I am always happy to hear them.

As for the library, these are definitely exciting times. The mini golf outing on Aug. 16 was a smashing success, and everyone had a wonderful time. The summer reading clubs were also spectacular. It's so heartening to see just how

Summer Reading wrap-up

Our summer reading program wrapped up on July 31. This year's theme was Fizz Boom Read! and focused on science. Registration for the children's program was 193 with 51 who finished the program (reading for 25 hours). Our this summer. The summer reading prizes have all been awarded. Children earned small prizes for reading and a grand prize entry for completing the program.

The teen program was quite successful this summer — 67 teens read over 175 books. For each book they read they receive an entry into the grand prize drawing. The more they read the more chances they have. The teens participated in several robotics workshops put on by Team forms. We have some very talented artists at our library.

We had 15 Library Hero volunteers this year, providing over 60 hours of community service during the summer. They did a wide variety of tasks, including shelf reading, assisting with programs, storytime craft set-up, cleaning, and much more.

I would like to thank all our summer reading supporters, the children that participated and the parents that encouraged

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Storytime, approximately 30 minutes long — Join us for stories, rhymes, movement and crafts intended to engage children and caregivers of all ages. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Sign up begins two weeks prior to event. Wayne Information Central was compiled by Kelly Soerens, Children's Librarian, Steve McGladdery, Co-Director, and John MacDonald, Library Technical Assistant. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

Running is beneficial and inexpensive

There are many reasons people have for not running: it's hard on your knees (a myth, unless of course you have bad knees); it's too hard to breathe; it's boring. But there are many reasons to give running a try: potential weight loss, stress relief, stronger bones, a sense of accomplishment, and an excuse to buy new shoes, to name a few.

Running is also a relatively inexpensive sport. The most expensive piece of equipment is the shoes, which cost an average of \$66.85 in 2013. You can run alone or with friends, indoors or out. Running outside offers a new perspective on places you normally drive by. Fall is a great season for running. Not only does the cooler air make running more comfortable, but you can enjoy the sight of the leaves changing color and the crunch of them under your feet.

Interested in learning more? Check out Three Months to Your First 5K by Dave Kuehls, Runner's World Complete Book of Running: Everything You



Need to Run for Weight Loss, Fitness and Competition edited by Amby Burfoot, or Running for Mortals: A Commonsense Plan for Changing Your Life Through Running by John Bingham and Jenny Hadfield. Runner's World magazine is available in hard copy at the library and digitally through Zinio.

Non-fiction about running outside the howto category includes Running With the Kenyans: Passion, Adventure, and the Secrets of the Fastest People on Earth by Adharanand Finn (on CD), Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Super Athletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen by Christopher McDougall, and What I Talk About When I Talk About Running by Haruki Murakami.

Novels about running include Running in the Rift by Naomi Benaron and Once a Runner by John L. Parker Jr.

If you're in the mood for a movie, watch *Chari*ots of Fire or Forrest *Gump*, available on DVD. *Gallipoli* is available digitally through Hoopla.

Whatever you're interested in, connect with the library for help through our website at www.westlandlibrary.org, by calling 734-326-6123, or stopping by the reference desk.

Highlighted Events

Fantasy Football Drafts-Library Style, 7 p.m. Aug. 28 — All participants who signed up by Aug. 26 are reminded to come to the library and pick your players.

Teen Chair Painting, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 4, Grades 7-12 — We are getting new chairs for the teen area. They are plain boring wood right now, so we need some artistic teens to use their painting skills to make them look cool. Paint a chair and your artwork will be on display in the library for years to come. We will be painting outside, weather permitting. Please wear old clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Friday Night Outdoor Movie, 7 p.m. Sept. 5, located in the Library Children's Garden Please join us for a family movie under the stars, courtesy of our Outside the Box grant. We will be showing Muppets Most Wanted about a frog, a lady pig, and their puppet friends on a madcap adventure. We're hosting a Muppet-drawing contest for kids as well. All participants will have their artwork shown at the event and will be entered into a drawing for Muppet movies, books, and music. All entries must be turned in by noon Friday, Sept. 5. More information about the contest can be found at the Youth Services desk in the library or by calling 734-326-6123.

We'll have snacks and water for the whole family, though families are welcome to bring their own. Seating will also be provided but will be limited. We will have a large piece of Astroturf for families to sit on; blankets are also encouraged. Come at 6:30 p.m. to get your seat, the movie will start at 7 p.m. Rhythm & Rock Time, 10 a.m. Sept. 6, 1-5 years, with caregiver — Sing, play and move along with your child your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Ongoing programming

Job Seekers Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-4 p.m. Friday — Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other jobrelated activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays — Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer Classes, including one-on-one classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

The library also conducts several Storytimes for children each week, including Toddler Tales, Sleepytime Storytime, BabyTime, Preschool Storytime and Family Fun Storytime. Call the Youth Desk at 734-326-6123, ext. 2831, for more information or check out the website at westlandlibrary.org/kids. No signup required.

The library will be closed Saturday and Monday, Aug. 30 and Sept. 1, in honor of Labor Day. We will resume our fall and winter hours Tuesday, Sept. 2. Times are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Information Central was compiled by Lynne Varcoe. 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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Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance continues 50-plus year tradition

Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance has been a fixture in the Livonia area for more than 50 years. As the third owner of the dance school that began as the Dick Reppa Dance Studio in the 1950s, and then Bunny Sanford's School of Dance for 37 years, Angie Hahn, a former student of Bunny Sanford, has dedicated herself to maintaining the tradition of instilling a love for the art of dance in hundreds of students.

Originally located at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Newburgh roads until its relocation in 1994 to the current site at 9627 Newburgh (at Ann Arbor Trail), Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance offers a thorough, technique-centered dance education in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, contemporary and hip-hop. Most senior teachers have 15-30 years of teaching experience and/or degrees in dance, professional performance experience and additional dance education.

In addition to teaching the technique, musicality and vocabulary of dance, Hahn hopes to also instill a sense of confidence in each student.

"Dance classes not only provide a good physical outlet and have artistic merit, but they also encourage students to be selfmotivated and disciplined," Hahn said. "Many of our dancers are also honor-roll and advanced-level students academically.'



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANGLE HAHN

Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance offers a thorough, technique-centered dance education in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, contemporary and hip-hop. The pictured dancers, from left, are Haley Galindo, Emma Lambert, Jessica Liske and Laura Duszkiewicz.

Classes begin at the preschool level through advanced levels, and the staff of 15 teach classes

Mondays through Saturdays. Other special opportunities available to students at Angie Hahn's include performance experience through the studio's in-school dance company, the annual end-of-year performance, and the annual Nutcracker Ballet. The ballet is performed by the intermediate and advanced dancers of the school, and features some spectacular partnering, entertaining choreography, and beautiful costumes. Angie Hahn's is also honored to have a collaboration with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, and will be performing Nutcracker excerpts with them as well

Though many students at Angie Hahn's have furthered their dance education by either dancing or teaching at the university level or professionally, Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance is probably most proud of the fact that it has served multi-generations of families in the community, as former students continue to bring their children, and even grandchildren to study dance at the school.

"I think that is one of the main reasons we are such a strong member of the Livonia community," Hahn said.

For more information about Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance, contact the school at 734-464-7440 or visit angiehahnsacademy.com.

MTEC SmartZone, Michigan Tech partner to create local businesses

Michigan's EB-5 Regional Center, a tool Gov. Rick Snyder championed to attract foreign investors and create jobs in the state, was among key initiatives discussed during a recent public forum at MTEC SmartZone Lakeshore Center.

The federal EB-5 visa program is designed to provide green cards and a path to citizenship for immigrants who invest in an enterprise that creates at least 10 direct or indirect jobs in Michigan. Investments can range from \$500,000 to \$1 million, depending on whether the enterprise is located in a rural or high-unemployment target area.

Several local and regional entities expressed interest in collaborating with the state to attract and retain international students and entrepreneurs to create more jobs.

For more information about the EB-5 Re-

What a sale



Scott Lovejoy of Back to the Past Pop Culture Warehouse in Redford shows off a 1798 Bust Dollar - XF **Details (improperly** cleaned) and NGC slabbed, that was auctioned at their regular monthly coin auction for \$3,600, plus a 10-percent proxibid.com premium, on Aug. 23. BTTP holds monthly, gold and silver coin and currency auctions in Redford, and is getting a great reputation for the quality of coins and lots that it puts up for auction. This auction

featured 328 lots.

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New physicians

Garden City Hospital's medical staff is growing, with the addition of six new physicians. The hospital has more than 350 physicians in 47 specialties. The new medical

staff members are: » Dr. Aesha Ahmad, Emergency Medicine. Dr. Ahmad attended Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship and residency training at Garden City Hospital.

» Dr. Samer M. Elfallal, Neurosurgery. Dr. Elfallal completed his Neurological Surgery internship and residency at Garden City Hospital. He completed his Complex Spine fel-lowship at the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Elfallal believes that treating the patient with respect and having them participate in their own medical decision empowers both the patient and the doctor.

He has offices at 5452 Fort St., Suite 200, Trenton. For more information, call 734-642-2295

» Dr. Syed Jafri, Internal Medicine. Dr. Jafri attended medical school at Nova Southeastern University and completed his residency training at Garden City Hospital.

He has offices at 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. For more information, call 313-593-8659

» r. Kaitlin McDonald, Emergency Medicine. Dr. McDonald is one of Garden City Hospital's newest ER physicians. She attended Michigan State Uni-versity's College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency training at Garden City Hospital.

» Dr. William Nazzaro, Cardiology. Dr. Naz-zaro is board certified in Internal Medicine and specializes in Cardiology. He is the newest member of Midwest Cardiology, joining Dr. **Emmanuel Papasifakis** and Dr. Amine Zein. Dr. Nazzaro attended Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship at Garden City Hospital. He is located at 30626 Ford Road, Garden City. For more information, call 734-261-9211 » Dr. Harpreet Sagar, Rheumatology. Dr. Harpreet Sagar is board certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumotology. Her clinical interests include arthritis, autoimmune diseases, back and neck disorders, fibromyalgia, knee procedures, musculoskeletal infections and rheumatoid arthritis. Her office is at 4160 John R. St., Suite 917, Detroit. For more information, call 313-577-1133 For more information or to make an appointment with one of



Dr. Samer M. Dr. Syed Jafri ElFallal



Dr. William

Nazzaro

Dr. Aesha Ahmad

Dr. Harpreet Sagar

Dr. Kaitlin **McDonald**

Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral Line at 877-717-WELL or visit GCH.org.

Prescription app

Henry Ford Health System has launched a free app that makes it easier for patients to order and manage their medications.

The Henry Ford Rx app is available to patients who use Henry Ford's 28 retail pharmacies throughout metro Detroit. It allows patients to:

» Order prescription refills.

» Receive text message notifications when their medication is available for pickup.

» Enroll in refill and medication dosage reminders.

» Access an overview of their medication records.

» Locate a nearby Henry Ford pharmacy.

» Transfer prescription(s) between Henry Ford pharmacy locations.

» View monthly overthe-counter specials.

Henry Ford Rx is available for free download on iTunes and Google Play. Non-tech savvy patients also can manage their medications using a Mobile Web application at https://m.henryfordrxmobile.com/hfgetapp/ The user-friendly app was created by San Francisco-based mscripts, a leader in mobile pharmacy solutions. "By using this resource, our patients will gain a greater sense of control over their health and medication needs," said Daniel Kus, vice-president of Henry Ford's Ambulatory Pharmacy Services. "This new service demonstrates our continued commitment to coordinated patient care." "As its own health care ecosystem, Henry Ford is uniquely able to influence healthier outcomes for its patients through the use of technology," said Mark Cullen, CEO of mscripts.

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All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday,

Sept. 1. "Outfitting students with clothes and school supplies can be very costly - especially for families with multiple children," said Merle Miller, administrator of **The Salvation Army** Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "As young scholars prepare to hit the books, we're pleased to offer their families exceptional value while benefiting a great cause.'

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Redford, 313-255-0777. All thrift store merchandise is donated by community members. Help the ARC continue its work by dropping off gently used clothing, accessories, housewares, furniture and toys to the nearest Salvation Army

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'I'm dying,' jogger gasped after dogs attacked

By L.L. Brasier Gannett Michigan

The jogger mauled to death in July by two large dogs on a rural road in Metamora Township was bitten at least eight times and knew, as he lay bleeding in a ditch, that he was dying, even as frantic neighbors tried to save him.

Craig Sytsma, 46, of Livonia had run a little over a mile down Thomas Road the evening of July 23, jogging northbound at an easy pace, wearing his sunglasses and a black Harley-Davidson T-shirt, when the pair of hundred-pound Cane Corsos attacked him. The dogs pulled him down into a grassy ditch along the gravel road and bit him numerous times in both arms, his chest and back, his left buttock and thigh, as he struggled for his life.



Craig Sytsma

who tried to administer first aid, even using her belt on his left arm as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. As he began to fade, Sytsma said, "I'm bleeding out, I'm dying," and then the neighbor could feel no pulse.

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And even as she tried to revive him with CPR, the dogs came charging back out of the woods and she had to back away until the dogs retreated.

Sytsma's last moments, and the fear that had been building in the community for several months as the dogs ran loose, are documented in lengthy police reports



This Cane Corso and another one involved in the attack have

The records also present a disturbing picture of dog owners seemingly aware of their animals' aggression and violence - they were warned by the family vet that the dogs were dangerous and had been sued over one of the dog bites but took few steps to keep the dogs corralled. The dogs repeatedly dug out of their chain-link kennel and may have done so the day Sytsma died, according to the records.

The dogs' owners, Valbona Lucaj, 44, and Sebastiano Quagliata, 45, are charged with seconddegree murder and remain in the Lapeer County Jail, unable to post \$500,000 bonds. They will be in Lapeer District Court on Friday for an ongoing hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to send them to trial.

Sports fan

Sytsma, a divorced father of three, had beaten colon cancer the year before and had taken up running as a way to keep the cancer at bay. A sports fan and athlete, he worked as a metallurgical engineer at Eltro Services, a small engineering firm with offices just off M-24 at the corner of Thomas Road. Sytsma set out that evening wearing shorts, a shirt, and Brooks running shoes. He'd left his ID back at the office, as well as his cell phone, something that would later play out as police struggled to identify the man in the ditch.

About 5:30 p.m., Edward Elmer was mowing his grass on a riding mower in the 5500 block of Thomas and waved at Sytsma as he jogged past. But when Elmer swung back to finish up his lawn, he saw a terrifying thing.

"Sytsma was in the ditch being attacked by two large dogs. Elmer stated he approached Sytsma but realized he couldn't do much due to the size of the dogs," the report said.

Elmer ran into his house and got his 44caliber Magnum and fired four shots at the dogs, shooting one in the leg.

leg. Elmer's girlfriend, Helen Barwig, a first responder with medical training, ran out to help, armed with paper towels. But she could do nothing to save the man in the grassy ditch. She told police Sytsma "was losing a lot of blood and begged her not to let him die."

Less than an hour later, Sytsma was pronounced dead at Lapeer Regional Hospital.

A growing menace

Dog owner Quagliata arrived home that night to find police in his drive. His wife, Lucaj, and their three children were in Boston for a family reunion.

Quagliata eventually would tell police that he had locked the dogs in a kennel that morning before he left for his job as a house painter but that the dogs frequently tunneled out.

Police, in investigating the property, found that a kennel made up of cyclone fence, had been patched with logs to cover up holes in the fence. But one hole was open, without "anything to deny the animals from leaving the area," according to the report.

And police would learn that the dogs had bitten a woman in 2012 and a 73-year-old man in November 2013.

In the days following the killing, neighbors told the police that the dogs had become a growing menace in the nearly three years since the family had moved to the neighborhood. Geoffrey Petz said his grandmother lived next door to Quagliata and Lucaj and was frequently menaced by the dogs running loose.

Last summer, he was confronted by snarling, threatening dogs who backed him into his grandmother's pole barn.

"It was alarming enough to make me carry a weapon while riding the mower out of fear that the dog would be loose while I was mowing," he said in a written statement to police.

In the days leading up to his arrest, Quagliata remained concerned about his dogs and contacted Lapeer Animal Control to make sure that Toni, one of the dogs involved in the fatal attack, was getting adequate care for his gunshot wound.

Officials told his attorney that the dog was scheduled for euthanasia and that any medical treatment would have to be paid for by Quagliata.

The dogs since have been put down. Seven puppies seized from the home have been sent to a rescue league in Texas.

Quagliata and Lucaj face up to life in prison if convicted.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 82, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS

82-1 THROUGH 82-13 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 82, Article I, Sections 82-1 through 82-13 of the Westland City Code are hereby amended to provide as follows:

"CHAPTER 82 - SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 82-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Authority means the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, a state public corporation organized and existing under Act No. 179 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1947 (MCL 123.201 et seq., MSA 5.2725(1) et seq.), as amended.

Construction / demolition debris means nonhazardous wastes generated from construction and demolition activities, including but not limited to concrete, asphalt, wood, metal and plaster.

Hazardous waste means any material or substance which by reason of its composition or characteristics is:

(1) Hazardous waste as defined in the Solid Waste Disposal Act 42 USC section 6901 et seq., as amended, replaced or superseded, and the regulations implementing the same;

(2) Material the disposal of which is regulated by the Toxic Substance Control Act, 15 USC section 2601 et seq., as amended, replaced or superseded, and the regulations implementing the same;

(3) Special nuclear or byproducts material within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; or
(4) Hazardous waste as defined in Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1979 (MCL 299.501 et seq., MSA 13.30(1) et seq.), as amended, and as identified in administrative rules promulgated from time to time pursuant to the provisions of such Act by the director of the department of natural resources.

Industrial special waste means nonhazardous wastes generated by:

(1) Industrial users, which, due to their size or composition, require special handling and/or disposal procedures, including but not limited to foundry sand, incinerator/boiler bottom ash, fly ash, sludges, scrap pallets and other wastes from manufacturing processes which require special handling and/or disposal procedures; or (2) Industrial facilities that:

a. Are owned on March 15, 1993, or at any time thereafter by persons that own a landfill licensed under Act No. 641 or Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1979 (MCL 299.501 et seq., MSA 13.30(i) et seq.), as amended;

b. Are in Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) major group codes 20 through 39; and

c. Manufacture, process or otherwise use a toxic chemical listed pursuant to title III of the Superfund Amendments and the Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), section 313 (40 CFR 372)

Person means any individual, firm, public or private corporation, partnership, trust, public or private agency or any other entity, or any group of such persons.

Plant means the disposal site of the authority, and all other properties (as the same may from time to time exist) used by the City or the authority.

Premises means any area used for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, separately or in combination, having a separate street address, postal address or box, tax roll description, or similar identification that has been assigned or is in use by a person having control of the area.

Recyclable materials means the following materials that are separated from solid waste prior to collection from a site of generation and left at the site of generation or at a drop-off center for collection:

- Glass, transparent and translucent food and beverage bottles and containers. Paper labels are acceptable as are rings and lids on glass containers.
- Tin/Steel cans, tin plated, food and beverage containers, all sizes; paper labels are acceptable
- Kitchen cookware.
- Aluminum used beverage containers and foil clean of food.
- All plastic bottles including but not limited to:
 - o HDPE plastic bottles (SPI Code #2) blow-molded (bottle-necked) natural and colored HDPE containers, including plastic milk jugs, water jugs, detergent bottles, and similar items; caps and labels are acceptable. Motor oil and anti-freeze containers are not acceptable. Tubs, pots, and trays are not acceptable.
- PET plastic bottles (SPI Code #1) blow-molded (bottle-necked) clear and green PET containers, such as soda bottles, dishwashing soap bottles, and some shampoo bottles. Tubs, pots, and trays are not acceptable.
 Household plastic #1 through #7 excluding Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags Most retail and grocery bags
- ONP old newspapers and advertisement inserts, loose or placed in Kraft (brown) paper bags. Old newspaper that contains incidental moisture from rain on collection days is acceptable. Soaked paper or yellowed newsprint is unacceptable.
- OMG old magazines containing glossy coated paper, including catalogues, glossy fillers or mailers, loose or placed in Kraft (brown) paper bags, with the exception of wet material or material that was once wet.
- OCC old corrugated containers (cardboard) that are flattened and either cut down or folded to size no more than 3 by 2 feet and that have liners of Kraft, jute, or test liner. Staples and tape with water soluble glues do not have to be removed. OCC can be damp but not soaked. Wax-coated old corrugated containers are not acceptable.
- Kraft (brown) paper bags all sizes of loose, bundled or bagged Kraft paper grocery sacks.
 Junk mail all dry, loose or bagged bulk mail consisting of paper or cardboard. All unopened junk mail and envelopes with window are acceptable. • High-grade paper - all dry, loose or bagged white and colored ledger and copier paper, note pad paper (no backing), loose leaf fillers, computer paper (continuous-form perforated white bond or green-bar paper).
- Boxboard all non-corrugated cardboard, commonly used in dry food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and other similar packaging. Boxboard with wax or plastic coating and boxboard that has been contaminated by food is not acceptable
- Telephone Books.
- And other materials as determined by the Materials Recovery Facility or the DPS Director.

Regulations means the rules and regulations concerning the collection and processing or disposal of solid waste which are adopted by the Director of Public Services pursuant to Westland Code section 82-13.

Site of generation means any premises in the city in or on which solid waste or recyclable materials are generated by any person.

Solid waste means residential garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, solid commercial and solid industrial waste, and animal waste; provided, however, that this definition shall not include: hazardous waste, industrial special waste, construction/demolition debris, lead acid batteries, municipal sludges, human body waste, liquid or other waste regulated by statute, slag or slag products directed to a slag processor or to a re-user of slag or slag products, sludges and ashes, or cans, drums or similar containers used for paint, oil, lacquers, turpentine, cleaning fluids and the like; sand, earth, discarded metal furniture, pipe, structural steel, stoves, refrigerators, automobile parts; explosives, chemicals, radioactive material and similar material; highly combustible materials such as gasoline, kerosene, paint thinners, asphalt or tar as well as products impregnated with the above and similar types of liquids or compounds, or yard waste as defined herein.

Solid waste hauler license means a license issued to a waste hauler pursuant to the provisions of article II, division 2, of this chapter.

Waste hauler means any person other than the city engaged in the business of collecting and transporting, delivering and disposing of solid waste originating within the city.

Yard waste means grass clippings, lawn rakings, leaves, garden vegetation, weeds, shrubbery trimmings, tree trimmings, sticks and branches, and compostable items.

Sec. 82-2. Enforcement of chapter.

The enforcement of this chapter shall be the duty of the director of public services. The director shall be authorized to adopt and enforce reasonable regulations and guidelines as provided in Westland Code Section 82-13.

Sec. 82-3. Placement, deposits in public places.

(a) No person shall place or cause or permit to be placed any solid waste, recyclable materials, yard waste, or special pick up items of any kind in or upon the streets, alleys or other public places, or permit the deposit or accumulation thereof on any lot, yard or public place except in approved receptacles for the purpose of being collected. (b) All solid waste, recyclable materials, yard waste and special pick up items from any site of generation intended for collection shall be stored and placed for pickup and collection at the times and in the manner provided in this chapter.

82-4. Collection and disposal generally

(a) No persons shall dispose of any solid waste originating within the city other than by means of the city or a waste hauler duly licensed by the city for such purpose, which disposal shall be under the supervision of the director of public services.

(b) Waste haulers shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations in the collection, transportation, delivery, and disposal of solid waste. Waste haulers shall also comply with all rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the director or the authority.

(c) A waste hauler shall not knowingly collect or deliver hazardous waste to the plant or any other facility designated from time to time by the city or the authority.

Sec. 82-5. Collection by city not mandatory; no city liability for failure of licensee to collect.

No provision of this chapter shall be construed as making it mandatory for the city to collect or provide for the collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, yard waste or special pick up items. No liability on the part of the city shall result from the failure or inability of any person licensed to collect or transport such items under this chapter to provide for such collection services.

Sec. 82-6. Pre-collection practices for solid waste and recyclable materials.

(a) Solid waste and recyclable materials shall each be placed and maintained in separate receptacles that are provided by the city.

- (b) Solid waste items that are too large to be placed in receptacles shall be cut to a length not to exceed three feet, collapsed or compressed, and securely tied or fastened in
- bundles weighing not more than 60 pounds. Such collections shall be subject to the fees addressed in Section 82-13.

(c) All such receptacles shall be maintained in sanitary condition, kept clean and in place.

Sec. 82-7. Receptacles for Yard Waste.

Receptacles for the storage of yard waste between collections shall be metal, rubber or paper bags in conformity with the following provisions:

(1) Metal and rubber receptacles for yard waste shall be portable, watertight and equipped with tightfitting covers to prevent the disturbance of their contents by cats and dogs and to prevent propagation of rats, flies or other insects or vermin. Each such metal and rubber receptacle shall have bails or handles for easy handling. The capacity of any metal or rubber receptacle and its contents shall not exceed 60 pounds.

(2) Paper bags for yard waste shall be no larger than 16 inches by 12 inches by 35 inches, shall be securely tied or rolled at the top when filled, and the contents thereof shall not exceed 40 pounds. Such paper bag receptacles shall not be reused, but shall be disposed of along with their contents. The use of plastic bags for the storage and disposal of vard waste is prohibited.

(3) Any receptacle that does not conform to the provisions of this chapter or that may be badly broken, have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents thereof may be classified as rubbish, and, after due notice to the users thereof, may be disposed of as rubbish.

Sec. 82-8. Same-Placement.

All receptacles for the storage of solid waste, recyclable materials, or yard waste between collections shall be located within private property lines, and not within any alley or upon any public property; provided, that such receptacles may be placed in a public alley in the case of any existing building or structure which extends to the alley line.

Sec. 82-9. Same—Disturbing contents.

No person, except licensed garbage collectors or other authorized persons. shall disturb the contents of any waste receptacle or leave any such receptacle or the contents thereof in a condition other than as provided in this chapter.

Sec. 82-10. Collection practices in residential areas.

(a) The collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, yard waste, and special pick up items from residences shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section, this chapter, and such other rules and regulations as the director of public services shall establish from time to time.

(b) Solid waste stored in approved receptacles shall be collected once each week from the roadside or curb in front of each residence.

(c) Recyclable materials stored in approved receptacles shall be collected once every two weeks from the roadside or curb in front of each residence.

(d) Yard waste consisting of grass clippings, lawn rakings, leaves, garden vegetation, weeds, shrubbery trimmings, tree trimmings, sticks and branches cut to a length not to exceed four feet nor to exceed three inches in diameter, securely tied or fastened in bundles with cord weighing not more than 60 pounds, or placed in paper bags no larger than 16 inches by 12 inches by 35 inches, securely tied or rolled at the top when filled, the contents of which shall not exceed 40 pounds, shall be separated from the receptacles for solid waste and recyclable materials at the roadside or curb by five feet, and shall be collected once each week during periods determined by the City from the roadside or curb in front of each residence.

(e) Property owners shall be responsible for the removal and disposel of all dead animals.

Sec. 82-11. Collection in certain commercial districts.

(a) There shall be no collection by any refuse contractor in any commercial district within the city before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. if the commercial district is within 300 feet of the following districts: R-1-A, R-1-A, m), R-1-B, R-1-C, R-2, R-3-A, R-3-B, R-4 and SD (only if within the SD district there exists any type of residential dwellings as permitted by the zoning ordinance).

(b) For purposes of this section, the 300-foot limitation shall be measured from the location of the solid waste receptacle, in a straight line, to the property line of the nearest residential dwelling.

Sec. 82-12. Penalty for violation of chapter.

Any person who shall violate a provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense. Three or more violations of this chapter by a waste hauler shall be cause for suspension or revocation of a solid waste hauler license.

Sec. 82-13. Regulations and fees.

(a) The director of public services shall be authorized to adopt reasonable regulations and guidelines contemplated by this chapter as to the manner, days and times for the collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, yard waste and special pickups. Changes in routes or schedules will be made only after notices have been mailed to the affected property owners two weeks prior to the change. The first week in which the new route or schedule takes effect, collections will be made from each premises on the day that was previously scheduled, and also on the day scheduled by the new route or schedule. The director shall not change the scheduled day for collection at a premises more than once in a calendar year. If a second change is necessary within this one year period, the director shall first acquire the approval of the City Council for such change. (b) Fees for special pickups, and for additional, replacement or leased solid waste receptacles, shall be in accordance with the fees approved by the City Council in the Administrative Fee Schedule."

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Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 82 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on September 1, 2014.

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Pay tribute to all workers on **Labor Day** Holiday more than just long weekend

Come Monday, the nation will celebrate Labor Day. Like other holidays that have been trans-

Day. Like other holidays that have been trans-formed into long weekends, the meaning of Labor Day has been lost on many Americans. For them, Labor Day is typically a day spent with friends and family, making one last trip to the pool, beach or amusement park. Little considera-tion is given to why they have a day off from work. Labor Day was created as a day to celebrate, acknowledge and nay tribute to the contributions

acknowledge and pay tribute to the contributions that American workers have provided for the country as a whole. Workers are given the day off as a way for the nation to show appreciation for their work.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans

The accomplishments of the labor movement are often forgotten with our celebration of Labor Day.

of the Central Labor Union. The holiday was part of the overall labor movement of the late 19th century, which sought greater recognition for fair labor practices for people working in blue-col-lar jobs. The propos-al was for a holiday that included a street parade to exhibit to the public

"the strength and *esprit de corps* of the trade and labor organizations" of the community. It took the 1894 Pullman strike to get Labor Day to be recognized as a holiday. Organized by labor leader Eugene V. Debs, the strike included dozens of labor unions and 270,000 workers from 27 states. To keep the trains running, President Gro-ver Cleveland ordered the U.S. military to break up picketing. It resulted in 34 deaths and scores of injuries. As a result of the political fallout, Cleveland signed into law an act making Labor Day a mandatory legal holiday.

The accomplishments of the labor movement are often forgotten with our celebration of Labor Day. The union movement has been dedicated to improving working conditions and creating a better standard of living for workers — and it has done that.

In the late 1800s, the average American worked 12-hour days, seven days a week. Children as young as 5 and 6 years old worked in factories and mines. It is because of labor's efforts that we have the eight-hour work day and a five-day work week, plus holidays as days off, vacation and sick time, health care, pensions and child labor laws. We have all benefited from the efforts of those who fought for good, safe working conditions and a decent wage. Those battles continue today. It took protests by fast food workers to get the state Legislature to change the minimum wage. The change may not be the \$15 an hour they wanted, but as of Sept. 1, Michigan workers will see an increase in the minimum wage from \$7.40 to \$8.15. That's the first increase in six years and marks the beginning of a gradual 25-percent increase of the minimum wage, resulting in \$9.25 per hour by 2018

Curriculum can shape Honduras's future

ifty years ago, I first visited the Republic of Honduras in Central America as a 17year-old on a month-long mission trip sponsored by the First Bap-tist Church of Wayne. I was one of a group of about 18 teenagers from a large youth group who applied to go to one of three places: Honduras, British Hon-duras (now Belize) or Mexico. I chose Honduras.

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We were juniors or seniors in high school and most of us had never been out of Michigan. However, we had been carefully screened and thoroughly familiarized with the rigors of international travel and were ready - or so we thought. Unfortunately, during



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that trip I succumbed to the "cultural shock" of different food. unfamiliar language and the strange sights, sounds and smells of a thirdworld country the details of

In the intervening years, I've learned a lot about accepting and learning from other cultures and have been fortunate to travel to several other developing nations, including Egypt, China, Zambia and Haiti. I experienced vastly different lifestyles during those trips, thankfully without the mishap of culture shock. My recent return to Honduras was no exception.

Honduras has changed much over the past 50 years. When I first visited, I remember it being home to spectacular Mayan archeological sites and beautiful Spanish-inspired towns and villages. For years it served as a colonial outpost of United Foods, known for exporting Chiquita brand bananas to the U.S. Over the last half-century, the

country progressed and developed, but suffered a major setback in 1998 as a result of Hurri-cane Mitch, which caused such massive and widespread destruction that former Honduran **President Carlos Roberto Flores** claimed that 50 years of progress in the country had been wiped out. Recently, Honduras has been in the news because of political and social unrest that led to a coup d'etat in 2009. According to the United Nations, the country currently has the highest homicide rate in the world, which has led to large numbers of Hondurans illegally crossing our southern borders to seek refuge in the United States It was into this milieu that I recently returned as part of a contingent of 50 volunteers from the U.S. and Canada to hold a



Members of Jay Young's small group receive instruction about making and demonstrating their life map.

convocation for educators in Siguatepeque, a city of about 75,000 in the highlands of the country. Located halfway be-tween Honduras' two largest cities of San Pedro Sula and the capital Tegucigalpa, it is a major stopping point for Honduran and international traffic.

Our conference was held at a large hotel/banquet center/truck stop along the busy Pan Amer-ican highway. Because of the current state of unrest, we were instructed not to leave the property, which was patrolled 24/7 by armed guards.

Sponsored by the Interna-tional School Project, this four-day conference offered nearly 300 national teachers materials and training in a curriculum which presented the historical and philosophical foundation of Christian morals and ethics.

The convocation began each morning with a plenary session attended by the entire assembly of teachers and interpreters. Lectures dealt with such topics as a comparison of secular and religious world views, the "Heart of Teaching," "Teaching Character in Education," "Leadership Skills in Education" and "Effective Communication."

After a lunch break, afternoon sessions were divided into small group workshops geared toward elementary, secondary or administrative levels. I led a small group of eight administrators representing large and small schools from throughout the area.

My responsibility was to pre-

strate a servant style of leadership. It helped me to become much better acquainted with the members of my group, many of whom I learned had suffered tragic losses of friends or relatives

Each small group facilitator was assigned an interpreter for the week, mostly students recruited from local bilingual schools. My interpreter was a 16-year-old named Gerson Martinez. A typical teenager, he occasionally had to be reminded to translate my words into Spanish and sometimes flirted with other female interpreters.

Nevertheless he was a great kid, whose knowledge of English was exceptional for his age. Gerson was conscientious, always arriving on time, even though he had to rely on public transportation, and once rode his bike 6 kilometers from his home

to the conference site. The teachers and administrators we interacted with throughout the week were very receptive to our program. They clearly appreciated the opportunity to attend this conference and demonstrated great warmth

and demonstrated great warm and hospitality towards us. In the 50 years since I first visited Honduras, much has changed, some for the worse. However, the moral and ethical values imparted by the ISP curriculum we shared can, if applied in many classrooms, have a positive impact on the country's next generation of leaders.

I believe the ISP program is key to improving the nation's

Jay Young COLUMNIST which are another story.

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sent the educational information, various teaching techniques and curriculum lessons. I also shared personal information about myself via an exercise called a "life map," whereby the major decisions or circumstances in one's life are diagrammed.

The life map is a technique that can be used by administrators and teachers to build a sense of belonging or teamwork in their schools. It also offered an opportunity for the small group facilitators to demon-

long-range prospects for a better and brighter future. The people of Honduras deserve no less.

Jay Young is a longtime Canton resident, former public relations supervisor for Livonia Public Schools and a current member of the LPS Foundation. He and his wife, Linnea, enjoy spending their retirement traveling to other parts of the world and sharing their experiences with others.

LETTERS

Political suicide

The MiGOP is apparently trying their hardest to commit suicide.

Rep. Jase Bolger, Speaker of the House in Lansing, has been accepting contributions from Tim Hill, an ultra-liberal software developer from Colorado. Hill was responsible for turning that state from red to blue, using his massive wealth to sway the legislature.

He's throwing his money around here now in Michigan, trying to overturn the same sex marriage law that voters strongly supported and was upheld by a federal appeals court earlier this year. Bolger will use this \$100,000 to sway House members into supporting laws aimed at overturning the voters' wishes.

The GOP then wonders why conservative groups don't support them at election time. This is exactly the reason they do not. Phil Solarz

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We have a legacy of growing things in Michigan. Apples and cherries are some of the things we're best known for.

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> Amanda Adams Westland

Why the difference?

Stephen Utash was beat to a bloody pulp in Detroit on April 2; there was no rioting, no violence.

He simply stopped to render aid in a minor traffic accident.

Now, Michael Brown is killed in an altercation with police officers in Ferguson, Mo. Looting and violence has followed.

Why? Can you answer that, **Rev. Al Sharpton?**

Tom Kelly Plymouth

Obama's war on coal companies

There was an article regarding how over the past six years U.S. energy companies have sent more coal than ever before to other parts of the world, in some cases to places with more lax

environmental standards. What this article fails to mention is that in 2008 when Obama was running for president he announced on TV and radio that he would make it so expensive for power plants to use coal for energy unless they would use another or alternate fuel even if it was more expensive

Obama said the electric cost would go up but they could add the rising costs onto the consumer. Right now, you are paying 14.3 centers per kilowatt hour, the highest it has ever been and it will go higher this winter. One of the things the EPA has failed to mention is that due to his success in shutting down coal plants, more than 800,000 to 1 million coal miners were laid off. Can you really blame the coal mine owners for trying to find work for their laid-off workers?

Senators, both Republican and Democrats, are trying to pass legislation to do away with these restrictions that the EPA and President Obama passed. In my opinion, Obama is following what communist Saul Alinsky said was the biggest obstruction to communism is the middle class. That is why Obama made war on the coal companies - because they pay their workers good salaries.

If you listen to red eye radio from 1-5 a.m., they will play the interview Obama made in 2008. I suggest Democrat Dan Lipinski from Holland, Mich., listen to that tape.

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Robert Siedlik Livonia

Geek the Library wraps up with party



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Liz Waun (left), adult services librarian, and Heather Draft, youth services librarian, serve cotton candy at the Geek the Library Finale.

Over 200 patrons came to celebrate the year-long Geek the Library campaign at the William P. Faust Library of Westland.

The Geek the Library finale offered participants an opportunity to create their own Geek poster, try their hand at carnival games, and also play on the obstacle course and junior bounce house.

"We couldn't have asked for a better day and a better audience to celebrate the end of this fun and informative campaign," said Librarian Andy Schuck, Geek Campaign manager. "We've enjoyed this campaign and received a lot of support from our patrons and local businesses. Turning the finale into a celebration seemed like the right thing to do.'

The Geek the Library

campaign was aimed at letting patrons utilize library services for their personal passions or what they get geeked about.

The library announced three winners from their Geeks of the Year contest, who were chosen by staff members as people who best embody the Geek the Library spirit: Pat Lutz for Person of the Year; the Dave and Christen Lucht family for Family of the Year; and Biggby Coffee and its owner, Mohamad "Mo" Elfakir, for the Geek Business of the Year.

The library created 32 Geek the Library posters, featuring notable local citizens and library regulars. Patrons voted for their favorites and 12 posters were chosen to be framed and displayed in the library, including Ashlee Baracy from WDIV; Lou Toarmina, owner of Toarmina's Pizza; Jeff Koslowski, president of the Westland Historic Commission; and Chef Tony Paquette from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Patrons can view all of the posters by visiting the library's Circulation Desk through the end of August or by looking online at the library's flickr page.

"We did a lot of work with the campaign, connecting with businesses, schools and community organizations, in order to get the word out about what we do and how we support everyone," Schuck said.

For more information about the Geek the Library campaign, visit www.geekthelibrary.org, stop by the Reference Desk at the library or call 734-326-6123.



Librarian Andy Schuck (left) announces Geek winner Westland Biggby Coffee owner Mo El-Fakir and the Lucht family — mom Christen, dad Dave and kids Eric, Hayden and Ethan.









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Visit oakwood.org or call 800.543.WELL (9355) to register for a date and time that works for you.

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State Fair: 20 more acres of fun for 2014

The Michigan State Fair rolls into the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.

Now produced as a private enterprise and with Fifth Third Bank as the presenting sponsor for the second year, the fair continues to honor all of the great traditions and legacy of the treasured event, but with a 21st century twist. The fair, which welcomed 80,000 folks in 2013, will expand by 20 acres westward along I-96 this year, featuring the famous agriculture, tourism and products of Michigan in the clean, modern environment of the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. (between Novi and Beck roads). The Detroit Shrine

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returns with three of the world's largest circus tents. It includes the world famous Flying Wallendas high wire act, featuring Rietta and Lyric Wallenda. The majestic and stunning equine steeds also return with the Zoppee-Zamperla Riders. Plus, visitors will see the Wheel of Thrills featuring Joseph Dominic Bauer.

Fair-goers will also enjoy an expanded Arnold Amusements Midway featuring a giant Ferris wheel and popular Freak Out ride, Tilt-a-Whirl, Groovy Bus and Shock Drop, along with giant slides, bumper cars and much more. There is also a special area of the fairgrounds equipped with rides just for the little ones; Tiny Totville offers parents a place for their toddlers to play, with rides and playscapes.

There is also a new Guernsey Dairy and Sanders Candy collaboration being churned up. The two iconic Michigan companies have entered into a sweet new partnership, which will debut at the fair. Guernsey is now slated to produce Sanders ice cream, bringing back some of Sanders' most popular flavors — using original recipes dating as far back as the early 1920s as well as collaborating on developing new flavors. Guernsey Dairy will also again offer Endless Chocolate Milk. where fair-goers are able to try their hand at milking Darla the (virtual) cow and receive a halfpint, which can be replaced as many times as they wish during their time at the fair.

4-H Clubs and youth members from counties all across southeast Michigan will offer a new children's activity area, with a take-home craft project and a chance to learn about the wide spectrum of 4-H club activities available to youngsters.

The time-honored fair agricultural and livestock exhibits return, including the Beginning of Life, with baby farm animals, Butter Cow sculpting presented by CF Burger Creamery and also many horse and pony breed demonstrations.

Expanded Home Arts exhibits, contests and activities are also included in the 2014 fair. The King Arthur Baking Contest returns, along with a new Soup Contest, plus spinning and weaving demonstrations and more crafts and projects. The fair will also debut its new Farm Favorites Cookbook at the fair (available for purchase at \$15), a three-ring binder style with more than 250 recipes that will be updated annually with additional new recipes from Michigan cooks and chefs.

Muscial entertainment

Live family entertainment features live music from a full slate of singer-songwriters Friday evening, all sharing Michigan roots — Billy Brandt, Jason Dennie & John Holkeboer; Don 'Doop' Duprie and Jennifer Westwood & Dylan Dunbar.

The new Michigan State Fair Superstar talent competition will showcase 14 local acts both Friday and Saturday afternoon. The finalists were selected from more than 70 applicants following live auditions in late July; they will all be performing at the fair. The showcase performances will run 2-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, and Saturday, Aug. 30, with the grand prize winner and runnerup performing as headliners on the Main Stage, sponsored by St John Providence Health Sys-



SUBMITTED Fair-goers can again enjoy carnival rides.

tem, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31.

The 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Superstar Finalists are: Alison Albrecht, 14, Novi; Karley Davidson, 20, Madison Heights; Leah Ginsey, 15, Commerce; Shannen Hawkins, 28, Flint; Aiesha "A.J." Jenkins, 17, Roseville; Esther Kaufmann, 18, Plymouth; Alise King, 28, Detroit; Jade Kuzak, 16, Plymouth; Jordan Norman, 18, Allegan; Claudia Pad-dy, 15, South Rockwood; Ben Will, 28, Detroit; Racecarracecar (group), Berkley; Tim Reeves (group), Westland; and We 3 & She (group), Oakland.

The winner will be awarded a \$2,000 cash prize, plus songwriting coaching, artist and repertoire song selection and publishing consultation from multiple Detroit Music Award winner Nadir Omowale and vocal performance coaching from Wayne State University instructor Gordon Finlay, both members of the Masters of Music Learning Con-servatory in Royal Oak. The winner will also benefit from live performance booking consultation from 2 Stones Events; practice studio

time at Studio B in Novi; and studio production consultation and direction from producer Chuck Alkazian, with recording and mastering of a three-song EP at Pearl Sound Studios in Canton.

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair will present Steinway Under The Stars, a celebration of the Great American Songbook, Saturday, Aug. 30.

The signature Michigan State Fair Choir will open the show, with an energetic tribute to the state of Michigan and a lively introduction to Steinway Under the Stars at 8 p.m.

Tickets, which include fair admission, are \$15; tables of eight may be purchased for \$100. Tickets are available at MichiganState FairLLC.com or at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 2700 E. Maple Road, in Commerce (steinway detroit.com).

More fair attractions

The Detroit Free Press Feast Farmers Market has been expanded, with the addition of an on-site cooking demo kitchen showcasing fresh recipes and Michigan products by chefs from across the region.

The fair is dedicated to supporting urban agriculture initiatives and education, welcoming the Michigan Urban Farming Initiative/General Motors model container house, sponsored by Corrigan Moving Systems. The house is a forward-think-ing alternative to traditional demolition and blight reclamation efforts in the City of Detroit, offering an expedited transition to habitable domains and urban home and farmsteads. The container house model will be open for tours during regular fair hours.

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PREP FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

Finnertys in comfort zone on sidelines

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial assistant football coach Tim Finnerty Jr. couldn't see his younger brother during Monday afternoon's practice, nor could he hear him – but he definitely could *feel* Cullen Finnerty.

"Oh yeah, I can feel Cullen's presence," said Finnerty Jr., as he watched the Zebras fine tune their kick off return formations under the guidance of Tim Finnerty Sr., who is Wayne's new head coach and the father of Tim Jr, Cullen and Brendan. "There is no doubt in my mind – in the minds of any of the coaches out here – that Cullen would be coaching with us today if he were still alive. No doubt about it. "But even though he's not here physically, he's here."

Cullen Finnerty, a former star high school quarterback at Brighton and a Division 2 All-American signal-caller at Grand Valley State University, passed away in May of 2013 at the age of 30.

Finnerty's premature death shocked everyone whose life had been enhanced by his energetic spirit – from his immediate family to the teammates, coaches and fans who admired his immense talents and leadership abilities.

"Cullen was the most competitive person I've ever met," Tim Finnerty Jr. said, smiling. "It didn't matter if it was football or something stupid, he wanted to

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First-year Wayne Memorial head coach Tim Finnerty Sr., who has coached football for close to 35 years, observes a drill during Monday's practice.

PREP SOCCER



ED WRIGHT Wayne Memorial mid-fielder Andreas Julien pushes the ball upfield Monday night.

Siblings lead Zebras' triumph

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

BURST OF ENERGY



Youth football

Youth football players wearing jerseys will get in free of charge to Livonia Stevenson's season-opening home game against Livonia Franklin. The kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

is set for 7 p.m. Jersey-wearing youth players will also be allowed to join the Spartans in the varsity locker room during pregame and lead the team onto the field. All interested

players should gather at the scoreboard at 6:30 p.m. Adults must pay to enter.

Ladywood ties

Livonia Ladywood opened its field hockey season Monday with a 1-1 tie at home against Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day. The Blazers dominated possession, while outshooting the Yellowjackets 9-3 along with an 18-2 advantage in penalty corners. Junior Maddie Haas made two saves in goal for Lady-

in goal for Ladywood.

Dodgeball

The Livonia Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The inaugural event will take place at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, which is located at 15100 Hubbard. It will feature a 6-on-6 format and dinner will be provided.

Teams must check in at 5 p.m.

All players must be at least 18 years old. The entry fee is \$45 per team. Each team's captain can reserve their team's spot by signing up at the recreation center during regular business hours. The entry fee must be paid the time of regis tration. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 16 by 11 p.m. Rosters and waivers signed by all participants are due on the day of the tournament.

Wayne never threatened in 7-1 victory over Thurston

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's boys soccer team led host Redford Thurston 3-0 at the half Monday night, but there was still plenty of room for improvement in the Zebras' game, head coach Jason Dean reminded them.

"Too many times we were trying to just kick the ball over their defense and run it down," Dean said. "In the second half we did a better job of keeping the ball on the ground and possessing. I told them at the half to let the ball be your friend."

Led by the brother duo of James and Liam Herdon, Wayne earned a comfortable 7-1 victory to even its record at 1-1. The Eagles slipped to 0-2.

Thurston's game plan of playing its defensemen extremely high on the pitch worked for a while, but the Zebras eventually figured out how to break it down.

"I understand what they were trying to do," Dean said, "but it doesn't make for quality soccer."

Jimmy Herdon, a senior, sparked the winners' attack with three goals while his freshman sibling Liam added a goal and two assists.

Noah Karson, Khalil Bryant and Brandon Isovski also found the net for the Zebras, who received assists from Joey Way (two), Andreas Julien and Diego Ochoa.

Carter Parendo shut out the Eagles in the first half. Nicolas Escobar played well during the final 40 minutes, yielding only a penalty-kick goal to Thurston when the score was 6-0.

Austin Slomba played well for Thurston.

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Livonia Stevenson senior running back C.J. Weiss bursts through a seam in the scout-team defense during Monday morning's practice session.

HIGHLY-SKILLED BALL-HANDLERS SET TO CARRY SPARTANS TO SUCCESS

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The sun was hot and relentless Monday morning – much like the Livonia Stevenson football team it hovered over during the Spartans' third-to-last pre-season practice of the summer.

Hungry to improve on last season's 5-4 record, the Spartans' offense worked efficiently in the thick, steamy air to fine tune its quickpaced offense with Thursday night's seasonopening game against visiting Livonia Franklin just a few days away.

Loaded with talented skill-position players, Stevenson's acceleration this fall will hinge directly on the progress made by its athletic and inexperienced offensive line.

"Probably the thing I like most about this team is the strong leadership we have," said second-year head coach Randy Micallef. "We don't have a huge senior class, but the seniors we have did a great job of motivating the younger players during the off-season.

"We lost five starters on the offensive line to graduation, so we're extremely young there. That's an area where we're going to need the young guys to learn quickly."

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ED WRIGHT

Sophomore Chris Tanderys takes over as the starting quarterback for Livonia Stevenson.

Given their credentials and work ethic, you could almost label the Spartans' set of captains "The Fantastic Four".

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Coaches needed

Redford Union High School is looking for an assistant girls swimming coach, boys head and assistant swimming coaches, and a head varsity girls basketball coach.

Interested candidates should contact RU athletics supervisor Miles Tomasaitis at tomasam@redford.k12.mi.us.

Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for

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Improving its 'D' tops John Glenn's to-do list

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

With an explosive offense and a combustive defense, Westland John Glenn's 2013 football team played in a lot of games that finished with basketball-like scores.

Rockets head coach Tim Hardin is hopeful that is about to change at least on the defensive side of the ball.

After his team yielded over 30 points per contest one year ago, Hardin is confident the ship will be righted in year two of the program's remodeled ball-stopping scheme.

"Our defense was awful last year," Hardin emphasized. "We allowed the second-most points in



Led by Jaron Flournoy (center), members of the Westland John Glenn football team sprint through the humid air Tuesday afternoon.

school history. We put in a new defense last year and we had a lot of young guys starting. We have eight returning starters back and they've all played the defense for a year, so I'm expecting a lot of improvement.' It will be hard to im-

prove on the offensive



side of the ball for the Rockets, who racked up a robust 339 points during their 6-4 season, but not impossible given their cast of returning standouts. Leading the charge

will be massive and mobile tackle DeShawn Baker-Williams (6-foot-4, 310 pounds), who has committed to play college football for Central Michigan University.

"He's big and very athletic for his size,' Hardin said of Baker-Williams, who was voted by his teammates to serve as a captain.

Wide receiver/defensive back Andre Brown (6-2, 197) is another captain who will rarely leave the field for the Rockets.

"Andre is one of those 'lead by example' kids," Hardin said. "He's an extremely hard worker

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win. And that's what we're hoping rubs off on these guys; the feeling that, hey, they deserve to win as much as anybody else, especially with all the hard work they're putting in."

Wayne hasn't won a varsity football game since Oct. 2, 2009, but that didn't dissuade Tim Finnerty Sr. from seizing the opportunity to attempt a daunting reclamation project.

"I enjoy challenges," said Finnerty Sr., who has a remarkable 35-year

who puts a ton of time in. He sets the bar high for everybody else.'

Junior quarterback Brendan Wetmore (5-11, 143) will be engineering the Rockets' offense. A first-year varsity starter and captain, Wetmore isn't flashy, but he's more than capable of getting the job done, Hardin assured.

"Brendan is very smart, very dependable," Hardin said. "He's the kind of quarterback who may not win you a lot of games by himself, but he won't lose any either with bad decisions.

John Glenn's most compelling captain is senior fullback Tyler Horde (6-0, 195), who Hardin labeled "the hardest-working kid on the team."

"Tyler really emerged during the off-season. Hardin shared. "He went from an average-sized kid to a very strong kid because of all the work he put in in the weight room. I told the kids I wanted them to put in at least 30 workouts during the off-season, and Tyler put in 50."

The Rockets' fifth captain is senior defensive back/linebacker Le'Jon Crawford (5-10,

198), who brings a supreme level of toughness to the gridiron.

'He's a hard hitter and his motor never stops running," Hardin raved. "He's always flying around the field, getting everybody pumped up.

A pair of running backs - Jamie Melchor (6-1, 195) and Leon Crawford (5-10, 185) - will have some big and fast shoes to fill with the graduation of Devon Spalding, who rushed for 1.761 vards (including 491 in one game) and a school record 27 touchdowns in 2013.

"They're both talented guys who I'm confident can get the job done," Hardin said.

Doug LaRowe (5-9, 170) will play fullback along with Horde and Nathan Szymanski (5-11, 175) will serve as Wetmore's back-up at QB.

John Glenn's receiving corps will be paced by a quartet of burners: Jaron Flournoy (6-0, 170), Deandre Barthwell (6-2, 170), CJ Guy (6-0, 175) and Tyrikh Hunter (5-11, 165). Brown will play tight end and split end.

'They all have good hands," said Hardin. "Jaron is our big-play 0110

working with the kids and I'm still doing it today.

'My dad and I stopped coaching together about three years ago and I think we both went through kind of a withdrawal. It was kind of depressing. It feels really good to be coaching with him again, now more than ever.

Wayne offensive line coach Caleb Bowersox grew up with Cullen Finnerty and is one of several Zebra coaches who make the half-hour trek from Brighton every day.

'Cullen was a natural as a coach," Bowersox said. "I still use things I remember him saying at

The Rockets' strength lies in their offensive line, which returns four starters from last season's recording-breaking rushing show. The lone new-comer is junior center William Owens (5-11, 221).

Owens will be flanked by guards Anthony Williamson (6-2, 250) and Daniel Cobb (6-2, 220), while Edward Springborn (6-4, 273) and Baker-Williams will man the tackle spots.

The much-improved defense will be anchored by tenacious space-eating defensive tackles Renardo Brown (6-3, 318) and Baker-Williams. Defensive ends Javaughn Burns (6-3, 190) and Austin Clenney's (6-2, 192) job will be to turn everything inside so that line-backers Leon Crawford, Dalton Crane (6-1, 211) and Le'Jon Crawford can clean-up.

"With Renardo and DeSean, we're as big as anybody inside," said Hardin. "They both bench over 400, so that's a strong point for us."

Barthwell and Jerimey Martin (5-10, 155) will provide lock-down capabilities at the cornerback position.

clinics."

Bowersox said the early stages of turning around the Wayne program has been a fulfilling experience.

"It's been a total culture change for most of these players," he said. "We're teaching them how to play, how to win, how to wear their equipment. They're not used to being held accountable, at least to this degree.

'We're showing them some tough love, but I'll tell you what: They're responding. The progress we've made in practices and at our scrimmage has been very positive."

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The younger Finnerty started coaching with his dad close to a decade ago in what started out as a temporary gig. "My dad was in charge

football league and they teams," recalled Tim Jr. "He said, 'Hey, why don't you help us out just until we can find somebody

else.' I instantly fell in love with coaching and

football coaching resume. "Football has always been a big part of my life. To be out here coaching with Timmy and the rest of the guys feels great.'

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Stevenson overwhelms Franklin

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

How "sweep" it is for the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer team, which upended its second city rival in four days Monday night.

With Friday night's 3-1 triumph over Livonia Churchill still fresh in their minds, the Spartans derailed visiting Livonia Franklin, 6-1, on Monday to improve to 2-0. The Patriots slipped to 0-2.

Ryan Theisen propelled the winners' offense with three goals while Hunter Mullett added a goal and two helpers.

"Franklin pressed a high line and we were successful playing in behind them," said Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker. "Ryan and Hunter were on fire. It was a nice team win for us."

Stevenson outshot the Patri-

ots, 15-4. Austin Kaczmarek, Turner Miller and Adam Bixby combined for two saves for Stevenson.

Ryan Prohaska notched seven stops for Franklin.

Mullett kicked off the scoring in the ninth minute after finishing a pass from Brandon Navarro.

Navarro doubled the hosts' advantage two minutes later after being assisted by Phil Vrzovski.

The Spartans put the game away 16 minutes into the second half when Theisen scored two goals within 60 seconds. Both net-finders were assisted by Mullett.

Nick Curtis gave the Patriots a brief burst of momentum when he scored from Ryan Bieth in the 70th minute, but Theisen scored seconds later before Tyler Gregory capped the scoring with a goal assisted by Irevor Furkas.

Warriors toppled

Lutheran Westland opened its season Monday night on the wrong end of an 8-0 decision to Lutheran Northwest.

"It was a tough way to start the season but we have a lot of potential and we will do our best to build on every game," said Warriors head coach Rod Schultz.

Trojans fall

Cesar Chavez Academy evened the score with Clarenceville on Monday.

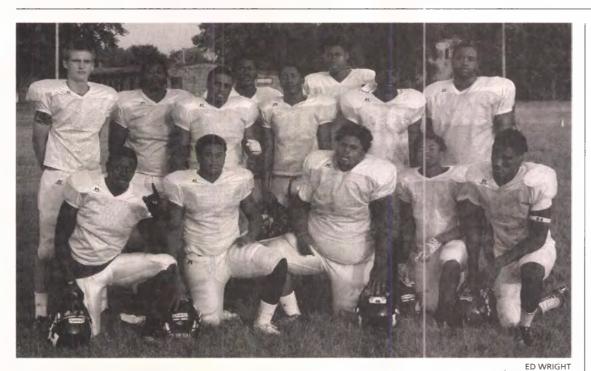
The Aztec Eagles avenged a 1-0, upset loss to the Trojans in last year's district tournament with a 7-0 victory.

Ricardo Somano and Steve Lucas scored two goals apiece for Chavez. Noah Elagamy had eight saves for the host Trojans (1-1).



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Livonia Stevenson junior defender Max Hoover advances the ball during the Spartans' 3-1 victory over Churchill last week.



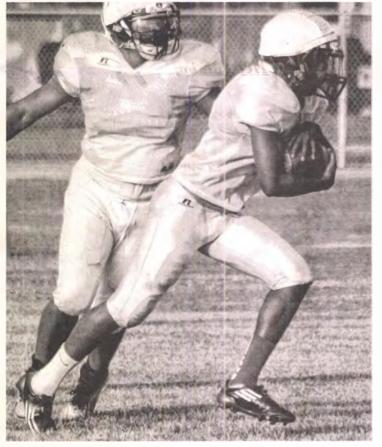
Pictured are Redford Thurston's returning starters (front row from left) Alonzo McCoy, Aaron Griffin, Keyjuan Williams, Damon Richardson, Laymon Gidding-Whatley, (back row from left) Travis Wesenberg, Dammian Booker, Dionte Jones, Alden Ingram, Isaiah Crofford, Daunte Dottery and Jacob Jenkins.

Experienced Thurston expected to shine along the line

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's opponents this season may find it easier moving the ball through quicksand than trying to move the chains on the ground against the Eagles. "Defensively, our front

"Defensively, our front seven is going to be very good," said Thurston head



Trojans reload for 2014

Clarenceville's football team will 'do alright'

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

It will be difficult to duplicate the kind of football season Livonia Clarenceville had last year, but coach Ken Fry and the Trojans know that better than anybody.

With a senior-dominated team, Clarenceville won the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division crown and 11 straight games before losing a Division (5) state semifinal game to Grand Rapids West Catholic.

"Last year was a dream," Fry said. "Every league game we play, it's going to be: "They beat you; they beat you; they beat you.' There are going to be a lot of bull's-eyes coming to get us."

Despite having a vastly different team, Fry believes the Trojans can compete for the WWAC championship again and win enough games to make the playoffs for a third straight year.

"If we can stay healthy and have kids mature a little bit, I think we'll do alright," Fry said.

Though only five players back from the previous team, Clarenceville will benefit offensively from the return of senior quarterback Jake Kubiak (6-4, 195) and senior running back James Hill (6-1, 202).

Kubiak, who started all last season, knows the offense well and understands what the Trojans want to do, according to Fry, who thinks Kubiak is a ville as a freshman and was at Harrison the last two years. He can play any number of positions, including quarterback, tight end and fullback.

"He's a big kid; he's grown quite a bit," Fry said. "He'll definitely play both sides of the ball. He's an athlete."

The big question mark is the offensive line. The Trojans had to replace every starter, including a junior who didn't come back.

Senior Lusire Boyd (5-9, 180) is the only lineman with experience, having rotated into the lineup at guard, and will be a full-time starter.

Senior Dylan Gooden (6-0, 288) and junior Brandon Bird (6-0, 265) didn't play last year, but they decided to come out for the team.

They'll help on the line as will juniors Michael Hill (6-2, 320), Justin Moore (6-1, 195), Randy Schmidt (6-0, 250) and Manny Miranda (5-6, 185).

"I think it's really good," Fry said of his offense. "It's one of the stronger points of our program right now.

"If Jake just plays within himself and doesn't try to do too much, I think he'll be fantastic and have a great year.

"James is a good running back. He has good speed. My guess is, if they give him a little crack, he'll run (for daylight) and we'll do all right."

The defense is untested and is a much greater concern for Fry than the offense.

Hill will be an outside line-

good," said Thurston head coach Bob Snell. "Teams had a very difficult time running the ball against us in our scrimmage.

"We have a lot of returners on our offensive line as well, including a couple of guys with three years of experience."

Despite playing one of the toughest schedules around in 2013, the Eagles registered a solid 6-3 regular-season record before dropping a hardfought 26-14 decision to Milan in a Division 3 pre-district playoff game.

"Our divisoin [the WWAC Blue] is going to be very strong again this season," Snell said. "Fordson is very good again and Belleville may be the most-improved team. They have two D1 linebackers and a senior quarterback returning. Edsel Ford will be a lot better.

"We should do well against the teams that are similar in size to us, but we may have to pull a couple upsets against a couple of the bigger schools."

Thurston's always-potent offense will be steered this season by senior quarterback Travis Wesenberg (6-foot-4, 190 pounds), who played well during his back-up stints as a junior.

"Travis has a very good grasp of our offense," Snell said. "He's smart – he's a 3.8 student – and he makes good decisions. His throwing has vastly improved, too, since last year."

Junior Errol Franklin will serve as Wesenberg's understudy after starting at QB for the Eagles' JV team in 2013.

The Eagles' top two running backs will provide some dash and smash. Senior speedster Chris Johnson (5-10, 165) is the dasher while first-year ball carrier Laymon Gidding-Whatley (6-2, 215) is the smasher, although he possesses good wheels, too.

"Chris was our leading rusher last year and he looks better than ever," Snell said. "Laymon was a monster at our scrimmage. He was running people over." ED WRIGHT

Redford Thurston senior cornerback Chris Johnson returns an interception during Monday night's scrimmage.

Senior Dionte Jones (5-10, 215) will also carry the ball, especially when the Eagles are in the red zone.

"Dionte is a straight-ahead runner; he doesn't dance around people, he looks to run them over," Snell said.

Shifting 6-5 senior Isaiah Crofford from offensive tackle to split end will give Wesenberg a huge target on the perimeter. Robert Thomas (5-10, 165) will also see time on the outside.

Junior Alonzo McCoy (5-10, 185) and senior Aaron Griffin (5-11, 195) give Thurston plenty of depth at the slot position while junior Kobe Williams (6-1, 210) has looked good at tight end during the pre-season. Junior Daunte Dottery (5-10, 19) can also play tight end.

Snell said the flanker position was still up for grabs as of early this week with Desmond Richardson (5-8, 155), Marvel Daniel (5-6, 155) and sophomore Darryus King (5-7, 145) all in the mix.

"As a group, our receivers run good routes, they have good hands and they can catch the ball in traffic," Snell said.

Senior center Clinton Dunham (6-1, 240), a first-year starter, will anchor the offensive line. Returning guards Dammian Booker (6-1, 265) Keyjuan Gordon (6-1, 305) both started last season.

Junior three-year starter Jacob Jenkins (6-4, 300) will protect Wesenberg's blind side from the left tackle slot while junior Tyjuan Triplett (5-10, 235) has earned the starting berth at right tackle.

Alden Ingram (6-2, 200) and Daquan Welch (5-10, 200) give Thurston depth on the O-line.

The defensive line will be nearly a mirror image of the offensive front as all of the blockers will be rotated into the Eagles' defensive scheme.

Gidding-Whatley and Ingram will start at defensive end with Crofford and Williams serving as valuable reserves.

Jones returns as a havoccreator at middle linebacker while Griffin and Dottery are set to patrol the outside.

Johnson and McCoy give Snell a pair of tight-coverage corners who can also tackle. Emmanuel Parker and Trevon Washington bring speed and toughness to the safety position.

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definite college prospect.

"He really put in a lot of work in weight room," Fry said. "He realized he needed to get stronger. He's throwing the ball better, and he seems to be reading better.

"We go down to Livonia Franklin to do the 7-on-7 (passing league). We're the smallest school there, so it was fun to see him play against some Class A schools. He did all right."

As one of the few veteran players, it will be important for Kubiak to play within himself and not try to do it all, Fry added.

"His experience at quarterback is a positive; it's a good place to start," he said. "I'm sure he feels a little bit of the pressure. He did last year being an underclassman with all those seniors. He's the senior now. But let's see what he can do."

While all-area running back Jalen Bryant logged most of the carries, Hill rushed for nearly 700 yards himself and is ready to assume the lead role in the backfield.

"A lot of times, he was the only back because we used Jalen as a receiver a lot, too," Fry said. "He could play at the next level, too. He has a lot of colleges looking at him."

Senior Elijah Bean (5-9, 160), who suffered a season-ending injury after several games last year, will be one of Kubiak's top passing targets.

Fry and his coaches were impressed by the athletic ability of senior Jermell Johnson (6-1, 167), who is new to football.

"He's already done some things and we just went 'Wow," Fry said. "He has great leaping ability and good hands. Not having played football, we'll have to see what happens when we start. He's been a pleasant surprise so far."

Another receiver is senior Kamari Dooley (6-2, 197), the younger brother of former star wideout (Kimani).

The Trojans had another pleasant surprise in the return of senior Jonathan Hogan (6-1, 215), who played at Clarencebacker again; Bean will return to playing cornerback. Senior Santoy Reese (5-10, 180), who played a little at linebacker and was a backup fullback, will have a bigger role.

Dooley also had playing time in the secondary late in the season as a result of injuries to other players. Hogan will help at linebacker.

"Jonathan is the kind of kid who saw a problem at tight end, so he said, 'I'll play tight end,'" Fry said. "He's unselfish; he's all business. He's just loves the game."

The success of last year's team helped to generate interest in the program and bring more boys out for the sport, Fry said.

"At end of the year, we had 21 on our team and maybe 20 on the jayvee," he said. "We had initial interest of 80 this winter, but that dwindled down eventually.

"When you really want to put on the pads and play, we're up around 55 to 60 (in the whole program), but we're very young.

"There was a lot of excitement in the school, and it carried over quite a bit in the community. We got a lot of younger kids that came across the street (from the middle school) and lot of JV kids who came out.

"I think they're up to 32 or 33 (on the JV). We've never had numbers that high."

With so many new players, it has been a challenge for the coaches to put them in the right positions, he added.

"They tend to fall into where they need to play, too," Fry said. "They just seem to work themselves out.

The Trojans will kick off the new season at 7 p.m. Friday with a home game against Ferndale.

"Repeating in the league and getting the wins for the playoffs would be great," Fry said. "We were in two years in a row, so we'd like to keep that streak going.

"One game at a time! The kids used that as their mantra last year, and I think it will carry over to this season."

LOCAL SPORTS

CULTURE CHANGE IN WAYNE

New coaching staff stresses positive attitude, strong work ethic

By Ed Wright Staff Write

Turning around a high school football program that hasn't won a non-forfeit game since Oct. 2, 2009, will be a tall order for new Wayne Memorial head coach Tim Finnerty. So it is only fitting that the

veteran strategist will have a couple skyscrapers to help him get the Zebras back on the right track.

A football coach at some level for close to 35 years, Finnerty will have at his disposal one of the tallest - if not the tallest - quarterback-tight end combinations around in 6-foot-5, 210-pound junior signal-caller Joe Bob Walker, a transfer from California, and 6-7, 235-point tight end Jacob Miller, a transfer from Detroit Northwestern.

"Once they get on the same page, they're going to be something else," said Finnerty, who has coached a series of outstanding QBs in his career, including his son Cullen and former University of Michigan star Drew Hensen. "Joe Bob is a tough kid and he's fast for his size. We're still honing his quarterback skills, but he's picking things up fast." While the infusion of tal-

ented transfers is helpful, Finnerty admits that it's going to take a total football culture cleansing to wash away the stain left by three straight winless seasons.

"The first thing we worked on when we took over was to focus on improving the players' discipline and their commitment to winning," Finnerty said. "Someone told me that a player on last year's team



A pair of Wayne Memorial players battle for the ball during a passing drill Monday afternoon.

went to the concession stand and bought a hot dog - during a game. Those days are over.

"I respect these kids for coming back after being put down for four straight years. I give them a lot of credit. They're stepping up and doing what needs to be done."

Finnerty beams when he talks about his new team's skill-position players, who include running backs Malik Bryant (5-8, 157), LeDell O'Bryant (6-0, 170) and Angelo Wiggins, who could earn the nickname "Slash" considering he plays everything from tailback to outside linebacker to long-snapper.

The problem with Angelo

is he's a really good punter, too, but unfortunately he can't snap it to himself," Finnerty said. "Malik is a shifty runner while LeDell is a strider."

The Zebras' corps of receivers is unlike any Finnerty has worked with in his three decades-plus of coaching.

"It's the fastest, most-ath-letic group of receivers I've seen," he said.

Joining Miller as targets for Walker will be Juan Wise (6-1, 145), Julian Jones (6-2, 160) and Kyle Brooks (5-10, 200).

"Juan has great jumping ability and Julian is very fast probably about a 4.4 40 guy," said Finnerty

The offensive line is young but filled with promise. Sophomore Eric Massey (5-11, 220) anchors the line from the center position while guards Nick Douglas (5-10, 265) and Jacob Marsden (5-10, 203) and line up alongside tackles Matt Kryska (6-1, 220) and Cody

Markland (6-4, 270). Sophomore Anthony Calloway (6-0, 270) will provide valuable depth.

Among the standouts the Zebras will count on defen-sively will be first-year player Lavail Nolan, a 6-5, 210-pound defensive end, and Marcus Wilhide

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Churchill places second, Franklin comes in third

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

The Livonia Stevenson girls golf team got its season off to a sizzling start Friday when it captured first place in the Livonia Girls Golf City Tourna-ment held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The Spartans racked up 12 points in a unique event that featured scramble, alternateshot, best-ball and stroke-play formats.

Livonia Churchill placed second with seven points while Livonia Franklin finished third with five points.

Teams were rewarded three points for winning a format and two points for taking sec-ond. The Spartans placed first in all four categories.

Megan Gronau and Rachel Crachiola combined for a 107 to win the stroke play. Franklin's Carly Culp and Breanna Campau carded a combined score of 123 to nip Churchill's Marin McGowan and Kaila Howard by one shot.

The best-ball title went to Stevenson's Kristen Szabelski and Jess Crachiola, who fired a 47, eight shots lower than Churchill's Alyssa Mazur and Paige Peterson.

In the alternate-shot compe-tition, Stevenson's Jackie Green and Anna Vento reigned with a score of 48, which was 14 shots better than the runnerup Chargers' twosome of Jackie Haddad and Kristen McLean.

Danielle Marzec and Madi Maurier finished off the sweep for the champs by winning the scramble with a score of 44.

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ED WRIGHT Livonia Stevenson's Mad

SPARTANS

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Leading the way is second-year captain C.J. Weiss (5foot-9, 175 pounds), a threeyear varsity player who will rarely leave the field. In addition to providing lightningquick speed to the offensive backfield, Weiss is the leader of the team's secondary – whether he's playing cornerback or safety.

"C.J. is a very athletic and smart football player," Micallef said. "He has an extremely high football IQ and he's is an outstanding motivator



Second-year starter Brad Scott (6-3, 220) may not be as vocal as fellow captain Weiss, but his actions in the trenches speak louder than words, Micallef said.

"Brad is a quiet leader; he does it on the field," Micallef said. "Brad is a tireless worker. He's always in the weight room and he wrestles, so he brings a lot of toughness to our team.'

The Spartans' two other captains - Connor Vaughan (6-3, 199) and Mario Ferrera (5-7, 186) – are outstanding role models for their younger teammates. Vaughan is inked in as a starting defensive lineman and tight end, while Ferrera will be a leader of the Spartans' line-backing unit.

"Connor is so athletic, he could probably play outside linebacker, but he's going to play defensive line to help his team," Micallef said. "Offensively, he has good hands and good blocking technique.

"Mario is a tireless worker whose motor never stops. He continues to impress the coaching staff on a daily basis.

First-year starting quarterback Chris Tanderys, a 5-10,

ED WRIGHT Serving as captains this season for the Livonia Stevenson football team will be (from left) C.J. Weiss, Mario Ferrera, Brad Scott and Connor Vaughan.

170-pound sophomore, won't be intimidated by his promotion from the junior-varsity squad, Micallef promised.

"Chris is completely unfazed by the magnitude of playing varsity football," Micallef said. "He played varsity baseball in the spring as a freshman, so he learned a lot from that.

"He's a dual threat as a quarterback. Chris has a good arm and quick feet.'

Junior Austin Petrie (5-9, 199) will be called on to lead the Stevenson ground attack along with junior Frank Carlin (5-8, 157).

he can run with power," Mical-lef noted. "And he has good hands, so we can put him in the slot, too.'

A pair of seniors – Jack Ferguson (6-0, 150) and Nate Martoia (5-7, 162) – will lead the Spartans corps of receiv-

ers. "They both have excellent hands," Micallef said. "Jack is sneaky quick while Nate is

able to beat defenders with his flat-out speed.'

Junior Tyler Denski (6-0, 279) will anchor the offensive line. He'll be flanked by senior guards Connor McQueen (6-1, 190) and Ferrero. Scott will protect Tanderys's blind side from the left tackle position while Kyle Foster (6-3, 223) is set to start at right tackle.

Junior Adam Wright (6-3, 218) and senior Joe Newman (6-3, 222) are still in the hunt for starting berths on the offensive line.

Scott and Vaughan will book-end an impressive defensive line that includes tackles "Austin has good speed and Matt Brown, a 6-2, 221-pound junior, and Abdullah Afify, a 6-7, 390-pound senior. "Abdullah is a space-eater

inside," Micallef said. "Matt is athletic and is also good against the run."

Junior Kevin Bowersox (6-0, 200) will also see significant time at tackle while Tyler Hudson (5-8, 183) will rotate in at the defensive end spots.

Senior Rob Schneider (6-2, 196) is a returning starter at linebacker who, Micallef said, possesses outstanding pursuit and leadership skills.

Ferrera will play one of the outside linebacker spots while the combination of Ethan Bidoul (5-7, 163) and Andy Cyburt (6-3, 200) will patrol the opposite side.

The Spartans' secondary is solid thanks to the presence of Weiss, senior Heath Stilwell (5-8, 140), senior Hyder Mansour (6-0, 188) and junior Nate Bunton (5-11, 157).

Micallef said his team can't experience any letdowns if it wants to compete in the ultratalented KLAA Central Division.

"Northville and South Lyon are both returning a lot of quality kids, and Novi is on the verge of being a really good team," he said. "It's definitely a tough division, but I think we'll be very competitive."

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Maurier (left) helps teammate Danielle Marzec line up a putt during Friday's Livonia Girls Golf City Tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Aug. 28 Churchill at Milford, 7 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Avondale, 7 p.m. Wayne at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m. Riverview at Garden City, 7 p.m. Ecorse at Thurston, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29 John Glenn at A.A. Skyline, 7 p.m. Ferndale at Clarenceville, 7 p.m Remote at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Aug. 28 RU at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Novi C.C. at Garden City, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Divine Child, 4 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Parkway, 4:30 p.m. HVL at Baptist Park, 4:30 p.m PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Aug. 28 HVL at Concordia rounder, Friday, Aug. 29 Interest at Bedford Invite, 8:30 a.m. Ladywood at Bedford I GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Aug. 28 Stevenson vs. Grosse Pointe North, 6 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Thursday, Aug. 28 Livonia City Invite at Stevenson, 9 a.m. Harrison at John Glenn, noon Friday, Aug. 29 Franklin at Monroe, 8:30 a.m. GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Aug. 28 KLAA Conference Tourney at Fox Hills, 8:30 a.m.

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Farmington Harrison (10-2) at Farmington (2-7)	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
North Farmington (5-4) at Pontiac (0-9)	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Plymouth (5-4) at Salem (3-6)	Salem	Plymouth	Plymouth
Canton (8-2) at Holland West Ottawa (5-4)	Canton	Canton	Canton
Livonia Churchill (2-7) at Milford (1-8)	Churchill	Churchill	Milford
Livonia Franklin (4-5) at Livonia Stevenson (5-4)	Franklin	Stevenson	Stevenson
Wayne Memorial (0-9) at Waterford Mott (4-5)	Wayne	Mott	Mott
Redford Union (1-8) at A.H. Avondale (5-4)	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale
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Friday, Aug. 29			
Ferndale (2-7) at Livonia Clarenceville (11-1)	Ferndale	Ferndale	Clarenceville
Westland John Glenn (6-4) at A.A. Skyline (4-5)	John Glenn	John Glenn	John Glenn
Riverview (7-3) at Garden City (4-5)	Garden City	Riverview	Garden City

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Orientation helps Realtor partners get down to business

Several local and national business representatives attended the first ever Affiliate Orientation Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR). The informational session gave these Realtor partner businesses insight as to how to better connect and provide for their Realtor clients. Businesses represented included title companies, banks, media companies, staging services, mortgage groups and moving services.

The highlight of the event was a discussion between the attending business representatives and a panel of GMAR Realtor Board Members and GMAR Affiliate Committee members. The panel warmed up with a list of preplanned questions and then fielded questions directly from attendees. The inquiries ranged from what the definition of being a GMAR Affiliate Member is to how to really



connect with the agents these businesses desire as clients.

GMAR President Maureen Francis, who also served on the panel, said she was very pleased with how many attended and found the exchange of ideas to be useful to both the affiliate businesses and the GMAR Board of Directors. GMAR Affiliate Committee Chair Johnna Struck invites all real estate business professionals to check out GMAR's Affiliate membership and consider getting Realtor partners such as banks, title companies and others learn the ropes during the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors session.

involved with the committee.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of March 3 to May 4, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. (Some were delayed by a county computer change.)

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and would require associations to make reasonable accommodations for ham radio equipment; including the amateur radio towers, antennas and other external devices. This, of course, will not be popular for community associations, but you should express your interest in this bill to your federal House representative.

Q: I own a condo with a swimming pool and the board says that they do not have the money to open the pool this year and I am losing rent from my tenant because of this. Does the association have a right to withhold this amenity that is part of our monthly fee and without compensation? I am concerned that I may lose my tenant who is looking forward to the use of the pool each season.

A: That is a difficult question, because the board has a wide degree of discretion in terms of running the condominium and the common elements of it. On the other hand, the board has the right to raise assessments and to take whatever action is necessary to collect dues if that is their excuse for not having the money. Moreover, the board has the responsibility to maintain the condominium which, in this case, may well be opening up of the pool. I would write a strong letter to the Association Board demanding that they take action to open the pool, raise the assessments as necessary and/or more vigorously pursue the collection of delinquencies.

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				9200 Dixie	\$70,000	7395 Woodview St	\$45,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 14 - 18, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

31310 Foxboro Way 16151 Lauderdale Ave 30295 Leemoor St 16251 Reedmere Ave 32474 Sheridan Dr 18681 Walmer Ln BIRMINGHAM 1368 Bird Ave 2711 Dorchester Rd 2655 E Maple Rd # 17 487 N Eton St # B4 411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit 905 2647 Windemere Rd **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 910 Dursley Rd 5598 Franklin Rd 7174 Old Mill Rd 5668 Roundhill Rd

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\$330,000	41164 5 McMahon Cir	\$144,000
\$325,000	24730 Sarah Flynn	\$280,000
\$132,000	27611 Sloan St	\$348,000
	25435 Sullivan Ln	\$362,000
\$298,000	22641 Summer Ln	\$415,000
	40458 Village Wood Rd	\$228,000
\$85,000	23374 Winnsborough	\$415,000
\$280,000	SOUTH LYON	
\$112,000	23581 Bristlecone Ct	\$439,000
	24008 Meadowcreek Cir	\$359,000
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\$130,000	24040 Meadowcreek Cir	\$476,000
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	SOUTHFIELD	
\$1,399,000	18230 Alta Vista Dr	\$192,000
\$389,000	29689 Brentwood St	\$78,000
\$963,000	26704 Senator Blvd	\$210,000
\$320,000	21825 Winchester St	\$165,000
	WHITE LAKE	
\$324,000	9372 Cliffside Ct	\$210,000
\$518,000	567 Red Bank Dr	\$120,000
\$181,000	964 Sunnybeach Blvd	\$162,000
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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.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information contact The Meisner Law Group, at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@ meisner-law.com, or visit Meisner-law.com.



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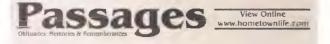
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LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP OFFER VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

AUGUST MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Aug. 30 Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch *God's Not Dead.* Movie starts at sunset. Admission, popcorn and icies are free. Movie will be shown



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CARAMAGNO, JOAN August 24, 2014, age 84. Dear mother of John Veselenak, Nicholas Veselenak, Paul (Barbara) Veselenak, and Matthew (Tonya) Caramagno. Grandma of David (Holly) Veselenak, Sarah and Scott Veselenak, Matthew and Chase Caramagno. Sister of Donald (Lynn) Bartolerio, and Sheila Gazdecki. Visitation MANNS-FERGUSON FUNER-AL HOME 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., with Parastas Service at 7 p.m. In State Friday 9 a.m. until time of Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneral home.com



DUNCAN JEANNETTE

Age 95 August 25, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Harry for 47 years. Loving mother of Eliz-abeth Suvoy. Predeceased by her son Michael Everton and son-inlaw Frank 'Buck' Suvoy. Sister of Simone Hanvey and Rejeanne Jarmosevich. Grandmother of Lisa Everton, Cheryl (Jeff) Lampman, Louis Suvoy and Aurea Suvoy. Great grandmother of Corev and Jack Lampman. Also survived by her caregiver Julia Everton and many loving nie-ces and nephews. Visitation ces and nephews. Thursday 1-8pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). In state Friday 9am fol-lowed by the 9:30am Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill (west of Wayne Road), www.santeiufu neralhome.com



FLOHR, JOAN M.

Loving wife of the late Dale. Cherished mother of Bruce (Linda), Gary (Zita), Tom, Lesley (Jim) Page and Karilyn (Andy) Lytle. Proud grandmoth-er of 16 and great-grandmother of 8. Also survived by dear brother Rev. Thomas (Betty) Edge. Visitation Wednesday 5-8 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. In state Thursday 10 a.m until time of Funeral Service 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Rd. in In lieu of flowers Livonia. memorial contributions are appreciated to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra or Alzheimer's Association



O'NEIL, JR. JAMES STANLEY

Age 70. Loving father and proud grandfather, passed away peacefully August 25 with his family by his side. He was a former resident of Canton, and Northville. James was a strong man who persevered through the challenges that life threw his way and loved to get around town and converse with those he met. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War and he excelled as a Senior Account Executive in the automotive industry. James will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He is survived by four children and six grandchildren. Visitation Friday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

SEYUIN, GATHA M. Age 92, of Farmington Hi

Age 92, of Farmington Hills, died August 25, 2014. Gatha is survived by her beloved husband of 72 years, Joseph; devoted children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary); 17 grandchil-dren, 17 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Anna Jodway and Belle Seyuin. Sadly, Gatha was preceded in death by her daughter, Ruth Kelley. Visitation Thursday, August 28, 5-8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Friday, August 29, 10:30 a.m. (in state 10 a.m.) at the Servant Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Interment Mt. Hope, Livonia. Memorial gifts suggested to Angela Hospice.

indoors in inclement weather **Contact**: Steve Morgan at 313-377-0832

SEPTEMBER FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 15 Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, instructs a 10-week series of classes that include aerobic movements, strength training with light hand weights and yoga stretching, followed by abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70 with a portion of proceeds going to the parish.

Contact: 734-455-5910 GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Sept. 10 Location: St. Priscilla's Church,

19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is a five-week series for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. For more information and registration details, visit the Good Mourning Ministry website at www.goodmourningministry.net or contact Kay at St. Priscilla. Contact: 248-476-4700, kay@saintpriscilla.org

RALLY DAY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sept. 14 **Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Road, at Maplewood, Garden City

Details: Worship, food, games, Contact: 734-421-8628 REVIVAL

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. Sept. 8-10

Location: Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer, Westland Details: Worship with praise and music, along with messages of repentance, renewal and revival with the Rev. Charles Ozment

Contact: 734-729-2434 SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Sept. 7, Oct. 12 and 26 and Nov. 9

Location: National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section, 26400 Lahser, Southfield Details: The council seeks volunteers to help with activities and field trips for clients of Kadima, a mental health facility in Southfield. Trips include a Detroit Tiger game on Sept. 7; Succot celebration at Kadima on

Johnson Nature Center on Oct. 26; and the Royal Oak Flea Market, Nov. 9 **Contact:** 248-355-3300, Ext. 0

Oct. 12; Franklin Cider Mill and

OCTOBER CRAFTERS WANTED Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

21200 Haggerty, Northville Township **Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

> Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

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

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

Contact: 248-374-5920
FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Hills Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers

of infants through kindergartners **Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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

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

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. **Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and



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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

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

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

Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyteri-

an Church Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, 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: 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. behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling. Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

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

Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia

support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with

questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh,

Livonia Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry offers an activity-based program for dependent adults,

specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center **Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-

g.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Details: A weekly drop-in Food

Cupboard (nonperishable items)

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road,

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154

or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for

additional information

» St. Thomas a' Becket

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-

ing starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

6:55 p.m.; support group meet-

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

keep it off for good.

» Unity of Livonia

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organization to lose weight and

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

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between Middlebelt and Inkster,

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile,

Contact: 248-559-7722;

www.oa.org for additional

» Ward Evangelical Presby-

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op-

Contact: 734-421-8451

» St. John Neumann

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> heeney-sundquist.com HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Saturday, Oct. 11 Location: St. Theodore Parish Social Halls, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: St. Theodore Confraternity of Christian Women is looking for crafters for its Fall Craft Show. There are 70 tables available. Each costs \$25. **Contact**: Mary at 734-425-4421 (voice mail #10)

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 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

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More

offers support for addictive

tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

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

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ECCENTRIC MEDIA HOMETOWN

Comedy, musicals, more take to stage

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Craig Hane hopes to "raise the bar" at Barefoot Productions this season.

And with nearly one play per month scheduled through May 2015 at its Plymouth playhouse, Hane, director and founder, will have plenty of chances to do just that.

"I'm going into every show with nothing more than perfection," said Hane, who will direct the entire season at Barefoot. "Mouths will drop with each show.'

Barefoot started the 2014-15 theater season a few months before other local troupes, staging Play It Again, Sam in July, followed by Southern Hospitality this month. It will take a break in September as it gears up for a re-telling of the Lizzie Borden tale in October, just in time for Halloween.

Inspire Theatre will bring Blithe Spirit to the stage in mid-October at its Westland playhouse, but other local theaters plan to start new seasons in September. Farmington Players will stage the comedy, Arsenic and Old Lace, Sept. 26 through Oct. 18. Both Spotlight Players in Canton and Two Muses Theatre in West Bloomfield are rehearsing musicals.

Spotlight opens with Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic The King and I, which will run weekends, Sept. 12-21.

"Spotlight is very pleased to be offering something new this year, season packages. They are similar to season tickets but offer much more flexibility," said Lia De Biasi, who is producing The King and I. "For \$54 you get four tickets for the price of \$13.50 each.'

Individual tickets for The King and I run \$15-\$18.

"Save by purchasing season coupons. Four coupons per package," De Biasi explained. Season coupons can be exchanged for tickets to desired Spotlight Players' shows. They also may be exchanged for Spotlight Players' youth group shows and its senior troupe performances

From the West Coast

Two Muses Theatre will open its new season with the Midwest premiere of At the Bistro Garden, a new musical with ties to both Michigan and Los Angeles, Calif.

"One of our regular patrons has a son who started a theater. He moved to L.A. and directs on the East Coast as well," said Barbie Weisserman of Farmington Hills, co-founder of the Two Muses, in West Bloomfield. "So, I gave her my business card. Her son called me and said he'd love to direct at Two Muses. He had heard wonderful things about Two Muses.'

When he mentioned that a friend had written a new musical and had been testing it out in workshops, Weisserman was eager to read it.

"The script is hilarious and the music is fabulous," Weisserman said. "They were so excited to come and have someone interested in producing their show."

Deborah Pearl, the author of At the Bistro Garden, Jules Aaron, the director, and David Kole, the composer, flew to Michigan to work with the cast and crew.

"This is really exciting for us," she said. "The composer is staying with me and the author is staying with me. It has been really fun."

Here are the details about upcoming shows:

» Barefoot Productions stages The Lights are Warm and Coloured, a crime drama, at 8 p.m. Oct. 17-18 and 24-25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26. Santaland Diaries/Seasons Greetings by David Sedaris, follows for two nights only in November. The Desk Set, a comedy romance that inspired a film starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, is set for December. Director Craig Hane said the play includes "a huge scene with an office Christmas party." Distracted, Of Juliet & Her Romeo, QED and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest round out the season, at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com.

» In addition to Arsenic and Old Lace, Farmington Players will stage Leading Ladies, November-December. Miracle



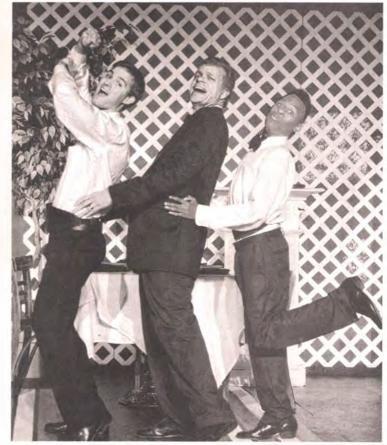
Barefoot Productions in Plymouth will stage more plays this season than it has in the past. It found a creative way to package the play titles and dates onto one flier.

on South Division Street in February 2015 and How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, April-May 2015, at 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. 248-553-2955; farmingtonplayers.org.

» Inspire Theatre runs Blithe Spirit at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. at 5767 Executive Drive, Westland. 734-751-7057.

» Spotlight Players presents The King and I, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12-14 and 19-21, at the Vi lage Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Other plays include a youth production, Harry's Hotter at Twilight, in October, Steel Magnolias in November and two Mel Brooks plays, Get Smart in February 2015 and Young Frankenstein in April 2015.

» Two Muses Theatre runs At the Bistro Garden at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, Oct. 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18 and at 2 p m. Sunday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, 12, and 19. Other shows are Jake's Women in November, Basheret in February 2015, God of Carnage, April 2015, and Clybourne Park, June 2015, in the theater at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Season tickets are available. Call 248-850-9919; twomusestheatre.org.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS The Maitre D with his waiters at the Bistro Garden, Rusty Daugherty, (left) of Southfield, John DeMerell of White Lake and Miles Bond of Detroit. At the Bistro Garden opens the new season at Two Muses Theatre.



Diane Hill of Wolverine Lake (left) and Amy Lauter of Farmington Hills play best friends in Two Muses Theatre's season opener, At the Bistro Garden. In this scene, Chevenne, played by Carrie Jay Sayer of Dexter, entertains with stories of Hollywood romances while the John DeMerell of White Lake, as Maitre D. listens in.

GET OUT!

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 2

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.

Run Wild: 5K and 10K runs, and a 1.5-mile fun walk will benefit the zoo's Ruth Roby Glancy Animal Health Complex, Sept. 14. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., the 10K at 8:45 a.m. and the untimed fun walk is at 9 a.m. Routes start at the zoo and wind through Huntington Woods. Registration fees run from \$25 for the walk to \$55 for both the 5K and 10 K runs. www.detroitzoo.org/runwild 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. through Oct. 10 Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "Artpack Services Employee Exhibit'

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 Gratitudes: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also on exhibit are works by glass artists and Teresa Petersen. who creates art from thrift store and hardware shop finds

Contact: 248-432-5448 **NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Sept. 27; opening reception is 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Lines," an all-media juried exhibition

Contact: 248-344-0497 **PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, opening reception; exhibit open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday through September

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

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SUBMITTED

Building by Ford #17 by Aileen Mozug is among the works on display through Sept. 27 at Northville Art House.

Details: Chalk pastels by Leonardo Savage Contact: plymoutharts.com

AUDITIONS EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7

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

Details: Auditions for Hollywood And Hyde, a dark comedy, will be by cold reading from the script. Actors will be seen in the order they arrive. The play will be performed Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23 through Nov. 9. Parts for six men and one woman.

Contact: emergentarts.com; 734-985-0875

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: By appointment, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 28

Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia Details: Placement auditions for the theater's "Acting for the Serious Student" course, which will run Friday evenings Sept. 5 through Oct. 17. The class is for ages 8-18 and costs \$100 for nonmembers and \$80 for members. Audition consists of a 30-second monologue or two 15-second monologues that will demonstrate skills in memorization, text interpretation, character and stage presence.

Contact: Nancy Florkowski, 586-894-8628; nancy@mcyt.org

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Time/Date: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16



The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir kicks off the news season, Sept. 21, at Music Hall in Detroit.

Location: Orchard Ridge Campus. located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills

Details: Godspell auditions are open to all. prepare. Prepare 16 bars/measures of music either from the show or music that best displays your vocal talents. Bring your own CD or audition a cappella. Email to request an audition time

Contact: denorth@oaklandcc.edu

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Evate: 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 2-3

Location: Liberal Arts Theatre, in the Liberal Arts Building, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Neil Simon's The Star-Spangled Girl. Auditions are open to the general public as well as students. No experience necesssary

4400, Ext. 5270

COMEDY **JOEY S COMEDY CLUB**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug.29-30 Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: DJ Dangler; tickets are \$12 show orly, \$22 with dinner on Thursday; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner, Friday

Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thurday, Aug. 28 Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown Royal Oak Details: Open Mic Night; \$3 Coming up: Ben Moore, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; tickets \$18

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

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, and Thursday, Sept. 4, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31 Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: How To Train Your Dragon, admission \$3

Summer Cinema Series: The series wraps up with Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Aug. 28. Shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 12 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sept. 13

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of

Grand River Ave., in Detroit Details: Indiana Jones and the Temple

of Doom, \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

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



SUBMITTED

Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers opens the 71st season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit on Sept. 20 at Detroit Country Day School in **Beverly Hills.**

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL 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 **ARTS, BEATS AND EATS**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 29-31 and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Along Washington Street and adjacent parking lots and streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Nine stages with local and national bands, such as The Appleseed Collective, Candy Band, Orbitsuns, Village People, The Spinners, .38 Special, Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings, Killer Flamingos, Ara Topouzian Ensemble and more. Festival includes a juried art show with more than 140 artist booths, and more than 35 food booths, some with gluten-free, vegan, low-carb, sugar-free and low-fat options. Admission is \$3; \$5 after 5 p.m. Visit artsbeatseats.com for a full music schedule and parking information

Contact: 248-541-7550

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tues-

Contact: James Hartman at 734-462-

Catch a new movie this holiday weekend

Kick back with a bucket of popcorn and watch a new film this Labor Day weekend. Movies opening Friday, Aug. 29:

» As Above/So Below: Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. As Above, So Below reaches deep into the human psyche to reveal the personal demons that come back to haunt everyone. Written by John Erick Dowdle and Drew Dowdle and directed by John Erick Dowdle, the psychological thriller takes viewers on a journey into madness and terror. Stars Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman, and Edwin Hodge. Rated R.

» Land, Ho! opens at Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Back when they were brothers-in-law, married to two sisters, Mitch, played by Earl Lynn Nelson, and Colin, played by Paul Eenhoorn, were close friends, but they drifted apart as Mitch and his wife divorced and Colin's wife died. Now Mitch, a retired surgeon who can't quite admit to being retired, recruits a reluctant Colin on a holiday to Iceland. It's the perfect way to perk up the pair who have endured their share of disappointments but still have a spirit of adventure in them. In upscale Reykjavik, they hit the nightclubs with Mitch's much younger first-cousin-once-removed, Ellen, played by Karrie Crouse, and her friend, Janet, played by Elizabeth McKee, who happen to be traveling through at the same time. The vast, haunting landscapes - moss-coated cliffs, fog-shrouded mountains, geothermal pools - form the perfect backdrop for the friends' escapades. Rated R.

» Life of Crime is based on the late Elmore



(L to R) Zed, played by Ali Marhyar, (left) Souxie, played by Marion Feldman, and Benji, played by Edwin Hodge, traverse miles of twisting catacombs beneath the streets of Paris in *As Above/So Below*. The film opens Friday, Aug. 29, at area theaters.

Leonard's novel *The Switch*. It is a dark caper comedy starring Jennifer Aniston, Tim Robbins, John Hawkes, Yasiin Bey, Isla Fisher and Will

plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Senegal St. Joseph

Gospel choir kicks off the 2014-

15 season. Tickets are \$20

MUSIC HALL

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Forte. The wife (Aniston) of a corrupt real estate developer (Robbins) is kidnapped by two common criminals (Bey and Hawkes), who intend to extort him with inside information about his crooked business and off-shore accounts. But the husband decides he'd actually rather not pay the ransom to get back his wife, setting off an unbelievable sequence of double crosses and plot twists. Directed by Daniel Schechter. Rated R.

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GET OUT!

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day of the month Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: \$5 donation Contact: 734-453-1780 CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Sept. 20 Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, corner of 13 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills Details: Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers opens the 71st season of this Farmington Hills-based music organization. Tickets range from \$30-\$60 Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.orgt DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL Time/Date: 4-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31, and noon to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1

Location: Hart Plaza and Campus Martius in downtown Detroit

Details: Nearly 60 local and national jazz musicians, including Stanley Clarke, Ramsey Lewis, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Joshua Redman, The Motown Legends Gospel Choir, and more, perform at this free festival. Catch the Northville High School Jazz Band at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, on the JP Morgan Chase stage

Contact: detroitjazzfest.com 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

f Livonia: Regular Meeting of 8/6/14

musicians, iney Clarke, Ramsey rty Dozen Brass Contact: 313 887-8501 TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

> Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Open Mic, Sept. 2; Greg Trooper and George Worthmore, Sept. 6; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Jo Serrapere, and John Devine, Sept. 7. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302



Works by Leonardo Savage, including this pastel, are on display beginning Sept. 6 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-23 August 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Hawley, Damitio, Rowe, Monit, Rhaesa, James. MEMBERS ABSENT: Haidous. Presentation of 2013 Police Officer of the Year Award to Det. Stephanie Strasser. APPROVED: minutes spec. mtg. of Aug. 4 & reg. mtg. of Aug. 5: Main Street Wayne Scarecrow Event; Resignation of Fin. Director; Trunkline Maintenance Contract with the MDOT until 2019 & Dan Hamann as Maint. Superintendent; the assessment roll filed with the City Clerk for Streetlight Assessment, and to call a Public Hearing Tues, Sept 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.; bid award for Tanglewood Asphalt Removal & Replacement Project; Site Plan# 2014-02 Jack Demmer Wholesale Auto Parts; budget study session at 7:00 p.m. before each City Council meeting; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

City of Livonia: Regular Meeting of 8/6/14 Meeting called to order 7pm

Present: Brosnan, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Scheel, Brosnan Absent: Kritzman

#230-14 Approving minutes of 7/21/14 Regular Council Meeting

#231-14 Approving block party on Middleboro between Westmore and Mayfield on 8/9/14 from 12-10 pm.

Several items received and filed

#232-14 Approving block party on Flamingo between St. Martins and Bretton on 9/6/14 from 2-10 pm.

#233-14 Approving block party on Hees between Hubbard and Georgia on 9/13/14 from 1-10

#234-14 Approving adjustments required for the 2nd quarter of the Fiscal Yr. 2014 Budget. #235-14 Approving wage increase for employees at minimum wage based on the State of Michigan Minimum Wage Law with wages effective 9/1/14.

#236-14 Establishing a public hearing date of 9/8/14, 7pm, for the revised special assessment district for a 10" sanitary sewer main to service properties at 15160, 15200, 15230 Levan Rd. **#237-14** Approving salary and benefit adjustments for Administrative and Professional, Exempt and Confidential Classifications from 12/1/13-12/1/15.

#238-14 Adopting with revision to the Contract to include a Trail Free increase from \$84,000.00 to \$118,000.00/year to be pd by TJW, Inc. to the City for operation needs of 3 golf courses, and extending Golf Contract with TJW (Tom Welsh) for a period of 5 years, with additional two 5 yr. extensions.

#239-14 Approving Petition 2014-02-01-01, to rezone property at 17108 Farmington from C-2 (General Business) to C-1 (Local Business) for preparation of the Ordinance.

#240-14 Approving Petition 2014-06-01-05, to rezone property at 15475 Middlebelt from R-9-1 (Housing for Elderly) to OS (Office Services) for preparation of the Ordinance.

#241-14 Directing that a closed COW be held to discuss pending litigation with respect to US Bank v City of Livonia.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:25 pm **Terry A. Marecki** Livonia City Clerk

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 090 TO TITLE 9. CHAPTER 30 (NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

 $\underline{Section 1.}$ Section 090 of Title 9, Chapter 30 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.30.090 Exemptions to chapter applicability. A. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers, common carriers or their employees or to public officers or employees while engaged in the performance of their official duties, licensed medical technicians, technologists, nurses, hospitals, research teaching institutions, clinical laboratories, medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, dentists, chiropodists, veterinarians, pharmacists and embalmers in the normal legal course of their respective business or profession, and upon the showing of such occupation or employment, nor, with respect to hypodermic syringes and needles, to persons suffering from diabetes, asthma or any other medical condition requiring self-injection.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is unlawful for any individual or commercial entity to acquire, possess, manufacture, deliver, transfer or transport, sell, supply, or provide marijuana – whether medical or otherwise – to any individual or group of individuals, whether or not such person(s) has/have not become registered as qualifying patient(s) or registered primary caregiver(s) pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, MCL 333.26421, et seq. (the "Act"), provided that this subsection does not apply to any activity which is explicitly permitted by the Act.

<u>Section 2.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

<u>Section 3.</u> Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

<u>Section 4.</u> This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon publication.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, August 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Terry Marecki, City Clerk The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 19th day of August, 2014. Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form: Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Publish: Thursday, August 28, 2014

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CITY OF WAYNE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF WAYNE

TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO ALL LOCAL AND MAJOR ROADS IN THE CITY OF WAYNE THAT CURRENTLY HAVE STREET LIGHTING:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Wayne has tentatively determined to proceed with an assessment to:

Maintain and operate the existing street lighting systems on local and major roads in the City of Wayne and, for a five year period beginning in 2014, to assess the operation, administration and maintenance costs of the existing systems, except the City's portion of the cost of the green street lights in the Downtown area, and the applicable costs for all City owned property, to lots and parcels in the City of Wayne currently so serviced.

The properties have previously been designated as special assessments districts, against which the cost of said operation, administration and maintenance expenses may be assessed.

The individual assessments in the special assessment districts in the City have not been changed since 2012, in spite of the increased costs to the City for the operation, administration and maintenance of these existing street lighting systems. At the rate of the current assessments, there will be a 38% percent shortfall in the year 2014, or \$246,828.00, for the payment of the costs of operation, administration and maintenance of these street lighting systems.

The proposed operation, administration and maintenance costs will result in an increase in the current street lighting assessment to each property owner for the year 2014, with all assessments to be increased, pro rata, by the same percentage, to make up for the \$246,828.00 shortfall. Although individual assessments vary due to the characteristics of each district and property, the average annual increase for 2014 will be \$24.50 per year for the Residential District; \$164.31 per year for the Industrial District; and \$75.74 per year for the Commercial/Streetscape District.

It is also anticipated that the operation, administration and maintenance costs will result in annual increases in accordance with cost increases charged by Detroit Edison for years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The special assessment for street lighting will be in five (5) installments due on December 1, 2014, and December 1 of each succeeding year until December 1, 2018.

An assessment roll of the proposed assessments for the costs of operation, administration and maintenance requirements for the existing street lighting systems has been prepared and is on file in the offices of both the City Assessor and the City Clerk for public examination. The proposed assessments will be available for review at the Assessor's office starting on August 20, 2014 through November 30, 2014, from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m. during normal work days (M-Th).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the City Council will meet on the 16th day of September, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184, for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed assessment, and to determine whether to approve and confirm the special assessment roll. The City Assessor will also be available at this location on that date from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to assist persons in reviewing the assessment roll. If you desire to review the roll, please bring this notice to the meeting.

Pursuant to Public Act 64 of 1989, an owner, party in interest, or his or her agent: (1) may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment; (2) may file an appearance and protest by letter, at the hearing; or (3) may file an appearance and protest by letter prior to the hearing, in the Office of the Wayne City Clerk, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan, during regular office hours. A written appeal may be filed with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, only if that assessment was protested as specified above.

This is **NOT** a new assessment, only a continuation and increase of what you are currently assessed on your winter taxes. If there are any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 722-2000.

Matthew K. Miller, City Clerk City of Wayne

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FOOD

Carol Strom (foreground), a Schoolcraft College trustee, enjoys some of the desserts offered at the VIP reception at the Culinary Extravaganza last year.

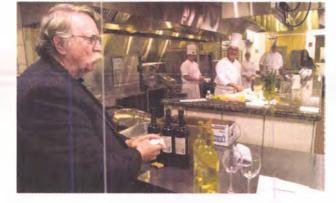
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Taste unique cuisine at Culinary EXTRAVAGANZA

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Send your taste buds on a bittersweet trip via the Midnight Train to Traverse next month at Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza.

The chicory-chocolate-cherry ice cream, created by chef James Rigato of The Root restaurant in White Lake, will be among six Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream flavors served in the expanded "tailgate" portion of the annual event that raises funds for student scholarships and the college's culinary arts program.





"It's got a nice toasty bitterness to it," said Rigato, describing the flavor he created for Guernsey. "Chicory is a coffee substitute. I think about midnights, drinking coffee. We use Traverse City cherries, too."

The Northville-based dairy will participate in the Culinary Extravaganza for the first time, offering Peanut Butter Mackinac Island Fudge, Lemon Custard, Grandpa's Blueberry Way, Creme de Novi and Vanilla ice cream flavors, in addition to Midnight Train to Traverse.

"We have ties with Schoolcraft in terms of them using our products for their cooking school. It's a world class culinary institution," said Phillip Bec, sales and marketing manager for Guernsey Farms Dairy. "The days of the locally owned and sourced dairy are far gone. So Guernsey is unique." The company gets its milk from the Lansing area and processes it quickly so that dairy products are fresh when they hit store shelves. "Anytime I can connect with chefs that I know appreciate the (product) I try to. The Extravaganza is a great platform for us to get exposed to up and coming chefs."

The 23rd Culinary Extravaganza will run 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. More than 40 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors will serve tastings of their signature culinary creations. Certified Master Chef, Jeff Gabriel, and expert vintner, Lee Hershey, will demonstrate healthful food and wine pairings. A silent auction will include gift baskets, fine dining, Vintner Lee Hershey teaches a class in "Wholesome Healthy Food and Wine Accompaniments." Master Chef Jeff Gabriel handles the food portion of the session and Hershey talks about wine-food pairings.

travel and sporting event packages, along with other items. A raffle will award the luckiest ticket-holder with \$1,500. Other prizes will include cash and dinner for two at the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

Tickets for the Culinary Extravaganza are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order tickets by calling 734-462-4689 or visit scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza.

Tailgating

"Nowhere else can you attend an event of this magnitude for such a great price while helping such a great cause," said Sheri Frader, Extravaganza coordinator. "We have several new restaurants this year and we are continually working to add new restaurants.

"The tailgate area will be expanded to include the Lions game and possibly the Ryder Cup."

The tailgate room will offer pub- and tailgate-style foods, along with the Detroit Lions game televised

- Contraction

Rebecca Himm (left), a member of the Schoolcraft Foundation Board of Governors, and her friends enjoy delicacies from Steve & Rocky's of Novi.

live on large viewing screens. The main event, located in the DiPonio Room, serves signature dishes and fine dining cuisine.

Rigato, a 2005 Schoolcraft graduate, will be represented in both locations. While Guernsey Farms Dairy serves Midnight Train to Traverse in the tailgate area, Rigato will offer foods typical of his The Root restaurant in the DiPonio Room.

He'll wait until closer to the event to choose a menu.

"We do things seasonally at the restaurant. If I were doing it tomorrow, I'd make something with the 200 pounds of tomatoes I just received," Rigato said, adding that he created gazpacho for a recent demonstration at Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market. "I like to stay as seasonal and fresh as possible. And I never want to repeat anything at an event. That's boring. I want to do something new."

For a complete list of vendors, visit scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza.

Sweet stuff: Hydrate your way to more energy with watermelon

mericans thirsting for more energy can refresh their hydration habits by thinking outside the water glass. Some foods — including flavorful, water-rich produce like watermelon — can help hydrate the body as well.

"Sliced, cubed or blended, or even simply juiced, watermelon is a delicious way to increase fluid intake and boost energy," said Elizabeth Somer, a registered dietitian and author of several nutrition and wellness books. "Watermelon is 92 percent water, and the perfect ingredient for salads, salsas, smoothies and more."

With a distinctively sweet, refreshing taste, it may be hard to think of watermelon as a nutritious, lowcalorie hydration boost. But actually, beyond its high water content, watermelon is loaded with vitamins A and C, potassium and magnesium, fiber and phytonutrients, such as lycopene.

Watermelon selection

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Choosing a good whole watermelon at the store may seem like a challenge, because the thick rind hides the vibrant fruit inside. But actually, making a good pick is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Look the watermelon over. You are looking for a

firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.

2. Lift it up. The watermelon should be heavy for its size; most of the weight is water.

3. Turn it over. The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

Once your watermelon is home, there are dozens of ways to enjoy it, including a wide range of cold, refreshing beverages. One easy way to up your water intake with watermelon is this simple one-ingredient recipe for watermelon juice:

Just cut a seedless watermelon into one-inch chunks with a sharp knife and place in blender. Blend watermelon well until juice is smooth. If you prefer, you can strain the juice to remove the pulp.

For a little extra flavor, try combining watermelon juice with other fruity flavors, such as Agua Fresca, which blends that natural sweetness of watermelon with lime, a small amount of sugar and water.

Find more ideas to help you sip your way to hydration with mouthwatering inspiration at www.watermelon.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

AGUA FRESCA

1 cup finely chopped watermelon 7 cups coarsely chopped watermelon 6 cups watermelon juice ½ cup sugar 1 large lime, juiced 1 serving water (if needed) Watermelon wedges Mint leaves

Combine all ingredients, including slices of juiced lime, in large serving pitcher. Garnish with watermelon wedges and mint.



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