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## Warming center will not open this winter

Soup kitchen, food pantry, clothing bank to continue

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

For the first time in more than a decade, Lighthouse Home Missions will not open its warming center for the homeless Jan. 1.

A combination of factors, including a drop in volunteers and an increase in demand at the shelter and LHM's food pantry, led the Rev. Ruby Beneteau to close the center this

year and focus on acquiring a building to provide year-round sheltering.

"We decided to take a step back and close for this winter," Beneteau said. "Rather than open and be in mid-stream and have to put them out because we didn't have enough people, we decided to not open at all and look at getting our own building."

"Our fear was that we would have a winter like last year this year and have no watchmen and then we would have to put them out in the cold," she added. "We're total-

ly out of room."

Located at the Full Gospel Temple on Palmer in Westland, the warming center is a volunteer operation that's open Jan. 1 through March 31, providing an evening meal and a place to sleep for the homeless. It is supported by churches in Wayne, Westland, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia, which provided a meal and volunteers to serve as watchmen during the night.

Several of the churches indicated they could no longer assist with the center and there was a drop in the num-

ber of volunteers, Beneteau said.

LHM also operates a soup kitchen that's open for lunch Monday through Friday, a food pantry and clothing bank and works with the homeless to get them assistance.

With the extreme winter weather last year, the center attracted an overflow crowd that was permitted to stay there day and night.

"We have run out of room. Last year, we had people sleeping on mats around pallets of food," Beneteau said. "We had people there night

and day and that can wear on volunteers. When you have 80-90 people, that's too many for two or three people to watch.

"We were so packed, we now know we need a building," she added.

### Continue work

LHM will continue to work with the homeless. They will be able to come in to eat, shower and get a clean set of clothes and a blanket. They will be able to stay at the cen-

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Jolei Krause of Livonia gets help from Westland Police Officer Mike Little in selecting gifts during the Shop with a Hero event at Walmart in Livonia.

## Shop with a Hero brings smiles to children, families

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Ten-year-old Marceya Claiborne debated her choices last Thursday night in a doll aisle at Walmart during the annual Shop with a Hero event.

"Which one do you like?" the Westland girl asked Livonia police officer Dan Moilanen as she decided what outfit she should buy to go with the doll she had in her arms.

"Which one do I like?" Moilanen asked back. "I'd probably wear that one."

Claiborne was one of 60 children and families at Walmart, 29555 Plymouth in Livonia, participating in the Shop with a Hero event last week. Police officers and firefighters from Redford, Livonia, Westland and Garden City, as well as some members of the military, all came to shop with families in the area for Christmas

presents either for themselves or others as a part of an area Goodfellows event.

Moilanen, who was participating in his first Shop with a Hero with the Livonia Police Department, said the event was one of the highlights of his job.

"This is one of the most rewarding things," he said. "I'd do this every

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## Wayne hires firm to help with finances

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

An outside firm has been hired to help Wayne get a handle on the city's current financial status.

Interim City Manager David Murphy requested hiring Plante Moran, which was working on some year-end financial matters, to reconcile the city's bank statements going back to July.

"We have not had a bank reconciliation since July. It's not that they (staff) didn't want to do it," said Murphy. "The staff is part-time. They have no time and are trying to

keep up with things day-to-day."

The city has been without a finance director since last summer when James Ghedotte left.

The council authorized spending up to \$15,000 for Plante Moran to bring the financial records up to date. The auditing firm was already working on other matters, including the city's Economic Vitalization Incentive Program for state funding.

"This will help us get closer to knowing where we are and the financial picture," Murphy said, along with an audit report scheduled for Dec. 10.

"We still need to find a finance director. But the picture will be less cloudy."

The reconciliation work is expected to take three to four weeks and the cost will strictly be based on the hours needed to complete the work.

Efforts to find a new finance director are not going well, Murphy said.

In light of that difficulty, resident Ron Roberts asked if there had been any thought given to hiring Plante Moran to serve as the finance director.

"I'm moving in that direction. Plante Moran doesn't have the personnel right now

to do that," said Murphy. "The audit (report) in the next few weeks will make the picture less cloudy. The picture changes daily as money comes in and out."

With the money being saved from vacant staff positions - the city has had a hiring freeze for full-time positions - Murphy said he thought the city would be fine when the fiscal year ends.

"That doesn't help us project for the next fiscal year," said Murphy.

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## Witness says teens lured to be robbed, murdered

By LeAnne Rogers  
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Two Westland teens went to a Detroit home looking to buy some pills and instead were robbed of \$110 and 10 Xanax pills before being taken to a field where they were shot to death.

In Wayne County Circuit Court Monday, Demerious Cunningham, 27, testified that his friend Felando Hunter described the July 2012 robbery and killing of Jacob Kudla, 18, and Jourdan Bobbish, 17. Hunter, 24, and Frederick Young, 25, are charged with killing and robbing the teens.

"He (Hunter) said two white boys rode up on him and asked for pills. He said he got that and they followed him to a home near Seven Mile," said Cunningham. "He said he robbed them, made them strip and put them in the trunk of the car."

Hunter recounted that he and Young drove around for about an hour before finding the "perfect spot," Cunningham said, where the teens were taken into a field, forced to kneel and fatally shot.

There were some discrepancies in Cunningham's account of what he said Hunter told him. As Cunningham, recalled Hunter told him one of the teens was shot in the head, the other shot three times in the back and once in the head. Kudla was actually shot once in the back and once in the head, Bobbish once in the head.

### Doused with bleach

Cunningham also testified that he was told by Hunter that the car driven by the teens was doused with bleach and burned. The car was located on Beechwood in Detroit covered in a cleaning solvent but not set on fire.

Kudla's Chevrolet Cavalier was located the day after the teens went missing and several days before their bodies were found.

Two men living in the apartment building where the car was found were arrested and later pleaded guilty to stealing the stereo equipment

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ter until the soup kitchen closes and will get a meal to take with them.

According to Beneteau, individuals can decide to throw away their clothes or throw them in a hamper to be washed and used for the next person.

"We'll do what we've always done, except

allow people to sleep there," Beneteau said. "If we have a winter like last year, if it gets bad, we'll keep the soup kitchen open longer."

Once the decision was made to not open the warming center, LHM volunteer Thelma Ivey and Tim Copely began working with homeless people to get them services and find them shelter for winter. LHM has been working with other shelters and is providing

bus tickets to get the homeless to the other facilities.

Both Ivey and Copely have committed to working with the warming center when it re-opens.

"We're trying to get them help and let them know in advance that the shelter won't be open this winter," Beneteau said. "We've been finding them shelter and tucking them in where we can."

And even though the

center won't open Jan. 1, LHM is still in need of blankets, hats, gloves, long johns and especially tube socks to keep patrons warm. Sweat shirts and pants are also great because they can be worn under other clothing.

"Socks are the most important thing," Beneteau said. "Tube socks both men and women can wear and they can put double on. You need dry socks to stay warm."

Beneteau debunks the idea that the homeless are mainly single and drug addicts or drunks. Many are families or mothers with children who don't have the money to get a place to live. And from what she has heard, many stay in abandoned buildings and foreclosed homes.

**Looking for a building**

Beneteau has already been looking at buildings

and has three or four in mind. However, she is waiting to see what becomes available. The goal is to open a shelter year-round.

Light House Home Missions is located at the Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer, east of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

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from the car.

"He (Hunter) said something about a couple of people being in custody (for the murders) and they think they have the right people but they don't," Cunningham testified.

Cunningham had testified that he had been taken into custody by Detroit Police and questioned about a case in-

volving his stepson. He and his wife had been threatened with arrest for lying, Cunningham said but that stemmed from his stepson's case, not the murders of Kudla and Bobbish.

"Detroit Police asked me what I knew about the white boys from Westland and I said only what I was told," said Cunningham. "I thought he (the detective) already knew (about the murders). I didn't want them to think I was lying again. I just went ahead

and told them. I had to do what I had to do."

**Hunter's account**

Questioned by defense attorneys, Cunningham said Hunter told his account of the robbery and killings using we, meaning himself and Young. In a change from earlier testimony, Cunningham said specifically that Young had shot one of the teens.

Another witness, Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Larry McSwain testified regarding a spent shell and an unfired round recovered from the crime scene - .243-caliber Winchesters from a hunting rifle and a .38-caliber lead fired bullet. Earlier witnesses had testified that Hunter and Young had been armed with a hunting rifle and a handgun.

Both Hunter and Young are charged with first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder, torture, armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and felony firearm. Young also is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Hunter is already serving a sentence of life without parole in the murder of Vietnam veteran John Villeff on Rutland Street in Detroit in August 2012.

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year."

Four-year-old Redford resident Andre Truitt and his sister, Kiyah Truitt, were able to peruse the aisles of Walmart with Redford firefighter Ed Dudek. Kiyah Truitt selected a cotton candy maker, while her brother picked out a toy bird that can fly.

Andre Truitt said he's a big fan of police, firefighters and military members and was excited at the opportunity to spend the evening with one of them at the store.

"I like all of them," he said.

**Making holidays better**

The group gathered in the garden area of the store with police, firefighters and military members before the shopping spree. The heroes were then paired up with a child or family. From there, they dispersed through the store, heading to the toy department, clothing department and the book department.

Store manager Tracey Simon told the group before it headed out that this event was one of her favorites of the year and it was a great way to kick off the holidays.

"I hope this makes each of your holidays a



Garden City Firefighter Mike Storm shops with Tayaa Moore of Westland.

TOM BEAUDOIN

bit better," she said atop a ladder to the crowd. "I know it does for mine."

Darting between aisles, members of the Eilers family went all across the store with Westland police officer Ryan Strothauer with 11-year-old Alex Eilers looking for something. Her mother, Chris Eilers, said it was an organization that touched her life growing up.

The Garden City resident said her father worked for Chrysler when she was little, and there were some holidays where money was

not there to provide for her parents and four siblings. The area Goodfellows stepped in helped provide Christmas to them.

The experience led her to donate whenever she could to the organization, though she said she did not expect to be on the receiving end this year.

"They saved our Christmas," she said. "I always donate to the Goodfellows."

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# Liepa named tri-county Superintendent of the Year

Randy Liepa, superintendent of Livonia Public Schools, has been named the Region 9 Superintendent of the Year for 2015 by the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

Region 9 includes Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Liepa will be formally recognized Monday, Dec. 15, during the 7 p.m. regular meeting of the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education at the LPS Administrative Building, board meeting room, 15125 Farmington Road.

The regional Superintendent of the Year Award is presented by each of the nine regions in the MASA organization to an individual who has shown tremendous effort and dedication to enriching the lives of children and the community as a whole.

According to the MASA, Liepa "is recognized for his strong, innovative



Dr. Randy Liepa is in his 11th year as superintendent of Livonia Public Schools. He is being recognized by Region 9 of the Michigan Association of School Administrators for "his strong, innovative and approachable leadership."

and approachable leadership of Livonia Public Schools." The organization cites student achievement data that includes standardized test scores that are consistently above state averages and Liepa's leadership in piloting academic programs that

ensure groups of students with specific needs are given the resources to reach their full academic potential.

Liepa is in his 11th year as superintendent of Livonia Public Schools and served as assistant superintendent for nine years prior to that. He

has an expertise in finance, which was noted by Mark Johnson, president of the Board of Education, as being an asset to the district.

"Superintendent Liepa has kept our district ahead of the economic curve over the last several years with creative cost saving and revenue enhancements," Johnson said. "His efforts to consolidate programs and services have kept our district financially sound, while, whenever possible, keeping cuts out of the classroom. He has shown the leadership strength to consolidate schools where necessary and surrounding districts have sought his counsel on how to successfully implement such measures in their districts."

According to board members Johnson, Colleen Burton, Dan Centers, Tammy Bonifield, Randy Roullet and Dianne Laura, Liepa is a

humble leader who frequently defers the accolades that he receives to the many staff and volunteers who work with him to continue to put the education of all students first.

Liepa holds a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Hillsdale College, a master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University and a doctor of philosophy degree in

educational leadership from Michigan State University.

He serves on several community and state organizations, such as Tri-County Alliance, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Wayne County Association of School Administrators, Livonia Family YMCA, LPS Education Foundation, Westland Community Foundation and others.

## Registration under way for Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration has begun for Livonia's 100 Days to Health, a reduced-cost family fitness program at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

For the first 100 days of 2015 those who register have the opportunity to participate in exercise classes, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more.

Cost is \$70 for a Livonia family with up to six members, \$90 for a non-resident family. Adults are \$40 for residents, \$45 for non-residents. Seniors age 62 and up are \$35 for residents, \$40 for non residents.

Scott Spahr, Fitness &

Wellness Coordinator for the City of Livonia Department of Parks & Recreation, said 480 people participated in 2014, and more are expected for 2015.

A kick-off event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4, will feature free workouts and open swim for the day, raffle prizes every 30 minutes, a family climb class and keynote speaker Gina Worful speaking on "Weight Loss Resolutions: Tools for Long Term Success."

The program, which concludes with a closing event April 12, includes a weight loss fitness challenge with monthly weigh-ins. Prizes are awarded each month and a grand prize - a three-



100 Days to Health, a program that begins in January, provides families, residents and others a chance to enjoy the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard, at a reduced cost.

month single membership courtesy of the Livonia Community Recreation Center - will be given at the end to the participant losing the most weight as a percentage of

total body weight. For more information, stop by the LCRC, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, and check out the calendar of events or call 734-466-2912.

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## Caregiver charged with theft, fraud

A Novi man has been charged with defrauding an elderly Westland man, who he was supposed to be a caretaker, of his life savings.

Anthony Edward Beard, 52, is scheduled for preliminary examination Thursday in Westland 18th District Court on 12 felony counts, including five counts of uttering and publishing, charges of embezzlement and identity theft, along with charges of illegally using and possessing a financial transaction device – a credit or ATM card.

A not guilty plea was entered for Beard at his arraignment. He was released on personal bond.

Over a period of months most of the 86-year old resident's life savings were stolen. Westland Police didn't specify the amount of money missing.

## Woman dies after being hit by vehicle

Westland police are continuing to investigate a traffic accident that killed a pedestrian crossing Wayne Road Monday evening.

A woman, 50, was struck by a vehicle driven by an 89-year old man, on Wayne Road south of Hunter, police said. The accident happened at 7 p.m. "She wasn't crossing at the intersection and was wearing dark clothing," said Westland Deputy Police Chief Todd Adams. "We're still investigating but preliminarily, it doesn't appear that speed or alcohol were factors in the accident."

CPR on the victim was attempted at the scene and she was transported to a local hospital by Fire Rescue but she didn't survive her injuries. The resulting accident investigation closed the roadway for nearly four hours.

"The investigation is continuing. I expect we will have more information later today," said Adams.

By LeAnne Rogers

### Larceny

A Salvation Army donation jar and stand were reported stolen from in front of Ace Hardware, 140 S. Merriam, Dec. 4. A Salvation Army representative didn't wish to prosecute but did want a report in case someone used the missing items to impersonate a Salvation Army member.

### Break-in

Police responded to an alarm call at Westland Family Dining, 35560 Ford, just after 5:30 a.m. Dec. 6. Officers found the east glass door had been shattered with a large landscaping rock.

The owner arrived and told officers that the cash register was missing with \$200 cash inside.

### Larceny

On Dec. 6, a resident in the 33000 block of Hunter told police that she had ordered four complete seasons of *The Golden Girls* from Best Buy and seven complete seasons of the show from Amazon. UPS reported delivering all of the box sets on Dec. 5. The packages were missing from her front porch, she said, adding she had looked

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everywhere surrounding her home also.

### Vandalism

A resident in the 38000 block of Warner Farms Drive told police Dec. 3 that about 9 a.m. she discovered that the glass in her front entry door had been shattered. She had located a small BB hole in the glass along with two BB holes in her vinyl siding.

### Larceny

Two hats, \$60 cash and military bag, containing Veterans Administration paperwork, were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 30000 block of Birchwood Dec. 3. The owner said the theft had occurred Nov. 27 and that a slim jim type of tool was used to open the locked car door.

### Fraud

A Westland woman told police Dec. 3 that when she went to her bank branch two days earlier, she found someone had made an unauthorized online purchase of \$1,326. Further investigation by the bank staff found someone had purchased two tickets to a Taylor Swift concert in Louisiana using the woman's financial informa-

tion.

### Larceny

The furnace and water heater were reported stolen from a vacant home in the 30000 block of Marshall Dec. 2. An employee of a property management company reported the theft.

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 34000 block of Cambria Court told police Dec. 2 that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle and stolen documents, including her Mexican passport and driver's license. The theft was reported to have happened Nov. 21.

### Hit and run

On Dec. 2, a Westland woman told police that she stopped her car in the curb lane on Merriman just north of Conway behind another vehicle. The second vehicle was blocking access to Conway, she said, and for some reason backed up striking her front bumper.

The woman said the other vehicle drove off when the traffic light turned green. The officer noted a large scuff mark on the front bumper of the woman's car.

By LeAnne Rogers

### GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

#### Stolen boat

A resident in the 600 block of Henry Ruff reported a 16 foot Sea Ray inboard boat and trailer stolen from his backyard Dec. 6.

He noticed it was missing after he received a text message from an unknown caller in the 517 area code. The message read, "Boat, boat, boat."

The resident said that he didn't recognize the number.

The Garden City Police could find no evidence at the scene but noticed that the leaves in the backyard where the boat was located looked disturbed.

#### Theft

An 82-year-old Westland woman told the police that she wants to prosecute her nephew, a 63-year-old Inkster man for taking money from her without her permission.

The nephew later wrote a letter apologizing for the theft and said that he would pay back the money. The victim showed his letter to the police officer.

The aunt said that when she was hospitalized on Thanksgiving Day at Garden City Hospital, 6245 N. Inkster Road, her nephew went into her purse, took out her debit card without her permission and made two \$163 withdrawals from her checking account.

The withdrawals were allegedly made from an ATM machine inside the hospital.

#### Disorderly conduct

An employee at International Extrusions, 5600 N. Venoy, reported Dec. 4 that an ex-employee had come to his workplace and threatened him.

The suspect had allegedly been fired for not showing up for work but blamed the victim for his dismissal. The victim became concerned when the suspect reached into his waistband and gave the impression that he had a gun.

The employee reported the incident to his supervisor and then made a police report.

By Sue Buck

### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Vandalism

The head and body of baby Jesus in a nativity scene at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 E. Michigan Ave., were reported broken Dec. 6. A hand of a Wise Man was also broken. The damage was estimated at \$2,000.

#### Larceny

A heating system boiler and copper piping for the boiler, valued at \$10,000, were reported stolen Dec. 3 from a home in the 3000 block of South Newburgh. A Westland woman said she had been checking on the vacant home periodically for her boss, a Grosse Pointe Farms woman, who owns it.

The owner said she had last been at the home in October. There was no sign of forced entry.

#### Vandalism

An unspecified number of tires were reported slashed on a 1994 Ford Ranger pickup truck parked at Jake's Way Bar, 3519 S. Wayne Road, Dec. 8.

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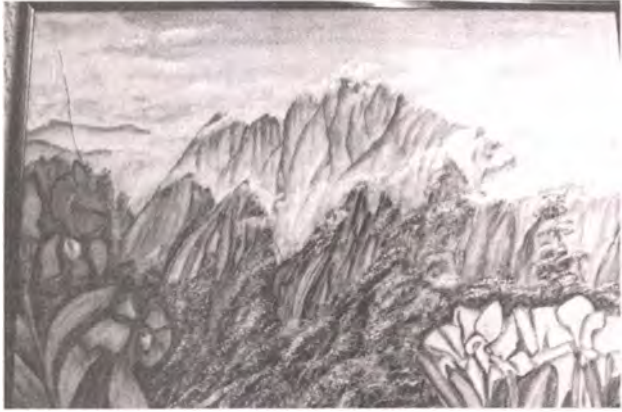
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"Eastern Mountains with Wind Blown Orchids" by Grace Karczewski is among the artwork for sale in the gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

## Artwork on sale at Livonia library

The Livonia Arts Commission is selling original artwork on display in the gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

The artwork, in a variety of mediums, makes for special handmade Christmas gifts.

The commissioners displaying their work are Haitham Fakhouri, Dan Spurling, Grace Karczewski, Terry Marecki and Jerry Valentine. The rest of the artwork was purchased by the arts commission and is being sold because there is no room to store it, said Karczewski, who is the library's gallery director.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The artwork will be on display through Dec. 31, but pieces can be purchased after the display is down by contacting Community Resources at 734-466-2543.

## Nankin Mills lights up for holiday season

Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills are inviting families 3:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, to the annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., there will be holiday crafts, games and prizes for children in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Immediately following, there will be a short outdoor ceremony with the mill lighting and sing-a-long, ending at 6 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa and enjoy refreshments after the mill lighting.

"The Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting is another way in which Wayne County Parks helps to spread the joy of the holidays," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. "I encourage everyone to



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There will be Christmas carols Saturday as part of the Family Fest and Mill Lighting at Nankin Mills.

enjoy the Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting, our ongoing Lightfest and all of the great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks."

There is no charge to enjoy the mill lighting and Santa visit. Howev-

er, to participate in crafts and games, the cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for non-residents. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Call 734-261-1990.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

The public can celebrate the magic of the season during the 21st annual Wayne County Lightfest 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Dec. 31. Lightfest is closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit on to Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, go to [www.wayne-county.com](http://www.wayne-county.com) or call 734-261-1990.

## Trial date set for woman accused in library carjacking

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The jury trial for a woman accused of carjacking a vehicle during the day in front of the Livonia Civic Center Library is scheduled to begin later next month.

Tanaia Baker was arraigned in circuit court earlier this month after being bound over from Livonia's 16th District Court

on charges of carjacking and armed robbery. A disposition conference is scheduled for Monday before Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny, while a final conference is planned for Jan. 20 of next year. A jury trial in the matter is expected to begin Jan. 27, according to online court records.

Baker, 18, of Detroit is accused of approaching a Livonia resident back in August when she was 17 in the parking lot near the Civic Center Library and demanding the keys to her vehicle at knife-point. The two began to struggle with Baker assaulting the driver before obtaining her keys and driving off with the car.

Detroit police recovered the vehicle in late August and Livonia police continued investigating the incident before locating Baker and arresting her.

She was referred for a competency exam back in September, and was bound over to circuit court in late November.

Baker faces up to life in prison under the current charges. She remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$500,000 cash or surety bond while awaiting trial.

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## Wayne City Council to help tackle budget issues

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

In an effort to get a better handle on city finances in a shorter time, Wayne council members are tackling the problem in smaller pieces.

"We all recognize the city is having financial difficulties. We need to look at the current budget and next year," said Wayne Mayor James Hawley. "If we try to deal with them as a full council, one at a time, it will take considerable time."

With the concurrence of Interim City Manager David Murphy, Hawley said he talked to council members about accepting an assignment to work with each city department or service on their part of the budget.

"The council has agreed to provide leadership. It is not a new way of doing business for me," said Hawley. "In Portland (Oregon, where Hawley worked), the City Council was elected and became department heads. We won't become department heads."

» Councilman Skip Monit, council representative in talks on a Wayne-Westland Fire Authority, will work to evaluate the different types of fire services that can be provided.

» Councilwoman Susan Rowe is to work with the police department.

"Police services are the most critical problem. It's also our largest expense," said Hawley.

» Finance and budget will be the area of Councilman Albert Damitio.

"He will look at how we start working on next year's budget and figure out where we stand next year," said Hawley.

» Councilman John Rhaesa, owner and publisher of the *Wayne Dispatch*, was assigned economic development.

"There is probably not a business in town he isn't familiar with. He is also an expert in communications. We need to do a better job with communications," said Hawley.

» Public services and other related projects, including the upcoming reconstruction of the Wayne City Hall roof, will be the area of Councilman David James.

» Hawley himself will work on one of the city's bigger issues – parks and recreation, including the fate of the money-losing Wayne Community Center.

"We have to answer the question if we will remain with Westland, go it alone and the facilities," said Hawley. "We have to work with the community to resolve these issues."

Wayne's current fiscal year budget was adopted as balanced but has an approximately \$500,000 shortfall. A deficit is also projected for 2014-15. The council had initially tried to address budget issues at study sessions prior to the council meetings.

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## The time I saw Kid Rock at the auto show and chased his girlfriend

When people see auto show models, they see the designer outfits, the shiny cars and the admiring car buffs and think it's a cushy gig. And, for the most part, it is.

But there is a downside. Like, say, when it's 9:47 p.m. on a Tuesday and Cobo Hall is about to close, the crowd is sparse at best, and you're about to die of boredom.

And that is where this story begins.

I'm standing behind the information desk of the Jaguar display at the North American International Auto Show in January 2007. I look up and see Kid Rock and his then-girlfriend Tamara Mellon perusing the Volvos across the aisle.

I thought I was seeing things. I know Kid Rock is from Detroit, but he's at the auto show? On a Tuesday night?

Nah. It can't be him. I squint. I look closer. It is him.

And Tamara Mellon is hanging on his arm. And on is every word.

Do you know who she is? She's kind of a big deal in



Courtney Conover  
GUEST COLUMNIST

the fashion world. At the time, she was the chief creative officer and co-founder of Jimmy Choo, which are arguably the best designer shoes in the game.

And therein lays my fascination with her. The thought of being this close to the shoe maven nearly makes me weak in the knees. (Kid Rock who?)

So I did what any loyal Jimmy Choo fan would do: I chased after them. Correction: I chased after Tamara.

My feet hurt like crazy after standing on them in pointy toe stilettos for eight hours straight, but, to my complete and utter surprise, I reached her in a New York minute.

"Um ... Tamara?"

She turns around and smiles at me like I'm a lost puppy. Not in a condescending way, but in a oh-my-goodness-it-looks-like-this-woman-is-gonna-cry kind of way.

Looking back, I'm

ashamed to say that I did probably look like I was going to cry.

"Yes," she says in her British accent.

"I'm Jimmy Choo's biggest fan. I LOVE your shoes."

Kid looks from me to her and back to me again in disbelief. He's obviously flabbergasted that I could give a hoot about him. Although his mouth is wide open, he says nothing.

I want to memorialize this moment. But a photo is out of the question: my cell phone is tucked inside my purse which is in the trunk of the XJR sedan that is spinning on the turntable.

Plan B: "Can I have your autograph?" I hand over to Tamara the only thing I can – my clipboard which contains a stack of questionnaires.

Tamara lights up. "Sure."

I thank her, say bye to Kid, turn on my heel, and make my way back to the Jaguar display.

And that was that.

I swear, I used to keep Tamara's autograph in a red ceramic frame adorned with Swarovski crystals.

Then I had my son and I

put his photo in it instead because, you know, priorities.

I still love Jimmy Choo, though.

And so, apparently, does my 3-year-old son. I left my shoes by the door one afternoon, and, come to find, he had used them as a slide for his Little People and army men.

I told my son that I love him to the moon and back, but, so help me God, if I find that he uses my Jimmy Choo's as a makeshift slide again, his action figures will be sleeping with the fish.

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## Families displaced by fire receive turkeys

Two weeks following a massive fire at the Woodcrest Villa Apartments in Westland, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department dropped off turkeys to the 15 families affected by the tragedy.

The turkeys were donated to the Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee. Each family received two turkeys.

"The families affected by the Woodcrest Apartment fire on Nov. 24 lost their homes right before Thanksgiving," Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "They were unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner; therefore, the Wayne-Westland Fire Department felt it was important that they receive two turkeys to make up for the holiday that they missed out on."

Due to extreme winds that day, the fire was difficult to contain. The fire affected 17 families and destroyed 20 units at the complex. Firefighters have been



Wayne-Westland firefighters made sure families displaced by the massive fire at Woodcrest Villa apartments had turkeys for the holidays.

collecting clothing and nonperishable food donations for the families displaced by the fire. Donations are still being accept-

ed at Fire Administration, located at 37201 Marquette.

Monetary donations are also being accepted and checks can be made out to

Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee and sent to Fire Administration.

## 'Tis the season for baking and plenty of cookies

Who doesn't love cookies, especially homemade ones, during the holiday season? The word "cookie" originated from the Dutch word "koekje" meaning "little cake," and entered the English language in America in the 18th century. (In the U.K., cookies are called biscuits).

In the days before ovens had thermostats, a small amount of cake

batter was used as a test to see if the oven was at the right temperature to bake a full-size cake. Once someone figured out that the little test cakes were yummy treats in and of themselves, it was only a matter of time before traditions like holiday baking and leaving cookies out for Santa came along.

Planning to do some baking of your own? Check out cookbooks at the library. Some to take a look at are *A Baker's Field Guide to Christmas Cookies* by Dede Wilson, *Homemade Cookies* by Better Homes and Gardens Books, *Joy of Cooking Christmas Cookies* by Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker and Ethan Becker and *The Cookie Dough Lover's Cookbook* by Lindsay Landis.

For those who are gluten-free, try *Fabulous*

& *Flourless: 150 Wheatless and Dairy-free Desserts, Cakes, Tarts, Tortes, Roulades, Puddings, Soufflés, Cookies and More* by Mary Wachtel Mauksch. (The recipes in this book rely heavily on ground nuts, so if you have peanut allergies, this might not be the one for you).

Watching your weight but don't want to give up using "real" ingredients?

*Perfect Light Desserts: Fabulous Cakes, Cookies, Pies, and More Made with Real Butter, Sugar, Flour and Eggs, All Under 300 Calories Per Generous Serving* by Nick Malgieri and David Joachim is worth perusing. Last but not least, if you or someone you know is a vegan, then take a look at *Vegan Cookies Invade Your Cookie Jar: 100 Dairy-Free Recipes for Everyone's Favorite Treats* by Isa Chandra Moskowitz and Terry Hope Romero.

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

**Highlighted Events**  
**Make Your Own Ornaments**, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 11 – Adults and teens (grades 7 and up) are invited to come personalize their own ornaments using glitter, paint, rib-

bon, and/or old book pages. No registration is required and all materials will be provided.

**Open Mic**, 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 – Let your muse run wild coffee shop-style with singer-songwriter, John Latini, as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome. No sign up needed.

**Friday Night Movie**, 7 p.m. Dec. 12 – Join us for the Friday evening institution known as Friday Night Movies. Tonight's movie, *A Most Wanted Man* is about "Chechen Muslim illegally immigrates to Hamburg, where he gets caught in the international war on terror" (imdb). Rated R. Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Plastic Model Building**, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 13, Ages 8 and up with an adult – Once again, we are happy to welcome the International Plastic Modelers Society of Livonia. Learn plastic model building with guidance from the area's best plastic modelers. Registration is mandatory prior to the event. Please arrive on time to hold your spot. Call the library at 734-326-6123 or visit [westlandlibrary.org/kids/](http://westlandlibrary.org/kids/) events.

**Holiday Concert: Sing Out Detroit Performance**, 2 p.m. Dec. 14 –



Planning to do some baking of your own? Check out cookbooks at the library.

Join us for a winter concert performance from Sing Out Detroit, a mixed soprano, alto, tenor, bass chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) people and their allies. Sing Out Detroit will perform a sampling of holiday songs from their upcoming concert, *Fa-La-La-La Frozen*. Everyone welcome.

**Holiday Sing-Along (and visit with Santa)**, 6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 – Help us sing our Christmas carols loud and clear so that Santa can find his way here for a visit with our community's children. Join us outside in the Children's Garden at 6 p.m. for caroling, cookies and hot cocoa (supplied by the Westland Biggy Coffee). Christmas crafts will be available indoors for children.

Parents desiring photos of their child with Santa and Mrs. Claus are asked to bring a camera.

**Tween Cookie Decorating**, 6 p.m. Dec. 16, Grades 5 and up – Who doesn't love cookies? If you're in grades 5-8, join us for a fun night of cookie decorating. Bring your creativity and imagination, and we'll provide the rest.

**Tabletop Gaming Club**, 7 p.m. Dec. 16, Ages 14 and up – Come and make friends as you play your favorite tabletop games, or discover new games. Play *Munchkin*, *Clue*, *Arkham Horror*, *Fluxx*, *HeroClix*, *Settlers of Catan*, *Risk* and more. Snacks will be provided.

**Starfish Little Learners Playgroup**, 10 a.m. Dec. 18, 10am Ages 1-4, with a caregiver – This

free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Westland Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. Siblings welcome. No registration.

**Storytime at the Westland Starbucks**, 10 a.m. Dec. 18, ages 2-5 – Join us for storytime at the Westland Starbucks the third Thursday of the month. A librarian from the Westland Public Library will present stories, songs and rhymes. The Westland Starbucks is at 36545 Warren Road.

**It's Baaaack ... Hot Cocoa Kits**, 6 p.m. Dec. 18. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Make a gift that's fun, delicious and inexpensive. We'll show you how to make your own cocoa kit with personalized marshmallows, all wrapped up in a holiday package. A great gift for teachers and coworkers. Space is limited. Arrive within five minutes of the start time to guarantee your spot.

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](http://westlandlibrary.org).



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# Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles are luxurious by any standard at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Pre-Owned sale continues this December. The dealership offers no Santa, no presents, just great deals. More than 150 Lincoln Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as low as \$12,995.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Friday, Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Dec. 13 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- » Monday, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln, I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" said Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

Jason Towe told us why he got into a Lincoln, stating "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me, it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

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## NEW OWNERS OFFER SAME GOOD FOOD AT MR. MIKE'S

Western-Wayne county residents are invited to celebrate the grand opening of a Westland favorite, Mr. Mike's Grill. After six years, Mr. Mike's Grill is now under new ownership, but still offering the same great food.

After moving to Livonia from Grand Rapids, new owners Sammy and Hiyam Bajalieh decided to take over the restaurant and put their 40 years of previous restaurant experience to use. Mr. Mike's Grill features an extensive 10-page menu covering everything from breakfast to home-style dinners. Food is made to order with the finest ingredients, with Sammy himself prepping and cooking the entrées.

"We want to make sure old customers know nothing will change except a better customer service experience," said Hiyam Bajalieh. "We also want to invite new customers who have never visited Mr. Mike's to give us a chance to be their new favorite spot."

"My husband and I have made a life in the restaurant business and aim to continue to bring good food and good times to Westland and the surrounding communities," she said.

As part of its grand opening, Mr. Mike's now has a new prime rib dinner as part of the "daily special" menu on Saturdays and Sundays after 4 p.m. It also has new hours - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus also is visiting Mr. Mike's during December to hear youngsters' wishes and pose for photographs. The Clauses



As the owners of Mr. Mike's Grill in Westland, Sammy and Hiyam Bajalieh of Livonia are promising customers the same good food plus a new prime rib dinner as part of the "daily special" menu on Saturdays and Sundays after 4 p.m.

will be at the restaurant from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 11, 18 and 19, and 4-8 p.m. Dec. 14, 20 and 21.

Parents can bring their cameras and smartphones to snap photos. Donations are requested, with the money going to Blum's Landing, a retreat for returning veterans and their families. For

more information, visit [www.blumslanding.org](http://www.blumslanding.org).

Mr. Mike's Grill is at 6047 N. Wayne Road in Westland. For more information, call 734-729-6453. It also can be found on Twitter at @mrmikesgrill, Instagram at MrMikesGrill, or Facebook at Mr. Mike's Grill.

## Donor-advised funds can be wise strategy

I was watching a business show and the tease going to commercial was the five things you must do now to save on taxes for 2014.

At this time of year, consumers are swamped with year-end tax advice. Some of the advice I hear or read makes sense. However, other advice makes no sense for the great majority of the people.

The key when you're dealing with taxes is always relate to your individual situation. What is good for 99 percent of the people may not be good for you.

Before you do any tax move, make sure you understand how it will affect your individual situation. For some people, accelerating charitable contributions into 2014 may make sense, while for others it may be a bad move.

Keep in mind that sometimes the best move is to do nothing. For many people, the time and energy expended in trying to make year-end tax moves is not a very good return on investment. I believe their time would be better spent in other areas.

In a rush to do year-end tax moves, too many people make bad decisions.

A client called me and said after meeting with his accountant, he was going to make a number of large charitable contributions. The key is that it has to be done by the end of the year. He really doesn't have time before the end of the year to decide what charities he wants to contribute to.

He told me that he would probably leave it to a charity, not necessarily because that's where he wanted his money to go, but rather for convenience purposes. The charity he named is well-recognized and would love to receive his substantial check. However, I told my client that he is cheating himself by not spending the time to select the proper charity.

People who are generous in nature and give to charities know the feeling that they get when they donate to a cause they feel passionate about. I told him that he is cheating himself by missing out on that feeling. He agreed, but said he didn't have the time before the end of the year to make that decision.

My advice to him was that in certain situations, you can have your cake and eat it, too. As opposed to donating to a charity that he was not passionate about, I recommended



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

that he establish a donor-advised fund.

It used to be that only the very wealthy had the resources to set up foundations and endowments. That is no longer the case. One can establish donor-advised funds these days for as low as \$1,000.

Here is how it works. Money or appreciated securities are transferred into this account. The account is irrevocable and can only be used for withdrawals for charitable purposes. The upside is that as soon as you donate money into one of these funds, you receive your charitable contribution.

I told my client when he establishes this account and deposits the money, he will receive his charitable contribution. He doesn't have to distribute the money until a later date. In fact, he basically can leave the money in that account as long as he chooses, giving him time to pick the appropriate charity.

Over the last few years, donor-advised funds have become very popular. Companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Schwab have all established these accounts. Of course, not all donor-advised accounts are the same. As investors, we must be cognizant of the fees involved and, at the same time, the ease of the administration. The beauty of these types of funds is that you can actually invest the money. Therefore, the investment options and the fees involved are something that is important.

For those who would like to make a charitable contribution before the end of the year and you don't know which charity you want to use, consider a donor-advised fund.

Don't forget when donating appreciated securities, you receive a charitable contribution for the full fair market value of the securities, thus avoiding the capital gain tax. If you're setting up a donor-advised fund or making a charitable contribution of appreciated securities before the end of the year, there is no time to delay.

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## Snooze button: the control for our destiny

Here's some food for thought: Have you ever noticed the frequency with which the word "can't" is used when "won't" or "don't" would be much more accurate? As in "I can't do that" really meaning



Clarity Patton Newhouse  
A SUNNY NOTE

"I won't try hard enough." Or "I'm late because I can't wake up

on time" really meaning "I don't control myself from hitting snooze."

If you ask me, the snooze button is one of life's great temptations, treacherously suggesting we postpone what needs to be done. For

me, it's a daily reminder that we each control our own destiny.

All of us, from the moment we wake up, get to choose the level of discipline we apply to everything we face. According to Gandhi, "The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems."

Let's muster the strength to do what needs to be done - and have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. 'With self-discipline most anything is possible.'

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- Santa's Workshop Now through Dec. 23 take photos with Santa and don't forget to bring your letters!

For more information, please visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com)

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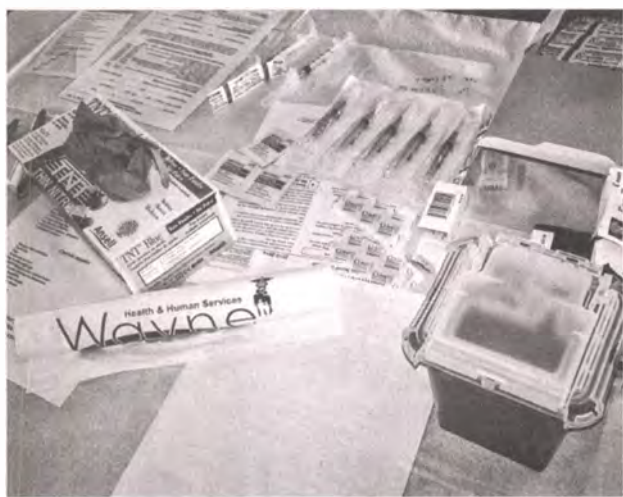
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WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
The Wayne County Health Department is administering the quadrivalent vaccine, which provides 4-in-1 protection against four commonly-circulating flu strains worldwide.

## Wayne County Health Department urges residents to get flu shots

The Wayne County Department of Public Health is holding a walk-in flu shot clinic from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, as part of its National Influenza Vaccination Week observance. The Wayne County flu clinic will be at the Wayne County Department of Public Health Clinic, 33030 Van Born, Wayne.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against influenza. It established National Influenza Vaccination Week in 2005 to raise awareness of continuing flu vaccination throughout the holiday season and into the New Year.

"Every year, the best way to prevent the flu and flu-related complications is by getting a flu shot," said Robert Ficano, Wayne County executive, who received his annual flu vaccine at a Wayne County employee clinic in October. "We continue to urge and remind Wayne County residents to protect their families against influenza by making plans now to get their flu shots before the number of cases increase."

The flu is a mild to serious contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can lead to serious complications in infants and seniors and those with chronic diseases and even result in death. U.S. flu activity typically peaks between December and February and can last as late as May.

Dr. Mouhanad Hammami, health officer/ chief of health operations, Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, stressed that it's not too late to get vaccinated in time for the holidays and winter months, when flu viruses generally circulate the most.

"Getting the flu vaccine during late fall into winter provides ample

time for vaccine protection before the flu season peaks," he said. "However, by not getting vaccinated, you put yourself, your family and those around you at risk. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors visits, absences from school and work and prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths."

The Wayne County Department of Public Health is administering the quadrivalent vaccine during the 2014-15 season, which provides 4-in-1 protection against four commonly-circulating flu strains worldwide. The 4-in-1 vaccine is priced at only \$20. Medicaid, Medicare Part B and the Vaccines for Children program for eligible youngsters are also accepted to cover the cost.

Wayne County Public Health is one of a limited number of area health providers offering the quadrivalent vaccine. Hammami said that the vaccine is highly recommended for both its convenience and effectiveness.

"Even unvaccinated individuals who have already gotten sick with one type of flu virus may still benefit from vaccination since the quad vaccine provides broad flu protection against four different international flu viruses in circulation this influenza season," he said. "Other flu shots are also limited in the number of flu strains they protect against, which is why the 4-in-1 vaccine offers greater and superior flu coverage for persons of all ages."

Flu vaccines are also available by appointment at the Wayne County Public Health clinic for the remainder of the 2014-15 flu season while supplies last.

For more information, or to make a flu vaccine appointment, call 734-727-7101 or go to [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com) and click on Featured event.

## Anderson cyberbullying legislation passes Michigan Senate

The state Senate has passed Senate Bill 74, legislation to require schools to adopt a cyberbullying policy. It also adds a number of additional important changes to Michigan's bullying law. Named "The Matt Epling Safe School Law," Senate Bill 74 was introduced by Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Anderson in January 2013. The bill passed the Senate with 30 members voting in favor and 7 members voting against.

"I am very pleased that the Senate finally took action to advance this important legislation," said Anderson. "This legislation will directly contribute to the safety of students in schools across Michigan. I am so thankful to have had the solid support from Matt's parents,



Sen. Glenn Anderson  
GUEST COLUMN

Kevin and Tammy Epling, since I began working on this issue nine years ago. They were instrumental in turning a personal tragedy into something good for students across Michigan."

Anderson has been working to pass legislation to address the growing problem of bullying in schools since 2005 when he served in the state House. Later in 2012, when the legislature did finally pass a different, weaker bill, Anderson voted no as a way of saying that the legislation didn't go far enough to keep kids safe.

Senate Bill 74 strengthens Michigan's existing anti-bullying law by requiring that schools add cyberbullying to their existing policies. Electronic or online bullying, dubbed cyberbullying, has become the primary source of bullying among school aged children.

Like many states across the country Michigan has seen an increase in teen suicide stemming from acts of cyberbullying. The bill also requires that local school districts report the state the number of instances of bullying that they discipline under the policy and adds a confidentiality clause so that children can report bullying without fear of other students.

Looking to the next step, Anderson said, "It

has been a long hard road getting this bill passed, and this progress is encouraging, but the bill still has to make it through the state House and to the Governor's desk before the end of the year. I will be working hard to convince House members to help finish the job."

Senate Bill 74 has been transmitted to the Michigan State House where it has been referred to the House Committee on Education, chaired by Republican State House member Lisa Lyons.

Anderson represents the state Senate 6th District which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the Democratic vice-chair of the Appropriations Committee.

## Wish you were here



Livonia residents Bill and Carol Ripper, and Carrie and Chuck Calomeni overlook the old walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Carrie Calomeni holds a copy of the Observer.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 16, 2014 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
1999	MERCURY	VILLAGER	SW	4M2XV11T7XD26450
1999	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL	4D	1LNHM97V4X715769
1999	CHEVROLET	ASTRO VAN	SW	1GNDM19W3XB116656
1998	JEEP	GR CHEROKEE	SW	1J4GZ589WC207124
1997	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS	4D	2MELM75W2VX635784
2003	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	4D	2G1WF55E939138312
1997	MERCURY	MYSTIQUE	4D	1MELM66LXV613808
2001	MERCURY	SABLE	4D	1MEHM55S81A639168
2004	BMW	5 SERIES	4D	WBANB33524B110550
2005	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4D	1G2NE52F75M181320
1997	GMC	SUBURBAN	SW	1GKEK13R5VJ735627
2003	CADILLAC	CTS	4D	1G6DM57N230162837
2001	CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	RED	2G1WW12E619247126
1997	FORD	ESCORT	4D	1FALP13P6VW280086
2003	FORD	TAURUS	BLK	1FAPP5U93G225360
1994	FORD	EXPLORER	SW	1FMFU34X0RUB57561
1992	CHRYSLER	LEBARON	CN	1C3XU4538NF300293
2008	HMD	TRAILER	WHITE	08111972
1998	BUICK	CENTURY	4D	2G4WS52M5W1486492
2007	CHEVROLET	TRAIL BLAZER	SW	1GNDN13S272125067
1996	CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	2D	2G1WX12X8T9226554
2000	FORD	WINDSTAR	SW	2FMDA5348YB53287
2003	CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	2D	2G1WX12K0393583
1998	FORD	CROWN VIC	4D	2FAFP71W6WX147599
1994	MERCURY	SABLE	SW	1MELM5844RG648322
1995	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	4D	1G2HZ521454209205
1999	CADILLAC	DEVILLE	4D	1G6KD54Y3XU768104

\*\*\*All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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### GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

THESE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION. THE AUCTION WILL BE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 18TH AT 11:00AM AT 6375 HIX, WESTLAND MI, 48185. THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS, STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.

AMOUNT	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
\$14,538.00	1999	GMC	JIMMY	TAN	1GKDT13W6X2556427
\$5,964.00	2001	FORD	WINDSTAR	WHITE	2FMZA53441BB70034
\$5,926.00	1999	FORD	TAURUS	WHITE	1FAPP58U5XG203421
\$4,976.00	1996	JEEP	CHEROKEE	BLACK	1J4FT68597L270027
\$4,949.00	2000	FORD	ESCORT	RED	3FAKP1134YR153260
\$4,437.00	2000	DODGE	NEON	GOLD	1B3ES46C1YD591177
\$4,178.00	1998	MERCURY	SABLE	WHITE	1MEFM50U5WA642813
\$4,159.00	1999	MERCURY	GR. MARQUIS	SILVER	2MEFM74W6XX684701
\$4,064.00	1989	GMC	VANDURA	BLUE	2GDEG25H5K4507473
\$3,874.00	2005	CHRYSLER	300	GRAY	2C3AA63H25H143772
\$3,807.00	1999	FORD	TAURUS	SILVER	1FAPP53UXG297934
\$3,779.00	1980	PONTIAC	FIREBIRD	BROWN	2S87AAN143094
\$3,703.00	2000	OLDSMOBILE	ALERO	BROWN	1G3NL52E1YC325222
\$3,031.00	2002	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA	BLUE	KMHND45D82U315884
\$2,992.00	2000	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	SILVER	1G1JF524XY7257601
\$2,924.00	1997	FORD	EXPLORER	BLACK	1FMCU24E6VUD28666
\$2,739.00	2001	DODGE	DURANGO	GRAY	1B4HS28N91F512537
\$4,805.00	2005	HONDA	MOTORCYCLE	BLACK	JH2PC37025M206019
\$2,506.00	1996	CHEVROLET	1500	WHITE	1GCEC14R2T1Z172574
\$2,468.00	1997	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	TAN	1GNEK13R6VJ337202
\$2,264.00	2006	FORD	FOCUS	RED	1FAPP34N96W128035
\$2,004.00	1998	HONDA	CIVIC	SILVER	1HGEJ667XWL017326
\$1,860.00	1998	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	BLUE	1G1JC5249W7159732
\$1,822.00	1966	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL	GREEN	Y81A841268
\$1,442.00	2001	FORD	EXPEDITION	BLACK	1FMFU18L11LA19946
\$2,563.00	2012	TAOTAO	MOPED	RED	L9NTELDK1C1005076

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2014-35

December 2, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. All members present. PRESENTATIONS: Certificates to the 2015 Distinguished Young Women of Wayne-Westland Scholarship Program; Grants from the Ford Fund and Attwood Foundation to Wayne Public Library via Friends of the Library. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Nov. 18; proposal 1 committee members; appointment of Alan Maciag as Police Chief; budget amendments for the library to reflect grants; sale of portion of a lot to St. Joseph's Church; full-time position at the 29th District Court; purchase of color copier for administration; MDOT resolution; Plante Moran contract expansion; Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Jennifer A. Wagner  
Deputy City Clerk

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## OUR VIEW

### Deck the halls safely

It's that time of year when families deck the halls with plenty of indoor and outdoor lights and wrap their Christmas trees in bright and twinkling bulbs. It's also that time of the year when the potential for accidents and home fires make the need for safety awareness and working smoke alarms paramount.

There can be no dispute smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the risk of dying in house fires is cut in half when working smoke alarms are installed in a home.

The key phrase is "working smoke alarms." It is incumbent on all property owners to ensure that smoke alarms are operable. The NFPA chalks up smoke alarm failures to missing, disconnected, or dead batteries. People are most likely to remove or disconnect batteries because of nuisance activations. Sometimes the chirping to warn of a low battery is interpreted as a nuisance alarm.

Today, smoke alarms are available with lithium batteries making them maintenance free and good for 10 years. They can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement stores.

For sure, do not rely on electrically powered smoke alarms. When the power goes out, so does the life-saving alarm. Remember that according to local code, smoke alarms are to be located in all commons and sleeping areas on each level of the home.

Parents must be sure to share a fire escape plan with children and all holiday guests. It's imperative to have two ways out of the house. Make sure all halls, stairs and doors are illuminated and free of clutter to ensure a safe and speedy escape.

The NFPA conducted a survey that covered 2007-2011 and shows that when smoke alarms were present in fires considered large enough to activate them, they operated 86 percent of the time. More than one-third or 37 percent of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms were present at all.

The survey also shows that one-quarter or 23 percent of the deaths were caused by fires in properties in which smoke alarms were present but failed to operate. Smoke alarms operated in fires that caused two out of five or 40 percent of home fire deaths. One percent of the deaths resulted from fires that were too small to activate the smoke alarm.

Before a smoke alarm even activates, there are tips that can ensure a safe holiday. Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in a fireplace. And before you build a fire or turn on a gas fireplace, be sure that the chimney has been checked and cleaned.

Also remember never use lighted candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable item in the house. Candles should not be left burning while unattended. That goes for the stove and oven.

According to the National Safety Council, two-to-three people are treated in emergency rooms during every hour of the holiday season.

While preparing for the holidays, here are a few more safety tips from the National Safety Council to keep in mind:

» Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is nonflammable cotton.

» When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.

» Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off or prove a choking hazard.

» Be aware of dangers associated with coin lithium batteries

» Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party.

And here is even more from the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

» Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and cause a fire. Do not place extension cords where they could cause a tripping hazard, such as doorways. Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.

» Keep all decorations three feet away from heat sources, including space heaters and fireplaces. Keep youngsters in mind by placing breakables, candles, and other potentially dangerous items out of their reach.

» Turn off and unplug all decorations before leaving home or going to sleep. Use only weather-proof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure live Christmas trees are watered daily.

Holidays are meant to be fun. A happy holiday is a safe one. Be sure to double-check your smoke alarms and be mindful of safety issues while enjoying the hustle and bustle of the holidays.



U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION  
Candles should not be left burning while unattended.

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## OUR VIEW

### Cooperation, vision of local leaders helped save school built by Henry Ford

Several Livonia Public Schools buildings have fallen to the wrecking ball in recent years but one with historic significance to all of Metro Detroit is being preserved.

Perrinville School, a brick one-room schoolhouse built in 1937 by Henry Ford on Ann Arbor Trail at Farmington Road in Westland, is being sold for a \$1 by Livonia Public Schools to the city of Livonia, which will move it to Greenmead Historical Park.

Sue Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission and a member of the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission, said the school is one of the last the auto pioneer built as part of his village school system for the children of his factory workers. Then called Nankin Mills, the school was state-of-the-art at the time of its construction, with indirect lighting that reflected off the ceiling and moveable desks and benches to better enable students to learn by do-



FILE PHOTO  
Perrinville School, except for the historic one-room schoolhouse on the south end of the building built by Henry Ford, was torn down in 2011.

ing. We congratulate the city, Greenmead and LPS for working together to preserve a part of the Detroit area's past. It will be the first "new" building at Greenmead in about two decades.

The move may not take place until 2016. Many details still have to be worked out, including whether the city or Greenmead will pay for moving the building.

And funds will have to be raised to preserve the school and add restrooms so the building can be used for school programs and meetings.

Future generations of children will learn about the Detroit area's history in the very same building that perhaps some of their grandparents or great-grandparents attended.

But none of this would have been possible without the school district, city and Greenmead working together and the vision of Livonia leaders who like Ford himself, founder of Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, believe the best history lessons are those taught by observing, not reading a book.

If you haven't had a chance to visit Greenmead this Christmas season, take the time to do so. Six buildings, along with the Simmons-Hill House, are open for tour 1-4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds benefit Greenmead.

## LETTERS

### Fix Our Roads

This week in Lansing the idea being kicked around to use the funding from the revenue that is generally sent to school district and cities to fix all our roads and bridges. And not by increasing taxes on the gas as previously planned. Rather than increase tax on gas, the state would cut spending to schools districts and local cities.

I agree and this is why: The plan would increase gas by 19 cents per gallon, which means we would be paying 41 cents in taxes per gallon of gas. On an average, filling up you would be paying \$3.80 per 20 gallons (\$76) or \$6.08 per 32 gallons (\$195), if you have a SUV like me.

On the average I fill up three times per month. That would mean \$18.08 per month for average driving. So in a year's time, at normal fill-ups, I would pay \$216.96 more in gas tax. This is normal drive time, not taking in account during the summer when I drive more and burning more gas.

No thank you! I would rather pay the millage the local city would have to increase to make up the difference the state would take from the city tax revenue. Take the last safety 3.5-mill tax our city asked from the residents. It increased my taxes only approximately \$100 per year, 3.5-mill brought the city \$666,000 per mill or \$2,331,000 per year.

### SEND US YOUR VIEWS

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following formats:

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Email: smason@hometownlife.com

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Would I rather pay the city tax increase of \$100 or the gas tax of \$216.98? I pay the city taxes, save \$116.98 and plus get to claim the millage tax on my income taxes, saving even more. We would also have less auto repair and our vehicles would last longer.

I am for getting our roads and bridges fixed, they are the worst for being the car capital of the world. Our past governors, Democratic or Republican, and the state House and Senate have over kicked the can down the road until the can is rusted out and can't be kicked no more. When our economy was doing better, the politicians couldn't agree on a plan and now our

infrastructure is one of the worst in any state our size with this many cars and trucks using our highways.

But we also need some laws on the books to control the weight limits the trucks are carrying over our roads. This will also bring in extra revenue from fines and special weight permits.

We now have a governor (whether you like him or not) who wants and will get them fixed. If it ends up increasing our gas tax to get it done, so be it, not that I will like paying more gasoline tax. We have to agree the money has to come from somewhere. I would say if we are going to increase the gas tax, let's do it smaller and increase the tobacco tax also. We will be saving lives two ways, better roads, less accidents and healthier drivers.

Call your state representative today and suggest that since the can can't be kicked down the road any more, they need to work with the governor and pass a bill that will get our roads and bridges fixed. Besides this will boost our employment up in the state and pump much needed dollars into the Michigan economy.

It's a win-win situation in getting and keeping Pure Michigan better!

Al Buckner  
Garden City

## GUEST COLUMN

### USS Detroit will honor a city, protect a nation

In mid-October, I joined hundreds of people in celebrating the christening and launch of the future USS Detroit, which will be the sixth ship in the history of the U.S. Navy to bear that name. The ship, built at Marinette Marine's shipyard in Marinette, Wis., just across the state line from the Upper Peninsula, is part of the Navy's growing fleet of Littoral Combat Ships, a new class of warship designed to meet the new security threats of the 21st century.

The shipbuilders at Marinette Marine — including about 1,000 Michiganders — have many reasons to be proud. They have built a great ship as part of a great program, and the way they have done it — not just with high quality, but with efficiency — has allowed our Navy to acquire more capability, more quickly and at lower cost. That's good for our national security, for our Navy and for taxpayers.

But as proud as they feel, and rightly so, I think I was the proudest guy in the shipyard. I got to watch a great ship christened with the name of my hometown, and I got to watch my partner and shipmate of 53 years do the christening. My wife, Barbara, is the sponsor of the USS Detroit. That means she had the ceremonial duty of breaking the traditional champagne bottle on the ship's bow at the christen-



U.S. NAVY  
Ship's sponsor Barbara Levin breaks a bottle of champagne across the bow during the christening ceremony.



Sen. Carl Levin

GUEST COLUMNIST

ing. As the ship's sponsor, she will also have an ongoing relationship with the ship and her crew and will have additional duties when, more than a year from now, the ship is formally commissioned as a U.S. Navy vessel at a ceremony in Detroit. Barb will be a fantastic sponsor of this ship and friend to the crew and their families. For several years now, she's been active in the Military Family Education Coalition, so she's familiar with the challenges military families face.

Barb feels a special bond with

the USS Detroit. As I told Navy Cmdr. Michael Wohnhaas, who will serve as the first captain of the ship, if Barb provides the Detroit and her crew just a fraction of the support, encouragement, wisdom and love she has provided me over the years, he and the crew will have a sponsor for the history books.

They will also have the support of a great city and state. As a lifelong Detroiters, I am proud that this latest of a new class of ships being born is named after my hometown that is in the process of being reborn. I look forward to joining cheering throngs of Detroiters a year and a half from now when the Detroit is christened on our reborn riverfront, a few yards from where Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac stepped ashore in 1701 to found the city the French called "of the narrows."

We Detroiters aren't fancy. We're about deeds, not words. We work hard. We don't start a fight, but when it's necessary, we have the grit to see one through. And no matter what you throw at us, we don't quit.

I hope the spirit of Detroit guides the USS Detroit to achieve her assigned missions and her crew safely through the challenges that lie ahead.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Detroit.



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS**

**Time/date:** 6:15-8:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.  
**Location:** Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford.

**Details:** The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra is hosting auditions for interested musicians. Be prepared to play a scale, musical selection of your choice and sight read a short piece.

**Contact:** dnmcmullen11374@yahoo.com.

**TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/date:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.  
**Location:** EMU Building, 38777 W. Six Mile, 4th floor, Livonia.

**Details:** The public is invited to Westside Professionals Toastmasters Club's meeting and open house to see how the club can help improve its members' communication and leadership skills. Refreshments served. There is no charge to attend.

**Contact:** Ida, 313-835-6063; westsideprofessionals.org.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.  
**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium of the hospital. The public is invited to join employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

**Contact:** www.stmarymercy.org

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.  
**Location:** Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Enjoy free popcorn and a free showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* in Mt. Hope Church's sanctuary.

**Contact:** 734-425-7280.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

**Time/date:** 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.  
**Location:** New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware Ave., Redford.

**Details:** Enjoy chips and hot-dogs, create your own ornament to put on the tree and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Everything is free.

**Contact:** 313-255-6330.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK**

**Time/date:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Timothy Lutheran Church's eighth annual Christmas Cookie Walk will feature a wide variety of bake sale items. All sales start at 10 a.m. with an early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m. for \$2 admission.

**Contact:** 734-427-2290.

**DAR MEETING**

**Time/date:** 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 13.  
**Location:** Civic Center Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Courtney Ozog, president of MSCAR, will speak on "Healing our Veterans" at the John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Visitors are welcome.

**Contact:** Joan Cheyne at jbcheyne@oaklandcc.edu or 248-820-9156

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS**

**Time/date:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.  
**Location:** St Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago Road, Redford.

**Details:** All-you-can-eat breakfast presented by the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club. Adults are \$5, kids 2-12 are \$2, kids under 2 are free. Get instant photos for \$2.

**Contact:** harold.jackman@gmail.com.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND TEA**

**Time/date:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.  
**Location:** Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Mt. Hope's annual Christmas pageant with its youth will take place during the worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Christmas tea in the Fellowship Hall. Mt. Hope has been putting on an elegant Christmas tea for almost a century now, and both young and old alike look forward to this classy way to celebrate the holidays.

**Contact:** 734-425-7280.

**SWING INTO SERVICE FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

**Location:** DiPonio Room, Vista-Tech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Phi Theta Kappa of Schoolcraft College presents a night of swing dancing with live entertainment from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to support Disabled American Veterans. Evening begins with a dance tutorial. Pre-sale tickets are \$15, at the door, \$20. To purchase by credit card, call 734-462-4422.

**TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT SQUARE DANCE**

**Time/date:** 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

**Location:** Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Details:** For experienced square dancers, this benefit costs \$10 per person (or one unwrapped toy) with everything being collected that day going to Toys for Tots.

**Contact:** 734-637-8819 or 734-236-4735.

**Michigan Art Center holds holiday pottery sale**

Michigan Art Center in Garden City is holding its annual Holiday Pottery sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

The sale features pottery from more than 100 students displaying work at Michigan's newest and most progressive art center. There will be a large selection of both functional and artistic pottery pieces

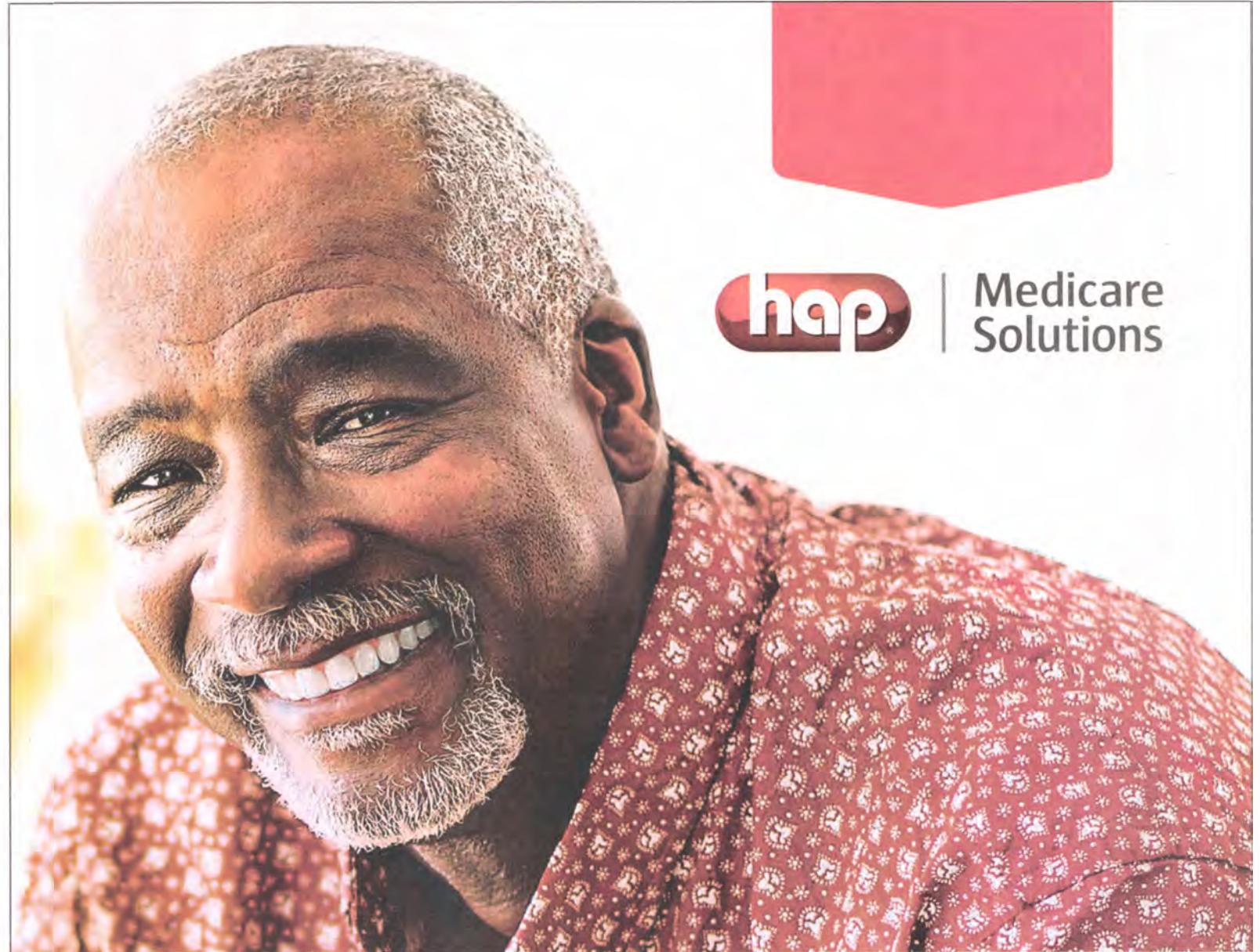
for purchase at a price range for every budget.

Children will have the opportunity to make a ceramic jewelry piece for \$5.

The Michigan Art Center is at 32129 Block St., four blocks north of Ford Road and west of Merriman. Visit [www.michiganartcenter.com](http://www.michiganartcenter.com) or call 734-266-3500.



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A birdhouse is among items for sale at the Michigan Art Center holiday pottery sale Friday, Dec. 12.



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# Annual Christmas Day dinner moves to new location

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Although there's a new location for a popular free Christmas Day dinner, the traditional loving sentiments remain.

The Christmas Day dinner held for more than 10 years at St. Dunstan Parish will now be incorporated on the site of the new St. Thomas Apostle Parish.

In June, both St. Dunstan and St. Raphael parishes closed to become St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. The holiday dinner is scheduled to be held in the former St. Raphael building located at 31530 Beech-

wood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

"After being a parishioner since 1958, I don't have to tell you how heart-breaking it was," said Judy Larry, a Realtor and church member affectionately known by all as Judy "O."

She and her husband Bruce, along with countless volunteers, have provided a turkey dinner every year complete with all the fixings. They took over the dinner responsibilities years ago from John and Mary Surge.

"We are trying to make the new church our home," Larry said. "We are getting acclimated."

The mission of the dinner hasn't changed. It will be provided to individuals who would otherwise be alone Christmas Day. These people don't have families nearby. It is not meant for families.

Last year, Larry and her volunteers served dinner to about 125 people. Until the final numbers are known - reservations are a must - it is unknown whether the dinner will take place in the Resurrection room, which is attached to the church, or in the gym, located across the street from the church.

"We will be having our dinner like we did at St. Dunstan on Christmas Day," Larry said. "It



FILE PHOTO

Judy Larry, better known as Judy "O," gets help from her husband Bruce with the annual Christmas dinner.

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will start at 1:30 p.m., doors open at 1 p.m. It is a wonderful dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. We have never turned anyone away."

The full sit-down dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, butter and an assortment of desserts.

Guests will be treated royally and all who attend will receive a special surprise gift to take

with them.

She also appreciates anybody who can help out, make cookies or offer a donation.

Members of the Larry family, which consists of six children and 22 grandchildren, also roll up their sleeves and work that day. The event has grown so large that they celebrate their own special family time now Christmas Eve rather

than Christmas Day.

Christmas Day is devoted to helping others.

To make reservations, call Judy "O" at 734-595-3049 and leave a message. Participants must provide their name, phone number and indicate how many people will attend.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Never a doubt: Cougars roll Wayne, 57-3

Junior sharp-shooters lead the way in GC's resounding victory

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Everybody scored for Garden City's girls basketball team during Tuesday night's home-opener against Wayne Memorial.

On the flip side, just one Zebra found the scoring ledger – and Andriana Gonzales only scored three points.

The result: a 57-3 landslide triumph for the Cougars, who improved to 1-2 following a pair of season-opening road games against downriver foes.

Wayne, which is rebuilding its program under the guidance of first-year coach Jarvis Mitchell, slipped to 0-3.

"We played a couple different zones, but we really didn't pressure them or anything," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "The



Garden City junior guard Amber Swisher drives to the basket during Tuesday night's victory over Wayne Memorial.

nice thing for us was that everybody got a lot of minutes and everybody was able to score."

Leading the way for GC was junior guard Amber Swisher,

who tossed in 14 points included a pair of three-point bombs. Junior Cassie Leleniewski also sparkled for the winners, netting 13 points and a team-high nine

rebounds.

Lindsey Michalak added eight points, Hannah Vera-Burgos scored seven and Rachel Spellman had six.

Aleea Montgomery yanked down seven boards to go with two points.

Tyree was particularly impressed by Leleniewski's breakout performance.

"She definitely has potential," Tyree said. "It's just a matter of her getting used to the physical play at the varsity level. She did a nice job of getting to the basket tonight and she hit a couple of threes."

GC led 19-0 after eight minutes and 39-0 at the half.

Gonzales scored her team's lone bucket in the third quarter before adding a solo free throw in the fourth.

The Cougars connected on just 3 of 12 free throws. Wayne hit half of its two attempts.

GC returns to action Thursday at Livonia Churchill.

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## Elks Hoop Shoot

Six champions were crowned in the annual Elks "Hoop Shoot" contest held Dec. 6 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The competition is co-sponsored by the Livonia Parks & Recreation Department and the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246.

Ava Horn won the girls 8-9-year-old division by sinking five of 25 free throws; James Bates won the 8-9 boys bracket with a score of 16-for-25.

The 10-11-year-old divisions were won by Erin Young (girls), who made six of 25 shots; and Lucas Young, who drained 12 of 25.

Morgan Myers was the girls 12-13 winner after she made 11 of 25 shots while Luke Merchant captured the boys 12-13 title by finding net on 22 of 25 attempts.

The six champions advance to the Southeast District Finals, which will be held Jan. 10 at the Flat Rock Community Center. They will compete against nine other finalists from the metropolitan Detroit area.

## Haeger baseball camp

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger and his brother Charlie, a former Major League pitcher, will be hosting a pitching and hitting camp Dec. 22-23 for kids between the ages of 8 and 13 years old.

The pitching session will be held from 9-11 a.m.; the hitting session will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day.

Participants will be taught fundamental drills and techniques to further their baseball skills.

The cost is \$100 to participate in the pitching or hitting sessions both days, and \$150 to participate in both hitting and pitching sessions both days.

Lunch (two pizza slices and a Gatorade) will be offered each day for \$5.

The camp will be held in the Madonna University gymnasium, which is located at 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia.

To register, visit [campnetwork.com](http://campnetwork.com) and click on the "register" tab.

## Reporting results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or [ewright@hometownlife.com](mailto:ewright@hometownlife.com).

The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

## Strong captains power Blue

Depth, youth, talent are team's top traits

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

High school gymnastics is equal parts fun, demanding and educational, according to Livonia Blue's quartet of captains.

"What I like about it," said Livonia Stevenson senior captain Jenna Burton, "is that there is always a new challenge. There's never a day when you come to practice and say, 'Oh, I don't know what to do today.' It's a sport that makes you learn about hard work and dedication."

Stevenson senior Caitie McDougall, who first started learning about all the basic points of her favorite sport at the age of 5 at the Livonia Gymnastics Academy, said she has stayed loyal to gymnastics because she enjoys the way it challenges her to get better, day in and day out.

"You have to have a lot of determination if you want to do well in gymnastics," said McDougall. "It can be very demanding. For me at least, if you don't do it year round, it's tough to come back after you've stopped for a while."

Blue senior captain Nicole Sokolowski said the camaraderie the team offers keeps bringing her back.

"There are some days when my body hurts and I'm tired and I ask myself, 'Why am I doing gymnastics for?'" Sokolowski admitted. "But once I get to practice and I'm here with all my friends, I realize it's worth it."

Captain Samantha Ellis only competed at a recreational level until her freshman year at Stevenson, but the fact she was starting at a different skill level as some of her teammates didn't daunt her.

"They were better than me, but it was fun just the same," she said.

Ellis has improved by leaps and bounds since her freshman season – both in skill and confidence.

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*"What I like about (gymnastics), is that there is always a new challenge. ... It's a sport that makes you learn about hard work and dedication."*

JENNA BURTON,  
Livonia Stevenson senior captain

BOYS BASKETBALL



Livonia Stevenson senior forward Jacob Dollar defends a second-quarter shot by Franklin's Jackie Hughes during Tuesday night's season opener.

# ON GUARD!

## Senior backcourt duo leads Stevenson over Franklin, 85-53

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's small but scrappy basketball team was hanging around dangerously close to Livonia Stevenson for most of the first half Tuesday night.

But a somewhat-minor defensive adjustment proved to be a major game-changer in a game the Spartans would go on to win 85-53.

"At halftime we decided to extend our pressure from half-court to three-quarters court and we were able to force some turnovers off it and some easy lay-ups," said Stevenson's Kareem Smartt, who was making his varsity head-coaching debut. "Our defensive intensity overall was much better in the second half than it was in the first."

Leading just 33-27 at the break, the Spartans seized the momentum for good with a 29-14

onslaught in the decisive third quarter.

Senior guard Noah Campbell (20 points) and Jalen Webber (17) led the offensive surge for the Spartans. Nolan Bradford also had a solid night with 12 points.

Charles Keith played well around the rim for the Patriots, netting 17 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Denzel Adams chipped in with 10 points and three steals for the visitors.

Playing the second game of a rare girls/boys double-header, the Spartans rolled to a 9-0 lead right out of the gate thanks to a fast-break finish by Webber that was followed seconds later by a step-back three-point swish from Campbell.

David Milican was the primary catalyst during the Patriots' first-half comeback as he scored back-to-back hoops – the second off a sweet back-door layup from Nick Curtis.

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# GC's Pummill never takes a sports season off

Senior working on double-digit varsity letters

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Growing up in the sports-loving household that he did, it's not surprising Garden City senior Joe Pummill is well on his way to earning an astounding 10 varsity athletic letters.

The personable, quick-with-a-smile son of Garden City School District educators Ron and Justine Pummill, the athlete for all seasons currently has his focus set on helping the Cougars basketball team reach or surpass the 13 wins it carved out last year.

With four older siblings, all of whom excelled in sports at GCHS, and a set of super-supportive parents (Ron Pummill coaches tennis, basketball and golf at the high school), Pummill said his youth has been a sports-soaked blast.

"I remember being really little and tagging along with my dad to the basketball camps he used to run in the summer," Pummill reflected. "I go off to the side of the gym and shoot and dribble. And it seemed like one of my sisters or my brother would have a game that I'd go to. It's really been awesome, especially loving sports as much as I do."

While he is limited to playing three sports in high school, that wasn't the case when he was younger, Pummill said. "I played football and baseball, too, before high school," he said. "My parents were great because they let me try whatever sport I wanted, and they made sure I was at all the practices."

The Pummills' garage is better equipped than some small sporting-goods stores, Pummill said, smiling.

"We have equipment from every sport there is," he said. "I think we even have a soccer net in there, and nobody in my family plays soccer."

Four years ago, the family extended the driveway basketball court so that Joe, his older brother Ron, and his sister Julene could sharpen their three-point shooting touch.

The extra concrete has paid dividends as the youngest Pummill enters his senior season as a lights-out threat from beyond the arc.

While he admits to loving basketball, Pummill revealed that his favorite sport is tennis — an activity he first started playing in seventh grade when his dad took over the reins of the Cougars net program.

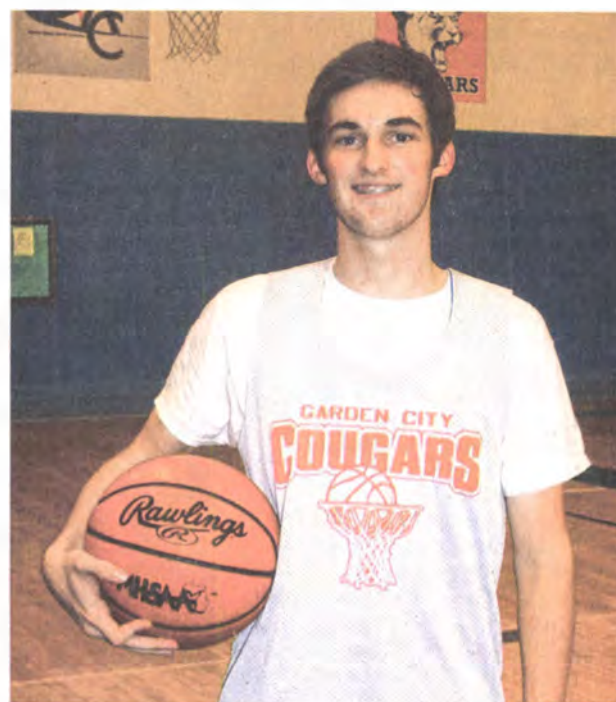
"I started practicing every day, and the more I practiced, the better I got and the more I liked it," he said. "I'd love to play tennis in college, but most Division 1 schools only have women's tennis. I'm looking at playing at the club level possibly at Eastern Michigan or the University of Michigan-Dearborn."

Pummill has earned a 3.9-plus grade-point average with just a few months left in his high school career.

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Garden City senior Joe Pummill has earned varsity letters in three sports: tennis, basketball and golf.



Ladywood's Katie Hayward (left), who scored all five goals, fires a shot in a 5-3 victory over Walled Lake.

## Hayward paces Ladywood's 5-3 victory

Sophomore forward Katie Hayward scored all five goals to propel Livonia Ladywood to a 5-3 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crossover victory Saturday over Walled Lake at Suburban Ice in Farmington Hills.

The Blazers, who trailed 2-1 after two periods, got four goals from Hayward in the final period as they outscored

Walled Lake 4-1. Jackie Kristofik added two assists, while Cecilia Werner, Claire Doyle and Devon Kelly added one each as the Blazers improved to 3-1 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro.

The loss dropped Walled Lake to 2-4 in Division 2 of the Metro.

Katie Hayward continued her hot scoring pace with a hat trick

Tuesday as visiting Livonia Ladywood knocked off first-place Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 6-2, in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League Division 1 game at McCann Arena.

Hayward, a sophomore, ran her season goal total to 11 and added two assists as the Blazers improved to 4-1 in league play.

Other point producers for Ladywood included Jill Jacobs (one goal, one assist), Brooke Spiegel (goal) and Cece Werner (goal). Other assists went to Kristofik and Kelly.

Ladywood goalie M.K. Warner stopped 31-of-33 Liggett shots.

Molly Murphy and Allison Stapleton tallied goals for the Knights (5-1), who were outscored 3-1 in the final period.

## Livonia Blue gymnasts topple Milford/Lakeland

Red victorious over Walled Lake teams

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Blue gymnastics team improved its record to 2-0 Monday night with a convincing 138.250-125.475 victory over Milford/Lakeland.

The Blue gymnasts created the most separation on the beam, where they outscored their opponents 36.325-30.30 thanks to strong performances by Emily Chatterjee (9.225), Caitie McDougall (9.15), Bri Rhoad (9.10) and Jess Weak (8.85).

The Lisa Broomfield-coached team also excelled in the floor exercise, racking up 34.425 points. Rhoad sparked in her floor routine, compiling a meet-high score of 9.025. McDougall also impressed the judges with an 8.75 mark.

Weak led the winners' bars ledger with a score of 9.0. Rhoad earned an 8.45 score on bars for Blue, which also received strong efforts from Chatterjee (7.85) and Megan Lord (7.75).

Consistency was the

word for Blue in the vault competition as Rhoad and Katie Grover both scored 8.65's, just ahead of McDougall (8.6) and Lord (8.55).

Milford/Lakeland's top all-arounder was Haley Varilone, whose best score (8.60) came on the vault.

**Red victorious**

Livonia Red rang up 134.825 points Tuesday night to out-distance Walled Lake Northern/Western (101.125) and Walled Lake Central/Western (93.1).

Marissa McVey led the Red charge with a combined all-around score of 34.725. McVey won the vault (9.05) and uneven bars (8.25) events and placed second in the floor exercise (9.10) to a Northern gymnast.

Mikaela Hille also had a big night for the winners as she scored an 8.95 on the vault, which was good enough for second place and an 8.6 on her floor routine.

Jackie Dziurgot excelled with her vault (8.80), beam (8.825) and floor (8.65) performances.

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## BLUE

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"I was a little anxious my freshman year right before I competed in an event, just because I wasn't totally sure how everything worked," she said. "But now I'm more comfortable with everything and the routine."

**Bright outlook for Blue**

A core of seven solid performers gives Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield reason for optimism this season.

Leading the way are junior Bri Rhoad and sophomore Jessica Weak, both of whom turned in solid season-opening efforts in Monday's victory over Plymouth.

"Bri is a strong all-around gymnast for us," Broomfield said. "She battled last year with an ankle injury but has come out strong this season and increasing her start value on each event. She is a force to be reckoned with."

"Jesse is a strong all-around gymnast for us. She worked hard over the summer improving all she skills and getting new ones. She has grown so much in two years that nothing is going to stop her."

A four-year varsity athlete, McDougall's best event is the beam, Broomfield noted.

"She is so confident and calm on the beam, but that was not the case for her first two years," Broomfield said. "But



Pictured are Livonia Blue captains Jenna Burton, Samantha Ellis, Caitie McDougall and Nicole Sokolowski.

she has overcome that and is now one of our stronger beam competitors."

Junior Emily Chatterjee is a three-year all-arounder who excels on floor and bars, her coach revealed.

"Emily is the most graceful gymnast I have ever coached," Broomfield said. "She is a perfectionist and will not put any skill into her routine unless she knows it will be perfect. She is a huge part of our team."

Freshman Megan Lord has already made a strong positive impact on the team, Broomfield said.

"Megan is willing to learn," Broomfield said. "She came all summer long improving her skills and routines making sure they were ready for the

first meet. She has so much drive and potential that I am looking forward to seeing what other skills she can achieve this season. She works hard and listens and wants to get better on each event. She is a great addition to our team."

Hard work has been a staple of freshman Katie Grover's daily practice routine.

"Katie is coming from Farmington Gymnastics," Broomfield said. "She is an all-around gymnast, but does not care for the bars. She worked on her routines this summer making sure they had all the high school requirements in them so she could benefit the team with her routines. She competed at the first meet on three events and excelled on

each. She is another great addition to our team and I look forward to watching her grow."

Broomfield has been impressed by the resilience of Sokolowski, who is battling back from an ankle injury. Broomfield has coach Sokolowski for 12 years since the two first met at a YMCA gymnastics class.

"Nicole is coming off ankle surgery that she had done this summer, but she is coming back strong," Broomfield explained. "She is an all-around gymnast who is focusing this season on a vault that she competed at the end of last year. She has her goals set for herself and she is going to do all in her power to reach them."

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## Titans roll to victory over MU

Crusaders can't repeat spoiler role

By Brad Emson  
Staff Writer



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handed out a career-best six assists.

Sophomore redshirt guard Rosanna Reynolds, who was named Horizon League Player of the Week on Monday, added 12 points on four triples to go along with a season-high five assists.

Freshman guard Nicole Urbanick tallied a career-high 12 points off the bench, while freshman Darianne Seward and Ellisha Crosby each contributed 10.

It was back-and-forth early on and the game was tied at 17-all when Detroit used a 23-5 run over a seven-minute

period in the first half to open a 40-22 advantage with 3:03 remaining.

The Titans, now 3-1 all-time against MU, would push their lead to as many as 27 with 13:13 left in the game on junior DaVonna Bradford's basket and never let the Crusaders (6-3) closer than 20 points the rest of the way.

Junior guard Michele Hayes, a transfer from Oakland University who was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Week, led Madonna with 17 points to go along with six rebounds and three assists.

Junior guard Justice Dean added 14 points as the Crusaders shot only 15-of-51 from the floor (29.4 percent), including 6-of-20 from three-point range. They committed 20 turnovers.



# New coach set to guide Zebras onto right track

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial girls basketball program's rebuilding project has a new architect whose credentials are taller than a skyscraper.

Starved for victories the past few seasons, the Zebras are being remodeled by first-year coach Jarvis Mitchell, whose hoops playing career included playing shoulder-to-shoulder on Flint-area AAU teams with former Michigan State University "Flintstones" Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, a stellar run at Fairleigh Dickinson University and a five-year tenure with a professional team in Latvia.

Although his long-term plans for the Zebras are ambitious, Mitchell knows his new team's turn-around is not going to be an overnight thing.

"Any time you inherit a program that's not used to winning, the first thing you have to do is change the men-

tality," said Mitchell, whose full-time job is teaching at an alternative school in Detroit. "Right now we're in the process of changing the mind-set."

"What I like about this group is that they're starting to understand me now. Any time you have a change in structure like we have here, there's going to be some pain, and with pain comes resentment toward the person who's bringing the change. But the girls know I love them and I have good intentions."

The Zebras lost their first two games to well-established South Lyon and Walled Lake Northern programs.

"It's been rough so far, but we knew the transition wasn't going to be easy," Mitchell said.

Wayne will be led by captains Andriana Gonzales, a 5-foot-7 sophomore guard; and junior 5-11 post player Hailey Scott.

"Andriana will be learning on the job as our point guard this season," Mitchell said.

"She's never played the point before, but she's our best ball handler. I'm throwing a lot at her, but she's doing a nice job of taking everything in."

"Hailey is very long and her mind is right, which I like. She's a little thin for the post, but she gives me 110 percent every time she's on the floor."

Joining Scott down low will be 5-8 freshman forward Charday Simmons, who is a strong rebounder, Mitchell noted. Gonzales's primary back-court mate will be Mariah Toliver, a 5-4 junior, whose primary strength is defense, "but she can score as well," Mitchell added.

Freshman Victoria Scott (5-4) will play a lot of minutes in the back-court. Junior Eryn Moore (5-11) isn't afraid to get after it in the paint.

"Eryn is a tough kid and a good rebounder," Mitchell said. "She has a nice outside shot, too."

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Pictured are Wayne Memorial basketball captains Hailey Scott and Andriana Gonzales.

## 'GRACE'FUL PERFORMANCE

Stevenson's Lamerson posts rare double-double in win over Franklin

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson sophomore guard Grace Lamerson stole the show Tuesday night against visiting Livonia Franklin — literally.

In the opening game of a unique girls-boys basketball double-header, Lamerson frustrated the Patriots with 11 steals to go along with 11 points while spear-heading the Spartans' 50-33 victory.

The win pushed the Spartans to 1-1 heading into Friday night's game against Farmington. Tuesday's game was the season opener for the Patriots.

The front girl on Stevenson's turnover-inducing half-court press, Lamerson was a pony-tailed nightmare for Franklin ball-handlers, using her long arms, high energy and ultra-quickness to create chaos near the mid-court stripe.

"We were all on top of our game tonight defensively," said Lamerson, who is as mild-mannered off the court as she is ferocious on it. "We all played together well on our 2-1-2 press."

Lamerson said she can sense when the Spartans' in-your-face defense starts frustrating foes.

"You can kind of see it in their faces when they start getting to their low point, and that's when we have to take advantage of it," she said. "We focus on defense a lot at practice and tonight we put our best foot forward."

Stevenson bolted to a 15-4 lead after one quarter, but the feisty Patriots clawed back to within 17-16 on Becky Giacobbi's two free throws with 3:07 left in the half.

The Spartans righted the ship the rest of the half to pump their halftime lead to 25-19 before taking control for good with a 14-5 third-quarter spurt.

"We're going to have to win this season with our defense," stated Stevenson head coach Tim Newton. "We couldn't do this in our first game because Harrison was just too quick. But tonight we could match up and run better with Franklin. "We didn't shoot exceptionally well, especially in the first half when we missed some good looks, but it was a nice win for us."

Senior guard Arryn Doche-netz had a big night along with Lamerson as she scored nine points to go along with six thefts. Senior forward Oly Nwankwo netted eight for the winners.

"I thought Maggie Law played really well, too," Newton added. "She played well defensively and hit a big three for us when we needed it in the third quarter."



Livonia Stevenson's Grace Lamerson motors down the court with the ball during Tuesday night's victory over Livonia Franklin.



Livonia Franklin's Becky Giacobbi tries to squeeze through the Livonia Stevenson defense Tuesday night.

Senior captain Tyonna Tate had a productive night for Franklin, posting team highs in scoring (11) and rebounds (11). Giacobbi chipped in seven and Sarah Cramton added six.

Erin McNally only scored two points for the Patriots, but she contributed three steals, two blocked shots and four rebounds.

### Chargers prevail

Powered by a 13-4 fourth-quarter surge, Livonia Churchill upended host Dearborn, 46-43, Tuesday night in its first game of the season. The loss dropped the Patriots to 1-2.

"We finally started playing well on the defensive end in the fourth quarter," said Churchill head coach Matt McCowan. "We caused some turnovers and clamped down on their shooters. Up until then, we didn't play defense very well."

McCowan had high praise for Riley Fowler, who shadowed sharp-shooter Isabelle Clark during the pivotal final

left in the half.

A long triple by Webber with 90 seconds left in the half proved to be the spark that lit the fuse for the Spartans, who came out of the locker room sizzling.

Stevenson knocked down 10 of 15 free throws and forced 26 Franklin turnovers.

The Patriots managed to find net on just 11 of 23 free-

throw attempts. Stevenson's 6-foot-10 senior forward Ramo Belletini played well in limited second-half minutes, registering four points, three rebounds and one blocked shot.

Smartt also praised the play of sophomore guard Ian Knopf.

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## HOOPS

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Stevenson quickly regained its footing in the second quarter when it widened its lead to 29-19 on a soaring layup by Campbell, but the persistent Patriots drew to within 30-27 on an Adams jumper with 1:50

## Veteran's take lead for Clarenceville boys team

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

"We're definitely looking to press a lot this year and play an up-tempo game."

Three well-rounded athletes and experienced players will provide the basis for new coach Tony Paciero's first varsity boys basketball team at Clarenceville High School.

Seniors Jermell Johnson, James Hill and Jake Kubiak finished last season in the starting lineup and will play a leading role for the Trojans.

Clarenceville will miss Kimani Dooley and his 20-plus points per game, but Johnson, who averaged 14 points and made the all-area fourth team, is capable of picking up the slack.

Johnson is also a good offensive rebounder, shot blocker and help-side defender, according to Paciero, who was the JV coach last season and replaces Justin Johnson.

The Trojans will have some size in the post with the 6-foot-3 Hill and 6-4 Kubiak starting at center and forward, respectively.

Paciero looks for big things from Hill, who averaged almost 10 rebounds a game. Kubiak, who begins his third year on the varsity, is a savvy player, a good passer and leader, Paciero said.

Johnson, Hill and Kubiak also were three of the leading players on the Clarenceville football team at wide receiver, running back and quarterback, respectively.

Quentin Banks is a 5-10 junior and first-year varsity player who will be the starting point guard in place of the graduated Carlon Davis.

The fifth starter will be 5-11 junior guard Chris Bry-

ant, who averaged more than 15 points per game on the JV team last season.

Five-11 senior Elijah Bean is another returning player. He was a wide receiver in football, too, and will be a guard on the basketball team.

Junior forwards Da'Veon Burnette (6-1) and Anthony McNeil (6-0) and junior wing Djabril Diabate (6-0) have made the jump from JV to varsity basketball.

The Trojans have three first-year players — 5-9 guard David Moore, who will play the two position, 6-1 junior forward Mitchell Kubiak and 6-1 senior center Jonathan Hogan.

"We're definitely looking to press a lot this year and play an up-tempo game," Paciero said. "We're an athletic team and we plan to use that athleticism. We'll use the bench to keep pressure on the entire game."

"We're hoping that style is successful. We don't have the ability to go down low and pound the ball. We'll look to play hard on defense, spread the floor and see what happens."

Clarenceville (7-14 last season) began the new season Tuesday against Carleton Airport.

"As a first-year coach, I'm looking to build a foundation for the program for many years to come," Paciero said.

### BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## Zebras' new mentor has lofty credentials

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Fresh off earning a nod as the Associated Press's Class B boys basketball coach of the year, Nkwane Young is primed to lead Wayne Memorial back to the glory days.

Young, who coached Detroit Frederick Douglas to the Class B semifinals last season, is excited about the prospects of trying to turn around a program that chalked up just four wins during the 2013-14 campaign.

"I have always enjoyed taking on new challenges," said Young, who resides in Westland. "Everything has been good so far, but we're still in the learning process."

Young said he likes the styles employed by University of Michigan head coach John Beilein and Michigan State University's Tom Izzo.

"We'll mix it up," Young said, when asked what type of tempo his team will play. "Whatever is working for us that night we'll use."

Helping the new-coach transition go smoothly are tri-captains Travis Massey, a 6-foot senior guard; Keion

epps, a 6-5 sophomore post player; and sophomore Xavier Moore, a 5-10 guard.

"Travis is a leader, on and off the court," said Young. "He's more of a distributor than a scorer, but he can score when we need him to."

"Keion can play anything from the one to the five position for us. He does everything well. Xavier is a point guard who can also shoot the ball."

Earning the starting nod at small forward is Napier Bryant, a 6-2 sophomore. Senior Dujon Brown, a 6-5 down-low presence, and Stephen Taylor, a 6-1 defensive stopper, will also see plenty of action for the Zebras.

Other key players who will play important roles in the Zebras' fortunes will be 6-2 junior Marques Stokes, 6-5 freshman Simon Obi, 5-9 senior Dazon Chalmers and 5-9 senior Kevin Woodmore.

"It's a good group of young men," Young said. "How we do this season will all depend on how quickly they pick up my philosophy."

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# Smartt set to lead versatile Spartans

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

If you're looking for one single trademark to stamp on the Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team this season, good luck.

"What I like about this team so far," said first-year head coach Kareem Smartt, "is that we're not one- or two-dimensional. I think we're going to be able to do a lot of different things. A lot of our players are going to surprise some people because they're going to be doing things they haven't necessarily done in the past."

Smartt inherits a program that is front-loaded with eight seniors, most of whom he coached in their pre-varsity days at Stevenson.

"The transition to me taking over as varsity coach is going well," Smartt said.

"It's a great group of



Pictured are Livonia Stevenson basketball captains (from left) Andrew Bambach, Jacob Dollar and Noah Bradford.

kids and they're buying into what I'm trying to do."

Playing the role of catalysts for the Spartans will be tri-captains Nolan Bradford, a 6-foot-1 senior; Jacob Dollar, a 6-3 forward; and Andrew Bambach, a 6-1 forward.

"Nolan is a very smart, heady basketball player - he'll be like a coach on the floor for

us," said Smartt. "He knows the game very well."

"Jacob has made a big jump from last year thanks to a lot of time in the weight room and in the gym. He can play both the '3' and '4' positions, so he brings some versatility."

"Andrew is a lot like Jacob in that he's versatile. He's a good defender

and he's a slasher-type on offense."

The bulk of the Spartans' scoring load will fall on the sturdy shoulders of senior guards Noah Campbell, the third in a line of talented brothers who have worn the Stevenson uniform; and Jalen Webber, who has one of the most lethal three-point shots in the area.

"Noah has been working a lot on getting to the basket more," said Smartt. "He's always been a good perimeter shooter, but he can finish now at the rim, which will only make him more difficult to defend. Jalen is a great shooter."

Senior Nick Hitchcock will handle the center responsibilities despite his modest 6-foot stature.

Senior Hyder Mansour, a 6-1 swing player, and 6-foot sophomore Ian Knopf bring a long list of skills for Stevenson.

"Hyder is a football player, so he brings a strong, physical presence to our team," said Smartt. "He can play either the '3' or '4' spots for us."

Smartt described 6-foot guard Gino D'Agostino as a slasher-type offensive threat who may be the team's best all-around back-court player.

Two other seniors who will provide valuable depth to the Spartans' roster are 6-10 Ramo Bellinelli and 6-4 Mike Muffler.

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## BOYS HOOPS ROUNDUP

### Churchill overwhelms Pioneers in OT, 64-53

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team had way too many Davises - and one too many Hovermale - for visiting Dearborn High to handle Tuesday night in the season-opening contest for both teams.

Sparked by senior point guard Jalen Davis's 12-point fourth quarter, the Chargers overcame a late deficit to force overtime and ultimately pull out a 64-53 victory.

"We really locked down defensively in the overtime and made them uncomfortable," said Churchill head coach Jimmy Solak. "We scored the first six in overtime, which gave us all the momentum we needed to finish."

Jalen Davis finished with a team-high 18 points. Jon Hovermale added 15 points - including a singular 9-0 run on three triples in the second stanza - and seven rebounds.

Brian Alsobrooks (12 points) and Jerod Davis (11 points) also played well for the winners, who also received some big plays down the stretch from Dayton Davis.

While the victory was satisfying, it was anything but easy, Solak

noted. "We missed our first 10 shots of the game and our first six shots of the third quarter, so we're going to have to fix that," he said. "Overall, it was a gutsy performance by our kids. Everybody contributed. It was a true team effort."

### Zebras hold off Cougars

Kevin Woodmore scored 18 points to lead host Wayne Memorial to a 72-55 victory over Garden City Tuesday night.

The Zebras led just 38-32 at the half before building up a 58-44 cushion through three quarters.

"I was pleased with the way we played offensively," said Garden City head coach Ron Pummil. "But we can't afford to give up 72 points and expect to win. They shot the ball really well tonight from the perimeter, which means we have to do a better job of getting out on their shooters."

"I liked the way my team played tonight. We played hard and we battled."

Senior guard Travis Kidd topped the Cougars' scoring ledger with 15 points. Kidd drained two triples and was 3-for-3 from the free-throw line.

### CITY OF LIVONIA: REGULAR MEETING OF 11/17/14

Called to order @ 7pm  
Present: Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Brosnan  
Absent: None  
#341-14 Approving minutes of 11/05/14 meeting.  
Several items received and filed.  
#342-14 Approving appointment of James Jolly as Substitute Magistrate of the 16th Court during 10/20/14-11/30/14 for \$40/hr and \$50/call after hours. No additional fringe benefits.  
#343-14 Authorizing City to enter contract with Citizens Management from 12/1/14-11/30/15 to provide City with claims management services for \$43,440.00. Further authorizes City to enter contract from 12/1/14-11/30/15 with Midwest Employers Casualty Co. to provide City with insurance coverage when losses from any claim reaches \$750,000 for an estimated premium cost of \$123,225.00.  
#344-14 Authorizing City to execute contract with MMRMA from 12/1/14-11/30/15 for the City's Liability and Property Insurance coverage for premium of \$1,094,535.00 and 12/1/15-11/30/16 with a premium increase to be based on reinsurance increases incurred by MMRMA in 2015, not to exceed 8%.  
#345-14 Approving Petition 2014-09-08-11 by Autumnwood of Livonia to construct additions to the nursing home @ 14900 Middlebelt.  
#346-14 Approving Petition 2014-09-08-13 by LPR Land Co. to remodel the exterior of Brashear Tower @ 17841 N. Laurel Park Dr.  
First Read to Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 020 OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 51 (VACANT AND ABANDONED STRUCTURES) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.  
First Read to Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 050 (c) (4) OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 04 (CITY COUNCIL) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.  
Second read and approval to Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING SUBSECTION (w) OF SECTION 11.03 OF ARTICLE XI OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE".  
First Read to Ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO.543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3. THERETO.  
#347-14 Determine to install 10" sanitary sewer main in connection with the Special Assessment District No. 428 Roll as revised to service parcels 15160, 15200, 15230 Levan Rd. in the amount of \$151,571.67. City share will be \$21,230.00.  
#348-14 Approving correction to City Council Minutes of 7/21/14 in order to add verbiage required by the State of Michigan Dept. of Treasury for an application for Exemption of Personal Property from ALPHAUUSA. (CR 223-14).  
#349-14 Referring the matter of the vacancy of the City Clerk position to the COW for its R/R. Meeting adjourned @ 7:32 pm.  
Complete meeting minutes at City Clerk's Office.  
Terry A. Marecki  
Livonia City Clerk  
Publish: December 11, 2014

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

#### CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-MOTORIZED MASTER PLAN CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

The City of Livonia, Michigan is seeking written qualifications for services associated with the development of a Non-Motorized Plan.

The City of Livonia consists of 36 square miles. Our objective is to create an overall Non-Motorized Master Plan that consists of identifying existing non-motorized pathways / corridors and provide future connectivity to City of Livonia, or Wayne County Parks along with locations that may be within Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Wayne County or City of Livonia right-of-way.

The Non-Motorized Master Plan will follow traditional master planning practices of evaluating conditions, soliciting public input, drafting a plan, reviewing the information collected, and creating a final document for the City of Livonia to utilize. The plan will identify opportunities to improve current roadway corridors to make them candidates for bicycle traffic and identify desirable places to consider adding non-motorized paths. The plan should also consider opportunities to connect with existing public transportation and the surrounding communities of Northville Township, Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, and Westland.

Qualification Statements will be reviewed and rated on the following criteria (100 Points):

- Corporate Qualification (Location, Familiarity with Livonia, Municipal Work Experience, Years in Business, Financial Stability, Retained Qualified Staff) (15 points)
- Project Approach (Understanding of Project, Thoroughness, Clarity, Value Added) (20 points)
- Project Team (Education and Training, Background, Technical Experience, Availability on Project) (20 points)
- Demonstrated Performance (Master Plans over the Past 5 Years, Meeting Schedule and Budget, References) (20 points)
- Proposed Effort (Fee, Hours, Schedule) (25 points)

The short-listed firms (maximum of three) will be requested to attend an interview. The short listed firms will have a maximum of 45 minutes for an interview period. During this time, consultants will be allowed to provide a presentation lasting no more than 20 minutes and 25 minutes for questions from the interview panel. The interview will focus on the above criteria as well as the consultant's projected workload and experience over the past 5 years on non-motorized master plans.

The proposal response shall be neatly typed and printed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper with a minimum spacing of one and one-half lines. The proposal may include 11" x 17" or 8 1/2" x 14" legal fold outs. Proposal shall not exceed a maximum of 200 pages single sided or 100 pages double sided. Proposal shall provide a minimum of three (3) municipal references. The representatives shall have been involved in a similar project with the consultant. Include the name, title, telephone number, address and a brief description of the project and the role of the municipal representative in the project.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/homeL.asp](http://www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/homeL.asp).

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

To be considered, one (1) original and five (5) copies, and an electronic PDF format disk of the Qualification Package (including fee information in separate envelope) and packaged together labeled, "RFQ - NON-MOTORIZED MASTER PLAN", to City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., Michigan Time, on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.  
City Engineer

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor  
City of Livonia

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## C'ville girls have big hearts for hoops

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

First-year coach Kelsey Irwin has 10 girls on her team who are committed to playing basketball, and that's all that matters to her at this time.

Clarenceville High School had difficulty generating enough interest in the sport and was forced to cancel its JV team and schedule due to a lack of players.

The Trojans will have only a varsity team and will start their home games at 6 p.m., beginning with the season opener Friday night against visiting Ferndale.

"We had a rough start, getting girls out," Irwin

said. "We were able to get 10 girls and make a team. It's been great to see their commitment level and willingness to get better every day in practice."

Clarenceville lost some of its top players to graduation, including all-area center Ayanna Buckley, but it does return three players with varsity experience.

Seniors Staneisha Chambers and Alicia Southern and junior A'Sha Whittaker will comprise the nucleus of the 2014-15 team. Chambers is a 5-foot-11 post; the others are 5-7 guards.

"They have that experience under their belts, and we're expecting

leadership from all three of them," Irwin said.

A pair of 5-8 juniors - guard Kylee Hammond and forward Dawn Longoria - played on the JV team and likely will be the other starters.

The other five players are 5-5 freshman guards Alyssa Craigie and Desarae Hartsiel, 5-9 posts Nicki Thomas (sophomore) and Linda Hodzic (freshman) and 5-3 sophomore guard Emily Lazette.

"We definitely are a young team," Irwin said. "With that comes the rebuilding. We're looking for the veteran players to give that leadership and help the younger players with the whole varsity experience."

### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 24 12/1/14

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves  
221: Traffic Control Order 2014-09:  
Install (3) Stop Signs & (2) Keep right signs-Westland City Hall-36300 Warren.  
- Appr. 1 yr. contract w/MHS to exp. 6/30/15.  
- Intro Manpower Budget Amendment 2015-04.  
- Adopt Manpower Budget Amendment 2014-03; General Fund.  
- Placement of winter hazard fees on 2014 winter tax bills.  
- Ext. deadline to pay 2014 winter taxes to 2/27/15.  
- Adopted resolution to recognize Westland Police Community Partnership Committee as local non-profit organization.  
- Appr. 2015 City Council Schedule of Meetings.  
222: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 11/17/14.  
224: Appr. temp/seasonal use permit for 1-day event on 2/7/15 at Ashley's Beer & Grill, 7525 N. Wayne Rd.  
225: Appr. checklist: \$ 3,192,227.12.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:02 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.  
James Godbout  
Council President  
Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC  
City Clerk  
Publish: December 11, 2014.

### NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD DURING THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Westland, Michigan will hold its regular meetings on the following dates during the calendar year of 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month, except when a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the meeting will be held on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

Scheduled Meeting Date	Mon. Cut-Off	Scheduled Meeting Date	Mon. Cut-Off
January 5, 2015	Dec. 29	July 6, 2015	June 29
January 20, 2015 (Tues)	Jan. 12	July 20, 2015	July 13
February 2, 2015	Jan. 26	August 3, 2015	July 27
February 17, 2015 (Tues)	Feb. 9	August 17, 2015	Aug. 10
March 2, 2015	Feb. 23	September 8, 2015 (Tues)	Aug. 31
March 16, 2015	March 9	September 21, 2015	Sept. 14
April 6, 2015	March 30	October 5, 2015	Sept. 28
April 20, 2015	April 13	October 19, 2015	Oct. 9 (Fri)
May 4, 2015	April 27	November 2, 2015	Oct. 26
May 18, 2015	May 11	November 16, 2015	Nov. 9
June 1, 2015	May 22 (Fri)	December 7, 2015	Nov. 30
June 15, 2015	June 8	December 21, 2015	Dec. 14

January 4, 2016 Dec. 28, 2015

Proposed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting and approved minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. This notice is given in compliance with Act. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

EILEEN DEHART-SCHOOF, CMC  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

Publish: December 11, 2014

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## Realtors support Forgotten Harvest at holiday party

Real estate professionals from the Detroit Metro area filled the dining hall of the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield on Dec. 2 for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) fourth annual Holiday Party. Attendees gathered to celebrate the end of another busy year in the real estate business by indulging in fresh food catered by Plum Hollow, dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville and regaling one another with their tales of 2014.

This event aligns with GMAR's mission to unify the real estate community and strengthen the image of Realtors through the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets, the GMAR family raised almost \$500 to be donated to Forgotten Harvest. This is in addition to the over \$3,000 donated from Golf Outing proceeds held this past September. Combining donations collected at the General Membership Meeting last month and the Holiday Party, eight heaping crates full of nonperishable food items have been contributed to the cause of feeding the hungry in the Detroit area through Forgotten Harvest.

"We are so grateful for the support of our Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors," said Forgotten Harvest CEO Kirk Mayes. "With nearly one in five people facing hunger or food insecurity in our area, it is vital that we work with our corporate and community partners to be certain that no child, no senior or no family go hungry in metro Detroit."

"I am very amazed and proud of the commitment and involvement of our Members. GMAR is a true leader in the industry having the members and support for such a great event," said GMAR Member Services Committee Chair James Iodice.

Committee Liaison Elaine Gatlin stated, "The success of our programs this year is the result of the support we've received from our members, our sponsors and the Member Services Committee."

The Greater Metropolitan



Fun was found at the GMAR party, along with support for Forgotten Harvest, which works to fight hunger in Metro Detroit.



Dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville was part of the fun at the Dec. 2 party.

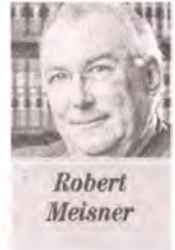
Association of Realtors provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many

benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR®

monthly electronic magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan. Visit [www.GMARonline.com](http://www.GMARonline.com) to learn more.

## Check with attorney on enforcement of rules

**Q: Our homeowner association board has not been enforcing various rules for a number of years. Now we have a more active board who wants to start doing so. What do you suggest that we do to help with this situation?**



Robert Meisner

**A:** It is important that you don't abruptly start enforcing previously overlooked rules since reviving these rules may be delicate matter. I would remind members of the value of rules, tell the members that previously overlooked rules will once again be enforced, but only do so with your lawyer's advice. Say that the board won't necessarily enforce rules retroactively, and explain that the board will give members a grace period in certain circumstances. Again, this is a precarious area and you may not even want to concede that you were not enforcing rules previously. That is why a legal opinion is in order.

**Q: Our association manager may have violated the Fair Housing Act by denying a lease extension without the board's knowledge. Do you think the manager has any liability?**

**A:** Yes, particularly if there is a situation where he did not seek approval from the Board of Directors in terms of the direction and there is any type of discrimination on the basis of familial status. Indeed, in a recent case out of Florida, the court denied the management company's request to be dismissed from the case determining that it could be "vicariously" liable if the manager is found liable for what he did. Since the plaintiff in that case adequately stated a claim against the manager, the claim against the management company was also viable and there may be indemnification rights by the association against the managing company and agent if the contract was properly reviewed to begin with counsel for the association.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 28 to Aug. 1, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>		
165 Charrington Ct	\$363,000	
12 Riverbank Dr	\$600,000	
200 Turnberry Ct	\$875,000	
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>		
23140 Hickory Hollow Dr	\$368,000	
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>		
731 Chapin Ave	\$365,000	
1638 Hanley Ct	\$282,000	
1551 Holland St	\$626,000	
1059 N Old Woodward Ave	\$279,000	
1736 Pierce St	\$550,000	
947 Puritan Ave	\$1,150,000	
1336 Ruffin Ave	\$244,000	
1978 Sheffield Rd	\$355,000	
722 Wallace St	\$1,200,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>		
4383 Ardmore Dr	\$501,000	
244 E Berkshire Rd	\$162,000	
905 W Harsdale Rd	\$828,000	
42160 Woodward Ave	\$102,000	
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>		
3530 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$450,000	
2626 Bridle Rd	\$243,000	
376 Concord Pl # 4	\$62,000	
4090 Cranbrook Ct	\$368,000	
5574 Fieldston Ct	\$450,000	
6465 Maple Hills Dr	\$216,000	
928 Mitchell Ct	\$1,190,000	
1631 S Hill Blvd	\$127,000	

42160 Woodward Ave Unit 18	\$130,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
3100 Brookneal St	\$111,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$71,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$130,000
3222 Edgewood Park Ct	\$225,000
8219 Hearstone Ct	\$287,000
5886 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$440,000
5667 Ottingshire St	\$165,000
3645 Sandbar Dr	\$315,000
8644 War Bonnet Dr	\$175,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
35451 Heritage Ln	\$135,000
22800 Lake Way	\$200,000
36641 Lansbury Ln	\$200,000
34986 Oakland St	\$231,000
36436 Vicary Ln	\$223,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
29154 Aranel St	\$190,000
27825 Berrywood Ln Unit 47	\$76,000
34262 Commons Dr	\$308,000
27690 E Echo Vly Unit 224	\$65,000
22775 Glenmoor Hts	\$122,000
22775 Glenmoor Hts	\$55,000
29889 Harrow Dr	\$445,000
21184 Larabee Ct	\$370,000
21704 Middlebelt Rd	\$18,000
29530 Mirlon Dr	\$242,000
28927 Oak Point Dr	\$301,000
26025 Pillsbury St	\$245,000
22290 River Ridge Trl	\$154,000
36492 Rutherford Ct	\$217,000
23042 Watt Dr	\$300,000
26228 Westmeath St	\$209,000
22172 Wingate Ct	\$250,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
298 Carnoustie	\$410,000

637 Edinburgh Cir	\$290,000
4020 N Hickory Ridge Rd	\$214,000
3230 Ramada Dr	\$403,000
3720 Woodland Dr	\$160,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
18450 San Jose Blvd	\$165,000
18150 Wiltshire Blvd	\$163,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
625 Hickory St	\$360,000
3300 Quinney Trl	\$365,000
1444 Rowe Rd	\$280,000
647 Sleepy Holw	\$425,000
464 Village Ln	\$125,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
22043 Lujon Dr	\$125,000
914 Pond Island Ct	\$560,000
999 Shannon Ct	\$481,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
22142 Antler Dr	\$395,000
27318 Benjamins Way	\$340,000
42914 Brookstone Dr	\$310,000
28323 Carleton Way Dr	\$195,000
21992 Clover Ln	\$298,000
22099 Clover Ln	\$255,000
27633 Cromwell Rd	\$253,000
22635 Evergreen Ct	\$199,000
22527 Haverdale St	\$390,000
26420 Island Lake Dr	\$325,000
25804 Lochmoor Ln	\$440,000
25840 Lochmoor Ln	\$439,000
41500 Mitchell Rd	\$200,000
23369 Mystic Forest Dr	\$378,000
25476 Sullivan Ln	\$400,000
22833 Summer Ln	\$555,000
22926 Talford St	\$88,000
23408 W Le Bost	\$182,000
45578 White Pines Dr	\$435,000
46000 White Pines Dr	\$520,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
1035 Arabian Ct	\$315,000

26960 Bluegrass Ct	\$379,000
1143 Chestnut Ln	\$270,000
23190 Cheyenne Ct	\$458,000
26162 Cornell Dr	\$387,000
57275 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$342,000
58251 Holland Dr	\$77,000
58392 Holland Dr	\$327,000
456 Orchard Rdg	\$150,000
24580 Padstone Dr	\$77,000
24245 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24384 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24522 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
972 S Parkwood Dr	\$255,000
23360 Spy Glass HI N	\$400,000
58480 Well Cress Ct	\$80,000
58504 Well Cress Ct	\$96,000
935 Wood Run	\$289,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
27450 Aberdeen St	\$140,000
17521 Alta Vista Dr	\$291,000
23224 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$65,000
24393 Evergreen Rd	\$88,000
28106 Fairfax St	\$68,000
19308 Greenwald Dr	\$178,000
21634 Hidden Rivers Dr S	\$24,000
15682 Jeanette St	\$250,000
17090 Jeanette St	\$275,000
28606 Regent Ct N	\$60,000
20350 Rodeo Ct	\$110,000
17361 Roseland Blvd	\$57,000
23445 Russell St	\$120,000
16075 Stratford Dr	\$136,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
1869 Crystal Ln	\$278,000
8775 Eastway Dr	\$45,000
8876 Tackles Dr	\$185,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 18-22, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>		
42658 Colling Dr	\$198,000	
7051 Epping Dr	\$252,000	
997 Foothill Rd	\$255,000	
43672 Gatehouse Ct	\$225,000	
50131 Harding St	\$113,000	
7474 Haverhill Ln	\$449,000	
1248 Lasalle Rd	\$490,000	
401 S Ridge Rd	\$230,000	
3635 Shepherd Ln	\$220,000	

43787 Sweet Cherry Ln	\$156,000
42172 Tonquish Ct	\$176,000
51159 Upland View St	\$50,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
6868 Harrison St	\$66,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
30791 Six Mile Rd	\$169,000
32565 Six Mile Rd	\$150,000
19167 Augusta Dr	\$295,000
27709 Bobrich St	\$150,000
32949 Brookside Cir	\$230,000
9811 Doris St	\$132,000
32446 Hees St	\$147,000
8955 Henry Ruff Rd	\$143,000
16694 Levan Rd	\$256,000
14056 Mayfield St	\$220,000

19847 Merriman Rd	\$135,000
17555 Middlebelt Rd	\$155,000
29117 Perth St	\$170,000
34804 Summers St	\$265,000
18377 University Park Dr	\$99,000
30941 Wentworth St	\$199,000
15152 Yale St	\$185,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
19527 Dartmouth Pl	\$114,000
16664 Lyonhurst Cir	\$268,000
48344 Manorwood Dr	\$830,000
19580 Northridge Dr	\$102,000
16131 Oakwood Ct	\$300,000
16538 Sherwood Ln	\$573,000
39780 Walker Ct	\$244,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
9090 Brookline Ave	\$75,000

10205 Creekwood Cir	\$369,000
41890 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$158,000
500 Ford St	\$65,000
43808 Joy Rd	\$250,000
40869 Newport Dr	\$100,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
26409 Clarita	\$74,000
18656 Lennane	\$26,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
38514 Laurenwood St	\$144,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
36500 McKinney Ave	\$238,000
251 S Christine	\$85,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

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

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

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.



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	NMLS#		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.
1SPMortgage	138501	(313) 215-1766	3.75	0	2.875	0.125
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	138560	(734) 459-0782	3.75	0	3	0
AFI Financial	2431	(810) 588-4424	3.75	0	2.99	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.75	0	2.99	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	4.125	0	3.25	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4	0	3.125	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	3.75	0	3	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	3.625	1.125	2.875	0.25
Group One Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4.125	0	3.375	0
Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	4.125	0.25	3.25	0

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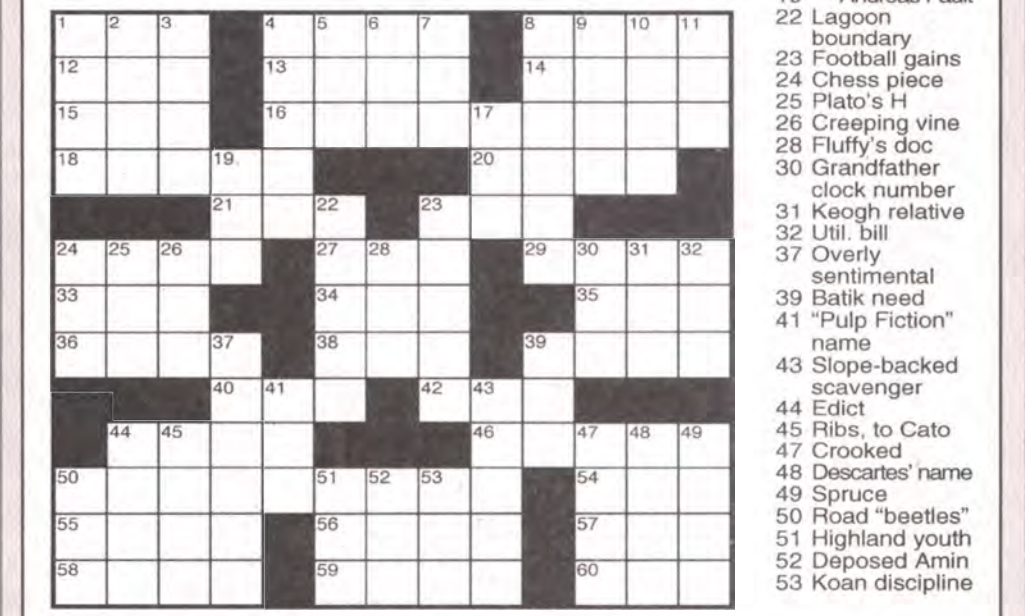
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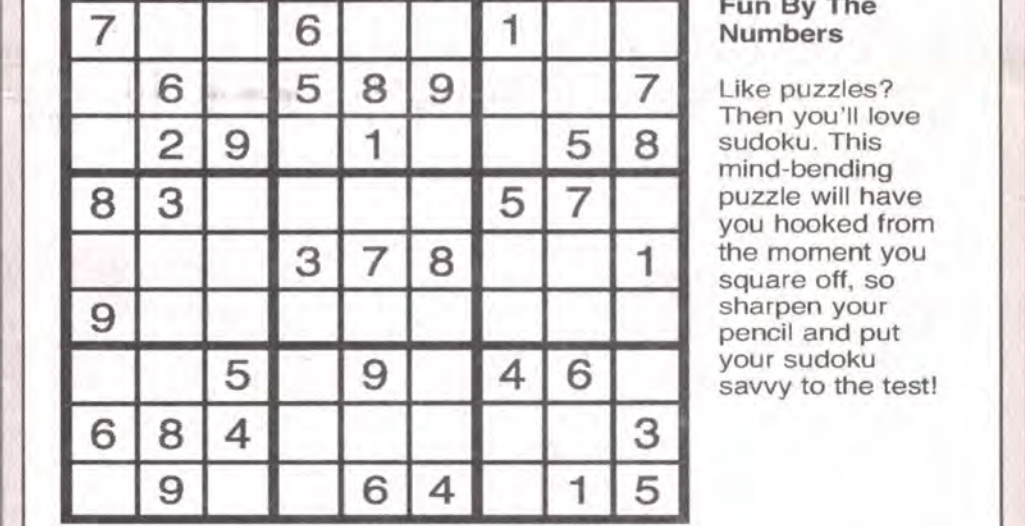
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RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

**ADVENT SERVICES**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** The meditation theme is "Waiting With The Old Testament Church"

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

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13

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

**Details:** Pancakes and sausage; \$6, \$4 for age 8 and under; picture with Santa, \$9

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland

**Details:** Nativity displays, Christmas message, musical performances, kids craft, refreshments

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Cantata Academy Chorale performs a mix of old and new holiday music. Admission is a donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family

**Contact:** 248-474-6170, Ext. 208

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** St Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** The concert is divided into two parts of roughly 30 minutes each. The first half consists of popular Christmas songs performed by soloists, small groups, and handbell ringers, and the second half is the cantata, *Were You There on That Christmas Night?* sung by the combined choirs of St Timothy and Kirk of Our Savior of Westland, with special guest percussionist Peter Falk. A free-will donation will be accepted

**Contact:** 734 464-8844, sttimothy@sttimothypcusa.org

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** Northwest Choir and One Voice Chorus present a holiday concert to benefit the Ruth Ellis Center, a residence for LGBT runaway teens. Suggested donation \$10-\$20

**Contact:** 248-354-4488; northwestuu.org

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17

**Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 35320 Glenwood, Westland

**Details:** Christian rock band Wise For Salvation will perform and accompany singing of



Cantata Academy Chorale performs a concert of holiday music, Dec. 13 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

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**traditional and contemporary Christmas songs**

**Contact:** 734-721-5377

**CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21

**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Holy Land Christmas Concerts includes carols and hymns

**Contact:** 734-422-0010; saintmarylivonia

**COOKIE WALK**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. early bird sale, 10 a.m. regular sale, Dec. 13

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

**Details:** Christmas cookies will cost \$7.50 per pound. Other baked goods will be priced by the item. Admission is \$2 for the early bird sale; free for regular start time

**Contact:** 734-751-6464

**COOKIE WALK**

**Time/Date:** Doors open 7:30 a.m.; sale starts 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** 36075 Seven Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Pierogis, nut, apricot, poppy seed breads, sweet breads, candies, fancy and European cookies. Pre-packaged gift boxes of cookies also available

**Contact:** 248-476-3432

**DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS**

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Excerpts from Bach's *Magnificat*, along with carols and other songs; tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students

**Contact:** www.detroitluthेरansingers.com

**LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

**14**

**Location:** St. Aidan, located on the east side of Farmington Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia

**Details:** Features the ensembles and members of St. Aidan Music Ministry. Admission is a \$5 donation or two canned food goods for Christmas food baskets for the needy

**Contact:** 734-425-5950

**WORSHIP, DIAPER DRIVE**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

**Location:** Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn

**Details:** Southfield-based Empowerment Church holds a special worship service featuring gospel artist J. Moss and message by Rev. Carlyle Fielding Stewart III. Diaper donations will be collected for Lighthouse of Oakland County, to aid families in need

**Contact:** Contact@EmpowermentMI.org

**ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY**

**Men's Bible study**

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

**Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

**Our Lady of Loretto**

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

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

**CLOTHING BANK**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

**Details:** No documentation needed

**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

**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**

**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

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

**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**SINGLES**

**Detroit World Outreach**

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

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

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

**Steve's Family Restaurant**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14

mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**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.

**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 behavior problems

**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 activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**

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

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly

**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

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**ERLENBUSCH, DORCIAS IRENE (ROOT)**

93, of Canton, MI, passed away peacefully at home on December 4, 2014. Her memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, Northville, MI, followed by luncheon and shared memories. Dorcias was born in London, England, on June 15, 1921. She was married to Christian Erlenbusch for 63 years, and was a member of the Daughters of the British Empire, Firth of Clyde Chapter, since 1970. Dorcias is survived by her four children, Robert, Janet (Jack) Needham, Susan (Wendy) Christlaw, Marian (Scott) Freisthler; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Christian, and Bonnie; and two great-grandchildren, Rachel and Aurora. Dorcias is preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and husband. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to National Multiple Sclerosis Society (www.nationalmssociety.org), Daughters of the British Empire, c/o Patricia Pike, 7792 Anchor Bay Dr., Algonac, MI 48001, checks payable to: DBE in Michigan.



**KEISER, ROGER L.**

Age 78, of Levering, passed away at Tencerecare of Clare on December 5, 2014. Roger was born on March 17, 1936, in Dearborn, MI, to Leon and Mary (Perron) Keiser. He graduated from Pellston High School in 1955. He worked for Procter & Gamble as a mechanic in Cheboygan until his retirement. He married Thayer Roueche, July 29, 1989, and together they divided their time between their homes in Levering and Florida. He was an active member of the Levering Lions for many years and enjoyed hunting and traveling. He also enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Roger is survived by his five children: Bambi (James) Perry of Clare; Yvette (Daniel) Majestic of Manchester, TN; Colette (Rodney) Sullins of Lake Orion; Roger C. Keiser and Anita Keiser, both of Parma, OH; Ron (Elizabeth) Keiser of Madison Heights; eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Deanna Capen of Melvindale and three brothers: Jerald (Ann) Keiser of South Lyon, Charles (Wanda) Keiser of Melvindale, and Dennis (Evelyn) Keiser of Lincoln Park, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thayer; brother, Ronald and his parents. A memorial service for family and friends is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 am at Nordman-Christian Funeral Home in Cheboygan, MI. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or The American Cancer Society.

**SNYDER, EDMUND C.**  
 Dec. 8, 2014. Age 100. Mass Friday 10 a.m. St. Theodore Catholic Church 8200 N. Wayne Rd. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home

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## Michigan apple recipe could be your ticket to Florida

The Michigan Apple Committee (MAC) is offering two apple recipe contests this month.

Recipes for apple pie, apple desserts and apple sandwiches are due Dec. 19 for the annual contest held during Zehnder's Snowfest in Frankenmuth. The Grand Prize winner of the event, held Jan. 21, 2015, will receive a round trip flight and entry into the World Food Championships planned for November 2015 in Kissimmee, Fla.

Prizes will be awarded in each of the three apple recipe categories for first, second and third place.

All first-place winners will receive \$100, a KitchenAid Mixer, 40 pounds of Pioneer Sugar, 40 pounds of Nightingale Pastry Flour, two tickets to a Zehnder's dinner show of the winner's

choice, and a Michigan Apple gift basket. They'll advance to the Grand Prize Competition.

All second-place winners will receive \$100, 20 pounds of Pioneer Sugar, 20 pounds of Nightingale Pastry Flour, dinner for four to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, a Michigan Apple gift basket, and will advance to the Grand Prize Competition.

All third-place winners will receive \$50, 10 pounds of Pioneer Sugar, 10 pounds of Nightingale Pastry Flour, dinner for two to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, and a Michigan Apple gift basket.

Registration forms are available at MichiganApples.com. Mail form, recipes and a \$5 registration fee per recipe to Zehnder's Snowfest, Michigan Apple Recipe Contest, 730 S. Main St.,

Frankenmuth, MI 48734. Recipes must include Michigan apples.

The Michigan Apple Committee also is looking for talented amateur cooks to submit their favorite Michigan apple recipe for the 2014 Michigan Apple Amateur Recipe Contest. The contest will run through Jan. 31, 2015.

Judges will consider taste, originality, preparation, and apple significance. The three highest scoring recipes will receive a KitchenAid Stand Mixer.

Find entry forms and rules at MichiganApples.com.

Need a little inspiration before you submit your entry? Try these recipes from Michigan Apple Committee.



### APPLE NOODLE KUGEL

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 1 hour  
Yield: 18 servings as side dish

- 1 bag of extra wide egg noodles
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 15-ounce container of ricotta cheese
- 1 16-ounce container of sour cream
- 1/2 cup cinnamon apple sauce
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg
- 2 medium Michigan Northern Spy, Cortland, or Honeycrisp, peeled, cored, and diced
- 1 1/2 cups crushed Frosted Flakes, mixed with 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 2 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large pot, bring 8 cups of water to boil with 1 teaspoon salt. Add dry egg noodles and boil for 7 minutes. Drain and return the noodles back to the pot. Add butter and stir until melted. Leave in the pot while you prepare the rest of the ingredients. In a food processor, add ricotta, sour cream, apple sauce, sugar, eggs, vanilla, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, and honey. Pulse until mixed and smooth. Pour the mixture over the noodles and stir until the noodles are well coated. Add the apples and mix well. Pour into a greased 13- by 9-inch baking dish and top with the Frosted Flakes mixture. Bake for 1 hour. If the cereal starts to burn, cover with foil for the remainder of the cooking time. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 to 10 minutes before cutting.

### APPLE-GRILLED CHEESE DESSERT "SANDWICHES"

Cooking time: 3 minutes plus apple prep 25-30 minutes  
Yield: 6 sandwiches

- Ingredients for pound cake
- 2 sticks unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 4 eggs (large, at room temperature)
- 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Ingredients for apples
- 2 cups thinly sliced apples (A mixture of McIntosh, Gala, and Fuji or your favorite Michigan apples), peeled and cored
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar (light or dark), plus 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Instructions for pound cake: Aerate the flour with a whisk and add the cinnamon and nutmeg to the flour. Cream the butter until light and fluffy. Slowly add the sugar while mixing. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each egg. Mix in vanilla and salt. Add the flour mixture, on low mixer speed, about 1/2 cup at a time, until all flour and spice is incorporated. Put batter into a greased and floured loaf pan and place in a cold oven (do no preheat). Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 40 minutes. Cake is done when pick or knife inserted in center comes out clean and top is crusty. Instructions for assembling and cooking the sandwiches: Cut the pound cake into 12 thin slices. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in grill pan (add more butter to each sandwich). For each sandwich, place a slice of cake into melted butter and top with a slice of cheddar cheese, about 1/4 cup of apple mixture, another slice of cheese, and another slice of cake. Cook at medium heat for about 2-3 minutes on each side to melt the cheese. Serve warm with an optional dollop of whipped cream.

### TOPSY-TURVY SALTED CARAMEL APPLE DUMPLINGS

Prep time: 1 hour  
Cook time: 35 minutes  
Yield: 6 dumplings

- 1 8-ounce roll of phyllo dough, thawed
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 5 cups tart apples (Cortland or Honeycrisp), peeled, cored, chopped
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- Spray oil or butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray sides and bottom of 6-count large muffin pan. Combine apples, sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg in a large saucepan. Cook apples over medium heat for about 15 minutes until tender. (Apples should be slightly crunchy.) Add lemon juice and remove from heat. In a separate bowl, combine pecans, corn syrup, brown sugar and butter. Pour mixture into bottom of muffin pan, dividing mixture evenly between all 6 cups. Unroll phyllo and cut in half so you have two 4 1/2- by 7-inch sections. Remove a single sheet and brush with butter. Repeat with another sheet and place on top of first sheet, crisscrossing sheet. Repeat until you have 6 layers. Press into muffin cup on top of pecan mixture. Pour apple mixture into opening and cover with overhanging phyllo dough, brushing with butter after each fold. Brush top with butter. Repeat with remaining muffin cups. Place muffin pan on a cookie sheet and bake for 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and allow dumplings to cool for 5 minutes. Invert dumplings onto serving plate. Sprinkle with salt and serve warm.

### FRESH MICHIGAN APPLE & PORK CASSOULET

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 45 minutes  
Yield: 4 servings

- 4 pork chops (bone in), preferably thick
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup apple cider
- 1 cup onion, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup fresh cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) white beans, drained
- 3 medium Michigan McIntosh apples, cored and cubed
- 4 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or less to taste)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place a large frying pan on high heat and add 2 tablespoons coconut oil. Season both sides of the pork chops with garlic powder, cayenne, salt and pepper. Add the pork chops in batches to the hot pan (don't over crowd the pan) and brown each side of the chops (about 3 - 4 minutes per side). Remove from the pan and hold. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of coconut oil to the pan and add the onions, mushrooms and tomatoes. Sauté for 7 - 8 minutes until they have browned and given off some liquid. Scrape the bottom of the pan to remove the fond. Add the chicken stock to deglaze the pan working all the caramelized fond pieces into the mix. Bring to a boil. Clear a space in the pan for 2 of the chops. Spoon the vegetable and fruit mixture over the chops and clear a space for the other 2 chops, nestling the chops into the vegetable mix completely. Cover with a lid. Turn the heat to low and cook for about 20 minutes or until the pork is tender. Add the white beans and apples to the pan and cook another 5 - 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

### FIVE-STEP MICHIGAN APPLE PIE

Yield: 8 servings

- 1 package (9 ounce) Jiffy Pie Crust Mix
- 7 cups thinly sliced peeled tart Michigan apples, such as Ida Red, Rome, Empire, Gala, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh
- 1 cup Michigan sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 (12 ounce) container T. Marzetti's caramel apple dip

Prepare pie crust according to package directions for 2 crust pie. Place bottom crust in 9-inch pie dish. Combine apples, sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. Toss gently to evenly coat apple slices. Spread filling evenly over bottom crust. Dot with pieces of butter. Moisten edge of lower crust lightly with water. Cover with top crust, trim and flute edges. Cut 3 slits in top crust for venting. Bake in preheated 400°F oven 40 to 45 minutes or until crust is golden and apples are tender when pierced with a fork. To prevent over browning, cover edge of pie crust with foil. Remove during last 20 minutes of baking. Serve warm pieces of apple pie drizzled with T. Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip just before serving. Heat dip to drizzle easily.





Bob Elocinik (left), Keith Davis and Cayetano Garcia jazz it up at Schoolcraft College. The school's Jazz Ensemble will perform finger-snapping holiday tunes Dec. 15 at its Winter Wonders concert.



The saxophone section in the Jazz Ensemble performs at Schoolcraft College.

## Ensembles jazz up holiday tunes at Schoolcraft College show

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

The weather forecast for Monday, Dec. 15 — sunny with spring-like temperatures — is like music to Rick Selva's ears.

"Last year, remember how horrible the winter was? The first horrible snow of the season was on the day of our winter concert. I-275 was like a skating rink," said Selva, Ph.D., director of the Jazz Studies Program at Schoolcraft College and its two performing groups, the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo. "And the last big snow — in April — was on my spring concert."

The snowy weather discouraged some concertgoers from attending the annual Winter Wonders show last year. Selva hopes for a bigger crowd when the musicians take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia. Admission is free.

"I'm an optimist. We've had 350 to 450 people and usually get at least 250."



Jazz singers belt out a tune, accompanied by the Jazz Ensemble, at Schoolcraft College.

Guests can don their dancing shoes for the annual winter show, now in its sixth year, and are welcome to respond vocally, with finger snaps, hand clapping — whatever gets them moving to the music.

"We open up the dance floor. The nature of the jazz concert is to get involved and respond, shout something out, clap. At one of our winter concerts we had such a huge crowd, it was startling. We had such response between songs and solos. The crowd added so much energy. It was fantastic," he said. "I usually say something to let them know the nature of a jazz is interactive,

and they can feel free to express their appreciation for what's going on."

### Original work

Selva will direct the Jazz Ensemble, the larger of the two groups, in performing one of his own compositions, *Lullaby for a King* at the upcoming concert. He originally wrote the music for an Epiphany concert in 2011 at St. Cyprian Church in Riverview. The Jazz Ensemble performed the piece, which led to the group's tour of Chicago, Ill., that same year. The group hasn't played the song since its tour.

"There is a dark quality to it, but it's beautiful



Drummer Nick Mues taps a cymbal during a Jazz Ensemble performance.

and gentle. It could be played any time of the year, but this works out well," Selva said. "It's seasonal. Not overtly...it sets a mood."

The show will include a medley of Christmas music, Count Basie's *Jingle Bells*, a few Gershwin standards, *Christmas Time Is Here* by Vince Guaraldi, among other songs.

Selva generally includes a holiday arrangement by Ralph Carmichael, former arranger for Stan Kenton, in his winter show. This year the group will play *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

"They are very sophisticated and classy," he

said, describing the Carmichael arrangements. "And they use additional instruments. They use mellophone in the original recordings. And French horns." Selva's groups will use more traditional jazz instruments, such as saxophone, but will include concert percussion in the piece.

### Unusual sound

However, audience members may be surprised to see an accordion included in the Ensemble. Bob Elocinik, a member for three years, plays the instrument, adding "unique tonal color" to the music.

"It's a mix between

keyboard and wind instrument and it has a nice tone," Selva said.

Longtime, core members of the Jazz Ensemble and the Jazz Improvisation Combo have played with the bands for 10 years. Some students stay for two years and then move on to a four-year college, but return to Selva's bands after earning their degrees.

"I have people of all ages and backgrounds. I have a faithful core of people who have been in the groups from before I was hired. I have people come back and play after they get their teaching degrees. Music teachers come back to keep their music alive."

The groups meet once weekly during the semester. Musicians can sign up as continuing education students or for credit.

"You can do it for \$60 (continuing education) or \$80 for the improv class," Selva said. "Schoolcraft has so many attractive features and it's very reasonable."

For more about the Jazz Studies Program at Schoolcraft or the Winter Wonders Concert, visit [schoolcraft.edu/music](http://schoolcraft.edu/music).

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**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

**Wildlife art:** The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition — a collection of images from the world's largest and most prestigious wildlife photography competition — runs through March 23, 2015, and is free with zoo admission. It features 100 images from winners of the 2013 competition.

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 9, 2015

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

**Details:** Michigan Weavers Guild exhibit

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

### VAAL HOLIDAY SHOPPE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, through Dec. 14

**Location:** Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), 37653 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** One-of-a-kind holiday gifts created by area artisans include pottery, fiber, hand blown glass, jewelry and other accessories, wood items, clothing, ornaments, framed and unframed art and more. Items in every price range.

**Contact:** 734-838-1204; [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org)



Lac La Belle, the acoustic duo of Nick Schillace and Jennie Knaggs, will perform Friday, Dec. 12, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Miracle on 34th Street*, admission \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 20

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** *White Christmas*, \$5; Santa visits the theater — bring your camera

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### HISTORY

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 28

**Location:** Second floor in the Community Gallery at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave.,

### DETROIT

**Details:** Fourteen stained glass windows that were installed at the original St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, built in 1929 and closed in 2005 in Farmington Hills, are on display. Admission is free

**Contact:** 313-833-7935

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through Dec. 21

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** The exhibit, "Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan," consists of 82 artifacts, including ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, paintings, illuminated manuscripts and wood

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through Jan. 11, 2015

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** "Twas the Night Before Christmas" exhibit features scenes from stories and movies, such as



Scrooge meets the first of three spirits in Motor City Youth Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 12-14 in Livonia.

*Elf*, *Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol*. Santa visits every Sunday until Christmas and will be on hand for the annual craft bazaar and open house, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Crafty Elves Workshop:** Children, ages 5-11, can make gifts and decorations at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. \$10 per child. Sign up online or by calling the museum

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS LIGHTFEST

**Time/Date:** Lightfest hours 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31, excluding Dec. 25

**Location:** Along four miles of Hines Drive; enter at 7651 Merriam, between Warren Road and Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland

**Details:** Drive by 55 holiday light displays; admission is \$5 per car.

**Contact:** 734-261-1990; [parks.waynecounty.com](http://parks.waynecounty.com)

### MILL LIGHTING

**Time/Date:** 3:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** Nankin Mills In-

terpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

**Details:** Mill lighting with holiday crafts, games, prizes for children, a sing-along, refreshments and visit with Santa. No charge for visit with Santa and lighting, but crafts and games cost \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for nonresidents

**Contact:** [waynecounty.com](http://waynecounty.com); 734-261-1990

### WILD LIGHTS

**Time/Date:** 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 5-7, 11-14, 18-23 and 26-31

**Location:** The Detroit Zoo, I-696 service drive at Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak

**Details:** The event includes photos with Santa Paws, carousel rides, The Polar Express 4-D Experience, ice carving, arts and crafts. Admission for ages 2 and older is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate; parking is \$6 per car. Buy tickets online at [www.detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights](http://www.detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights), at Detroit Zoo main admissions, or Kroger stores

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7-9:30 p.m., third Thursday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Ten open mic spots will be available on Saturday, Dec. 20. The featured group is The Sorenson Family. \$5 at the door.

**Contact:** [sccludwig@aol.com](mailto:sccludwig@aol.com) or 734-453-0869

### BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** The Sphinx Virtuosi, comprised of 18 top African American and Latino classical soloists, alumni of the Sphinx Competition, perform, led by the Catalyst Quartet. Tickets are \$25

**Contact:** [theberman.org](http://theberman.org)

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 13

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Metropolitan Opera soprano Heidi Grant Murphy and pianist Menahem Pressler perform works by Schubert, Mozart, Schumann and Debussy. Tickets are \$30-\$60; students with ID pay \$15-\$30

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; [ChamberMusicDetroit.org](http://ChamberMusicDetroit.org)

### JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

**Details:** On Tuesday, Dec. 30,



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Judie Cochill will perform with the Ron Kischuk Trio. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

**JAZZ CAFE**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 28

**Location:** Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** Phredley Brown, instrumentalist, and Bruno Mars musical director and vocalist, perform along with Alesha Nicole, and longtime friend and drummer, Paul Loos, arranger and director for the drum line at Lake Orion High School. Tickets are \$10

**Contact:** 313-887-8501; ticketmaster.com

**PIKE ROOM**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

**Location:** At the Crofoot, 15. Saginaw St., Pontiac

**Details:** Livonia-based band, Royale, performs at this CD-release party for its album, *Abbey's Art*. \$12 at the door

**Contact:** 248-858-9333

**REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY**

**Time/Date:** 6:15-8:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11

**Location:** Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford

**Details:** Audition for the Symphony. Be prepared to play a scale, musical selection of your choice and sight read a short piece

**Contact:** redfordsymphony.org

**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:** Walter Salas Humara and Jonathan Rundman, Dec. 11; Lac La Belle and Rollie Tussing, Dec. 12; Lorelie, Dec. 13; Kerosene Halo featuring Mike Roe and Derri Daugherty, Dec. 14; Open Stage, Dec. 16 and 30; Finvarra's Wren annual Winter Solstice Celebration, Dec. 19. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

**Contact:** 734-464-6302 for additional information

**THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS**



SUBMITTED

Danielle Belen, winner of the 2008 Sphinx Competition, will appear with Sphinx alumni, Dec. 12 at the Berman Center for Performing Arts, West Bloomfield.

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Dec. 12-13 and 2 p.m. Dec. 14

**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** *The Desk Set* is a comedy that tells the story of Bunny Watson, head of the reference department of a large broadcasting corporation in Manhattan, and her "girls" who find their jobs in jeopardy when Richard Sumner, an efficiency expert, invades their department. Tickets are \$15

**Contact:** justgobarefoot.com; 734-560-1493

**EMERGENT ARTS**

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11-21

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

**Details:** Two holiday one-act plays include *No Room at The Big Sleep Inn* by Tim Henning and *The Office Party* by Paul Bianchi. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and students with I.D., available at the door by cash or check, or online at [www.emergentarts.com](http://www.emergentarts.com)

**Contact:** 734-985-0875 for pay-at-the-door reservations

**LIVONIA FAMILY YMCA**

**Time/Date:** Doors open 6 p.m., show starts 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12-13

**Location:** Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** *Sleeping Beauty*; admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 3 and over, free for children under 3

**Contact:** 734-261-2161

**MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 12-13, and 2 p.m. Dec. 14

**Location:** 27555 Grantland, Livonia

**Details:** *A Christmas Carol*; tickets are \$8 for seniors and students and \$10 for adults. The cast is collecting canned goods at each show for donation to Redford Interfaith Relief food pantry. For tickets, visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com), type in *A Christmas Carol* in the search box and Livonia in the location box

**Contact:** Nancy Florkowski at 313-535-8962

**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

**Location:** Inspire Theatre, 5767 Executive Drive, Westland

**Details:** Local youth will bring toys, elves, reindeer and Santa to life in *Rock n' Roll Santa*. Tickets are \$10

**Contact:** 734-751-7057; [inspiretheatre.com](http://inspiretheatre.com)

**NEW FILMS**

**Opening Friday, Dec. 12**

» *The Captive*: In this psychological thriller from director Atom Egoyan, Matthew (Ryan Reynolds) steps briefly into a diner and comes out to find that his young daughter Cassandra has vanished without a trace from the back of his truck. Her unsolved abduction destroys his once-happy relationship with his wife, Tina (Mireille Enos), who suspects her husband of foul play. Years later, when detectives Nicole (Rosario Dawson) and Jeffrey (Scott Speedman) discover recent images of Cassandra online, Matthew risks everything to ensure his daughter's safe return. Rated R.

» *Exodus: Gods and Kings*: Using state of the art visual effects and 3D immersion, director Ridley Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale) as he rises up against the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramesses (Joel Edgerton), setting 600,000 slaves on a monumental journey of escape from Egypt. Rated PG-13.

» *Top Five*: Written, directed, and starring Chris Rock, the film tells the story of New York City comedian-turned-film star Andre Allen, whose unexpected encounter with a journalist forces him to confront the comedy career and the past that he left behind. Also starring Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union, Cedric The Entertainer, J.B. Smoove, Tracy Morgan, Kevin Hart, Anders Holm, Jay Pharoah, Michael Che, Sherri Shepherd and Leslie Jones. Rated R.

» *Wild*: Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée and starring Reese Witherspoon, the film brings bestselling author Che-



SUBMITTED

Comedian Chris Rock wrote, directed and stars in "Top Five," which tells the story of a comedian-turned film star. It opens Friday, Dec. 12.

ryl Strayed's adventure to the screen. After years of reckless behavior, a heroin addiction and the destruction of her marriage, Strayed makes a rash decision. Haunted by memories of her mother Bobbi (Laura Dern) and with absolutely no experience, she sets out to hike more than a thousand miles on the Pacific Crest Trail all on her own. Opening exclusively at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield Township. Rated R.

**Opening Wednesday, Dec. 17**

» *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*: The film brings to an epic conclusion the adventures of Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and the Company of Dwarves. The Dwarves of Erebor have reclaimed the vast wealth of their homeland, but now must face the consequences of having unleashed the terrifying Dragon, Smaug, upon the defenseless men, women and children of Lake-town. Directed by Peter Jackson. Rated PG-13.

**Opening Friday, Dec. 19**

» *Annie*: Quvenzhané Wallis stars as Annie, a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. It's a hard knock life with her mean foster mom Miss Hannigan (Cameron Diaz), but everything's about to change when the hard-nosed tycoon and New York mayoral candidate Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx) makes a thinly-veiled campaign move and takes her in. Also stars Rose Byrne, Bobby Cannavale, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, and David Zayas. Directed by Will Gluck. Rated PG.

» *Foxcatcher*: Based on true events, the film tells the dark story of the unlikely and ultimately tragic relationship between an eccentric multimillionaire and two champion wrestlers. When Olympic Gold Medal winning wrestler Mark Schultz (Channing Tatum) is invited by wealthy heir John du Pont (Steve Carell) to move on to the du Pont estate and help form a team to train for the 1988 Seoul Olympics at his new state-of-the-art training facility, Schultz jumps at the opportunity, hoping to focus on his training and finally step out of the shadow of his revered brother, Dave (Mark Ruffalo). Rated R.

» *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*: Larry (Ben Stiller) spans the globe, uniting favorite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever. Starring Ben Stiller, Robin Williams, Owen Wilson, Steve Coogan, Ricky Gervais, Dan Stevens, Rebel Wilson, Ben Kingsley. Directed by Shawn Levy. Rated PG.



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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



**Scoop wants you to share your holiday photos.** You could win a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us. Just submit your photo and have your parents include your phone number, age, community of residence, and name of each person in the photograph.

### Scoop's Craft Corner:

#### Make Your Own Christmas Tree Ornament

**Material Needed:**  
 2 Cups of Flour  
 1 Cup Salt  
 ¾ to 1 cup Water  
 Food Color (optional)

**Instructions:**  
 Mix together flour and salt. Slowly add water and stir until you get a clay consistency. You can add food color if you'd like. Once completely mixed together create your desired shape. Don't make it too thick to avoid cracking. Make a small hole in your creation for a ribbon or ornament hook. Bake in a 250 degree oven for about 1 hour. You may need to vary your time based on thickness of your creation. After baking let the ornament cool. Now decorate your creation using glitter, paint, and decoupage and more.



### 12 Days of Christmas

SONG  
 TWELVE  
 PARTRIDGE  
 PEAR TREE  
 TURTLE DOVES  
 FRENCH HENS  
 CALLING BIRDS  
 RINGS  
 GEESE  
 LAYING  
 SWANS  
 SWIMMING  
 MAIDS  
 MILKING  
 LADIES  
 DANCING  
 LORDS  
 LEAPING  
 PIPERS PIPING  
 DRUM  
 HOLIDAY

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### Did You Know?

THIRTY-FOUR TO THIRTY-SIX MILL CHRISTMAS TREES ARE PRODUCED FOR THE HOLIDAY EACH YEAR.



Courtesy of Metro Creative

### WINNER!



#### JUMP FOR JOY CONTEST WINNER

Camden Pinter of South Lyon, age 6, jumps for joy at Graffiti Alley in Ann Arbor. He won a \$25 gift certificate to Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Vladimir Spisak</b>	Livonia	12/2
<b>Camden Orley</b>	Plymouth	12/17
<b>Carly Greifenbergs</b>	Farmington Hills	12/19
<b>Kamar Taylor</b>	Inkster	12/19
<b>Antonio Biggs</b>	Livonia	12/22
<b>Mark Szetela</b>	Novi	12/23
<b>Michael Brooks</b>	Detroit	12/25
<b>Damien Dailide</b>	Canton	12/27

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 Boy or Girl: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

\* Required for Birthday Club

### Share your talent!



**Adriana Nadong** of Livonia, age 6 shares her artistic talent.



Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your talent with us. We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight.

### Deadline for submissions:

Mail all entry forms to: Scoop the Newshound, 29725 Hudson Drive, Novi, MI 48377

All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric by close of the business day on **December 31** or email your information to: cbjordan@michigan.com. Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.