

Wayne reviews offer to operate ice arena

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Wayne is reviewing a proposal from a company interested in leasing and operating the city's ice arena. "We're still going through

"We're still going through the contract and making changes. I think it's about there," Interim City Manager David Murphy said. "Then, we need to send it to the city attorney and council."

The arena, located in the

Wayne Community Center, is currently closed and has no ice. That move was made to help cut the operating losses at the community center as the city addresses an estimated \$500,000 deficit.

The basic idea of the proposal is that Denver-based WMA, which stands for We Manage Assets, would lease the arena from the city and operate various skating programs.

Wayne resident Brian Cro-

nan of WMA asked council about the lease agreement recently.

"We want to run the rink. My company is dynamic, comprehensive and profitable," Cronan said. "We would like to take Wayne and make it a hockey town again like it was in the early '80s."

With plans to put a junior A hockey team in the arena, Cronan said his company can make money with the city ice arena. "It's whether the city can afford to keep it open," Mayor James Hawley said.

The city has been subsidizing the community center operations but would pay approximately \$300,000 annually to maintain the building, if it were closed.

An earlier proposal to operate the entire community center from HYPE didn't move forward at least in part due to significant reinvestment in the building the group sought from the city.

"We're working closely with the city for good partnership," Cronan said.

As part of efforts to balance the current year budget and the projected deficit for the next fiscal year, the city has also been looking at consolidating operations into various city-owned buildings.

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CHANGES MADE TO PROVIDE MORE RIDES ON NANKIN TRANSIT

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

There have been changes in the way Nankin Transit operates its transportation service for elderly and disabled residents in the four cities it serves.

"We used to be run like a taxi cab service. Nankin Transit is not a taxi, it's a bus service," said James Ridener, who took over as Nankin Transit executive director in March 2014. "Our goal is to offer more rides."

That means riders are given a window of 45 minutes to get to their destination when they get on the Nankin Transit shuttle bus. That allows for other riders to be picked up.

"Under the old system, if 12 people called for a ride at 10 a.m. and we were running seven buses, five people didn't get a ride," Ridener said. "We would have one person on a bus. Now, maybe we have three or four people picked up before someone is dropped off. It's all within the 45-minute window."

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Nankin Transit Evocutive Director James Bidener werke with assistant menorer Jamifes Scular of Conden

In Wayne, skip Facebook, report crime to police

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

If there is a crime or just something suspicious going on in Wayne, don't complain on Facebook — call the police. That was the gist of com-

That was the gist of comments from council members and Police Chief Alan Maciag after some local residents were posting comments about crimes but not making any police reports.

"The police can't be everywhere. I see online that people don't want to make police reports," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "Complaining online doesn't change things. People get mad at the police, but no one makes them aware of the problem. It's our community."

If residents want to make the city better, Rhaesa said people need to let police know what is happening in their neighborhoods.

Öther council members agreed.

"If you are having issues, the most critical thing is to call the police department. Make the call; the police might not be aware of the problem," Councilwoman Susan Rowe said. "We need to be the eyes and ears and work together for a safe community.' Part of the problem may be that residents have been hearing comments about the Wayne Police Department being understaffed. Police manpower has been reduced due to budget cuts and currently has 23 officers and is in the process of hiring three officers to fill budgeted positions open following recent retirements. There is misinformation on social media. If an incident occurs that requires police attention, we will come out and investigate," Maciag said. "Sometimes things are blown out of proportion. We don't monitor social media 24 hours. People need to call us right away." This conversation started, Maciag said, after something was posted on Facebook about an attempted breaking and entering. "When it was brought to our attention (by council members), it hadn't been reported," Maciag said. "I think there is a perception we don't have a lot of officers on the road. That's untrue. We are short-handed, but we are still providing ser-

on a return trip, Ridener said the rider will be asked what time they want to leave and will be given a 30-minute window.

"Several people complained that they don't like the window and wanted a specific time. We are a bus service," Ridener said. "Some customers said they never understood why there was only one person on the bus."

Nankin Transit provides rides to residents 55 and City. The transportation service recently computerized.

older or handicapped residents of any age in the communities of Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster to locations within those communities. The only exceptions are rides to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and Oakwood Main Hospital in Dearborn.

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Nankin Transit executive director

Early morning fire displaces senior citizens

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By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A faulty wall heating unit is being blamed for causing a fire early Thursday morning that displaced residents at a Westland senior housing complex.

One firefighter and a maintenance worker were treated for smoke inhalation from the fire at the Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill, a senior living community.

"It's a motel-style heating/ air conditioning unit. We traced it and found there had been a recall," Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Red-

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dy said. "We are working with maintenance. They are getting repairs on the other (heating/cooling) units. They will be taken care of right away."

It was the fourth time in a week that Wayne-Westland firefighters battled a fire at an apartment building.

The latest fire was reported at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill.

"The fire was in one unit. Our folks arrived and saw flames from the door wall of the apartment," Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said. Firefighters entered through the interior hallway and evacuated 30 residents from 20 apartments in that wing of the building.

"There were no injuries, everyone got out safely. We housed the residents in the rescue vehicles until management found them accommodations," Eggers said. "It's great that they had space to house the residents."

The apartment where the fire occurred was occupied by the tenant and her mother. Eggers said that unit was completely destroyed by the fire and another 10 units had smoke damage. "When they (the two occupants) fled, the door from the unit was left open," Eggers said. "That allowed the fire to escape to the hallway. There was significant damage to the hall."

Firefighters from Garden City, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Inkster responded to aid in the firefighting efforts.

"There is definitely no conspiracy. Accidents happen. That's why we are here — to go out and help people," Eggers said. "With the weather, people are using heating

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term representing 16th House Discrict 16, which comprises all of Wayne and the majority of

"It's a privilege to continue serving the

men and women of the 16th District," Kosowski

said. "I'm proud of what

I accomplished in the

last two years for mid-

dle-class families, but

I'm ready to get to

there's more to be done.

WCCCD's lvery to speak at MLK Day ceremony

Dr. Curtis Ivery, the chancellor of Wayne County Community College District, will deliver the keynote address at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Ceremony in Westland.

The event will be held at Monday, Jan. 19, in the Grande Ballroom of Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road. Although city offices will be closed in recognition of the holiday, city hall doors will open at 9 a.m., with the ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will follow the event.

Ivery is a renowned author of several books, the recipient of the Michigan Man of the Year and the Michigan Newsmaker of the Year Awards. He also was the first African American and youngest cab-



FILE PHOTO Westland will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

inet member in Arkansas state history.

"MLK Day is a time to honor Dr. King's life and legacy and reflect on how we can best live up to his dream today," Mayor William Wild said. "And I am honored to have Dr. Ivery as our keynote speaker for this very special celebration.

Kosowski lands Dem leadership post

Robert Kosowski has a new title to go with state representative. The Westland Democrat has been appointed Democratic Whip for the 2015-2016 legislative session by House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills.

As a result of the appointment, Kosowski has selected third-term Rep. George T. Darany, D-Dearborn, secondterm Rep. John Kivela, D-Marquette, and firstterm Reps. Erika Geiss,

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Recent computerization has enhanced Nankin Transit's ability to schedule rides and provide reminder calls the night before and 15 minutes before the bus will arrive. That call is triggered by the drivers, who are now using tablets equipped with GPS and automated vehicle location.

Nankin Transit also offers scheduled rides from senior housing to shopping locations like Meijer, Kroger and Westland Shopping Center.

During the recent holidays, Nankin Transit took seniors through the Wayne County Lightfest for \$5 per person. The standard ride is \$3 each way

igan a better place to live and raise a family, and I'm very excited to get to work this session." "We were trying to see

D-Taylor, Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park, and Shel-

"I'm grateful to Dem-

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mel for my appointment to caucus whip, and I am

extremely happy to be

leading such a talented

Kosowski said. "I look

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don Neeley, D-Flint, to

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if there was interest and contacted the senior resource directors, Ridener said. "I think it was successful.

Nankin Transit ended the 2013-14 fiscal year with a \$68,000 deficit, but six months later is \$8,000 in the black. That's due to a combination of changes, including a rate increase from \$1 to \$3 that was put in place in 2013, savings from vacant positions created by attrition and installation of a 1,000-gallon diesel fuel tank.

"That lets us buy fuel wholesale. We were filling up at Speedway,' Ridener said. "We are always looking for costsavings. We look at every aspect of the business to see where we can be more efficient." Each of the four member communities apKosowski joins a Democratic leadership slate that Greimel said "will help to shape public policy in a positive way for Michigan's families, kids and seniors."

"I'm proud to have a leadership team from all different backgrounds and I look forward to working with them to better Michigan," Greimel said.

Kosowski was sworn into office Wednesday at the state Capitol with other members of the

work.' relations to repair the points two representatives to the Nankin Transit Commission to oversee the service. Following the retirement of long-time executive director Richard Fernandez, there was an interim director for several months before the com-

mission appointed Ridener, who is a retired Westland Police chief. "Things are 1,000 per-

cent better - more efficient - than 10 months ago," Westland Councilman and Nankin Transit Commissioner Dewey Reeves said. "We can track the buses and when they sit idle. We aren't operating in the red anymore and he (Ridener) brought in a gas reservoir."

The biggest change, Reeves said, is making Nankin Transit a viable service again. That includes doing some public bad reputation the Nankin Transit had developed under the previous administration. Garden City Council-

man Jim Kerwin said that he couldn't be happier with Ridener's work. 'He has done won-

ders," Kerwin said. "He has done a fabulous job. He has done a heck of a job for the four cities. We are in the black now."

There is greater accountability at Nankin Transit, Reeves said, noting a perfect financial audit report was received.

Looking ahead, Ridener said Nankin Transit is scheduled to get new buses through SMART, which subsidizes the local bus service.

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vice to the community."

As the department works to fill the three vacant funded positions, Maciag said officers are doing an excellent job continuing to provide service to the community.

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blankets. The heat is on constantly. If the equipment hasn't been maintained, accidents happen. It is what it is.

In the other fires: » The Jan. 10 fire at Scotsdale Apartments has been found to be an accidental fire started by a faulty heating pad. » On Thursday, West-

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land Police arrested a person of interest in the Jan. 5 fire at Warris Farm Apartments. The person was subsequently released pending further investigation and lab results from the Michi-

gan State Police. 'There is no indication that this person of interest was involved in any other fires," West-land Deputy Police Todd Adams said.

Four apartments were fire damaged at Warris Farm with 20 people being displaced. » A fire at Woodland

Villa on Jan. 8 is still under investigation. Eight apartments were directly involved with the fire and 34 residents were displaced.

There was also a large fire Nov. 24 at the Woodcrest Apartments that destroyed the entire building and displaced about 40 residents. The fire was fueled by extremely high winds.

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Area auto dealerships look forward to 2015

By David Veselenak, Nathan Mueller and Jay Grossman Staff Writers

When it comes to cars expected to roll off the sales lot at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia this year, one vehicle comes to marketing director Andrea Calvaneso's mind: the 2015 Ford F-150.

With all the attention focused on the new truck, one of the leaders in sales, it's no surprise it's the new truck that's drawing a lot of attention to the dealership at 32222 Plymouth in Livonia.

"We're pretty fortunate to be in the heart of Ford country," she said. "We've already had quite a bit of eagerness surrounding that kind of vehicle."

Bill Brown Ford is just one area dealership prepping for a big 2015 as the beginning of the North American International Auto Show begins at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit.

The truck, being built in Dearborn, sports a new, lighter aluminum body, one of the big reasons the F-150 is turning heads in Livonia, Calvaneso said.

"I think the aluminum body is a big one," she said. "I just think there's so much more excitement around this vehicle, because it offers so much more than the previous models."

The dealership was a stop on the Ford F-150 Drive Tour back in December, which gave the dealership's customers a first look at the new truck.

After that stop, Calvaneso said anytime a truck is on the lot, it is purchased quickly.

"Whenever we get



Bill Brown Ford in Livonia was a stop on the Ford F-150 Drive Tour back in December, which gave the dealership's customers a first look at the new truck.

one, they're usually gone pretty quickly," she said. "We're continuing to get more units on our lot all the time."

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet

Being a part of the Plymouth community is one of the keys to success for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.

The dealership has been in business since 1970 and is heavily involved in the Plymouth community, including a donation for Plymouth's Miracle League field that was built in 2011 for special needs kids. Lou LaRiche also contributes to Make-A-Wish, the annual Plymouth Fall Festival and other community events.

Located at 40875 Plymouth Road, the dealership itself recently underwent an extensive remodeling and expansion.

"Walk into the showroom and you'll see everything is bright and lit up," sales manager Debbie Dowling said Wednesday. "Right now, we have two Corvettes, a Camaro, a Cruze, an Equinox, Traverse, Impala, Malibu and the all-new Chevrolet Trax on the floor today."

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Scott LaRiche is serving as the chair of the 2015 North American International Auto Show, an honor his dad, Lou LaRiche, held exactly 20 years ago in 1995. Dowling said the auto show is the perfect place to go for anyone interested in a new vehicle.

"It gives the public an opportunity to see everything in one place," she said. "Once they find the Chevy they're interested in, they can come to Lou LaRiche to purchase or lease it."

What are some of the anticipated hot sellers for 2015? Dowling said the new Silverado is especially popular, but she expects all the Chevy products to do well.

Looking back on 2014, Dowling said the Lou LaRiche dealership and entire auto industry enjoyed a very successful year.

"I think it was a very good year — we were up over 2013, so that's always positive," she said. "Right now, we're just looking forward to 2015 with the products we have and increasing our sales once again."

Atchinson Ford

Community involvement has been the calling card of Atchinson Ford since it opened more than 50 years ago in Belleville.

The family-owned dealership, located at 9800 Belleville Road, has been active on community boards and volunteer committees, supported charities and given back to various groups and schools.

Selling vehicles is what they do, but community-focused is who they are.

"It's a big thing for us," said Mike Sturtz, general sales manager. "Our owner is on the DDA, big with the Boys and Girls Club and chamber, you name it. If there is a group in town, he tries to get in the middle of it."

The success in the community also has translated to success in business.

Sturtz said while Ford Motor Co. had a pretty "level" year in terms of sales, their dealership was up 7 percent.

Atchinson also recently opened a new quicklane store, giving them more capacity to do maintenance work and work on off-brands.

"Overall it was a record year for the overall health of the store," he

said. Sturtz said he is working on his projections for 2015 next week, but thinks they will come in

thinks they will come in "pushing 10 percent." "I believe we can do it because we are in a growing community and have worked very hard to cater to the growing Canton community that doesn't have a Ford dealership in its city limits," he said.

Tri-county superintendents group endorses May ballot proposal

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa was among the public school superintendents across Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties who announced their support Thursday of Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot.

If approved by voters, the proposal would generate billions of dollars to fix Michigan's roads and bridges and strengthen funding for classrooms. The action was taken at a Jan. 5 executive board meeting of the Tri-county Alliance for Public Education.

"We applaud Gov. Rick Snyder and the Michigan Legislature for crafting a bipartisan road-funding solution that also protects and enhances funding for schools," Liepa said. "We look forward to working with the education community across the state to inform and educate voters about the importance of supporting Proposal 1."

The Michigan Legislature approved a plan in December to place a proposal on the May 5 ballot that would: raise the sales tax

from 6 percent to 7 percent;

 repeal the sales tax on fuel;
restrict the use of

School Aid Fund dollars in higher education;

generate \$300 million in additional funds for public schools annually. "Gov. Snyder and the Legislature deserve credit for pre-



Liepa

senting a commonsense plan that addresses two critical investment

priorities of Michigan citizens: to repair our roads and bridges and to strengthen our kids' education," said Robert D. Livernois, superintendent, Warren Consolidated Schools. "For the next four months, we'll be laser-focused on educating parents, school employees and the greater community about the need to support this critical ballot proposal that will benefit our kids and our economy.'

"Passing this proposal means Michigan will see over a billion dollars more for roads and bridges, hundreds of millions more for our kids' education and millions more from additional savings in maintenance and repair costs," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. "Safe, well-maintained roads benefit everyone in Michigan and, as superintendents, we believe we must seize this opportunity to move Michigan forward and invest in our kids.

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The newest member of the school board, Melandie Hines, asked her son Elijah and Pastor William David Sumlin to be a part of her swearing-in administer

School Trustee Charles Trav Griffin asked former city clerk Diane Rohraff to administer the oath of office and friend Jan Cipolla to hold the Bible.



Carol Middel of Canton says the oath of office, which was administered by her daughter Molly and husband Bill.

4 trustees begin terms

on W-W school board



Dwayne Walker swears in wife Shawna for her second term on the school board.

Four members of the Wayne-Westland school board raised their right hands and took the oath of office at last Monday's organizational meeting.

ceremony.

Sworn in for new terms were incumbents Shawna Walker of Westland and Carol Middel of Canton, appointed incumbent Charles Trav Griffin of Westland and newly elected board member Melandie Hines of Westland.

Middel and Walker are beginning their second full terms on the board. Middel was elected to the board in 2009, while Walker was appointed to the board in 2008 and was successful in her bid for election in 2009.

Griffin has been on the school board since September 2012 when he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrea Clawson. He was elected to fill the remaining two years of that term.

Hines also received a sixyear term in the November school election. She replaces Cindy Schofield who opted not to stand for election after being appointed to replace John Goci who had resigned last May.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Sean Davidson of Westland was among approximately 950 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average.

Davidson is a sophomore, majoring in in premed/predent at the Greenville, S.C.-university.

Werner Dahm and James Zerebiny of Westland were among more than 12,000 ASU undergraduate and graduate students who had degrees conferred at the May commencement ceremonies at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Donna Hahn-Becker of Westland was named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at Arizona State University. Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List.

Marietta College's **Megan Bache** of Westland has been named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List. Bache is majoring in biochemistry and is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74 in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's List student for that semester.

Laura Gisondi of Westland has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill.

A student must have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0, to be on the Dean's List.



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Angela Hospice announces new president/CEO

Margot J. Parr of Livonia, a veteran in the field of health care and human services, will lead Angela Hospice as president and CEO beginning Feb. 9.

For the past eight years, Parr served in leadership roles for Evangelical Homes of Michigan in Farmington Hills, most recently as senior executive director.

"It is with great confidence that we welcome Margot's leadership and skills to build Angela



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hospice care," said Sister M. Barbara Ann Bosch, CEO of Felician Services Inc., the parent organization for ministries sponsored by the Felician Sisters across North America. "Margot's strong business acumen, financial expertise, years of health

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care experience and faith-based organizational leadership, along with her passion for hospice care, ensure Angela Hospice will positively benefit patients and families, community members and the staff and volunteers who serve this organization."

Mary Beth Moning, who has served as Angela Hospice's interim president and CEO since March 2014, will resume her role as executive director of Angela Hospice, a position she served in for eight years. "As its first lay leader, I will represent Angela Hospice with compassion and great respect for the organization and its history, while honoring the work of Sister Giovanni and the dedication of so many," Parr said. "I am honored to move their great tradition forward."

Prior to her work at Evangelical Homes of Michigan, Parr served as operations consultant with Trinity Continuing Care Services specializing in new business development and then as executive director for Jewish Home & Aging Services (now Jewish Senior Life) in West Bloomfield. Prior to that, Parr served as the director of operations for Mercy Services for Aging (now Trinity Continuing Care Services).

Parr completed coursework toward a Master of Science degree in hospice and palliative care studies from Madonna University in Livonia and her Bachelor of Science degree in health services administration from Lockyear College in Indianapolis, Ind. She also received her certification in fund raising management from The Center on Philanthropy in Indiana University. Parr is licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator by the State of Michigan, is a former nurse and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. is a Catholicsponsored ministry in the Felician Franciscan tradition.

City of Livonia looks to sell land at Stamford and Five Mile

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

The City of Livonia will sell some very visible residential property off Five Mile in Coventry Gardens, though the decision to put the property on the market came with some heated discussion.

The council voted 5-2 Monday night to sell some land off Stamford just north of Five Mile in the subdivision. The land has been owned by the city since 1985 when it was acquired in a Wayne County tax foreclosure auction and was rented out. A drunken-driving accident later rendered the home that sat on the lot damaged beyond repair. The lot has remained vacant after the home was demolished in 2014.

Much discussion has taken place over the plot of land after it was brought before the planning commission and city council earlier this winter. Some discussion has taken place over whether the area homeowners association was interested in purchasing the land, or whether the lot could be divided, allowing for some nearby residents to purchase segments of it.

Council president Maureen Miller Brosnan said a letter sent to a city council member from Coventry Gardens Homeowners Improvement Association president Wayne Brehob indicated the association would not



The City of Livonia will look to sell this piece of property at Stamford and Five Mile after the city council approved its sale. It's valued at about \$30,000.

Improvement Association has discussed the option of purchasing the property at that location, and they have decided they are not interested at this time," she said.

A motion to substitute the original approving resolution with the intent to send the issue to the committee of the whole was offered by councilwoman Susan Nash, but it was rejected by a 4-3 vote. The two "no" votes on the proposal to sell the property came from councilwoman Laura Toy and Brosnan.

The land, located at 33916 and 33964 Five Mile, is valued at roughly \$30,000. Housing director Jim Inglis said there are no immediate prospective buyers for the land.

Association could maintain land

property was not in great shape for many years under city control, a new home built facing Stamford may be undesirable and result in it changing hands several times, with the home facing the side wall of the law office on Five Mile.

"When I could, I put up a privacy fence to hide the property you're talking about, because the house, which was owned by the city, was not in good shape," he said. "For those of us on this corner ... we spent a lot of time refurbishing the property and houses that are there. I think we've done a better job, in some ways, than the city.

"I only ask that you consider other options." Resident Steve King,

who lives near the home, has expressed some interest in purchasing part

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of the property for an addition to his home.

He said he spoke to Brehob earlier in the day and said the association would maintain the space if the city decided to keep it as a greenspace. The subdivision already maintains Coventry Park in the middle of the subdivision and the greenspace off Stamford and Five Mile could be added to the maintenance schedule.

"We will maintain that property if the city decides to maybe chose another option," he said.

Anyone can buy lot

Toy said she had been contacted by several area residents with concern over the sale of the property, and wanted to wait before giving the OK to sell it.

"I just think if there's not a press for time on this ... then I'd like to see us go to the committee of the whole with it if we may," she said. "I think there's other interest in Coventry Gardens that I've heard and I would be less honest with those people if I didn't try to hear the voices a little bit louder."

Councilman John Pastor, who offered the approving resolution to sell the land, said this property has remained vacant for many years and anyone interested in purchasing it can do so when it's up for sale.

"Anyone can buy it," he said. "We just got a letter from the association saying they don't want to buy it. So I don't understand what the delay is. This is a lot that can be used."

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JOINT INJECTIONS IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

When a joint flare occurs in a patient with rheumatoid arthritis, the physician may not turn to increasing the dose of methotrexate or adding a new drug such as Enbrel or Humira. Instead, the doctor may recommend a joint injection of cortisone.

What the physician expects to accomplish is to give the body an assist so that the medication already on board with the added help of a single injection can overcome the sudden surge in inflammation.

In rheumatoid arthritis, a steroid injection acts as a barricade against increased arthritis activity much like stopping a forest fire by halting its advance rather than pouring water over the acres already burned. Nature can take care of the area already stricken.



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Steroid injection is most effective when the patient experiences a flare in a single joint such as a wrist, shoulder or knee. The physician often prefers not to increase a medicine such as methotrexate that brings possible side effects like hepatitis or anemia or add a therapy that can increase the risk of serious infection. The alternative is to inject the painful joint and give the procedure up to a week to resolve the pain and impairment.

If injecting the joint fails to provide relief, then patient and physician have good reason to take on the hazards of a more aggressive medical regimen.

A single injection into an inflamed joint can be repeated. There is no rule regarding how often to repeat and which joints are appropriate for a second injection. That decision comes out of a discussion between physician and patient and is a reason why an ongoing relationship between them is as essential as any medication.

NO. 2978

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIAAND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3929 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated September 25, 2014, setting forth its resolution 09-50-2014 recommending approval of Petition 2014-08-01-06, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on September 27, 2014, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2014-08-01-06 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

<u>Section 2.</u> Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

<u>Section 3.3929</u>. Petition 2014-08-01-06 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from RUF to R-1:

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<u>Section 4.</u> The attached map designated "Amendment No. 945 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be , construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, December 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Hoff, City Clerk

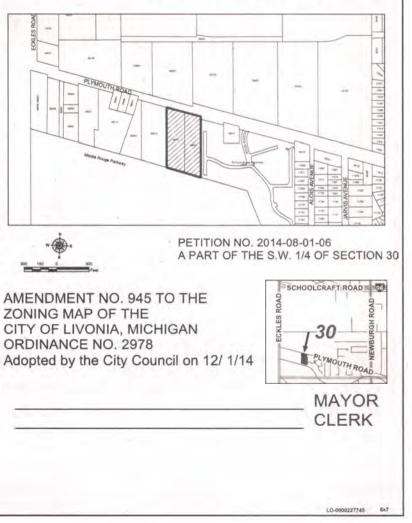
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 6th day of January 2015.

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney Dated: January 6, 2015 Published: January 18, 2015

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Firefighters entered through the top of the tower to rescue a contractor working on the Piedmont Concrete on Eight Mile, west of Middlebelt.

Contractor in recent fire dies

By Joanne Maliszewski

Staff Writer

The 37-year-old contractor who Farmington Hills firefighters rescued from a storage tower at Piedmont Concrete on Eight Mile Jan. 8 died Thursday night at the Detroit Medical Center.

Greg Messenger of Temperance was one of seven injured, including two Farmington Hills firefighters. The firefighters were treated and released the day of the fire. The other contractors, who were at the business making repairs, have reportedly recovered.

"We are very saddened by his death, especially the firefighters who went in and got him," Farmington Hills Fire Chief Corey Bartsch said. "His

family and friends did have a chance to say goodbye to him."

The fire remains under investigation and a cause has not yet been determined, Bartsch said. "There wasn't a lot of damage. The contractors were there doing repairs, conducting cutting and welding operations."

Farmington Hills firefighters received a call about the fire around 3 p.m. a week ago Thursday. While on their way, firefighters were advised that people were trapped. The business was not mixing cement at the time, Bartsch said.

When firefighters arrived at Piedmont Concrete, they were informed that the contractors who were working on the facility were trapped in the mixer tower. Four of the five contractors escaped the tower on their own. Firefighters entered the tower from the top to recover the fifth man, Messenger. That was when the two firefighters were injured, Bartsch said.

The contractors and firefighters were transported to hospitals within a half-hour, an effort Bartsch attributed to mutual aid agreements with surrounding departments.

In addition to the Livonia Fire Department, Community Emergency Medical Services also responded. With more than 20 Farmington Hills firefighters at the incident, West Bloomfield firefighters stepped in to handle other incidents, Bartsch added.

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Shop wisely for life insurance

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my late 50s, married and currently employed. I plan to work for another 10 years. I invest in my company's 401(k) Plan and I also have a decent-size portfolio outside of my retirement account. Twenty-five years ago when my children were infants | purchased a \$1 million term policy. I just received notice that the term policy is going to expire in a few months. My two children have both graduated college and are on their own. My wife also works and if something happens to me, there are plenty of assets to protect her. Do you think I need to buy additional life insurance?

A: There is no need for you to purchase life insurance. After all, your kids are on their own and if something happens to you, there is enough to protect your wife.

Too many people believe that life insurance is an automatic and that everyone needs it. After all, we're all going to die, so don't we need life insurance? The answer is absolutely not.

Life insurance is not an investment. Like all types of insurance, life insurance is a means of covering risk. The question is when you pass away do you have the resources to protect those who are dependent upon you? If the answer is yes, then there is no need to purchase life insurance. On the other hand, if someone is dependent upon you and there would be a financial hardship, then life insurance is one way of covering the risk.

All too often life insurance is sold as an investment. Many insurance salespeople like to show all sorts of charts and graphs as to how your money grows in a life insurance policy. Unfortunately, these graphs and charts for the most part are inaccurate and many times contain unre-



alistic expectations. The bottom line is the only people who consider life insurance an investment are those that are selling it.

For those who need life insurance, my recommendation is to consider term life insurance. Term life insurance is the simplest and least expensive type of life insurance. With term life insurance you are buying coverage for a period of time — five, 10, 20 or even 30 years. If you pass away during the time period, then your beneficiaries collect.

In addition, it is easy to shop term around. There are many sites on the Internet where you can buy term insurance and many agents also sell it.

You may ask, if term insurance is so good why do so many life insurance agents shy away from it? The answer is commissions. The commissions on a term life insurance policy are a fraction of what they are on products such as whole life and variable life insurance programs.

One last note regarding term insurance. Most people don't need insurance their entire life. The greatest need for insurance is when you have a growing family. That is why term insurance is so valuable because it allows you to cover your insurance needs at a much more affordable cost than any other type of insurance.

Good luck.

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

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Camera Club Council will exhibit 'Best of Best' photos

The Greater Detroit Camera Club Council will display its "Best Of The Best" print photography exhibit during the month of February in the art gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

More than 90 winning 16- by 20-inch color and monochrome images, all matted, will be on display.

An artists' open house and reception with light refreshments will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. The images are not for sale, but the names and titles of each image are displayed along with the image.

The GDCCC is a group of 10 area camera clubs from metro Detroit, as well as Toledo and Windsor.

Meetings and competitions are held at the local clubs on a regular basis and the best images are selected and sent to the GDCCC for further competition. At the end of the year, the best images that were submitted to the GDCCC for competition during the year are selected as the best of the year. A banquet is held yearly to honor the best photographs of the year – both digital and prints.

The library art gallery is open during library hours: from 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.

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Blessings in a Backpack packing volunteers included, from center front and counter clockwise, Nicole Dant, April Adams, Colleen Drake, Audra Rons, Tony DeMarco, Laura Smith and Doris DeMarco.

Blessings in a Backpack launches program in Livonia

Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia held its first packing event Jan. 6 at Bethel Community Church in Livonia. Backpacks full of nutritious food were packed for 47 eligible students at Garfield Elementary, Livonia, according to Laura Buda, BIAB-Livonia's secretary.

Much of the funds used to launch the pilot program were raised during BIAB-Livonia's first annual Bowling for Backpacks event, held at Merri-bowl Lanes in November.

Blessings is a Backpack-Livonia is a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that addresses the problem of weekend childhood hunger in Livonia Public Schools. Each week, backpacks are packed by volunteers and distributed on Fridays to participating LPS children who receive free or reduced-fee lunches during the school week. These school children return the backpacks on Monday, to be refilled for the following weekend. Backpacks contain six meals consisting of foods such as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, fruit juices, soup, beef ravioli, canned fruit and granola bars. More than than 72,000 children in 700 schools in 44 states and Washington, D.C., are currently being fed by Blessings in a Backpack, according to the national organization. and St. Mary Mercy Livonia, as well as the generosity of many individual and business donors, BIAB-Livonia is able to fill a weekend backpack with food for as little as \$2.40. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased

attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program, according to the national headquarters for BIAB.

To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit Bless-ings in a Backpack-Livonia's Facebook page or connect with BIAB-Livonia through Twitter or Instagram.

Former Livonia firefighter honored for extrication work

Ron Moore of Plano, Texas, a retired firefighter from Livonia, was one of two individuals honored with "Men and Women of Steel" awards Tuesday at the 2015 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The Steel Market **Development Institute** (SMDI), a business unit of AISI, recognized Moore with the Community Hero Award for his efforts in educating first responders and other emergency workers on cutting through steel parts made from advanced high-strength steel (AHSS)

The award recognizes those whose lives have been impacted through the use of AHSS or who have used AHSS

in a heroic manner. Moore is a retired firefighter who most recently served as safety and chief training officer for the McKinney fire department. He

is an expert in the area of advanced vehicle rescue seminars and has dedicated much of his career to publishing papers and presentations and training first responders on vehicle rescue and extrication techniques. In addition to the award, Moore will be given a \$5,000 grant to further support extraction techniques.

The awards honor innovators and heroes who are pioneering the use of steel in their work. The other award, the Industry Innovator Award, went to Elizabeth Krear, chief engineer on the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel. The award acknowledges automotive designers or engineers who showcase innovation in their use of AHSS. The Ram 1500 EcoDiesel uses AHSS to help achieve fuel economy of 28 mpg, making it the top performing truck in its class. SMDI will make a

\$5,000 contribution in Krear's name to the scholarship fund at Wayne State University's College of Engineering, Krear's alma mater.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace.



SMDI presented Elizabeth Krear, chief vehicle engineer for the Ram 1500 EcoDiesel, and Ron Moore, former Livonia firefighter, with awards for their work with advanced high-strength steel in the automotive industry and in the community.



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North American International Auto Show Schedule



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Thousands of people are expected to flood the Cobo Center for the 2015 North American International Auto Show.

Snyder touts skilled trades at auto show

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"We need to have par-

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder wants to see a new generation of car buffs in Michigan that understands technology is equally important to horsepower. "We messed up in our

country several decades ago, when we sort of diminished the appreciation for skilled trades and we need to bring that

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You may also access this information at Garden City City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Garden City Police station lobby 24 hours a day.

Dates and Times

The show is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) from Jan. 17 to Jan. 24. It also is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.) on Jan. 25.

Tickets may be purchased the day of the show at ticket booths inside Cobo Center or online at www.NAIAS.com.

Ticket Pricing

Adults — \$13 Seniors (65 and older)

- \$7 Children (7-12 years

old) - \$7 Children 6 and under are free

Group Tickets

A discounted rate of \$9 per ticket is available for groups of 30 or more.

Parking

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p.m. 2. Cobo Roof Deck

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p.m. 3. Millennium Garage 432 W. Congress Hours: 6 a.m. to 11

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The Detroit People Mover also is a convenient method of rail transportation in the downtown Detroit area.

Detroit People Mover stops are usually a short walk from most parking lots, and Cobo Center/ NAIAS 2015 is one of the stops on its route. The cost is 75 cents per person.

Michigan can have because this is a huge national challenge."

Still hobbling on crutches after he tore his Achilles tendon, Snyder checked out several of the displays on the ground floor and in the basement of Cobo Center, where a small track is laid out for prototype vehicles.

"Most people aren't familiar with mechatronics (a combination of electronics and mechanics). These are the people who will be doing the industrial automotive systems and managing the robotic equipment," he said. "Those jobs are well-paying jobs and they aren't going away. That's our future.

"This is where I really want to help out in that area between high school and higher education ... and let's make that line go away. Because too often you wonder, 'Do I have to do this in high school, do I do this in community college ... where do I get the training?' We're going to make it much more seamless in Michigan."

NATHAN MUELLER

Gov. Rick Snyder stopped to talk to some U.S. Army troops Tuesday during his tour of the North American International Auto Show.

With that in mind, Snyder said he hopes the show attracts a younger generation.

"I hope young people in particular come check out the show, because autos are a great thing to be involved with — period. But if you want to be on the cutting edge of technology, the best place to do it is the auto industry." The governor wrapped up the tour by talking to some students and touting the show.

"This show is a great illustration of the success of the auto industry," he said. "The industry is doing well, Michigan is doing well, Detroit is doing well. Let's stay on the gas."

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Peters at auto show: 'We can compete with anyone'

By Jay Grossman Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters (D-Bloomfleld Township) gave a major shout-out to the state's labor force Monday as he toured the floor of the North American International Auto Show.

"When I go to the West Coast, I've had the privilege of traveling through Silicon Valley and seeing high-tech and touring some of the businesses there," Peters said. "And when I go there, the thing that strikes me is everything I see there we have here in Michigan.

"So we can compete with anyone in this country. We can certainly compete with anyone in the world — and most folks don't realize the talent we have here in southeast Michigan."

Peters happened to be touring the Chrysler display when he talked about President Obama's decision to go forward in 2009 with the bailout of Chrysler and General Motors.

Peters himself played a key role in making sure Chrysler was a part of the bailout. He was serving in Congress and the Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills was in his district. Peters said the popular sentiment at the time was to bail out General Motors, but not Chrysler

"I fought that very aggressively and thankfully the president also agreed that Chrysler should also receive the loans that were necessary to keep it alive," Peters said Monday. "And now, when you look at the

display here and automobiles that are being made in Michigan and across the United States and all the folks who are employed - not just Chrysler jobs, but all the auto suppliers who supply the parts and pieces that go into an automobile - it



U.S. Sen. Gary Peters stands next to a Chrysler Viper at the North American International Auto Show.

was the right thing to do and it was an incredible success.'

Peters joined Obama on Air Force One last week as they flew to Michigan to tour the Ford Motor Co. assembly plant in Wayne.

'I was very pleased to fly in with him on my first full day as a senator to talk with him about the auto industry," Peters said. "He's a big believer in the domestic auto industry and will continue to be very supportive. We talked quite a bit about Michigan and some of the things that are happening here and he was very curious as to how the state's economy is

going. Peters also talked about changes within the industry, how it's moving from a factory floor to a computer screen.

'Now you're seeing where the industry going and it's very exciting," he said, "It's not just about the mechanical part of the car - the engine, the horsepower, the fuel economy we're now seeing how computers and apps are coming into these vehicles. They're totally integrated vehicles using very high-tech applications to give drivers incredible experiences and information at their fingertips while they're driving. It's probably the next frontier for automobiles and U.S. automak-

ers are really leading that charge."

On that note, Peters said the auto show is the perfect showcase to display that talent.

"We're blessed here in southeast Michigan to have more engineers per capita than any other region in the country," he said. "Most people around the country don't realize the incredible talent pool we have in this area. And because we have that incredible resource, it will bring even more business into our area.

"If you have engineers that understand how to bring in those kinds of apps into automobiles, you don't have to stop with automobiles. You can also jump-start a lot of other industries and other types of hightech applications.'

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Ten Million Dollar Baby

Alfa Romeo went old school at the auto show with an impressive display of classic racing cars

The Italian car com-pany has a 1932 Gran Premio Tipo B P3 on display. It features a double supercharged engine developing 215 horsepower at 5,800 rpm and has a top speed of around 145 mph. Only six of these cars were produced.

Next to that is a 1951 Gran Premio Tipo 159 Alfetta. It has a supercharged straight-8 engine that cranks out 425 horsepower with a top speed of 191 mph. Only six of these cars were produced.

Across the aisle is a 1967 33 Stradale, a rare collector's item that could sell on the market for a cool \$10 million. The car is the inspiration for Alfa Romeo's 2015 4C.

"Only 18 Stradas were produced," spokeswoman Chelsea Duda said. "It's considered one of

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Ali Abela with the 1967 Alfa 33 Stradale,

the most beautiful cars in the world."

The three cars were directly shipped to the NAIAS from a museum in Italy.

Military vehicles

Also new to the NA-IAS this year is a display of army vehicles in the basement of the Cobo Center. Donna Edwards, community relations officer for the U.S.

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Army, said there's a reason the vehicles are located in the basement.

'If they were upstairs they'd crash through the floor and end up down here," she said, explaining some of the equipment weighs over 30 tons.

The equipment is on loan from the Detroit Arsenal in Warren. Anyone with kids or a love for really big machinery will want to check out this display.

Ford goes green

debuting its "Innovation Park" containing trees, perennials, water features and remediated soil, all within an elevated structure in the cen-

theme to showcase its innovation efforts since they are good for customers and good for the world," Ford spokeswoman Penny Parker said. "Inside the park, visitors will be able to relax, charge up and acmeve their bes of the entire Ford display - all within the comfort and beauty of a natural setting." Surrounding the park are in-vehicle and "touch" table based engagements demonstrating Ford's newest technologies and features that customers want in their cars, utilities, and trucks.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Spencer Sharp of Local Motors takes Car & Driver magazine writer Tamara Warren for a spin in the 3-D printed car.

Company prints out 3-D cars at auto show

Imagine printing out your next Cadillac or Ford F-150.

An Arizona-based company called Local Motors is literally printing 3-D cars at the North American International Auto Show. Spokeswoman Kate Hartley said Local Motors hopes to become the first company in the world to put a 3-D car on the road.

"We do it in three phases," she said Monday, as a crowd of reporters gathered around the company's exhibit. "The first one is printing ... this phase takes about 44 hours. The second phase is milling renning ... and the third phase is rapid assembly." The electric car, called the Strati, is made of ABS plastic and reinforced with carbon fiber. The vehicles weigh an average of 1,600 pounds and can travel slightly over 80 miles on a single charge. Hartley said it takes about three days to

finish the product. "It's going to be an actual car," she said. "The great thing about 3-D printing is you can print around the components you want to use in the car. You just slip them in."

The public attending the show will have a chance to see Local Motors print out and build a car from start to finish. Plus, there will be opportunities to ride around in one in the Cobo Center basement track.

How fast the car goes depends on the power train that's installed. Hartley said the car is still going through crash tests, but is proving to be quite durable. "We actually plan to put 3-D cars on the road in the next 12-18 months," she said. "Hopefully one day you can come to a Local Motors micro factory and tell us the car you want and we'll be able to print it for you right there and then.'

ter of the display. "Ford chose the park

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before February 5th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> Devin J. Adams Controller

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CITY OF LIVONIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA **Zoning Board of Appeals**

February 3, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) **33000 Civic Center Drive** Livonia, MI (734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE 2014-09-47: Marck Properties, LLC, north side of Schoolcraft, (35000) between Ellen and Yale, seeking to maintain the location of a dumpster and enclosure which is located in the front yard which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE 2015-01-02 (Tabled on January 6, 2015): Middlebelt Retail Development, LLC, 1260 Library St., Ste. 300, Detroit, MI 48226, on behalf of Lessee The Vitamin Shoppe, 12687 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48150, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the north elevation, on property located on the west side of Middlebelt, (12687), between Industrial and CSX Railroad, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

<u>APPEAL CASE 2015-02-05:</u> Preferred Real Estate, LLC, 38000 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150, on behalf of Lessee Preferred Dental Group, 38000 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150, seeking to replace two existing ground signs and have one sign with electronic display of the time and temperature, on property located on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail, (38000), between Ann Arbor Road and Hix, this type of display is not allowed in this zoning district. The existing signs are nonconforming to the current allowances provided in the sign ordinance and are under a previous variance granted by the Zoning Board (case# 8104-41).

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Everyone helps in Churchill's rout

Franklin can't overcome size disadvantage in 84-53 loss

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

After busting his tail in practice every day for Livonia Churchill's basketball team, junior swingman Griffin Riley took full advantage of his chance to shine in the spotlight Friday night against visiting Livonia Franklin.

A rarely used reserve head-ing into the game, Riley made a strong case for seeing more minutes going forward as he scored a season-high 11 points in the Chargers' 84-53 romp.

Churchill improved to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South Division heading into Tuesday night's key encounter at Canton.

Even though they dropped to 0-9 and 0-3, respectively, the Patriots played with grit and

gusto the entire 32 minutes. One of Riley's three 3-point makes was a deep-corner rainbow that nestled into the twine as the buzzer sounded, giving the hosts a 42-20 lead.

"I was happy that we were



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Staff Writer

The tension inside Eddie Edgar Arena was so thick during the final moments of Wednesday hockey showdown between I school rivals Stevenson and Franklin that you could have cut it with a slap shot. Much to the dismay - or relief, depending on your perspective - of the teams' large and rambunctious cheering sections, a late-game slap shot never sliced the tension nor the 3-3 score. The Spartans and Patriots – who not too long ago were separated by a significant margin in the standings and on the talent meter – skated off the ice with their second draw against one another in the span of a month.

Wheelchair basketball

The Michigan Challengers junior wheelchair basketball team will take on a team made up of Livonia Stevenson alumni basketball players during halftime of Friday's 7 p.m. game against No-

Half of the \$5-per-person admission to the Spartans' game against the Wildcats that night will be donated to the Michigan Challengers' program.

The Challengers consist of youths be-tween the ages of 5 and 18 from throughout metropolitan Detroit who have lower-extremity physical dis-abilities. The Challengers are a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Asso-ciation and practice year-round.

They compete in five or six tournaments from September through April.

The Challengers-Stevenson Alumni game will run 14 minutes.

Strength Team anti-bullying program

The nationally-recognized Stand Strength Team will hold an antibullying-themed demonstration on Jan. 23, 24 and 25, at the Berean Bible Church, which is located at 35375 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. The Jan. 23 show will begin at 7 p.m. while the other two shows will start at 6 p.m.

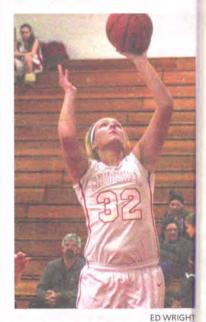
The nightly twohour event, which will include music, is free. For more information, visit standstrengthteam.org.

Thurston

1AJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Stevenson-Franklin draw shaped by outcome of two long penalties

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Churchill's Hannah Pummill was a force in the paint.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Chargers unplug Patriots, 58-44

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The Livonia Churchill girls basketball team's "Twin Towers" were too tall of an order for Livonia Franklin to contend with Friday night in a KLAA South Division rivalry game on the Patriots' home court.

Led by post player Anne Yost's season-high 15 points, the Chargers ran off with a 58-44 triumph to improve their record to 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the division. The result left Franklin with a 2-7 overall mark and 1-2 division record.

In addition to Yost's strong play in the paint, Churchill 6-0 senior Hannah Pummill rebounded well and scored five points.

Becky Giacobbi enjoyed a career night for the Patriots, scoring 17 points despite misfiring on 7-of-10 free-throw attempts.

"Becky did a great job of driving into the lane and either finishing or getting fouled," Franklin head coach Jim Milican said. "She did a nice job of drawing defenders and then distributing the ball to her teammates."

Giacobbi compiled four assists along with her stellar scoring totals.

Senior forward Sarah Cramton also played well for Franklin as she pumped in 13 points.

"Even though we lost, I

thought we played a really good game against Churchill," Milican said. "In fact, we may have outplayed them, but they came away with the win. They creamed us with their size. We did not rebound well."

Churchill led 13-12 after one quarter, 32-24 at the and 40-32 with eight minutes to play before outscoring its hosts 18-12 down the stretch.

Milican was especially pleased with the defensive effort of Julie Perez, who shadowed Churchill leading scorer Natalie Spala (12 points). Spala was limited to five points over the first three quarter, Milican said.

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volleyball events

The Redford Thurston volleyball program will be hosting a pair of upcoming events.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Eagles will take on members of the Thurston varsity football team in an annual "Showdown" match that will help raise money for the Method-ist Children's Village in Redford.

The admission cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Kids under 5 years old are free. Concessions will be available.

On Sunday, March 15, beginning at 9 a.m., Thurston will host its annual "Spikefest" tournament that will benefit the volleyball program and the

school's physical edu-cation department. Participants of the "Spikefest" must be either current Thurston students, alumni or faculty.



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Newly-ranked MU women hold off Racers

After breaking into the NAIA Division II rankings for the first time in over 10 years, the No. 24 Madonna University women's basketball team was able to protect its home court advantage Wednesday night with a hard-fought 81-77 win over Uni-

versity of Northwestern Ohio. The Crusaders,

who im-



proved to Hayes 11-6 overall and 10-1 in

the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, won despite being outrebounded 46-27

Junior transfer Michele Haves, a 6-foot guard via Oakland University, poured in a game-high 31 points. The

Belleville sweeps

pair from RU

home, sweet home for the Belle-

ville boys and girls bowling teams,

Union, 27-3 (boys) and 28-2 (girls).

In the boys action, the Tigers

169-168, before rolling to a 235-174 triumph in the second Baker game.

Bellevile captured both tradi-

Redford Union, which slipped to

tional-format games, 884-853 and

2-5 in its inaugural season, was led

by Brendan Kerkhof, who rolled a

The Tigers never lost the mo-

mentum after sweeping the Baker

Belleville also won the tradi-

The Panthers, who fell to 2-4-1,

were paced by Carly Wasielewski,

tional contests, 780-602 and 779-

games, 139-99 and 143-105.

who registered a 167 game.

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223 game.

593.

Girls results

which upended visiting Redford

eked out the first Baker game,

Cherry Hills Lanes proved to be

PREP BOWLING

Inkster native, who played at Southfield-Lathrup, made 9-of-10 from the foul line, including four straight during the final 1:03 to seal the victory.

Senior forward Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian), recently named WHAC Player of the Week for the second time this season, added 17 points and four assists for MU, which shot 25of-54 from the floor (46.3 percent) and 24-of-30 from the free throw stripe (80 percent).

Justice Dean (Garden City) and Lindsey Hernden (Romeo) added 11 and 10 points, respectively, while Lizzy Otten (Grandville) came off the bench to contribute eight points and six assists. Madison Coldren

paced Northwestern

Ohio (8-11, 6-5), which couldn't overcome a 41-36 halftime deficit, with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures for the Racers were Eboni Adams (14), Sammi Dervisevic (11) and Becca Harshman (10).

(10). N'WESTERN OHIO (MEN) 83, MADONNA 73: Lawrence Jackson scored 20 of his game-high 27 points in the second half, including 18 straight during a span of 4:03, to propel No. 22-ranked University of Northwestern Ohio (14-5, 9-2) to a WHAC men's basketball victory over host Madonna University (7-12, 3-8). Also scoring in double figures for the victorious Racers were Aaron Cross (14). Davon Payne (11) and Josh Scott (10). Northwestern Ohio, which led 44-33 at halftime, made 16-of-18 foul shots (88.8 percent) and 5-0f-11 three-point attempts. Senior guard Shaun Duncan led the Crusaders with 16 points and five assists, while sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone while sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone

while sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone added 15 points. Senior center Donald Owens finished with 13 points and six rebounds, while junior guard Tyler Stewart (Salem) came off the bench to add 12 points. The Crusaders made 22-of-32 free throws (68.7 percent) and held a 40-39 rebounding edge



CASEY LOOPER | MADONNA ATHLETICS Madonna's Michele Hayes (with ball) scored a game-high 31 points in an 81-77 win Wednesday night over Northwestern Ohio.

tans' bench.

DeFlorio, one of Stevenson's top scoring threats, laid on the ice for a few moments before being helped to the locker room (he returned for the third period).

With 1:26 still left on the five-minute penalty, Franklin's Chase Wallis intercepted a pass near mid-ice and out-skated the Spartans' defense before flipping a shorthanded goal past Andrew Rozenbaum to chop the Patriots' deficit to 2-1.

Just under two minutes after Franklin killed the major infraction, Allen received a five-minute major following his jarring hit on Franklin's Nick Salisbury, who was clearly dazed by the collision.

That's when Franklin proved there was "Nutting" wrong with its power play as Brendan Nutting knotted the game at 2-2 (off an assist from Trevor Lassaline) with 7:22 remaining in the sec-

Nutting struck again

two minutes later - and with 1:32 still left on the Spartans' major penalty - when he put his team in front 3-2 off another assist from Lassaline.

Stevenson's Nick Beers tallied the ultimate equalizer with 1:36 to go in the second stanza when he rifled a laser past Franklin net-minder Matt Monendo, who appeared to be obstructed by rushhour-like traffic in front of the crease.

The final period was entertaining throughout. Stevenson's Nate Sudek ripped a slapper into the back of the net at the 8:47 mark, however, the officials ruled the net had become dislodged just prior to the goal.

Rozenbaum made a huge pad save on a hard-charging Whitney just 17 seconds later to keep the game deadlocked.

Stevenson entered the game ranked No. 3 in Division 2 by the Michigan High School Hockey Hub website.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MI 48154 **SECTION 00 11 13** ERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 20 Garden City at Robichaud, 7 p.m. Monroe at Thurston, 7 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Fordson at RU, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Arbor Prep, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m. HVL at Luth. NW, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. Garden City at Annapolis, 7 p.m. Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m. RU at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Parkway at Luth. Westland, 8:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 20 Oakland Christian at HVL, 7 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. RU at Garden City, 7 p.m. Sacred Heart at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m Robichaud at Garden City, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m. Parkway at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at RU, 7 p.m. BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 22 Garden City at Dearborn, 6 p.m. Wayne at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Belleville at RU, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m. Catholic Central at Stevenson, 6:30 Saturday, Jan. 24 Salem Invitational, TBA

PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 21 Garden City, RU at Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.

Thurston at Fordson, 5:30 p.m. Plymouth at Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Annapolis, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 5:30 p.m. Wayne, John Glenn at Franklin, 5:30

Saturday, Jan. 24 U of D Jesuit Tourney, 8 a.m. Churchill at Chippewa Valley Invite, 8

a.m. Wayne at Holt Invite, TBA Thurston at Clawson Tourney, 9 a.m. RU at Lincoln Park Tourney, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 21 Stevenson at Trenton, 7:30 p.m. Northville at Franklin, 6 p.m. Seaholm at Churchill, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 Churchill at Stevenson, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 Franklin at Troy, TBA PREP GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 20 Livonia Red at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 Farmington at Livonia Blue, 6:30 p.m. PREP BOWLING Monday, Jan. 19 Wayne at Canton, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22 Canton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 John Glenn at Tri-County Baker at Five Star Lanes, 9:30 a.m.

The result, which was chiseled out after 51 breath-taking minutes of hockey, left Stevenson (6-4-3) and Franklin (6-5-2) with almost identical overall records. Skating like they were shot out of a cannon, the Spartans bolt-

ed to a 2-0 lead practically before the Zamboni's engine had cooled from the pre-game ice resurfacing.

HOCKEY

Stevenson forward Vince Glenn tapped home a short rebound goal just 4:34 into the contest.

Just under six minutes later, Spartan Joe Alcantara's lamp-lighter, which was assisted by Alec Allen, made it 2-zip – and it appeared as if it was 2012 all over again.

Stevenson's dominating effort nearly resulted in a third goal



ED WRIGHT Stevenson's Alex Hunt (left) and Franklin's Justin Makowski battle along the boards Wednesday night.

The game's mofew feet from the Spar-

Josh Denomie's dart

from just inside the blue line clanked against the left post.

mentum seemed to change uniforms early in the second period by - of all things - a fiveminute major penalty against the Patriots, when Brendan Whitney was slapped with a 10-minute misconduct infraction for checking Stevenson's Alex De-Florio from behind and into the boards just a

43 seconds later, but



Sealed bids for the Livonia Public Schools, consisting of Renovations Projects at:

Haves Elementary School Kennedy Elementary School Roosevelt Elementary School

will be received by Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 until 12:00 P.M. (noon), local time on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 1:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices in the Livonia Public Schools Board Room.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

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106	Masonry	107	Steel
108	Carpentry & General Trades	109	Roofing
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115	Metal Studs/Drywall/Plaster/EIFS	116	Hard Tile
117	Acoustical Ceilings	118	Carpet & Resilient Flooring
119	Terrazzo	120	Painting
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125	Toilet Partitions	128	Educational Casework
130	Window Treatments	140	Plumbing
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149	Fencing	185	Test and Balance

Bidding documents prepared by French Associates will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, January 12, 2015 via

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 seize bidding documents for a non-refundable \$80.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, January 12, 2015, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Checks should be payable to Livonia Public Schools.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge.
- Documents can be purchased from Dunn Blue/ARC, 1009 Maple St. Clawson, Michigan

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Livonia Public Schools Board Office, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia 48154. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 00 42 05), the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit (Section 00 42 10) and the Equal **Opportunity Statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond (by a listed U.S. Treasury surety company) or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Livonia Public Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance, Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of

Contractors will be required to meet the prevailing wage requirements.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Livonia Public Schools reserves the right to reject any of all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all

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LOCAL SPORTS

Prep WRESTLING Panthers pounce on pair of WWAC foes

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Redford Union's wrestling team continued its impressive season-long climb to respectability on Wednesday when it upended Western Wayne Athletic Conference opponents Redford Thurston, 54-24, and host Romulus, 48-24, to even its dual-match record at 9-9.

The Panthers are still in the hunt for a WWAC Red Division title as their lone loss this season is to Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Among the prime contributors during Wednesday's sterling sweep was sophomore Josh Smith, who returned from a couple-week absence to register a pair of decisive victories.

"Josh has had a good

week," noted RU head coach Rob Rankin. "He's working hard and helping us at 171 and 189."

Sophomore Taz-Don Moore, who made a positive impact as a freshman last season, performed as well as he has all season on Wednesday, Rankin raved.

"Taz-Don looked like his old self again," said Rankin. "He had a great night. Sometimes, when you experience a lot of success right away as a freshman, as Taz-Don did last year, you try to do too much your sophomore year, and I think that may have been Taz's problem early in the year. But he was a take-down machine [on Wednesday]

[on Wednesday]. "Taz beat a really good kid Thurston has named Robert Thomas. They wrestled each other last year and Thomas won, so it kind of inspired Taz on Wednesday."

Tavian Groves pinned both his opponents at 152 pounds.

Thurston's two victories against RU were registered by brothers Josiah Lapins (119) and Andy Lapins (140). The Eagles' other 12 points came from RU voids.

Other standouts for the Panthers included Bobby Dixon at 171 and Larry Elliott, who notched a pin at 135 against Thurston and a fall at 130 against Romulus.

Both of Kenny Vannais's victories were from voids while first-year senior Ivery Clemons also recorded a pair of wins for the resurgent Panthers.

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TOM BEAUDOIN Redford Union's Ivery Clemons, pictured competing in a tournament earlier this season, has been a pivotal cog in the Panthers' strong season.

Pictured (from left) are Lutheran Westland girls basketball program members Sabrina Morrison, Emily Hahn, Bethany Hoehne, Rachel Reddeman, head coach Sandi Wade, Claire Gordon, Eleanor Storck, Taylor Jones and Sadie Schultz. Not pictured is Vivian Quitmeyer.

WARRIORS OFF TO RUNNING START

Fast-break clicking early for hard-working Lutheran Westland

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The stat sheets filled up by the Lutheran Westland girls basketball team during each of their games this season will tell taller post players to accompany a group of athletic, hustling guards.

"The one thing we've improved on the most [since the start of the season] is with our transition game," said Wade. coachable and she has a lot of potential."

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Another first-year varsity player who is showing a ton of promise is sophomore Taylor Jones, who has netted sevenand 12-point games already,

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

GC can't overcome sluggish start

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Two teams heading in opposite directions didn't change their courses Friday night in the Garden City High School gymnasium – and that was an unfortunate occurrence for the Cougars.

Romulus exploded to a 22-6 first-quarter lead and was never threatened on the way to a 66-41 victory.

The Cougars did show some spunk in the second half, when they outscored the Eagles 29-25.

"I thought we started the game with good energy, but it kind of waned as the half wore on," said Garden City head coach Michele Tyree, who team slipped to 1-8 overall and 0-4 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division. "To their credit, the girls picked it up in the second half and really started to work well together. I saw a lot of positives."

Romulus, which upped its mark to 8-1 overall and 3-1 in the division, enjoyed a 41-12 halftime advantage.

Lindsey Michalak led the Cougars with 11 points and nine rebounds. Kelli McDaniel added nine points and six boards, while Amber Swisher also scored nine.

Stevenson upended Sparked by Lasha Petree's

four 3-point baskets, Salem outscored host Livonia Stevenson 15-2 in the second quarter before seizing a 40-27 victory. The Rocks improved to 3-0 in the KLAA Central Division, while the Spartans slipped to 1-2.

Salem led 7-4 after one quarter and 22-6 at the break.

Arryn Dochenetz paced the Spartans with seven points. Shara Long added nine for the winners.

Salem drained just 4-of-17 free-throw attempts. Stevenson was 3-of-9 from the line.

Rockets clip Zebras

Westland John Glenn showed plenty of mercy Friday night against Wayne Memorial, yet the Rockets still soared to a 70-13 victory. The Rockets improved to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South Division, while Wayne slipped to 0-9 and 0-3, respectively.

to 0-9 and 0-3, respectively. Kimah Stribling energized the winners with 19 points. Nadia Reed chipped in with 10, while Jane'e Shorter and recent junior varsity promotee Sharon Woodward added

you a lot about the Warriors' strengths and weaknesses, but they don't include a column that gauges perhaps the team's No. 1 asset.

"This team's trademark is its work ethic," said Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade, whose team has chalked up a 3-4 record one-third of the way through its 2014-15 schedule. "They give 110 percent all the time – no matter if we're winning or down, and it's all eight girls who are working hard – whether they're playing the entire game or just a couple of minutes. You don't always get that with teams."

Fresh off a 40-33 victory over next-door rival Huron Valley Lutheran in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams, the Warriors are poised to meet – or surpass – the top goal they set prior to the season's opening tip.

"We really want to finish in the top two in our division," revealed Wade. "We finished third last season, so we want to see some progression. If we execute a little bit better and cut down on our turnovers, I think we have a shot at realizing our goal."

The Warriors' roster is balanced in pretty much every way imaginable. It has a nice mix of upper-classmen and youngsters, and it has a set of "We have quick guards, so we're pushing the ball more and getting some easy baskets off fast-breaks, and that's really helping us.

"We have a smaller team this year [the Warriors currently have eight healthy players with senior Vivian Quitmeyer set to return from a tweaked back in the near future], but everybody knows their role," said Wade.

When the Warriors need a jolt of motivation, co-captains Bethany Hoehne (a junior) and Sabrina Morrison (a senior) step to the forefront, Wade said.

"They've both done a great job of stepping up and leading by example and vocally when they need to," said Wade. "Bethany has been on the varsity since she was a junior, so she knows what's going on out there on the court. Sabrina is our floor general out there; she really knows how to run the show. They're both outstanding leaders."

The Warriors' premier post player so far has been freshman Rachel Reddeman, who in the past two weeks has posted games in which she has either notched 20 points or 20 rebounds.

"I've seen a lot of improvement already in Rachel, even though we've only played seven games," said Wade. "She's very Wade noted.

Junior Eleanor Storck's transition from junior varsity to varsity has been smooth, Wade said.

"Eleanor was a very strong JV player, and she's been doing a good job playing the three and four positions for us," said Wade. "She plays AAU basketball during the off-season, which has really helped her game. The more she plays, the stronger she gets around the basket."

Senior Emily Hahn is the type of player whose level of contribution may not always be reflected in the post-game box score.

"Emily does a lot of the little things that help teams win," Wade said. "She does everything the way we ask her to do it and the way it's supposed to be done."

In addition to being a topflight contributor, senior post player Claire Gordon has served as a valuable mentor for her freshman teammate Reddeman.

Sadie Schultz provides the Warriors with invaluable depth while Quitmeyer is expected to be an instant contributor once she is fully recovered from the back injury she suffered in Lutheran Westland's first game of the season.

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"Amber also did a nice job on our zone defense in the second half," Tyree said. Rachel Spellman added six

Rachel Spellman added six points for GC and Cassie Leleniewski registered five.

Jordan Lee led the winners with 13 points. Sydney Singal added 10.

The Cougars made 14-of-42 field-goal attempts and 6-of-11 free throws. Romulus was 9-of-16 from the stripe.

Falcons fly by Blazers

Livonians Riley Blair and Maureen Butler scored 17 and 14 points, respectively, leading Dearborn Divine Child (7-2, 2-1) to a 65-37 Catholic League Central Division victory Friday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (2-9, 0-3).

Erika Selakowski led the Blazers with 11 points and 11 rebounds. nine.

Nicole Nielsen led the Zebras with six points. Erin Moore added five. John Glenn led 50-8 at the half.

Cougars top Trojans

Clarenceville's Alicia Southern led all scorers Friday with 10 points in a 44-19 loss to host Dearborn Heights Annapolis in girls basketball.

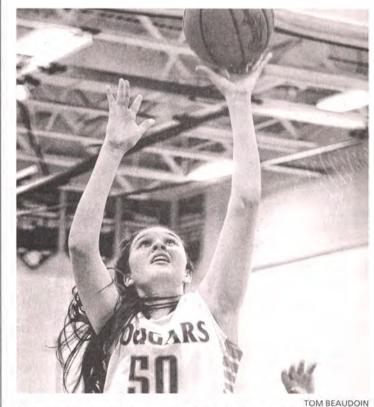
Staneisha Chambers added five points and A'sha Whittaker four for the Trojans. Lacacia Rivers paced the Cougars with nine points.

LW triumphs

Claire Gordon scored a team-high 14 points and Rachel Reddeman added 11 to lead Lutheran Westland (4-4, 2-0) to a 50-10 MIAC Red Division win over Lutheran South.

HVL beats Washtenaw

Sam Golchuk scored 18 points to spearhead the Hawks' 55-33 victory.



Garden City's Cassie Leleniewski, pictured during a game earlier this season, scored five points in Friday night's loss to Romulus.

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able to be in a position where we could give some of these kids – including Griffin – who deserve a chance for playing time decent minutes and it was fun to see them execute when they did get their chance," Churchill coach Jimmy Solak said. "Everybody scored tonight, which was nice to see.

"I liked the way Franklin got after it tonight. Jeremy (Rheault) has them playing hard. They'll be a lot tougher see them." Seven Chargers scored in the first quarter alone as they rolled to a 21-9 advantage. Senior guard Brian Alsobrooks was one of many early catalysts as he scored eight

match-up the next time we

first-half points while ripping three steals. Senior forward Brett Bonarek led the winners' balanced attack with 15 points. Joan Andoni, who appears fully healthy after missing several early-season games

Churchill knocked down eight first-half triples against

with a knee ailment, netted

Franklin's scrappy, but modest-sized zone defense. Bonarek and Alsobrooks accounted for two treys each in the opening 16 minutes.

The Chargers made 16of-30 field-goal attempts in the opening half, while the Patriots managed to find the net on just 6-of-18 shots from the field.

The Patriots were hampered by nine first-quarter turnovers.

Churchill swished 7-of-11 free-throw attempts. Franklin was a stellar 16-for-21 from the stripe.

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PLYMOUTH WHALERS GOING TO FLINT

'BITTERSWEET'

Karmanos sorry to see Whalers go after 18 seasons in Plymouth, but time right for sale

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Peter Karmanos Jr. did his best to smile during Wednesday's press conference at Compuware Arena.

But the 71-year-old Karmanos could not mask sadness about announcing his Plymouth Whalers are being sold to a group that will move the Ontario Hockey League major junior hockey franchise to Flint after the 2014-15 season.

"It's a bittersweet moment," Karmanos said, flanked by Whalers OHL governor Mike Vellucci and members of the IMS Hockey Corp. ownership group. "The best thing about this is that the OHL franchise remains in the states.

"Flint is an ideal location for an Ontario Hockey League team. They have a natural rival in the Saginaw team, as well as Sarnia sitting just across the river. I've enjoyed owning the OHL team probably as much if not more than an NHL team."

The sale is pending approval of the OHL Board of of Governors, of which former Whalers GM-coach Vellucci is a member. Details of the sale were not disclosed.

When the team begins play at 4,000-seat Perani Arena in 2015-16, it will not be known as the Flint Whalers, however.

IMS president Costa Papista said a community contest to come up with a new team name would begin as soon as the OHL approves the sale.

Moving on

Vellucci, who last spring was hired as assistant general manager of hockey operations for the Karmanos-owned Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League, dismissed the notion that the sale stemmed from trouble cracking the Detroit Red Wings-dominated market for media coverage and fans.

"He's owned it for 30 years. Rolf (Nilsen, IMS owner) bought the team and he wants to move it to Flint," Vellucci said during an interview following the announcement. "USA Hockey's coming in here. It has nothing to do with (that) it won't work in this market. It's worked in this market. But it's time to move on.'

Karmanos himself admitted frustration with low attendance at Compuware (about 2,300 per game, in a facility that seats about 3,500) during a May 2014 press conference.

Meanwhile, USA Hockey and Karmanos recently announced that a sale of Compuware Arena was in the due diligence stage. Once that is approved, within the next couple of months, USA Hockey will bring the prestigious U.S. National Team Development Program over from the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

Wednesday, however, Karmanos downplayed the role of attendance in the decision to sell the OHL franchise after 25 years, including 18 seasons at Compuware.

"No, not at all," Karmanos said. "With USA Hockey coming in and running the arena, it's sort of a conflict, having an Ontario Hockey League team here at the same time.

'So we're going to concentrate more on making sure the team ends up in a place that is accessible to the fans that would come to these games. Flint's not that far away.

Status quo

According to Karmanos, plans are ongoing with USA Hockey that would enable the very successful Compuware Youth Hockey Program (which he founded) to remain in the Beck Road building.

'USA Hockey wants us to continue that program," Karmanos said. "We will continue that program, but we're going to put a few things in there that we've



Peter Karmanos Jr. answers questions from the media.

learned over the last 30 years to make it the best one in the country.

Karmanos bought the Windsor Spitfires in the mid-1980s, becoming the first American to own an OHL team.

He later was granted an OHL expansion team that first played in Detroit in 1989-90. The franchise eventually moved to Compuware Arena and became the Plymouth Whalers in 1997-98.

"So we convinced them (OHL owners) to sell the team to us,' Karmanos said. "And then we were able to convince them to allow us to have a franchise in the United States.

"All those steps were a lot of fun. It's been nothing but a great experience.'

Karmanos said the decision to sell the Whalers was tougher than retiring as CEO of Compu-ware Corp. in 2013, following a 40-year career.

"I'm 71 going on 72 and I have four young kids at home," Karmanos said. "And I'm trying to do a nice succession plan.

"I don't want to kick off and have my wife try to figure out what to do with a major junior hockey team - not that I plan to.'

Winning legacy

Vellucci, a Farmington Hills native and former pro player who reached the NHL, spoke at the press conference about the winning legacy established during the Whalers' long run in Plymouth.

"There have been several great players that have come through this building over the last 18 years," Vellucci said. "The Whalers have had (Tyler) Seguin, (James) Neal, (Justin) Williams, (David) Legwand, (Canton's James) Wisniewski."

Plymouth is attempting to reach the OHL playoffs for a league-record 24th consecutive year, much of that under Vellucci's watch.

The Whalers played in five OHL finals and won the league championship in 2006-07.

One of Karmanos' regrets was that Plymouth did not win the Canadian Hockey League's coveted Memorial Cup.

"It's bittersweet; we never did win the Memorial Cup, which I think is one of the hardest trophies to win in all of hockey," Karmanos said. "Harder than the Stanley Cup in the sense that every four years, you start new with new players.'

Final fling

On hand for the press conference were Mark Craig and Don Elland, who last year were hired to succeed Vellucci as the team's general manager and head coach, respectively.

Both said they will continue

to work to bring Whalers fans one last playoff experience. As of Wednesday, the team was last in the OHL Western Conference - partly because of a rash of injuries.

"I'm worried about this year," Elland said. "We got to make the playoffs. ... I'd like to get (the team) into the playoffs. I think we owe it to the fans. That'd be a great way to send us off, so that's my focus."

Whether they (or any current team personnel, such as broadcaster and director of communications Pete Krupsky) also move with the team to Perani for 2015-16 remains to be seen.

"That will be up to the new ownership to decide at the end of the year," Vellucci said. "But they're all here for right now.... I hope they all go either to USA Hockey or to Flint. But I don't have those answers."

Craig, who first worked with Karmanos in Windsor during the 1980s, said he and Elland "certainly had a feeling that this (sale of the team) could happen when Don and I came in.

"But for me," Craig added, "though it's bittersweet, it's kind of cool because I was here when we bought the first franchise in Windsor. ... It's full circle.'

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Salem outlasts Stevenson, 68-52

By Ed Wright Staff Write

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Livonia Blue sweeps Walled Lake

It was a toss-up as to what hurt Livonia Stevenson's boys basketball more Friday night at Salem: The Rocks' dynamic performance at the free-throw line or Spartans senior guard Jalen Webber's injured ankle.

Salem swished 23-of-34 shots from the stripe on the way to a 68-52 victory to vault into first place in the KLAA Central Division with a 3-0 mark. Stevenson dropped to 2-1 in the Central and 4-4 overall.

Trailing by just nine heading into the fourth quarter, the Spartans suffered a blow when Webber, the night's leading scorer, had to leave the game with a sprained ankle. Webber had netted 15 points prior to getting hurt.

"That hurt us, because Jalen was having probably his best game of the season," Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt said. "He was taking the ball strong to the basket and getting some andones.

Smartt estimated that Webber's injury won't be a long-term issue.

"He was really the only one on our team who was playing up to his ability," Smartt said. Noah Campbell scored nine for

the Spartans and Jacob Dollar added eight.

Smartt praised the effort of reserve guard Gino D'Agostino, who scored only five points, but delivered a defensive spark for the Spartans.

Salem's Alonte Wheeler led all scorers with 23 pionts. Wheeler made 12 of his 15 free-throw attempts.

The Rocks led 14-13 after one quarter before Stevenson fought back to equalize the contest at halftime, 26-26.

"It was a foul fest in the second half," said Smartt, whose team made 18-of-24 free throws. "They outrebounded us by a wide margin, too, which hurt us.'

Hawks soar

Huron Valley Lutheran led 42-13 over Macomb Christian and was never threatened thereafter during its 58-36 victory Friday night.

The win improved HVL's record to 3-5 overall and 1-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.



Livonia Stevenson's Jalen Webber drives to the basket during a game earlier this season.

Enit Olojo paced the winners' balanced attack with 13 points. Austin Bell added 12 points for the Hawks, while Jordan Runstadler netted 10.

Macomb was led by Jamin Stewart's 10 points.

HVL hit 12-of-20 free-throw attempts. Macomb was 7-of-17 from the line.

Thurston overpowers GC

Marquie'l Thomas scored 19 points and dished out six assists Friday night to lead Redford Thurston to a 65-50 victory over visiting Garden City in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division match-up.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the Red.

Joining Thomas in the Eagles' triumphant effort were senior post player Isiah Crofford, who tallied 16 points and eight rebounds, and Rickey Hudgens, who singed the nets for 15 points.

Senior forward Travis Trigg continued his fine play for the Cougars as he pumped in 20 points. Joe Pummill added 10. "We got out to a nice lead in

the first quarter, then got it up to 16 at the half and it stayed right about there the rest of the game," Thurston head coach Brian Bates said

"Brandon Marshall didn't score a lot (eight points), but I thought he played really well. Marquie'l played well, too. He was really attacking the basket."

Thurston made 7-of-11 free-throw attempts. GC his half of its 14 freebies.

The Eagles led 57-36 with eight minutes to play.

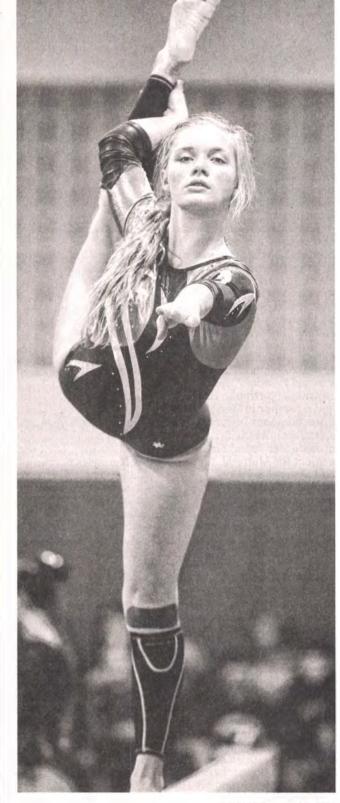
Warriors coast

Lutheran Westland improved to 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the MIAC Red with an emphatic 71-27 victory Friday night over host Lutheran South.

The Warriors built a commanding 26-4 lead in the first quarter.

"This was a nice, all-around team win," LW head coach Jim Hoeft said. "We had control of the game from start to finish. It was nice to get a lot of minutes for everyone."

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Livonia Blue's Sam Ellis performs on the balance beam during a meet earlier this season. On Wednesday, Livonia Blue racked up 130.525 points in wins over Walled Lake Gold (115.90) and Walled Lake Maroon (67.35).

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FULL-LENGTH MOVIE

Madonna U.-produced film turns David, Goliath story into '30s gangster tale

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Gangster Report, a fulllength movie created from story pitch to post production in less than a year, is headed for film festivals and release on DVD.

Eight advanced film students who were enrolled in the Capstone film class at Madon-na last year, wrote, directed, produced and edited the 82minute film about a 1930s-era reporter and a Detroit mobster.

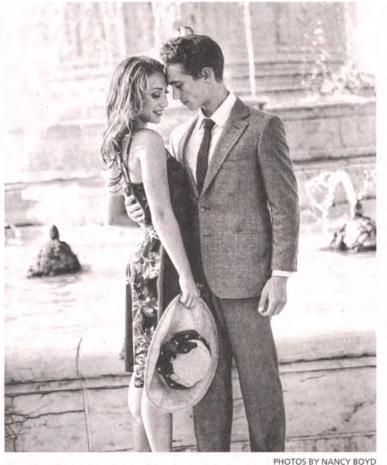
It's the first full-length feature to come out of the Capstone class, which has produced music videos, commercials and short films in the past.

"Everyone told us it was impossible," said Suzanne Boyd, who co-teaches the class with Chris Nickin. "The whole thing was done in a year. It's utterly amazing. We only had eight kids in the class but they had help from other kids com-ing up through the program.

The community just came together and rallied around the kids. We had all these actors come from the community and staff and students who had the (acting) bug, too. Greenmead opened their doors and we got to shoot in historical buildings. We filmed in the Detroit Historical Museum and the Redford Theatre."

Boyd said the movie will be entered into film festivals this year and will be available on DVD within about a month. Cast, crew, donors, parents and their friends saw the movie last month. A public viewing was held Friday, Jan. 16.

"I have one faculty member who said, I knew it was good, but I didn't know it was this good," Boyd said. "I hope (viewers) see that these kids all came together and not only made a film, but also grew as people, and learned what it was like to be a team."



Anna Dreslinski plays Jessica Mandragoro and Kai Connor Keliikuli is David Johnson in "Gangster Report."

The process

Students in the 2014 session each pitched story proposals to Boyd and Nickin in January last year. The two teachers whittled the list to three ideas and the class chose Gangster Report, by Darryn Montgomery. The script tells the biblical David and Goliath story with gangsters.

"Even though it sounds violent, its PG," Boyd said. "Goliath is a gangster from Detroit who is upset by a re-porter from the Slingshot Press, David." The reporter plans to "take down" Goliath with his words. Boyd suggested setting the piece in the 1930s.

"Our kids not only made a movie, but a period piece. We're pretty darn proud of that.

Dean Olivas, Jr., who directed the film, said the year-long Capstone class serves as a senior thesis for students in the Broadcast and Cinema Arts program. Capstone students took "a very serious approach to the film in order to get the real experience."

They held an open casting call and he and Montgomery cast all of the roles, giving some parts to Madonna students and some to area actors.

Teamwork

"I think as a team our main challenge was working togeth-



Anthony Ballios (left) plays Toothpick Paulie and David Kilgore is Lorenzo "Goliath" Mandragoro in "Gangster Report," a Capstone film class production.



The Capstone film class at Madonna University created its first feature-length film, "Gangster Report."

er," Olivas said. "It's a different experience when you've never done this job at the highest level before and you have to rely on those around you. Eventually we evolved and molded into a great team, but like anything, it took time to learn. For me personally, my biggest challenge was learning how to get my ideas and thoughts out to people in my crew, so we could work to create the beautiful image you'll see on the screen.

"I think the biggest thing I learned is that no one knows everything, but everybody knows something that you don't know. Be kind, be humble and soak that knowledge up. And that goes for all facets of life, not just filmmaking.'

Olivas hopes the audience will watch the movie and realize that anything is possible with effort.

"I'm physically disabled and I never let that get in the way of my life and doing what I want to do. I'm a filmmaker. I love doing this. And I've now directed a feature-length film Not many can say that. Ironically, I think the story sends that message, too. It's all about the little guy in life proving his worth, courage and ability."

For more about Capstone and the Broadcast and Cinema Arts program at Madonna, visit madonna.edu.

Canton-Plymouth students assist with production of Mettetal Airport film

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

The producers of a short film about Mettetal Airport in Canton hope it will encourage students to consider aviation as a career.

High school students who screen the 10-minute film, Mettetal Airport: The Jewel of Canton and Plymouth, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth, can sign up for a free flight.

"Plymouth-Canton is the local school district and we're trying to further the goals of general aviation," said Bill Downs, a Northville resident and a partner in Wonderland Entertainment International, an independent film company created last year. "This is a project for Mettetal, for youth and general aviation."

The film includes airport history, historical re-enactment, shots of special events, such as the annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, and public service announcements that aired locally. It consists of video and photographs.

"Back in the day, to get air time, kids would hang out at the airport and wash planes,and run errands. No one does that any more," said Raymond Rolak, another Wonderland partner. "They are not getting introduced to the wonders of aviation. A couple of like minds got together and said, let's do something.

Rolak plans to offer the film, along with an aviation curriculum, to teachers who are interested in using it as a teaching aid.

Student production

The film provided at least a few teachable moments for students involved in advanced

video production technology classes at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, (P-CEP). Janet Sutherland, P-CEP film and television teacher, said Rolak needed editing help on the film when he approached her in November last year. She narrated the film, a handful of students were involved in the re-enactment and one student edited the piece.

"They learn about working with a client and not just their teacher," Sutherland said. "I always like to give them that opportunity." Her students have created marketing videos for United Way and videos for local charities. They regularly produce segments for the Park Pulse show at P-CEP.

Ryan Apley, a Canton High School junior, edited the Mettetal film.

"Working for a client is different in that you feel you have to be on your game because you're making professional work for another person and you can't slack on anything," said Apley, who plans to study cinematography after graduating from high school.

"The challenge for me was using live action video and photos in a way so the documentary would not get dry or boring. I did many drafts. I'd edit it and then take it to Ray (Rolak) and he would tell me something to add or to change. We went through that process. If you're making a video for a grade, you usually have some leeway, but when you're doing something in the professional world, you have pressure on you."

Apley said he has made on "tons" of short films over the years. He submitted his most recent project, a fictional short film, to the Ann Arbor Film Festival. He'll find out if it's a finalist for the March event next month.

FB 'I grew up ...' pages help folks connect, share their stories

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Plymouth's been around awhile. Facebook is considerably newer, but it's still not surprising the "I grew up in Plymouth, Michigan" FB page has 3.537 members.

It says, "Our mission on this page is to provide a congenial place for our members to share their memories of living in Plymouth, Michigan. Our goal is to create a living and ongoing archive full of history and memories. We encourage everyone to participate and to uphold the friendly collaborative spirit we seek to promote."

Rules are basic: Respect all members; no calling members names; no controversies. Recent posts have ranged from the Jan. 9-11 33rd annual Plymouth Ice Festival to requests for help contacting former classmates. Prayer requests and well wishes are posted for the ailing.

Similar groups are popping up such as "People who grew up in Northville, MI, and moved away," with its 771 members.

"I grew up in Garden City," also a public FB group, boasts an impressive 3,014 members. It says, "Come on in but be prepared to stay awhile. Talking about Garden City here and sharing memories. Reconnecting friends young and old, far away and near and dear. All posts and comments are welcome here, just have fun!"

Along with the lighthearted fun on the Garden City page recently was an archived Free Press story on PBB contamination and its links to illnesses. Frequent poster Ken Garner put up a photo of the original Kmart on Ford Road in Garden City.

Sharing memories

Linda Juenemann grew up in Plymouth and graduated



The Facebook page "I grew up in Plymouth, Michigan," is among local ones on which people share memories and updates.

from Plymouth Salem High School in 1976. Her grandparents came from Canada and set up a catering business on Plymouth Road.

"I've enjoyed this site," said homemaker Juenemann, who now lives in Northville Township. "It's been so much fun. People bring up random memories. It's been real fun to connect with people, too."

She likes the talk of former teachers, the Penn Theatre, local ice cream shops, and Plymouth Historical Museum photos. "I shared my first memory of a movie at the Penn Theatre," Juenemann said. "I loved that it was all different generations. It really did show the cross-generations of memberships of our group."

She began visiting the Plymouth FB page about a year ago. "I just thought it was such a special site," Jue-nemann said. "It's a great forum. They're reconnecting old classmates.

John Stewart of Plymouth Township, who grew up in Wyandotte, said, "It's a nice page. We read some of the things. We like the historical part of it."

Stewart, a past six-year state representative, added he prefers more hard news, especially focused on education. The Plymouth lawyer and over-30-year Plymouth Township resident did, however, take a trek down memory lane while perusing the page.

"I did use Brylcreem back in the '60s," Stewart said in response to another person's post. "It's a pleasant trip back in time."

Garden City family

Mary Denning of Howell, who for years owned and ran Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, is a regular visitor to the "I grew up in Gar-den City" page. She grew up in Westland but husband Charlie grew up in Garden City from kindergarten on.

'Showing the old nostalgic places," Charlie Denning said of what he likes, ranging from Cloverdale's to the old Garden City Hospital building. Mary added, "I like all the old stuff

that comes up." Some are headlined "Do you remember?" Charlie went to Henry Ruff School as did their two children. The Dennings moved to Garden City in 1970 upon their marriage, with the kids coming in 1971 and 1972. A daughter, 43, still calls Garden City home.

"And now her kids are going to Garden City schools," Mary Denning said. Her husband began in Garden City at the old No. 1 School by the former library site.

"They have all kinds of cool things on it," Mary Den-ning said of the site she's visited for at least a year. "I like the old pictures. I think it's interesting. Back in the day.'

The couple's Garden City daughter has used the page for finding classmates and class reunions. "It's nice," mom Mary said. "A lot of the old Garden City people stayed in Garden City." Charlie and their son both played hockey locally, and can track fellow athletes for that. "It's a pretty family-oriented community," she said.

ENGAGEMENT

BOHN-EYSTER

Jilian Bohn and Thomas Eyster, Ph.D., both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Paricia Bohn of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School, Livonia. She attended Université Stendahl-Grenable 3, France, and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and works as an intellectual property clerk at a metro Detroit law firm.

Her fiancé, son of William and Annette Eyster of Angola, Ind., is a graduate of Angola High School, Angola, Ind. He holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Notre Dame, a master of science in engineering degree from Princeton University, and a doctorate in chem-



SUBMITTED PHOTO Jilian Bohn and Thomas Eyster

ical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

A wedding is planned for October 2015 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, with a reception to follow at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth Township.



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DONALDSON,

MYRTLE RAWLINGS Of Plymouth, Michigan passed away on January 8, 2015 at the age of 89. She was a former resident of Nankin Twp, Warner Robins, GA and Perry, GA. Myrtle was preceded in death by her beloved husbands, Merlin M. Kilgore and Robert R. Donaldson. She was the devoted mother of Larry (Jerry) Kilgore and Gary (Karen) Kilgore. The lov-ing stepmother of Robb Donaldson and Dean R. (Kathy) Donaldson. Myrtle was the proud Grandmother of six grandchil-dren - Noel Lancaster, Amber Kilgore, Tammy (Tony) Harvey, Dorion Kilgore, Jeffrey (Megan) Kilgore and Nathan Donaldson and five great-grandchildren - Emily, Jacob, Jeremy, Ashley and Christina. She was the dearest sister of Nina Reeves and the late Mary Helen Price, Mildred Bezak, Inez Fitch and Charlene Jennings. Friends may visit Monday, February 2, 2015, 9am until the time of the 11am Meat Schrader-Service morial Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI.





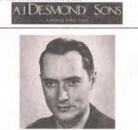
HART, WILLIAM LEE Age 73, of Oakland Township, peacefully on 2015. Loving passed away Loving January 14. husband of Lidia Alicia. Dear Pablo (Tracy) father of Fraccarolli, Vito Fraccarolli, Steven (Margaret) Hart, Michael Hart, Anthony (Debra) Fraccarolli, and David (Judy) Hart. Hart. Proud grandfather of Autumn, Amber, Carli, Sofia, Ella, Colin. Thomas, and Brennan. Brother of Bob Hart. He is also survived by his nephews, and many loving family members and friends. Bill toured with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra for six months and then returned to Michigan State University obtaining his Master's Degree in mathematics. his He taught math at Macomb Community College for 46 years and was named Michigan's "Pro-fessor of the Year" in 1989. He played trumpet in the Rhythm Orchestra. Society Funeral Mass Saturday, January 17, 2015, 10 a.m. at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch, Rochester Hills. The family will receive friends Friday 3-8 p.m. at Potere-Modetz the Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd,, Rochester, Burial Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Van Hoosen Cemetery. Suggested Jones memorials to the American Cancer Society, Boston, MA,

SCHEIFELE, MARILYN

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January 9, 2015. Beloved wife of Hudson for 66 years. Dear Kahan mother of Lyneeta Lisabeth (Norman), Lavne (Steven), and the late Larry. Cherished grandmother of Shane Colwell (Shannon), Katelyn Hunsberger (Shawn), and Jesslyn (Brandon). Soucie Great grandmother of Morgan, Andrew, Conner, Jack, and Baby Soucie on the way. Sister of Marleeta Walton. A celebration of life service will be held in the spring. Memorial tributes to First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.Desmon dFuneralHome.com



STANWOOD, ALBERT HIMES JR. Age 95, a former longtime Plymouth resident, passed away on January 12, 2015. He was born on April 2, 1919, in Providence, Rhode Island, son of Albert Himes and Marion Louise (née Bell) Stanwood. Al graduated Bryant College in Providence in 1939 and joined the Army Air Corps. He was in the first unit to see action in the Southwest Pacific Area and flew 93 missions from 1942-1944 as part of the 19th Squadron of the 22nd Bomb Group. His citations included the

Take advice, but also trust your instincts as a parent

never knew how much strength I had until I became a mother. When I was pregnant, I felt stronger than ever before. And then labor and delivery made me even stronger. But now that I have a little daughter to take care of, I feel like there is nothing I cannot do, no obstacle I cannot conquer.

One of the most challenging things I have noticed, in the last two and a half months since my daughter was born, is that sometimes you have to put your foot down and trust your instincts. It is not an easy thing to do, to trust yourself and your gut, but you've got no other choice once you become a parent. There is no guidebook that has all the answers, and not every parent will raise their children the same way. So, once you have your own kids, you just need to buckle down and accept that not everyone will agree with the choices you make.

What I have noticed, in my short time as a mother is that no matter what decisions you make about your children, there certainly will be someone who disagrees. And more often than not, those who disagree with your choices will be very vocal about it. I have learned, however, that those disappointed people won't break me. I have thoughts and feelings about how I will raise my daughter, and I wholeheartedly will follow my instincts even if there are people insulting my choices. It isn't about pleasing other people, it is about keeping my daughter safe and healthy.



I remember a time, not that long ago, when I had wanted to watch my niece and was given the opportunity only when accompanied by my other sister as well. At the time, I was a little heartbroken. I couldn't understand why my sister, my niece's mother, didn't feel comfortable with me staying alone with her daughter. But oh my, how the tables have turned now. I don't feel comfortable with MANY people watching my daughter right now. And I think back to that time, when I felt saddened by my sister's choice, and now I completely understand her decision. I think some things you just can't really understand until you are a parent, and now that I am one, all those things I questioned before make total sense.

My choices

It doesn't matter to me now what people think when I make a decision pertaining to my daughter. I may ask for advice from other parents, and I will happily listen and take their thoughts into consideration when I make my decision, but I feel very confident that the choices I am making are the right ones, even if they are opposite of the opinions I gather. I am not worried about pleasing everyone else in the world, and only am focused on my daughter and her well-being.

I am blown away by how many things have changed in the time since my daughter was born. My attitude towards everything is different now. My daughter is the first thought in my mind in every situation, and there is no doubt that any choice I make is reflected solely upon her. Everything from what are we doing this weekend to what time are we going to bed, is dependent on her. Whether or not I attend certain events is based on whether or not they are kid-friendly. I won't go out without her unless one of my very select few caregivers are available to watch her. I spent New Year's Eve inside, with her, and we were asleep by 9 p.m. And honestly, it was the best NYE celebration I have ever had. When we woke up for a feeding at 2 a.m., she was my New Year's kiss and I never felt so fulfilled as I did that morning.

My daughter is everything in the world to me, and I would do anything to make sure she is safe, happy and healthy. The strength I have gained over the last few months is unmeasurable. Becoming a mother is the very best thing that has ever happened to me, and a year ago it wasn't even a thought in my mind. My daughter, my friend, my favorite person in the world, has given me more strength than I ever imagined I could have. And for that, I couldn't be more grateful.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single motherhood. Contact her at sarahmariedavies@gmail.com.

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DOWNEY, THOMAS J. Age 77, of Northville, passed away January 14, 2015. Thomas was born on June 18, 1937 in Lima, Ohio; son of Thomas A. and Amy (nee Mauer) Downey. He is survived by his loving children, Tom (Lisa) Downey of Northville, Stephen (Lisa) Downey of Northbrook, Illinois, (Lisa) Anne Marie (Patrick) Feerick of Glenview, IL, and Meghan Downey of Bloomfield Twp.; his siblings, Julie Joseph, Sheila (Sam) Sarkisian, and Michael Downey; and 10 grandchildren. Visitation Sunday, January 18 from 2-8 p.m., with a Rosary at p.m. at Casterline Funeral 122 West Home, Dunlap, Funeral Northville. Mass Monday, January 19 at 1 p.m., in state at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Dr. Northville. Memorial Memorial contributions appreciated to Manresa Jesuit Retreat, Adopt-a-Retreatant, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com





FREEMAN, VIRGINIA 92 of Westland Beloved Age wife of the late Thomas Dearest mother of John "Tommy" (Doris) and the late Jimmy Loving grandmother of Cameron (Tracy), Scott (Elizabeth) and Dear great-grandmother Travis of Joshua and Jason Funeral services, Saturday 5 pm at the Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd. Visitation, Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of service Family suggests dona-tions to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Please view memorial and send tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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KIRK, GLEN RANDOLPH

Of Plymouth Township, January 4, 2015, age 45. Beloved son of Craig and the late Randa Kirk. Dear brother of Darren. Loving companion of Heather Tank. Proud father of five. Memorial Service to be held January 31 at 1 p.m. at Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, (734) 458-7301.



McBEE, SUSAN ELIZABETH (NEE DISKIN)

67, passed away on January 9, 2015, surrounded by loved Susan was born on Deones. cember 29, 1947, in Highland Park, Michigan, to Joseph Martin Diskin and Dorothy Ruth (Daniels) Diskin. Susan met Bruce on the best blind date ever in 1969; they married in 1970. Susan was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Dorothy Diskin, and her siblings Diana and Joel Diskin. Susan is survived by: her loving husband Bruce McBee, daughters Saman-(David) Perrin, Rebecca McBee, and Melissa (Patrick) Allred, and her grandchildren, Connor McBee, Ian and Nathan Perrin, and Patricia "Dot" Allred. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com



Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Air Medal with clusters, two presidential unit citations, and a Southwest Pacific ribbon with six battle stars. After the war, Al moved to Detroit as a pilot for General Motors, where he worked for thirty-one years. In Detroit, Al met and married his wife, Jean (née Currey) and started his family. They moved to Plymouth in 1961. Al was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to meet and talk with people and was an active member of many community groups including the First Presbyterian Church, VFW Post #6695, the Plymouth Rotary, and the Elks Club. In retirement, Al enjoyed spending time with family, volunteering, or poolside, officiating or cheering on his daughters and their team mates. Al is survived by his chil-dren Albert (Carol) Stanwood, Marion (Ron) Dickel, Susan (John) Whelan, Sarah (Rusty) Eubanks; grandchildren and Brendan (Maegan) Whelan, Kevan Whelan, Daniel Whelan, Tracie Whelan, Stephen Stanwood, Matthew Dickel, Andrew Eubanks, Alden Eubanks, Alison Eubanks, and Kaylee Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Marion Louise Armington, and his beloved wife of 46 years, Jean. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, January 17 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Contributions in his honor can be made to the Albert Himes and Jean Stanwood Memorial Currey Scholarship Fund, Four County Community Foundation, 231 E. St. Clair, P.O. Box 539, Almont, MI. 48003.



ZIPAY, AMELIA V. "AMY"

January 15, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Stephen. Loving mother of Geri Day (the late Michael) and Cynthia Olsen. Cherished grandmother of Kim, Kris, Kevin, Heather, Steve, Angie, John and greatgrandmother of 12. Sister of the late Louis Zoladz. Services have been held. Memorial tributes to charity of donor's choice.

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Learn which plants attract butterflies at the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association meeting in Westland.

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association

Local gardener John Blair will explain how to create a garden that also attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. He'll cover site preparations, plants and plant sources. 53 for nonmembers. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail; 734-223-5510 or sembabutterfly.org

Holliday Nature Preserve

Take a "Wonders of Winter" Walk, noon Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Cowan entrance of the preserve, Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road in Westland. Walks last 60-90 minutes; hnpa.org.

Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County will sponsor a four-week series of Tuesday night classes, beginning Feb. 3. Classes meet 7-8 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne, and cost \$10 each or \$30 for four if registered in advance.

» Feb. 3: Lisa Eldred Steinkopf, annuals and house plant manager at Steinkopf Nursery, Farmington Hills, will talk about the best plants for cleaning the air, seven elements needed to grow great plants, and how to identify pests and diseases.

» Feb 10: Gary Eichen, plant health care/bio-turf lawn manager for Mike's Tree Surgeons in Troy, will identify which trees are best to plant in metro Detroit. He'll talk about soil biology and why soil is important in choosing the right tree.

» Feb. 17: Joe Barson, owner of Barson's Greenhouse in Garden City, will talk about the basics of water gardens, different kinds of waterfalls and water garden construction.

» Feb. 24: Kevin Collins, garden center manager at Ray Hunter Flower & Garden Center in Southgate, will talk about hydrangeas.

To register, email mgwwcorg@gmailcom

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Gardener Jacques Thompson talks about witches' brooms, mutations on tree branches that show dwarfed growth and form one of the foundations of the dwarf conifer industry, 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor; 734-647-7600. Free.

Friends of the Rouge

Volunteers are needed to search for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Feb. 14. Searchers will meet at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and then will carpool in teams to Rouge streams in metro Detroit. Only trained team leaders go into the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children, 5 and older, may attend if accompanied by a participating adult. Register by Jan. 30 at therouge.org or by calling 313-792-9621.

English Gardens

» Learn about tropical plants at "An Intro to Unusual Houseplants," a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.

» Learn what's involved in creating a fairy garden, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Free.

» Make your own fairy garden to take home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Cost is \$19.99. Sign up at englishgardens.com.

» Learn about attracting bees and birds to the garden in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

» Kids can make heart-shaped bird treats to take home, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Cost is \$5. Register at englishgardens.com

Classes are held at all stores. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

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Study results could spare kids with bone disease from IV

After reviewing the histories of more than 2,000 American children who were treated with antibiotics for bone infections, a national team of pediatric researchers made a finding that could change the way kids receive the drugs in the future.

The study found that children who were discharged home with oral antibiotics did just as well in overcoming their bone infections as those who were sent home on intravenous antibiotics.

"This very large clinical trial shows that oral antibiotics also cause significantly fewer complications and that there is

no advantage of the more in-vasive prolonged intravenous therapy," said

Banu Kumar, M.D., who led the Children's Hospital of Michigan group participating in the study. Ku-



mar is chief of Kumar pediatric hospi-

tal medicine at Children's Hospital and an assistant professor of pediatrics for Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Based on these very hopeful findings, clinicians who treat pediatric bone infections may want to reconsider prescribing intravenous delivery of antibiotics for patients who are being sent home for extended drug therapy.'

Published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics, the study results seem likely to challenge the long-held belief that intravenous-delivered antibiotics are more effective than pills in combating bone infections in children.

The analysis of medication records among 2,060 children at 36 U.S. hospitals also found that 15 percent of the children who received antibiotics intravenously through a peripherally inserted central catheter developed complications that later sent them back to the hospital.

The study noted that the "gravity" of the complications that can result from IV antibiotics delivery — including bloodstream infection, thromboembolism and line breakage - warrants another look at the notion that intravenous antibiotics are just as safe as the oral version.

Kumar said the results might eventually help to spare children with bone infections the discomfort and health risks that sometimes accompany intravenous delivery of antibiotics.

"The typical course of treat-ment for these children is anywhere from six to 12 weeks, Kumar said. "Given the obvious discomfort, anxiety and risk of infection that can be part of the intravenous procedures, the possibility that we could get the same effectiveness from an orally delivered antibiotic is quite promising. Based on these very hopeful findings, clinicians who treat pediatric bone infections may want to reconsider prescribing intravenous delivery of antibiotics for patients who are being sent home for extended drug therapy."

Oakwood program boosts health of kids, teens

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Kids today have to deal with a lot, ranging from bullying to drug use. Health care pros from Oakwood Healthcare are there to help them navigate those waters.

"It's a great program, great centers," said Jeff Cook, direc-tor of child and adolescent health for Oakwood Healthcare, speaking at a Westland Rotary luncheon on Jan. 15.

He told Westland Rotarians and guests about the Oakwood-Adams Child & Adolescent Healthcare Center, housed since 2010 in Adams Upper Elementary School on Palmer in the Wayne-Westland district. That followed a couple other clinics in Wayne-Westland that closed when their host schools did

The Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center, on Eureka in Taylor, has been open since 1988 and offers family planning, which is banned by state law in school-based facilities. Cook also pointed with pride

to the Oakwood Westwood Teen Health Center on Annapolis in Inkster, as well as the center at Taylor Truman High School staffed by two registered nurses and a social work-

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Oakwood through the Health Insurance Marketplace and Healthy Michigan will offer a "Health Care Enrollment & Education" program Saturday, Jan. 24, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway. The information session is 11 a.m. to noon, enrollment assistance noon to 4 p.m. Enrollment assistance will also be offered 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the library. You should bring Social Security numbers, or document numbers for legal immigrants; employer and income information for every household member who needs coverage (for example, pay stubs or W-2 forms); and policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering your household members.

er. Most program funding comes through the Michigan Department of Community Health supplemented by the Oakwood Foundation.

"Most of our kids have no insurance or have Medicaid,' Cook said. The health care pros aim to match kids up with a



Jeff Cook, director of child and adolescent health for Oakwood Healthcare, discusses services offered by his employer. At right is Westland Rotarian Margaret Harlow.

primary care physician, as their services aren't available on weekends.

A Romulus High School facility had been defunded, but is slated to reopen. At all facilities, physicals and immunizations are done, along with oneon-one counseling with a dietitian and, for mental health, a counselor/social worker.

'We talk about abstinence, we talk about being safe," Cook said of sex education, with

counseling allowed in schools. HIV testing and counseling on sexually transmitted diseases are both offered. No abortion discussion or referral is done.

"Most of our families are struggling," he said, noting free immunizations available through the county and other fees on a sliding scale with low or no co-pays. "We spend time with the students and we talk about prevention." A yearly risk assessment

ranges from questions about being bullied to use of bicycle helmets. "Our overall goal is to keep that kid in the classroom," said Cook, a Royal Oak resident and recreational therapist by trade. "We know there's issues in the home."

Parental consent is required for most services, and runs around 80 percent. Cook noted one in five students is obese and almost 65 percent are overweight. He and colleagues look to enhance dietitian services, as well as mental health services.

"Mental health is finally becoming a priority in terms of prevention," he said.

More than 500 kids were served last year in about 1,400 visits.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Aging parents

A panel discussion on caring for aging parents is set for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Classroom One at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by Monday, Jan. 19, at 734-738-6300.

Blood drive

Gardner-White stores will hold an American Red Cross blood drive, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at most store locations, including 39453 Ford Road, Canton. The drive will run 1:30-7:15 p.m. at the Novi store, 43525 West Oaks Drive. Every donor will receive a \$50 Gardner-White gift certificate and will be entered for a chance to win one of eight 51-inch Samsung televisions which will be given away at each blood drive location. Appointments are encouraged but not necessary. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-Red-Cross.



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