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## City looks at trash cart issues

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Westland residents switched to an automated trash collection system last fall but some are having problems with the new bins.

"I've heard a lot of the cans are cracking in the cold," said Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, referring to the 96-gallon wheeled carts that are picked up and dumped by a mechanical arm on the garbage truck.

The city is aware of the problems, and samples of the plastic wheeled toters have been sent to the manufacturer for testing to identify the problem.

"There are issues when the temper-

ature drops. They are the same carts as the blue ones for recycling," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We had problems with about 100 toters. We were replacing about 10 per day. All black ones (trash carts), no blue ones."

The biweekly curbside recycling program was implemented in 2009 without the type of problems being reported with the trash carts.

"They're not the same. They cheapened them," Council President James Godbout said.

Along with testing samples of the plastic carts, Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib said some stress testing will also be done.

"The carts are warrantied, but we

don't want any problems. The hauling company and the supplier are looking to see what the issue is," he said.

Back in May, the council approved the purchase of seven garbage trucks and 28,000 garbage and recycling carts as it switched to a refuse and recycling collection system handled by its long-time trash hauler, Midwest Sanitation.

Using governmental lower financing costs and fuel costs, the city owns the trucks and provides the carts and fuel while Midwest provides labor. Due to the mechanized arm and one-man trucks, Midwest cuts its costs.

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FILE PHOTO

The city is working with the manufacturer to determine the problem with 100 wheeled trash carts that have cracked.

## SPEAKERS SHARE IMPACT OF KING'S LEGACY

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday usually features tributes recalling the life and words of the civil rights leader in broad terms.

At Westland's 17th annual tribute held Monday, speakers focused on King's inspiration and legacy in more personal terms.

"I decided to leave my notes at home. I'm going to share from my heart. I should be able to talk about what Martin Luther King means to me without a dissertation," said keynote speaker Curtis Ivery, Wayne County Community College chancellor.

Upon reflection, Ivery said that in 1968, King probably had more influence on his father than he did on Ivery himself, then a high school student.

"I would not call myself intellectually sophisticated (as a high school student)," said Ivery. "Without Martin Luther King, I would not be here talking to you. It's about his legacy."

There were many times, Ivery said, when he saw his father and wondered what it was like to grow up in the segregated Jim Crow South.

"He (King) gave my father his dignity," said Ivery. "My father used to say 'all your experience becomes the composite of your life. When you fall, you get up. If you are knocked down, you get up.'"

At a younger age, Ivery said he didn't understand why teachers at his elementary school were crying and jumping up and down when the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education ruled segregated schools were unconstitutional.

"I don't believe in a color-blind society. My staff looks like the United Nations," said Ivery, adding he was proud of the culturally diverse WCCC community.

Ivery also recounted making his first real friend, who happened to be a white boy, when he was 11. When he was in high school, he said the other boy abruptly told him they couldn't be friends any longer.

"Two weeks ago, I decided to call him. It had been more than 45 years. He remembered me and we shared experiences," said Ivery. "There is so much we do right in the U.S. We've gone to the moon. We have not figured out how to deal with race relations."

Perhaps what King talked about was living an examined life, which is painful, Ivery said.

"Life is about transformation. You let something make you bigger and better the next day," Ivery said. "Life is about growing. You can't be in my job without believing in people. You have to allow people to make mis-



Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor of Wayne County Community College, delivers the keynote speech.

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takes."

King wasn't a prophet but he was a visionary, said Ivery, leaving it to others to be the carpenters, the builders. "Let's continue to build," he said.

The master of ceremonies for the event, Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, shared what he called a Martin Luther King teaching moment.

During the 1967 riots, Reeves said he was a freshman at Inkster High School where fights broke out.

"There was a lot of terrible stuff. They sent us home. I witnessed a white kid beat up by black kids at school," Reeves said.

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## Wayne-Westland rejects offer to purchase vacant Inkster school for \$1

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

A bid to buy a former Inkster middle school has been turned down by the Wayne-Westland school board.

The board agreed with the recommendation of Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler to reject an offer by the Covenant-Second Baptist Church of Inkster and the T.C. Spann Bible Institute of Wayne to purchase the closed Blanchette Middle School building for the sum of \$1.

The offer was submitted to the school district Dec. 31 by T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne. It came more than a month after the school board approved demolition of the building.

Wayne-Westland acquired the building following the dissolution of the Inkster School District in July 2013. The district was divided among four school districts. Wayne-Westland was given the portion of the former district that was west of Middlebelt and north of Michigan Avenue and included the former school located on Henry Ruff, north of Palmer.

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## Charges pending in woman's death

By Leanne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Four men could be arraigned as early as Thursday on charges in connection with the beating death of a Westland woman whose body was found lying in a Dearborn Heights street.

Police were expecting to have warrant requests to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday afternoon, Westland Police Lt. Matt Price said.

Once warrants are authorized, the suspects would be arraigned in Westland 18th District Court.

The name of the victim, 46, hasn't been released yet. Some media accounts have identified the woman by name, but Price said that an incorrect

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# W-W approves appointment of new director of student, legal affairs

Wayne-Westland Community Schools didn't have to go far to find a new executive director of student and legal affairs. Stanley Szczotka, director of student services with the Garden City Public Schools, assumed his new position Tuesday.

The school board unanimously approved district Superintendent Michele Harmala's appointment at its meeting last week. Szczotka replaces John Albrecht, who was named assistant superintendent for educational services last summer.

A Canton resident, Szczotka has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Michigan State University, a master of arts degree in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit

and a doctoral degree in counseling from Oakland University. He worked in private practice as a counselor and psychologist before becoming an adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan University, Madonna University,

Oakland University and the Michigan School of Professional Psychology. He also was staff psychologist with the Henry Ford Health System and a behavior specialist with the Rainbow Rehab Center before joining the Garden City

Public Schools in 2009. Szczotka left after the vote, going to the Garden City school board meeting to thank the board for the opportunity of working in the district.

—By Sue Mason

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Westland resident Juanita Francis wears an outfit from Nigeria. She was last year's MLK Day emcee.

## MLK

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When he got home, Reeves said he talked with his mother about what had happened and she asked what he had done.

"I said nothing, than I came home," said Reeves, who received a slapping from his mother. "She said 'never sit back and do nothing. What if that was you (getting assaulted)?"

This was the first Martin Luther King Day program held in Westland's new city hall. In his comments, Westland

Mayor William Wild said that he will soon be announcing the formation of a diversity and inclusion council to advise the mayor and council on best practices.

That new advisory body fits with the city's Compassionate City initiative, Wild said, but also with King's legacy of peace and unity.

Also citing King's legacy, Dominique Rhodes, Westland Youth Assistance case manager and facilitator, called on those present to be volunteer mentors working with local young people.

"We've heard a lot about progress, but young people need you



Darlene Mungo holds granddaughter Lillian Peterson, 6, on her lap during the Westland Martin Luther King Day tribute.

more than ever; they have so many trials and tribulations," she said. "There are so many challenges and so many opportunities for being a mentor. Even Martin Luther King had mentors."

The Rev. Dan McGhee, pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel, provided the

invocation while Elder Leonard Mungo of Annapolis Park Church of Christ offered the closing prayer. The Annapolis Park Church of Christ choir performed musical selections.

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## SCHOOL

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In bringing the bid package for demolition to the board in November, Larson-Shidler had estimated that to occupy the school would cost "at least one year of sinking fund budget to bring it up to acceptable standards." However, current enrollment doesn't support re-opening the school.

The Blanchette demolition will cost an estimated \$515,000, with a bulk of the money — \$372,000 — being used for asbestos removal. The demolition will be done

at no cost to the school district. The money will come from \$5 million that the state has provided to cover operational costs related to the dissolution of the Inkster schools.

School officials toured the building with Spann, who submitted the bid, in September and October and advised him at the time the district was pursuing the demolition of the building.

"This would not serve the taxpayers of Inkster or the state," Larson-Shidler said. "If we sell the property, the money goes to pay down the Inkster school district's debt."

According to Larson-

Shidler, the district currently is paying \$80,000 to \$100,000 for utilities at the school, which has broken pipes and an asbestos issue. A large portion of the demolition cost is asbestos removal. Larson-Shidler is concerned that if the district delays the demolition, the state money won't be available in the future.

"The cost is high, but the demolition is nil," he said. "We will still have to mow the grass, maintain the parking lot and clear sidewalks."

School board President Thomas Buckalew agreed with Larson-Shidler's assessment.

"I believe the residents of Inkster will be

better served by rejecting this; I will vote yes," he said.

"I agree," board Secretary Carol Middel added. "We need to do the best we can for the residents of Inkster."

"It's gratifying to see that you're concerned about the debt issues," said Inkster City Councilman Michael Canty, who was in the audience to ask the district to consider putting information in the *Inkster Telegram*, a newspaper distributed in the Wayne-Westland portion of the city.

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## DEATH

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last name has been used. The body of a woman suffering from obvious injuries, wrapped in bed sheets and a nightgown, was found around 1 a.m.

Monday in the area of Powers and Glenis in Dearborn Heights.

Later Monday, a man came to the Westland Police Department and reported being involved with disposing of the body, along with providing information about others involved.

Police traced the deceased woman to an address in Westland, which was also the residence of one of the people identified as being involved in her death.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the home and reported finding evidence of an as-

sault. The three male suspects implicated by the first man were located, taken into custody and after questioning, remain in police custody.

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# Family reels: Crash kills mom of 2, hurts sister



FAMILY PHOTO

Sara, left, and Nicole Szyskowski were in a devastating accident in Garden City on Jan. 13.

By Katrease Stafford  
Michigan.com

Friday should have been a day of celebration for Westland resident Nicole Szyskowski. Instead, her family was planning her funeral on what would have been her 27th birthday, while her sister continues to fight for her life after a devastating accident on Tuesday.

Szyskowski was killed in a head-on collision on Middlebelt Road in Garden City around 7 p.m. Jan. 13 after another car crossed the center line and hit the PT Cruiser that she was in. Her sister Sara Szyskowski, 26, remains in critical condition and has a long road to recovery. The accident remains under investigation, according to police.

Nicole Szyskowski was the mother of two small children, 7 and 4.

Hannah Szyskowski, Sara and Nicole's younger sister, said the family has dealt with numerous tragedies within a short time. Nicole Szyskowski's husband died of colon cancer just a few years ago and their mother died in 2013, according to Hannah Szyskowski.

"It's been a crazy couple of years

for us," she said. "She was a very bubbly person, anyone that knew her pretty much cared about her. She had a lot of friends and a huge family. She was a really good mom and the kids loved her. They're going to really miss her."

The family has started a GoFundMe account to help cover the cost of Nicole Szyskowski's funeral. Any leftover funds will go toward Sara's care.

"Sara is going to have a lot of rehabilitation," she said. "The doctor said the earliest we have to think about her getting out is not hours or days but months. We're just trying to take it day by day and see what happens."

A benefit dinner will be held at the Livonia Family Church in Livonia from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Nicole's funeral arrangements are pending.

Nearly \$2,000 has been donated so far.

"It really does mean a lot for so many people to come together and help out," Hannah Szyskowski said. "Even just praying for us, everything, every little bit helps."

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# Governor signs Anderson anti-cyber bullying bill into law

Former State Sen. Glenn Anderson wasn't around to see Gov. Rick Snyder sign his anti-cyber bullying bill into law last Friday.

Senate Bill 74 was introduced by Anderson in January 2013. The legislation will require all public school districts and public school academies in Michigan to amend their anti-bullying policies to recognize and define electronic communications and cyber bullying as forms of bullying.

"With increasing use of electronic communication and social media, cyber bullying has grown into a serious threat to the safety of our children in schools," Anderson said. "The passage of this legislation will raise awareness of this serious problem and ensure schools have a plan in place to deal with cyber bullying



Anderson

that disrupts the learning environment."

The legislation passed the Senate and

House in late December, during the lame duck session. In addition to requiring that school districts amend their anti-bullying policies to address cyber bullying, the legislation also requires that schools forward changes to their policies to the Department of Education and make annual reports to the Department on incidents of bullying.

Anderson made bullying one of his top legislative priorities throughout his tenure in the Michigan State Senate. The Michigan legislature passed legislation to re-

quire public schools to adopt bullying policies in 2011, however, the legislation lacked many important measures to combat bullying. Senate Bill 74 takes steps to add some of those measures, strengthening Michigan's anti-bullying policy and helping to ensure safer classrooms for Michigan's students.

"The passage of this legislation moves Michigan forward in the fight against bullying," Anderson said. "I am proud that we were able to take this positive step to make Michigan's schools safer, but there is still work to be done to combat bullying in Michigan's public schools. We must continue to raise awareness of this dangerous problem and do everything possible to ensure the all children have a safe learning environment."

Anderson, however, was less kind about the governor's veto vetoed a package of bills that would have outlawed the sale of e-cigarettes to kids.

"While I understand that he and some groups want them treated the same as tobacco products, but that's not going to happen with the anti-tax crowd now in the legislature," said Anderson in a post on his Facebook page. "He should have signed the bills and asked the legislature to amend the new law to get to where he wanted it, but his all or nothing position means kids get nothing. No protection from unscrupulous retailers that want the money. Today he failed the kids of Michigan."

Snyder vetoed House Bill 4997, Senate Bills 667

and 668, sponsored by state Rep. Rick Outman, Anderson and state Sen. Rick Jones, respectively, saying that the bills would have excluded alternative nicotine products, including e-cigarettes from the definition of tobacco products and prohibit them from being regulated as tobacco products under state law.

The devices resemble traditional tobacco cigarettes and share a common ingredient, which is the highly addictive chemical nicotine that is derived from tobacco.

"We need to make sure that e-cigarettes and other nicotine-containing devices are regulated in the best interest of public health," Snyder said. "It's important that these devices be treated like tobacco products and help people become aware of the dangers

e-cigarettes pose."

The legislation would have gone against the position taken by 40 state attorneys general, including Michigan's Bill Schuette, who believe that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration should regulate e-cigarettes pursuant to its tobacco product authority.

Snyder, in his veto letter, said he believes the preferred way to ensure that e-cigarettes are regulated in the interest of public health is to revise the existing definition of a tobacco product to make clear that e-cigarettes — and other novel nicotine-containing vapor products — are tobacco products subject to any restrictions generally applied to tobacco products under the Youth Tobacco Act, including the minimum age law.

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## Garden City Fire Department tackles two fires in one day

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

The Garden City Fire Department had a busy day, responding to two fires on Friday, Jan. 16.

The first was in the 7000 block of Burnley. A resident who was home sick awoke to a "strange smell" but couldn't identify it or trust her sense of smell because of her illness.

After she went through the house and noted the smell was more intense, she went to the basement and opened the dryer, which was not running at the time, and found the clothing on fire.

"Almost immediately after, the smoke alarms activated," Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman said.

The woman's boyfriend told her he did a load of clothes prior to leaving for work;

"She attempted to stomp out the clothing with her bare feet," Harman said.

The woman met firefighters in the driveway after she sustained a second-degree burn to

the inside of one of her feet and had some particles of clothing stuck to the sole of her foot.

She was treated and transported to an area hospital emergency room to treat the burn.

"Firefighters were able to secure her dog and lock up the house," Harman said.

The firefighters learned that her boyfriend uses a popular cleaner and some of the cloths used for cleaning were in that washer load. There was no damage to the dryer that would indicate a mechanical failure.

"With no other causes, we are quite certain this was the result of a chemical reaction from the cleaning product in the cloths when exposed to heat," Harman said. "This is not an uncommon occurrence. Not all the chemicals come out in the wash cycle. The same can happen with petroleum products used in the garage working on equipment."

Haman added that cooking oil can also heat to its ignition

temperature during a drying cycle and ignite.

"In this case and in others we've been to, the dryer had stopped, but the clothing was in a pile and retained a sufficient amount of heat to combust," she said.

Her safety suggestion is that if residents have shop rags or cloths used to clean up oil, whether cooking or motor oil, let them air dry if possible and throw them away.

"There have been fires in shops where rags were placed in a bin together and simultaneously ignited over time," Harman said. "The pile of rags contains the product, and as more are added and compressed they can often heat up and eventually ignite."

### Second fire

The second fire was in the 32900 block of Pierce.

The owner called to report a fire in his house but wasn't sure where. He and his wife were on the second floor and noticed smoke coming from the vents. They began pulling

electric cords from the outlets.

The wife grabbed one of their three cats and they left the house. All of the smoke alarms began to activate.

When the firefighters arrived, the couple reported the fire was in the basement and two other cats were missing.

Harman said that the firefighters quickly extinguished the fire with tank water and foam.

Two firefighters who responded through the Automatic Aid partnership searched the main floor to check if there was any fire extension. They also tried to locate the missing cats.

"On the third trip, they located one cat under a bed and brought her outside," Harman said. "The cat was very upset, biting and scratching the owners, who put her in the car with the first cat."

When Captain Scott Markovich was satisfied that the structure fire was out, he took the owners through the home. The third cat was located alive in the basement be-

tween appliances. She was also brought out and put in the car.

Harman called Stacy Karafotis at Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare in Garden City, who, without hesitation, told Harman to bring the cats there for temporary boarding.

"After the owners knew their animals were safe, they could focus on what needed to be done," Harman said.

Business partners Craig Poisson and Karafotis have helped the fire department several times with displaced animals due to fire or another issue.

"It is a great relief to us and the owners when we find their pets alive and can safely secure them for the night," Harman said.

The cats didn't require any treatment at the scene.

"We have oxygen masks," she said "We can provide oxygen to animals, if needed."

The owners picked up their pets the next day.

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## Tip leads to arrest in Macy's assault, theft

By LeAnne Rogers  
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A tip helped Westland Police identify and arrest a Dearborn Heights man wanted for allegedly assaulting two Macy's employees who had detained him for allegedly shoplifting.

Xavier Parkes was arraigned Saturday on charges of unarmed robbery, retail fraud second-degree, aggravated assault and assault and battery. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf and bond was set at \$10,000/10 percent.

An anonymous tip to police identified Parkes as the man in a store security photo showing the suspect in the Dec. 19 incident at the Westland Shopping Center Macy's store.

Officers from Westland's Special Investigations Unit went to Parkes' Dearborn



Parkes

Heights home to arrest him. Police said Parkes fled on foot, but was pursued by officers and taken into custody.

In the incident, two female loss prevention workers had escorted a suspect into an office in the store at Westland Shopping Center and were attempting to place him in handcuffs, police said.

The loss prevention workers told police the man began punching, kicking, choking and pulling away from the pair, knocking both to the floor as they tried to restrain him.

Police reported that the man stomped on the chest of one woman while she was on the ground. The suspect re-

portedly fled the office and the two loss prevention officers reported being pushed to the floor a second time as they continued to try to restrain the suspect.

One of the workers attempted to use her cellphone to call 9-1-1, but told police the man grabbed the phone and took it with him as he fled the store.

Both loss prevention workers reported injuries. One woman reportedly suffered a concussion and a sprained wrist, the other a swollen knee and contusions to her face and arms.

A preliminary examination has been scheduled Feb. 5 for Parkes in Westland 18th District Court.

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## GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

### Stolen vehicle

A Helen Street resident reported her Honda Civic stolen Jan. 17; it was parked on the street.

The responding officer later located the vehicle on Dawson, east of Harrison.

After the officer brought the woman to her vehicle, she noticed a loud sound and discovered that someone had stolen the catalytic converter.

The vehicle was still locked and had no body damage and no broken windows.

The officer wrote in his report that the vehicle may have been dragged to the Dawson Street location.

### Retail fraud

On Jan. 14, a loss prevention officer at Kmart, 29600 Ford, reportedly saw that a

Dearborn woman took several items into the dressing room but didn't bring the items back out Jan. 14.

He observed only tags and empty packages in the dressing room, and the woman's purse was allegedly bulging with underwear and lingerie that she didn't pay for. She was escorted to the security office and Garden City police were called.

### Attempted larceny

A resident in the 1600 block of Lathers believes that someone might have been intent on stealing something from her home Jan. 18. That's because she found her front door open.

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By Sue Buck

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# St. Robert to host Ole Toy and Train show

The 29th annual St. Robert Bellarmine Ole Toy & Train Show is on track for Sunday, Jan. 25.

This year's show is going to be significantly bigger and better than it has been in many years, according to Jim Vote, train show co-chair.

"We expect to have over 230 dealer tables and at least six operating displays this year, including the very popular LEGO display that fills an entire room by itself," Vote said in an email.

Redford resident Brian Klotzer has distributed 6,000 fliers promoting the show in several states, Vote said.

The St. Robert train shows were started by the late Ray Nicholai, a local resident who had a great passion for trains and wanted to raise money for worthy charities. The show is an important fundraiser for the parish, helping to fund its sports programs for boys and girls.

### Raises money

"We have continued the show after Ray suddenly died a few years ago in honor of Ray and, because it is a popular show, it raises money for good causes, and Ray would have wanted it to continue, Vote said in an email.

The event will include door prizes, a raffle of a new train set, and food and beverages sold by The Ladies of St. Robert Bellarmine Club.

Dealers from several states will be on hand, including a parts guy who has a very large inventory of parts for many types of model trains, etc., Vote said.

Admission is \$3 per person or \$6 per family and the show is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and early birds can pay \$10 and get in at 10:30 a.m.

Call 313-937-1500 or email cbalawjpc@yahoo.com for more information. St. Robert Bellarmine is at 27201 W. Chicago in Redford.

*"We expect to have over 230 dealer tables and at least six operating displays this year,"*

**JIM VOTE**, train show co-chair



St. Robert Bellarmine hosts a train show Sunday.

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# Public tells LPS board what to cut, not cut next school year

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Sell excess school property, but don't get rid of extracurricular activities or increase class sizes. Eliminate bus transportation for high school students and/or charge parents for bus service, but don't privatize bus drivers' jobs. Expand schools of choice for specialized programs, but not general education. And absolutely don't cut back on school security.

That was some of the feedback a group of parents and community members gave Livonia Public Schools officials Thursday night at a budget forum held to get the public's input on what cuts they can live with next school year to keep the district out of deficit.

Jeff Kramer, whose wife Elaine is a teacher at Emerson Middle School, said every time he drives past the former site of Jefferson Elementary, which was torn down in the 1970s, he wonders why the district hasn't sold the property. "If we're depleting our savings, it might be time," he said.

Melissa Bater, who works as a parapro at the Perrinville Early Childhood Center, agrees with selling vacant former school sites, which could generate \$100,000 to \$1 million, but she doesn't want the district to eliminate sports, performing arts and other extracurricular activities for middle and high schoolers. "It keeps the kids out of trouble and it helps them grow and gives them confidence."

Jeffrey T. Jacobs, who ran unsuccessfully for the school board last November, said he's in favor of pay to play for transportation and selling excess property, which he described as "a no-brainer," but he doesn't want any cuts in school security for an estimated savings of \$800,000. "Knock on wood, nothing's happened yet (in Livonia)," he said, referring to school shootings across



LPS board trustee Mark Johnson (standing) heads up one of the small groups. Stacy Jenkins, the district's administrator of communications, writes the group's preferences on the board.

the nation.

## 'Zero' fund balance

Nearly 100 people turned out for Thursday's forum, which began with a budget overview and ended with small groups of people meeting with individual school board members and/or administrators.

The district has been using its fund equity, or savings account, to maintain programs and services the community has come to expect, but that fund equity will dwindle to about \$400,000 by the end of this school year. For a district the size of Livonia, with a general fund budget this school year of \$146.5 million, "that's pretty much zero," said Lisa Abbey, the district's director of business services.

Superintendent Randy Liepa said some unknowns, including the number of retirements, could affect next year's budget, resulting in the district being anywhere from "OK" to having a deficit of several million dollars.

Perhaps the biggest unknown is the result of the May 5 ballot proposal, which would increase the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, raising an additional \$1.3 billion for roads and \$300 million for schools, or an extra \$200 per student, each year. The district hasn't had that

large of a per-pupil increase since the late 1990s, Liepa said.

School districts, by law, must approve a balanced budget by June 30, so the board needs to be thinking now about what cuts it may need to make, he said.

The district has been using its fund balance since about 2000, when it was \$17.1 million, to counteract the effects of declining enrollment, rising retirement costs and cuts or minor increases in the per-pupil state foundation allowance. It has also eliminated jobs, negotiated employee concessions, closed schools and entered in cooperative agreements with other districts.

## 'Structural deficit'

"Our annual structural deficit is almost \$2 million each year; we can't cut enough," said Abbey, explaining that while expenses go down each year with fewer students, they don't go down commensurately with the loss in revenue. Most of the district's budget goes to teachers and classroom costs, but students don't come in neat little 27-unit packages, Liepa said. The district's annual enrollment loss of about 300 students is spread across 800 classrooms in 27 buildings.

Attendees on Thurs-

day were given a list of budget line items for services and programs to rank in order of preference, along with the estimated amounts the district would save if they were eliminated. Liepa cautioned it wasn't a "cut list," but examples of expenses that are not mandated by the state.

Members of each group ranked the three they'd be most willing and least willing to give up, then discussed them.

The data will be compiled, analyzed and presented to the board after Tuesday's meeting.

Board trustee Mark Johnson, who led the group that Kramer, Bater and Jacobs and about 20 others were in, said while he agrees with selling property, "I'm not going to take a bath on it just because we need revenue." Abbey pointed out that there hasn't been much of a market lately for the property.

Johnson said he doesn't want to privatize jobs, either, saying he's comfortable having people the district knows working in and around students.

"Anything we decide is going to be painful," he said, "but we need to be ready, depending on where things go."

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Wayne-Westland district Superintendent Michele Harmala (left) presents Shawna Walker with a plaque honoring her tenure as president of the school board.

# Buckalew tapped to lead W-W school board

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board did some housekeeping at its meeting last week, electing a new slate of officers and selecting representatives for county and state school board associations.

The board unanimously approved the election of Thomas Buckalew as president, Frederick Weaver as vice president, Carol Middel as secretary and Shawna Walker as treasurer.

Buckalew had served as vice president for two years before becoming president.

"I want to thank the board for the faith it has in me," Buckalew said. "I will see that I give the best service that is expected of me."

He also praised Middel, who had served as president for almost three years, and Walker, the outgoing board president, who "have provided an excellent view of leadership."

Walker was also honored for her year of service as president, receiving a plaque from district Superintendent Michele Harmala.

"I've enjoyed sitting on the board with all that's been going on," Walker said. "I've enjoyed every bit of it and my fellow board members made it easy."

Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin thanked Walker for her leadership through difficult times.

"She helped in the selection of a new superintendent and put in a lot of hours," he said. "She did great work and selected a great superintendent."

The board also selected Middel to serve as its representative for the Wayne County Association of School Boards and Melandie Hines as representative for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Trustee Sally Madison expressed disappointment that her fellow board members didn't agree with her proposal that would have provided board members the opportunity to serve in each board officer position during their six-year term in office.

"I would like to change the process of how I vote for fellow board trustees for annual school board positions," she said. "This decision is to encourage growth, support and unity within our complete board, meaning every board trustee. We are only as strong as our weakest link and it would be refreshing to implement forward thinking."

"My thought is to move forward with fellow board trustees mentoring, supporting and sharing duties/positions to encourage mutual respect, equality," she added.

Madison pointed out that it had been recommended that she campaign for a board position, but questioned the necessity based on the overwhelming support of the community she received when she was elected and the two years she has already served as a trustee.

In December, when members were polled about board elections, Madison had indicated she was interested in serving in any of the four positions.

In her letter, Madison also expressed confidence that "we all would find it beneficial in many aspects for trustees to rotate in each board position in some facet rather than controlling a board seat."

"If I am not provided the opportunity to serve in a board position ... I will not have to opportunity to serve in each position during my term," she wrote.

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Hoon-Yung Hopgood's wife Sunhwa and daughters Jenna and Julia watch as he takes the oath as State Senator at the swearing-in ceremony on the Senate Floor.



State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack. Joining Plawecki are her husband Mark Plawecki, mother Kathleen Palowski and sister Mary Kern.

# Plawecki, Hopgood sworn in as members of State House, Senate

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, was sworn into office Wednesday at the state Capitol with other members of the 98th Michigan Legislature.

The first-term representative will represent the 11th House District, which comprises the cities of Garden City and Inkster and portions of Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Westland.

"It's a great honor to formally join the House of Representatives as we begin our work serving the residents of Michigan," Plawecki said. "I'm looking forward to bringing my constituents' needs to the Capitol and making my district a better place to live, work, go to school and raise a family."

Before joining the

Legislature, Plawecki worked as a medical technologist and teacher. She most recently worked at St. Robert Bellarmine School. Joining Plawecki for the ceremony were her husband Mark, her mother Kathleen Palowski, and her sister Mary Kern.

Also taking the oath of office for his second term in the Michigan Senate was Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor.

He was joined by his wife Sunhwa and daughters Jenna and Julia during the swearing-in ceremony at the state Capitol.

"I am truly honored to begin a second term representing Wayne County families in the Michigan Senate," Hopgood said. "We have made some great strides

during my time in the Legislature, but more work remains to be done. I look forward to working collaboratively with my constituents and my legislative colleagues on the issues that matter most to Michigan families."

Hopgood represents the new 6th Senate District, which includes the communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland.

During the new legislative session, he will serve on four of the Senate's standing committees: Appropriations, Energy and Technology, Health Policy and Transportation. He will continue to serve as the

minority vice-chair on the Senate Energy and Technology Committee, and will also serve as the minority vice-chair on the Senate Transportation Committee.

Hopgood was also selected by his colleagues to serve as Associate President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the current legislative session. In that role, he will assist with presiding over Senate sessions and ensuring that the chamber's daily operations run in accordance with proper Senate rules and procedure.

Hopgood, a lifelong resident of Taylor, has served in the Michigan Senate since 2011. He previously served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives.

# A second term



During their recent reorganization meeting, Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, was sworn in for a second term. LeBlanc's wife Cheryl administered his oath of office. LeBlanc represents the 12th District, which includes Garden City, Inkster and most of Westland.





A team leader looks for samples during the Friends of the Rouge stonefly search last year. FOR

## Volunteers needed for annual stonefly hunt

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Valentine's Day was chosen this year as it is falls during the time when stoneflies hatch from the river and go looking for love. Check out a YouTube video of one "drumming" for mates.

Searchers meet at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. No searching is done in Dearborn; volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit. Volunteers must preregister by Jan. 30 on the FOTR website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org) or by calling 313-792-9621.

Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Friends of the

Rouge volunteers have been looking for stoneflies every winter since 2002.

Last year, 81 volunteers participated and found stoneflies at 11 of 33 sites. All were found on tributaries to the middle and lower branches of the Rouge, including Johnson Creek in Salem and Northville and Fellows and Fowler Creeks in Canton.

As the Rouge River improves, it is expected that these sensitive creatures that provide food for fish should be found in more locations.

Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go in the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank.

Children age 5 and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult and when dressed for the weather.

Groups of up to six people can be accommodated.

The Annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge. It is supported in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services. A report on the results from the Fall Bug Hunt held Oct. 25, 2014, was just completed.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants and animals of the watershed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. For more information, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

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## Garden City first: Jackson Hewitt office features new logo

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The busy season has arrived for Ray Mihtar. As of Tuesday, the IRS began accepting 2014 tax returns, and as the owner of the new Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Garden City, he's ready for the rush.

"We've already had a lot of people come in, but today (Jan. 20) is the first day you can file," said Mihtar who held a grand opening for the office Saturday. "By the end of January, it will get crazy. By then, people will have gotten in the mail everything they need to do their taxes."

Mihtar has been a licensed tax preparer for more than five years. This is his first year as a franchisee. He selected Jackson Hewitt because he "likes their model. The new CEO is forward thinking and is changing the whole brand. In fact, Mihtar's office is the first in the country with the new Jackson Hewitt blue-and-white logo. The office, located at



Garden City Mayor Randy Walker (left) joins Ray Mihtar, owner, for the grand opening of the Jackson Hewitt office on Ford Road, west of Inkster Road.

28536 Ford, west of Inkster Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, but it's available 24 hours a day for those who need their taxes done outside normal business hours by appointment.

"Some people work the night shift; if you

work at the hospital and get off a midnight, we can do your taxes at 12:30," Mihtar said. "And we guarantee your return will be the largest refund you've ever gotten. If not, we'll pay your tax-preparation fee."

### Free services

According to Mihtar, Jackson Hewitt offers

free e-filing and free audit assistance. His office also is offering 50 percent off for active military and free income tax service for permanently injured veterans. Jackson Hewitt also will pay all fees and penalties, "if we mess up," he said.

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clients can get a "zero interest, no credit check" \$500 cash advance on their refunds. Mihtar added the Jackson Hewitt guarantees that its fees "will be \$50 cheaper" than what clients paid H & R Block and Liberty. "Just bring in your receipt from last year," he said. "Our work is backed up by money, that's how confident we are about what we do," he said. "We also are offering a \$50 gift card as a way of

saying thank you for being our customer. It's not an advance and it can't be combined with any other offers."

In joining Jackson Hewitt, Mihtar had a choice of communities for his franchise. He opted for Garden City because it's "a good blue collar, All-American city." It's very community based, and he hopes that once he builds trust among residents they will become loyal customers.

"We've invested a lot in the community," he said. "We want to serve the community, and we want people to let us serve them."

He also opted to go with Jackson Hewitt because he likes its motto: "We work hard for the hardest-working people."

"The reason people come to places like Jackson Hewitt is for peace of mind," he added.

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## New retirement saving option invests in U.S. treasuries

As long as I have been in the financial world, I've encouraged people to save for their retirement.

Retirement is a brand new concept. After all, just think of what life expectancy was 100 years ago. Today, retirement is a major issue and something that everyone needs to be concerned with.

Over the years, there have been changes to the way one can save for retirement. There are now more tax-favored



options than ever before. The newest retirement vehicle, which took effect this year, is myRA (My Retirement Account).

My Retirement Account is sponsored by the U.S. Treasury Department. It is similar (from a tax standpoint) to a Roth IRA in that you

deposit post-tax money and the money grows and can be withdrawn tax-free.

The rules with regard to withdrawals are also similar to a Roth IRA — the money has to stay within the myRA for five years and can be withdrawn after age 59½. However, like all tax laws, there are exceptions.

In order to qualify for a contribution to myRA, household income for those married has to be less than \$191,000. For

single taxpayers, household income has to be less than \$129,000.

Unfortunately, you cannot send a check to open an account nor can you have a direct deposit from your checking account. The only way to open a myRA account is payroll deduction through your employer.

This is not an employer-sponsored plan and employers do not contribute money, nor will they administer the plan. It is no different than any payroll deduction plan you may have through work.

The maximum annual contribution to a myRA is \$5,500. In addition, the plan does have a little quirk. Once the value of your account exceeds \$15,000, then the money has to be transferred into a traditional Roth IRA.

Unlike a Roth IRA — where you select your investment options — myRA is invested in U.S.

treasuries.

One of the beauties of this plan is the fact that there are no costs to open the account. In addition, there are very low minimums to establish the plan. You can start the plan with as low as \$25 and ongoing automatic payroll deductions can virtually be any amount.

In addition, because the myRA is invested in securities backed by the U.S. treasuries, your account value will not decrease.

Although I'm always in favor of new retirement options, investors need to be cautious about the myRA. The money is invested in U.S. treasury obligations and, on the whole, when you factor in inflation and increased cost of living, this investment generally doesn't keep up.

I believe a traditional Roth IRA with investment options offers a better chance for growth.

However, for a conservative investor who does not like principal fluctuation, myRA is something to consider.

For more information about myRA, visit the U.S. Treasury's website [www.myRA.treasury.gov](http://www.myRA.treasury.gov). In addition, there is a letter available for that explains the plan to employers.

You cannot save too much money for retirement. Therefore, no matter what type of retirement vehicle you start with, 401(k), myRA or a Roth IRA, the key is to start saving as soon as you can and as much as you can.

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#### Ladies' Day Out

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The first for 2015, the event is for our friends, family, associates and fellow Mommies who don't "get out much" to stop in and grab a bite, meet new friends, shop get a message or taste wine. Many vendors will have cash-and-carry items. In addition, there will be raffles.

Designer Duds' Ladies Day Out Events are held on the fourth Saturday of the month and are free for the public. Kids also are welcome also.

This month's vendors include Pure Romance with Jennifer Shepardson Ganzberger, Keep Collective with Heather Schoeneman, Jamberry with Susie Nagy Gallison, Origami Owl with Cheryl Ann Byrd, 31 Bags with Carolyn Gluga, Tupperware with Michelle Smith Cole, It Works with Emmalee Curtis, Scentsy with Laurie Reckinger, Langley with Diane Ross Moody, Healthy Home with Cynthia Gleich, Life Expressions with Deb Douglas and Younique with Stacey Crosby.

The cost to display/sell is \$25 plus a raffle item. Reserve a space by calling 734-331-2519 with

a credit card or PayPal (as a gift) to [lorskkt@gmail.com](mailto:lorskkt@gmail.com). Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All vendors must supply their own table and chairs.

#### Joins UMRC

United Methodist Retirement Communities Inc. has announced that Julia DeHart has joined as administrator of Rivertown Assisted Living in Detroit. In her new role, DeHart will be responsible for overseeing, maintaining and developing Rivertown operations and services, including UMRC's affordable assisted living program.

Prior to joining UMRC, DeHart was a property manager at KMG Prestige Inc. in Toledo, Ohio. In that role, she managed a multifamily community, in addition to overseeing services, including finance, risk management and administrative support.

DeHart earned her bachelor's degree in gerontology at Madonna University. She resides in Garden City with her husband and three daughters.

United Methodist Retirement Communities is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that promotes the wellness, dignity and independence of older adults, by provid-

ing high quality, innovative and compassionate senior residential care services across Southeast Michigan. For more information about UMRC, visit [www.umrc.com](http://www.umrc.com).

#### Scholarship offered

Livonia-based Zeal Credit Union invites graduating high school seniors in the class of 2015, who will attend a college or technical school, to apply for its annual scholarship program.

Zeal Credit Union, which has a branch in Westland, will award \$14,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$4,000 each. The scholarships honor seven of the credit union's longtime leaders and volunteers.

Scholarship applications and requirements are available online at [www.zealcreditunion.org](http://www.zealcreditunion.org) or at any of the credit union's 11 full-service branch locations. Applications and documentation may be submitted electronically to [scholarships@zealcu.org](mailto:scholarships@zealcu.org) or at a branch office no later than 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Applicants must be members of Zeal Credit Union, where anyone can join.

Winners and their families will receive special recognition at the credit union's annual meeting in March 2015.

For more information about Zeal Credit Union, visit [www.zealcreditunion.org](http://www.zealcreditunion.org) or call 800-321-8570.



DeHart





NAIAS Chairman Scott LaRiche uses a selfie stick with his phone to get a good shot with Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, GM CEO Mary Barra and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan.



Scott and Dawn LaRiche of Northville pause for a photo at the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview.



Yelena and Derek Terenzi check out a plug-in hybrid from Mercedes Benz.



The Ford GT draws a crowd.

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# Area residents part of Auto Show preview that raises \$5.3M for metro charities

It was a night of heavy metal last Friday at the North American International Auto Show's (NAIAS) Charity Preview — and not just on the cars. Over 13,000 patrons went all-out bling this year



Julie Yolles  
SOCIAL SCENE

with top trends of silver and gold head-to-toe sequins, lace overlay gowns and navy as the new black.

What glistened the most was the unprecedented \$5.3 million that was raised for nine children's charities: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit, The Children's Center, Judson Center, and The Detroit Institute for Children, Think Detroit PAL, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, and the DADA (Detroit Auto Dealers Association) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The \$5.3 million brought the amount raised for children's charities to more than \$100 million over \$50 million of which was raised in the last 10 years alone.

"The NAIAS is the pinnacle of auto shows all over the world," said NAIAS Chairman Scott LaRiche, a Northville



Ginny and Michael J Thorp try some of the interactive features at Ford Innovation Park.

resident and co-owner of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. "It's all about family, teamwork and hope."

And LaRiche's family was front and center at the Charity Preview Ribbon-Cutting ceremony, including the patriarch, Lou LaRiche, who was the NAIAS Chairman 30 years ago.

What did Lou say about his son taking center stage and following in his footsteps?

"It's a father's dream come true. I am so proud," said Lou LaRiche following the ribbon-cutting.

The glamorous guests sipped champagne and strolled among the cars and trucks from 6-9 p.m., followed by a standing-room only concert by the Steve Miller Band.

NAIAS continues through Sunday, Jan. 25. For show hours and ticket information, go to [naias.com](http://naias.com).



Ford CEO Mark Fields and General Motors CEO Mary Barra were part of the kick-off event.



Sarah Hubbard, Robert O'Meara, and Andrea Cascarilla, all of Lansing, posing with a Cadillac engine.



Betsy and Randy Bart of Ray Township, Allison Curtis of Commerce Township, Louise and Bill Horal of Brighton, Glenn Curtis of Commerce Township, Annette and David Lawrey of Grand Blanc, and Leigh Curtis and Brian Voorheis of West Bloomfield enjoy the charity event.





DYW OF MICHIGAN

Members of the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan's Class of 2015 are (back row, from left) Kimberly McGrath, Sarah Anderson, Shawna Pelowski, Haley Roux, Pallavi Prabhu, Anna Waldron, Dominique Denson, Miya Williams, Kendall Stasser and Madeline Rayner and (front row, from left), Victoria Riley, Allison Learman, Emily Harke, Colette Lanzon, Erica Kennedy, Kendra Rocha and Vivian Zhong.

# 17 vie for state Distinguished Young Woman honor

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program will be holding the 57th annual program at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Saline High School.

Seventeen contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for thousands of dollars in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Ala. The DYW scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

At the state program, contestants will perform an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. Contestants are also evaluated in based on academic scholastics and interview.

"This is an amazing group of smart and talented young women and we are excited to have them showcase their talents at this year's scholarship program," said Angela Bobo, Distinguished Young Women of Michigan State Director. "We invite the public to come and support these accomplished young women."

A final performance by the current Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan, Alysse Blight, will also be part of the event. Blight was the second runner-up at the Distinguished Young Woman of America national program last June and received more than \$14,000 in college scholarships. She also was the

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**ANGELA BOBO,**  
Distinguished Young Women of Michigan State Director

overall talent winner out of 50 contestants, performing a high-energy baton twirling routine.

Competing this year are: Kendall Stasser and Dominique Denson from Wayne/Westland; Colette Lanzon and Victoria Riley from Plymouth/Canton; Kimberly McGrath, Emily Harke and Haley Roux from Irish Hills; Pallavi Prabhu from Washtenaw County; Miya Williams from Inkster; Anna Waldron and Vivian Zhong from Oakland County; Kendra Rocha from Livingston County; Erica Kennedy from Genesee County; Shawna Pelowski from Brandon; Allison Learman from Saline; Sarah Anderson from Bay County; and Madeline Rayner from Marshall.

In the talent portion, Lanzon, the Distinguished Young Woman of Canton, will be performing a violin solo to the selection, *Daylight* by Maroon 5. Riley, the Distinguished Young Woman of Plymouth, will be performing a jazz dance to the song *My Strongest Suit*, written by Elton John and Tim Rice and

performed by Aida Stasser, the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne/Westland for 2015, is a senior at John Glenn High School and has been dancing for the last 11 years at Planet Dance. In the talent portion of the state program, she will perform a contemporary solo to the song *Explosions* by Ellie Goulding.

Denson, the Distinguished Young Woman of Westland for 2015, is a senior at Livonia Franklin High School and has been dancing since the age 3. For the talent section, she will perform a contemporary dance to *To Love You More* by Celine Dion.

Williams is the Distinguished Young Woman of Inkster and has achieved academic excellence as an honor student at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. For the state-level talent section, she will perform a rendition of *True Colors*.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at Saline High School for \$18 or by contacting the Michigan State Committee at email [Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org](mailto:Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org). All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since it first began in 1958, more than \$90 million in college scholarships have been awarded. For more information on the scholarship program, visit [www.distinguisheddyw.org](http://www.distinguisheddyw.org).



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# Yankee Air Museum volunteers take on task of restoring WWII glider

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

There's a good reason Joe Kosek still carries the certificate he received when he completed advanced glider pilot training in November 1943 – on the back is his pilot's license to fly a single-engine plane and helicopter.

But at age 90, it's not likely he'll climb into the cockpit of a glider any time soon, especially the TG-3 he's helping to restore at the Yankee Air Museum.

"I was 18 years old and a glider pilot in the Pacific," the Westland resident said. "I had 230 hours of training before I went overseas."

Kosek saw action in places like Burma and New Guinea and was in the Philippines waiting for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. Along the way, he was awarded three Bronze Stars.

But war stories are taking a backseat to restoring the two-seater TG-3, which was used to train glider pilots like Kosek. The goal is to have the glider restored to its World War II specs in time for the 2017 opening of the National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run.

"We want to put it back to its original condition and paint it as it looked in World War II – silver with a blue star on the fuselage," said Tony Pequeno, who works in artifacts and restoration management at the air museum. "It's a very, very big project. It sat on a trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace for more than 20 years. There's a lot of damage to the wings."

## A new home

Paul Fullerton, manager of the Mackinac County Airport in St. Ignace, donated the vintage 1943 Schweizer TG-3 glider. MSA Delivery Service brought it by tractor trailer to the museum last September. It had been flown, but had spent more than 20 years stored on the trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace.

"The original transportation frame for the glider isn't ideal for storage," said Chris Aldridge, who is handling the archival drawings for the plane. "There's been decay over the years and we have a structural failure of the wing. It wasn't stored well and that's taken a toll on the plane."

The glider is made of spruce, mahogany, pine and balsa wood and covered with linen. Kosek and fellow volunteers Chris Curran of Allen Park, Ralph Koehler of Livonia and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield are working on it three days a week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

They have the cloth covering, spoiler and aileron removed from the top side of one wing. It will need new struts that are spaced about a foot apart along the 27-foot long wing, a new spoiler and a new Dacron polyester skin that will be hand sewn on and then shrunk by heating it to 225 degrees.

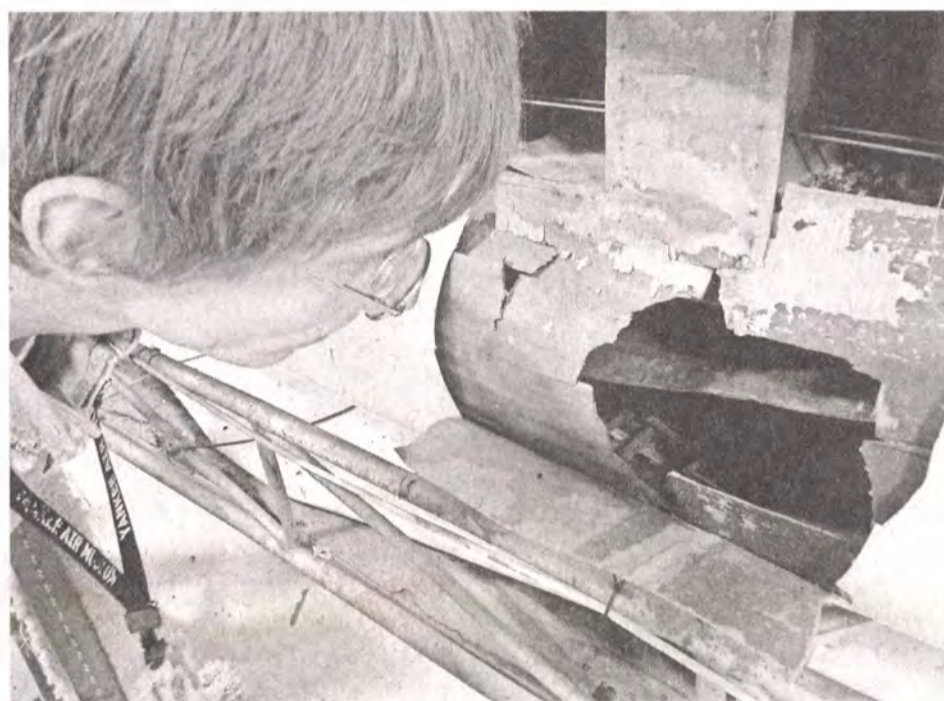
Pequeno estimates it will take six months to do and it could take even longer for the other wing, which "is in worse shape." That's why volunteers are being sought to work on the plane.

The museum is looking for volunteers that are skilled in carpentry work, plus RC modelers who do such work on a smaller scale. Bob Catalano, who works with Pequeno in collections, had new volunteers in last Wednesday. They took the second wing apart and have caught up with Kosek's team, he said.

Many of the volunteers are World War II veterans. Many helped build the museum's World War I French SPAD biplane using the original blueprints, but this restoration is an even bigger project and considering their ages –



Restoration manager Ralph Koehler of Livonia (from left), Joe Kosek of Westland and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield look at how to remove a spoiler from the wing of a TG-3 glider that's being restored at the Yankee Air Museum.



Chris Aldridge of Livonia looks at the damage done to the interior of the starboard wing of the TG-3, which was stored for more than 20 years on a trailer in a warehouse in St. Ignace.



Joe Kosek of Westland still carries the U.S. Army Air Force card he received in November 1943, certifying that he had completed the advanced glider course.

Blanchard said he's the baby at age 88 – "We're going to need backup on this project," Blanchard said.

Curran is the "youngster" of the volunteer group. He's been a museum member for 20 years and operates out of the machine shop, welding and fabricating parts. He's been working on scraping paint off the metal parts on the wing's main spar, getting them ready to be taken off and sandblasted.

"I worked on the SPAD and the SPAD pedal car. I did the fabricating and painting," he said. "This is what I love to do. Airplanes and history are my greatest loves in life. What better way to put the two together than to come here and help?"

The goal is to do both wings at the same time. Koehler sees Kosek as be-

ing a mentor for the new recruits. He "has the most knowledge about the plane."

"We have no idea how long this is going to take," he added. "We need young people who are responsible and willing to work."

## Documenting the work

Charlie Henley of Westland has been assigned to document the restoration. He already has snapped more than 100 photographs since work began in late December. He also maintains a log book of what's being done.

"After my wife died, I needed to find something to do," he said. "I'm having a ball out here. I was assigned to take photos for the collections department a year ago."

When the men are finished with the glider, it will be flyable like the SPAD, but it will never feel the wind over its wings. It will be in the air, however, suspended from the ceiling of the new air museum that is being built in a portion of the former Willow Run bomber plant.

People interested in helping with the restoration of the TG-3 can call Catalano at the Yankee Air Museum at 734-483-4030.

"Our current volunteers have really stepped up to the plate and have done an awesome job," Catalano said. "We haven't seen the volunteers this excited about a project in a long time."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Help young people achieve their dreams by mentoring

It's an observation that has been used so often, it has lost some of its impact. But it is still as important today as it was in 1996, when First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton coined it. Yes, it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes people willing to give of their time to make that happen.

This is National Mentoring Month. For 14 years, January has been set aside to recognize people who serve as mentors and issue a call for more people to get involved in helping our youth become productive members of society.

The roads young people follow today are filled with pitfalls that can lead them astray. In January 2014, MENTOR published The Mentoring Effect, the first-ever nationally representative survey of young people on the topic of mentoring. The report shows that "quality mentoring relationships can play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools they need to make responsible decisions, stay focused and engaged in school, achieve academic and personal goals and reduce or avoid risky behavior like skipping school, drug use and other negative activities." The report also shows one in three young people will reach adulthood without such a powerful asset.

President Barack Obama, in proclaiming January as National Mentoring Month, noted that, "In a nation of limitless possibility, every child deserves the chance to unlock his or her potential. When young Americans have the support they need to make the most of themselves, they can achieve their dreams and strengthen our country, which has always moved forward by extending ladders of opportunity to the next generation."

Those "ladders of opportunity" are available in our communities through local programs like Youth Assistance, which works with young people who are having difficulties within their families, in school and in the community. In many cases, young people are referred to these programs by the police, courts, schools, parents or guardians and other agencies.

Mentoring has many benefits for all involved. According to the Federal Mentoring Council, the potential is there for better academic performance and better school attendance. Mentoring also has been linked to improvements in youths' perceptions of parental relationships and better prospects for moving on to higher education.

And the benefits of mentoring go beyond that. According to the National Mentoring Partnership, many mentors say that the rewards they gain are as substantial as those for their assist. Mentoring is a shared opportunity for learning and growth.

Being a mentor doesn't require advanced degrees or special skills, just a few basic qualities — a sincere desire to be involved with a young person; respect for young people; being an active listener; having empathy; seeing solutions and opportunities; and being flexible and open.

The NMP notes that: "Good mentors are willing to take time to get to know their mentees, to learn new things that are important to the young person and even to be changed by their relationship. Accept the challenges and rewards of mentoring a young person and experience the benefits that will last each ... a lifetime."

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor may have said it best: "When a young person, even a gifted one, grows up without proximate living examples of what she may aspire to become — whether lawyer, scientist, artist or leader in any realm — her goal remains abstract. Such models as appear in books or on the news, however inspiring or revered, are ultimately too remote to be real, let alone influential. But a role model in the flesh provides more than inspiration; his or her very existence is confirmation of possibilities one may have every reason to doubt, saying, 'Yes, someone like me can do this.'"

Be that person who can make a difference. Become a mentor. There's a young person out there waiting for someone just like you.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Do more than 'think warm thoughts' to protect from cold

Oh boy, the first week in January was a cold one. It took some thermal underwear and an extra pair of socks to keep warm with temperatures in single digits and the wind chill hitting 20 degrees below.

Part of the joy of living in Michigan is that it is a four-season wonderland. Cold weather is great for the area ski hills making snow and for the fishermen who want to set an ice shanty over a favorite fishing hole.

But the cold is dangerous, and everyone needs to be smart when sending kids out the door or going out themselves.

The Michigan State Police agency offers these tips to stay safe in cold weather.

» Stay indoors, if possible. If you must go outside, wear protective gear — such as hats, mittens and gloves — and a warm coat. Always protect your lungs with a scarf.

» Watch for the signs of frostbite, which include loss of feeling or pale appearance of fingers, toes or face.

» Watch for signs of hypothermia, which include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, drowsiness and exhaustion.

» Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from a person's body more rapidly and could lead to severe hypothermia.

» Remove clothing if it gets damp or wet. Wet clothing can make you more prone to hypothermia.

» Weather-proof doors and windows to trap heat inside your home.

» Check heating units. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release carbon monoxide gas. Test carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation and battery life.

» Check on family, friends and neighbors who are at risk and may need additional assistance.



MSU student Mack Gibbs wears heavy-duty fleece as he walks across campus in the cold last winter.

» Watch pets closely and keep them indoors when possible. Animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries.

» Check and restock your emergency preparedness kit. If you don't have a kit, make one.

» Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a full tank of gas and an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle. Put warm clothing — such as gloves, blankets and hats — in your kit in case you become stranded.

If you are going to head out, don't forget to check road conditions. The MSP encourages drivers to visit [www.michigan.gov/roadconditions](http://www.michigan.gov/roadconditions) and [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive). If you are stranded, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Like it or not, these bitter cold days are part of what make Michigan special. And remember, the days are getting longer and spring really is just a little more than two months away.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bit of history on Save the Bomber Plant Campaign

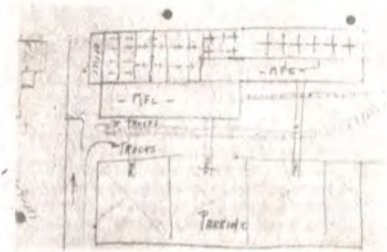
Between midnight on 1/8/41 and dawn on 1/9/41, Ford Motor Company's Charles Sorenson designed the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant on hotel stationery in his room at the Coronado Hotel near San Diego.

Sorenson, Edsel Ford as well as Henry Ford II and his brother Benson were in San Diego to visit Consolidated Aviation (the designers of the B-24) and see how they built Liberators in their home plant.

After a visit to Consolidated on Jan. 8, the crew from Ford was not impressed with how Consolidated built planes — slowly and with relatively little precision, leading to no two aircraft being entirely alike.

So, Sorenson adjourned to his room and created 40-plus drawings that he then boiled down to the two.

Sorenson presented the two drawings to the Ford group the following day at breakfast, where they all signed the drawing.



Sorenson's design also provided for the first large scale use of "just in time" manufacturing with train tracks and trucks to bring parts and component directly to where they would be needed along the assembly line.

It was a path-breaking design for an airplane factory — four-engine heavy bombers were going to be built nose-to-tail on an automotive-style assembly line.

Sorenson's design also provided for the first large scale use of what we now call "just in time" manufacturing — note the train tracks and routes for trucks to bring parts and component directly to where they would be needed, when they



Members of the Ford group all signed this drawing done by Sorenson.

would be needed along the assembly line.

The folks from Consolidated were firmly convinced Sorenson's plant would never be built, let alone that it would churn out a bomber an hour.

Obviously, they were wrong and that is how we've come to be conducting the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign to preserve part of Willow Run and tell this fascinating story to future generations.

Michael J. Montgomery  
Montgomery Consulting, Inc.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Eight things you shouldn't say to an auto show model

This week, the North American International Auto Show (the granddaddy of them all) is in full swing.

I was an auto show model (read: narrator and product specialist) from 1998 through 2007, with Honda and then Jaguar.

But don't let the appearance fool you.

Gone are the days when they'd smear some make-up on us, squeeze our feet into a pair of heels and throw us on stage next to a car.

For some time now, this gig has required lots of studying, hours of training and then more studying.

And although it's been eight years since I last stood on a turntable and pontificated on everything automotive from torque to tinted windows, I still kind of miss it.

But I'll tell you what I don't miss: Hearing the eight items on the following list:

1. "Do you drive this car?"  
This question is usually rendered with sexual overtones by a male who looks to be more than twice my age. Auto show models get paid damn good money, yes.

(I actually drove a Jaguar X-Type back then.) But c'mon. If I could afford to drive a Jaguar XJR — the \$95,000 one on the turntable — do you really think I'd be standing here talking to you?

2. "Can I have a car brochure (and then snatch 10 of them)?"

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but they aren't worth anything. They are made of recycled paper. Not platinum.

3. "Hey, little lady, who can I talk to about this engine?"

To which I would reply with a smile through clenched teeth: "Well, for starters, it's a 4.2-liter supercharged V8 that produces 420 bhp (brake horsepower) at 6,250 rpm and 413 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm. So it is capable of propelling the coupe version of this vehicle to 60 mph in 4.9 seconds with a top speed of 155 mph. Any more questions, sir?"

4. "I don't like any of these colors. In fact, I don't like anything on display here! C'mon honey, let's go over to Mercedes!"

This statement is usually uttered with more than a hint of animosity by a female who, for some strange reason, feels threatened by our presence and is somehow under the delusion that her words hurt our feelings when, in fact, we couldn't care less.

5. "Your feet must be so tired in those heels! I bet you need a pair of slippers."

Not as bad as you need a breath mint.

6. "How 'bout I come back after you get off so I can show you a night on the town?"

How 'bout I call security?

7. "Can you make this turntable go faster?"

I sure can. There's a speed on this sucker called Fly Me to the Moon. Wanna come up here and try it out? But let's make a deal first: You puke, you're cleaning it up All. By. Yourself.

And I've saved the best, I mean worst, for last. Consider this one a bonus ...

8. "Do you come with the car?"

Wow! How creative. I've never heard that line before. Really, pal? Really???

Is that the best you can come up with?

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Courtney Conover

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Time/date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.  
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**Contact:** Jean Coleman, 734-422-8855.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24.  
**Location:** Dearborn Heights Moose Lodge #1795, 27225 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights.  
**Details:** Garden City High School Project Graduation 2015 is holding a Euchre Tournament. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per pair or couple. Cash prizes for the top three highest point totals. There also will be raffles, 50/50, pizza, pop and a cash bar. Must be age 21 or older to play. Proceeds to benefit the GCHS Class of 2015 All-Night Party.  
**Contact:** Preregister by emailing [pg2015Euchre@gmail.com](mailto:pg2015Euchre@gmail.com)

by 8 p.m. Jan. 23 or call Alan and Laura Bennett at 734-266-0232.

**OPEN HOUSES**

**Time/date:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School, invites all interested families to their Open House. Student-led tours and meetings with staff are available to allow visitors to see the school facilities and answer questions about curriculum or other interests.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 226; [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

**Time/date:** noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

**Location:** St. Raphael Catholic School, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City.

**Details:** Get tours of St. Raphael School, enrollment information, meet teachers, staff and parents. St. Raphael offers a Catholic environment, PreK 3- and PreK 4-year-old programs — half time or full time programs available — kindergarten through eighth-grade, balanced curriculum with fine arts and athletics, on-campus latchkey and family involvement.  
**Contact:** Call 734-425-9771 or email [kfoyi@thomastheapostle.org](mailto:kfoyi@thomastheapostle.org) to RSVP and your child will receive a special gift at the open house.

**Time/date:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

**Location:** 34516 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne.

**Details:** St. Mary Catholic School is hosting an open house for anyone interested in grades Preschool 3, Preschool 4 and kindergarten through eighth-grade. Families will have an opportunity to meet teachers and administration, as well as view classrooms and work done by students. The Learning Specialist will be available to discuss extra help that is available. Registration and tuition information for the 2015-2016 school year will be available, and families can inquire about Tuition Assistance Programs.  
**Contact:** [stmaryschoolwayne.org](mailto:stmaryschoolwayne.org), 734-721-1240; [schooloffice@stmarywayne.org](mailto:schooloffice@stmarywayne.org).

**Time/date:** 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

**Details:** St. Michael Lutheran School (Preschool-8th-grade) is hosting an open house for current and prospective students. Take a guided tour of the school, meet with teachers and learn more about how a Christian education can help your child build a successful future. St. Michael is a fully accredited parochial that offers morning and afternoon licensed latchkey and bus service for residents in Wayne-Westland School District.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact the school at 734-728-3315 or visit [www.stmichaellutheran.org](http://www.stmichaellutheran.org).

**MONAGHAN BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/date:** 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

**Location:** Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Far-

mington Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Gourmet desserts, opportunity to win four Red Wings tickets to the Feb. 14 game against the Winnipeg Jets, \$50 gas card. Call for an appointment at 313-670-8861 or go to [www.miblood.org](http://www.miblood.org) or a sign-up sheet is located in the K of C lobby.

**TRIVIA CHALLENGE**

**Time/date:** 2 p.m. registration; 3 p.m. start, Saturday, Jan. 31.

**Location:** George Murphy's, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia.

**Details:** Fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the Detroit International Feis, a nonprofit Irish cultural organization. Team cash prizes and raffle. No team player number limit. Register via SignUpGenius or mail. Per person: \$21.50 on-line/\$20 mail-in. Info at [FeisDetroit.com](http://FeisDetroit.com). Minimum 18 years old to play.  
**Contact:** Mary Kristock, 22641 Moorgate, Novi 48374; [cristock@aol.com](mailto:cristock@aol.com)

**ST. GENEVIEVE OPEN HOUSE**

**Time/date:** noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 and March 29.

**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison St., Livonia

**Details:** St. Genevieve offers preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, and elementary school for grades K-8. Meet the teachers, tour the school, see the students work and learn about the countries they are studying. The theme is Travel Around the World.  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420; [www.stgenevieve.org/school](http://www.stgenevieve.org/school).

**TOYS AND TRAINS**

**Time/date:** noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 1.

**Location:** Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

**Details:** The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toys and trains show at the church hall. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available, and parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains. Tables are available at \$10 per table. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.  
**Contact:** To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327.

**GRIEF RECOVERY**

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 to March 22.

**Location:** St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

**Details:** If you have lost a spouse and are struggling with grief, this series will help you understand the phases of grief. This program deals with topics like loneliness, anger, depression and related feelings. Come meet others who are experiencing similar struggles. Offered by *Widowed Friends*, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit and is free of charge.  
**Contact:** Priscilla at 734-591-7879.

**ST. DAMIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION**

**Time/date:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

**Location:** St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road, Westland.

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School Annual Auction presents

"Super Heros and Villains." Doors open at 6 p.m. Live auction begins at 8:45 p.m. Costume contest; \$100 prize. Tickets are \$30 each and include buffet dinner.

**Contact:** [www.stdamianschool.com](http://www.stdamianschool.com); 734-427-1680.

**ST. MARY MERCY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Time/date:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

**Location:** St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

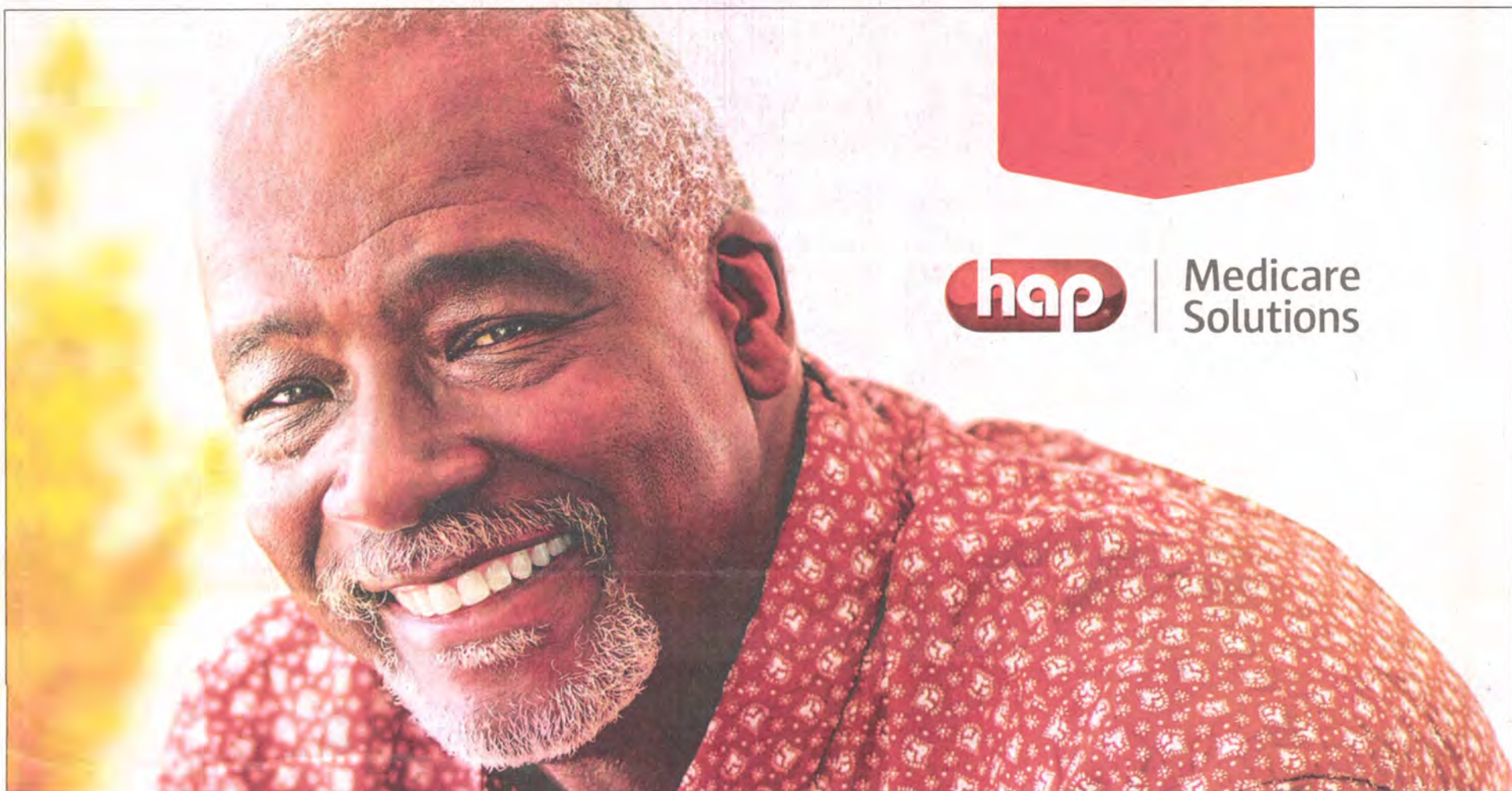
**Details:** In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium of the hospital. The public is invited to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are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

**LIVONIA SYMPHONY MARDI GRAS EVENT**

**Time/date:** 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

**Details:** The evening will feature dinner and the jazz sounds of the Livonia Symphony Jazz Quintet under the direction of Assistant Conductor Carl Karoub. Enjoy the festivities of a traditional New Orleans-style Mardi Gras. Tickets are limited. Cost is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Tickets may be obtained on-line at [www.livoniasymphony.org](http://www.livoniasymphony.org) or by mail to Livonia Symphony Mardi Gras, 37637 Five Mile Road, PMB #398, Livonia MI 48154.



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IN MEMORIAM

## Stevenson coaching great Reardon dies

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A kind-hearted disciplinarian, Jack Reardon earned the respect of his Livonia Stevenson football players the old-fashioned way.

"The worst thing a player could do in Jack's eyes wasn't dropping a pass or jumping offside, but rather breaking an academic rule," said Reardon's longtime friend Tim Gabel, who succeeded him as head coach of the Spartans. "He didn't waver when it came to academics, and his players knew that. You'd better not miss a class or fail a test if you played for Jack."

"In a sense, he came from a different era in that he felt the purpose of sports was educational, not for recruiting or getting on TV."

Reardon, who was Stevenson's first football coach and



Jack Reardon is pictured delivering instructions to his quarterback during a 1969 game at Livonia Stevenson.

guided the Spartans to a 168-97-1 record over 30 years before stepping down in 1995, passed away this past weekend in Ohio.

A native of Cleveland and a graduate of Detroit Southwestern High School, Reardon was a giant in the coaching profession

— and not just because of his 6-foot-5 stature. He led the Spartans to 13 division or league titles, two playoff berths and a pair of undefeated seasons.

Reardon was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 1985.

A master strategist on the gridiron, Reardon's stellar reputation was carved out more so by the way he treated people than his coaching prowess.

"Jack was one of the most principled men I've ever met," said Pete Mazzoni, a current Stevenson assistant principal who was Stevenson's starting quarterback in 1986. "He wasn't a yeller or a screamer. When he talked to you as a player, it was always a teachable moment."

"Jack was always stone-faced. You never knew if he was

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## Hayward lifts Blazers

Sophomore Katie Hayward notched a hat trick to raise her Michigan Metro Girls High School League total to 19 and junior goalie Michaela Warner made 35 saves as the Blazers subdued Bloomfield Hills, 4-2, Saturday at Berkley Ice Arena.

Ladywood, which improved to 7-3 overall and 7-3 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro, also got a goal from Cecilia Werner and two assists from Jackie Kristofik.

Sidney Pilut also chipped in with an assist as Ladywood broke a 2-2 deadlock with a pair of goals in the final period.

The loss dropped Bloomfield Hills to 5-5.

On Saturday, Ladywood won on a forfeit against Division 2 Michigan Metro foe Port Huron (0-8, 0-8) in a game scheduled at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

## MU women roll

The 24th-ranked Madonna University women's basketball team led for all but 28 seconds Saturday en route to a convincing 79-60 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over host Lourdes University at the Tam-O-Shanter Center in Sylvania, Ohio.

The Crusaders, who improved to 12-6 overall and 11-1 in the WHAC (one game behind Davenport), got 17 points apiece from senior forward Rachel Melcher and junior guard Michele Hayes.

Sophomore guard Justice Dean (Garden City), who nailed three triples, finished with nine points as did junior center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill).

Hayes also had seven assists, while freshman Lindsey Hernden grabbed a team-best six rebounds.

Madonna led 39-22 at the half and by as many as 22 in the second half (77-55) while holding the Gray Wolves to 37 percent shooting from the floor.

MU shot a blistering 55.8 percent from the field (29-of-52) and 16-of-27 from the foul line (59.2 percent).

## Crusader men fall

Missed free throws (12-of-24) were the culprit as Madonna University (7-13, 3-9) dropped its third straight WHAC men's basketball encounter Saturday against host Lourdes University (11-9, 7-5), 58-53, at the Tam-O-Shanter Center in Sylvania, Ohio.

Zach Steinmetz paced the victorious Gray Wolves with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while E.J. Blackwell and Jake DuPree chipped in with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Julian Johnson added 10 points off the bench.

MU, which couldn't hold a 24-20 halftime lead, got 10 points apiece from sophomore Khalil Malone and senior Shaun Duncan. The two guards also combined for 12 rebounds with six apiece.

The Crusaders shot only 36.5 percent from the floor (19-of-52) and were out-rebounded 40-31.

PREP HOCKEY

## Spartans rally to upend TC West

Leonard the catalyst in Stevenson's 5-2 triumph

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Playing in northern Michigan skiing country, Livonia Stevenson's hockey team made a 2-0 first-period deficit against host Traverse City West look like nothing more than a bunny hill Saturday afternoon.

Sparked by Zach Finzel's second-period net-finder, the Spartans rallied to seize a 5-2 victory over the Titans. The win in the Traverse City North-South Showcase improved Stevenson's record to 8-4-2.

The Titans roared to a 2-0 advantage after 17 minutes thanks to goals from Nick Featherstone (11:26) and Erik Anton (7:37).

But it was all Stevenson after that as Finzel cut his team's deficit in half (2-1) in the second period off assists from Josh Denomie and Sam Judd before Vince Glenn deadlocked the contest at 2-2 thanks to a helper from Stephen Olschanski.

Shane Leonard scored the go-ahead goal (from Joe Alcantara and Glenn) four minutes into the final stanza. Leonard then added an insurance marker eight minutes later on assists from Andrew Novak and Justin Alton).

Adam Olson lit the lamp with an empty-netter with 34 seconds left.

Andrew Rozenbaum was sharp between the pipes for the winners as he stopped 18 Titan shots. Tyler Buchanan turned away 31 Spartan shots for West.

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GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL



Westland John Glenn's Sierra Moseley applies tight defense against Livonia Franklin's Jacqueline Daily Tuesday night.

## PRESSURE COOKER

John Glenn repels late Franklin comeback to win 60-52

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A nerves-of-steel shooting display by Westland John Glenn's girls basketball team Tuesday night helped derail a fast and furious comeback by host Livonia Franklin and ultimately propel the Rockets to a 60-52 victory.

After junior forward Kimah Stribling knocked down back-to-back three-point shots to

open the third quarter, the Rockets owned a commanding 46-27 lead.

However, the resilient Patriots — who were dogged throughout the night by 30-plus turnovers — scrapped and clawed their way back to within 56-52 on Erin McNally's pair of free throws with 1:05 left in the game.

John Glenn sealed the win by making all four

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GIRLS PREP BOWLING

## Wayne Memorial bowlers roll straight down victory lane

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's girls bowling team had a super day at Super Bowl Monday afternoon as the Zebras nudged host Canton, 16-14, in a down-to-the-wire KLA South Division match-up.

Powered by junior Christina O'Harris's two-game series of 352, the Zebras solidified their second-place standing in the division. With just one loss, coach Jackie Martin's squad trails only unbeaten Westland John Glenn.

The Zebras rallied from a pair of Baker games setbacks to the Chiefs, 139-138 and 187-166.

In the opening traditional scoring contest, Wayne was triumphant, 769-702. The Zebras then finished strong by out-



Members of Wayne Memorial's girls varsity bowling team are pictured prior to Monday afternoon's narrow victory over host Canton at Super Bowl.

striking the Chiefs, 785-731.

O'Harris, the Zebras' leading bowler all season, opened with a 151 game before finding her

groove with a 201 in game two. Wayne's Gabby Chadron was incredibly consistent in both of the final games as she regis-

tered scores of 169 and 168.

Kayla Thompson (161 and 137) and Shaelyn Wojewski (146 and 145) also contributed to both victories. Bowling one game each were Hayley Gilbert (142) and Rachel Leflore (134).

### RU girls win

On Jan. 7, Redford Union's varsity girls bowling team defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 26.5-3.5 in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match held at Mayflower Lanes.

The Panthers swept the two Baker Games, 95-73 and 106-88.

In the two traditional five-on-five format games, RU prevailed, 610-557 and 576 to 533.

RU's Carly Wasielewski led the way with a 131 game.

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# Spartans, Patriots pin down mat titles

Stevenson takes N.D. Prep crown; Patriots take gold at Tecumseh

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Saturday was a banner day for a pair of Livonia high school wrestling programs.

Fueled by strong efforts from senior captains Connor Vaughan, Brad Scott and Derek Gilsbach, Livonia Stevenson went 5-0 to capture the title at a team tournament hosted by Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Livonia Franklin also posted its finest performance of the season as it registered a 5-0 mark at a team tournament hosted by state-ranked Tecumseh. The primary catalysts for the Patriots were Josh Retting (5-0, including a pivotal pin against the Indians), Nate Atienza (4-0) and Collin Smith, who went 3-0.

The Spartans put the hammer down against all five of their foes on Saturday as they knocked off Clawson (60-18), Clarkston "B" (53-24), Dearborn (54-30), University of Detroit Jesuit (66-18) and Notre Dame Prep (68-9).

The five victories ramped up Stevenson's record to 19-10.

"The guys put in a very good effort and were aggressive on their feet all day long," said Stevenson head coach Dan Vaughan. Vaughan, Scott and

Gilsbach were dominant, notching pins in 13 of their 15 combined matches.

Also going unbeaten for the Spartans were Tariq Alcodray (130 pounds), Will Eckerle (135) and Devlen Kuschel (285).

Other standouts for Stevenson included John Gusmano (103) and Taylor Droste (119), both of whom went 4-1.

## Patriots' day

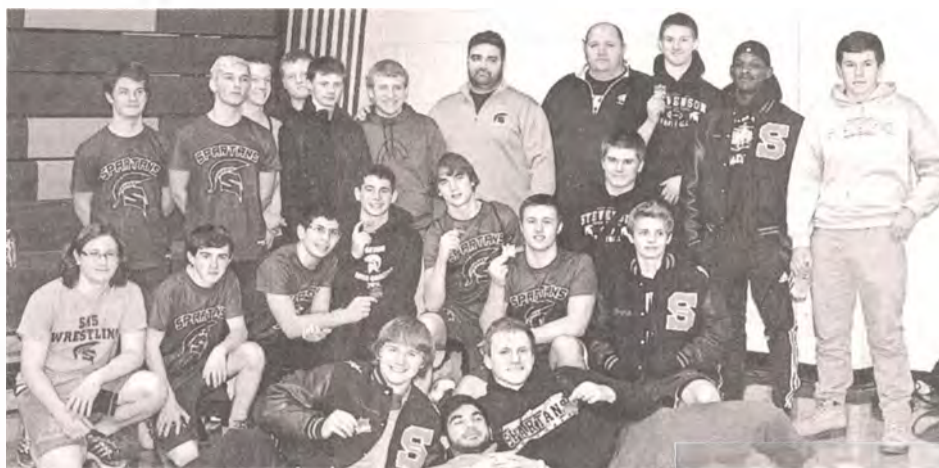
Franklin improved its overall record to 9-4 against a strong field at Tecumseh. The Patriots upended Pinckney, 43-35; the host Indians, 34-31; Parma Western, 40-33; Ypsilanti Lincoln, 48-19; and Rockford, 45-27.

In addition to its three unbeaten grapplers, Franklin was bolstered by strong showings from Mitchell Retting, Johnny DiPonio, Jeremy Nelson and Nick Robertson, all of whom racked up 4-1 marks.

"We are definitely heading in the right direction," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "We have different kids stepping up each meet and the younger guys are starting to improve."

## Trojans go 2-3

Livonia Clarenceville finished with a 2-3 record in the Wayne Memorial team dual-meet wrestling



Members of the Livonia Stevenson wrestling team were all smiles following their 5-0 day at Saturday's team tournament hosted by Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

tournament Saturday.

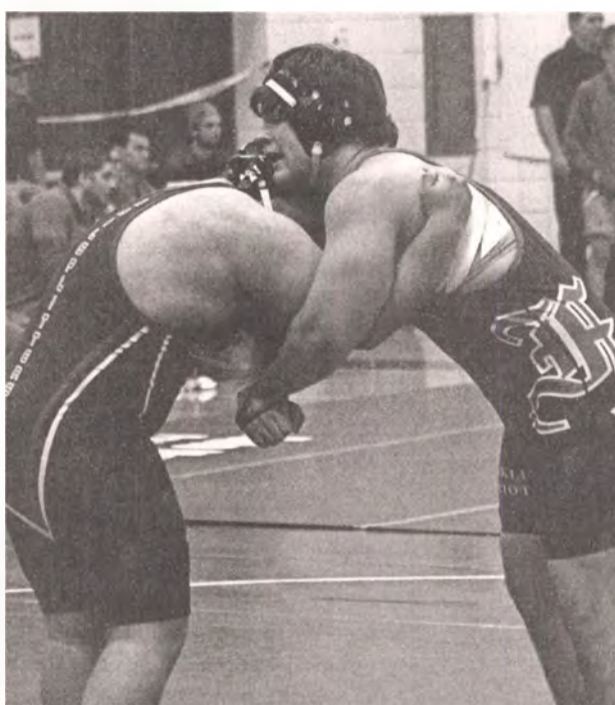
The Trojans had victories over Romulus Summit Academy (39-21) and Walled Lake Western (45-24), and their losses were to Melvindale (69-9), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (76-6) and Wayne (55-19).

Clarenceville's Cameron Fyffe (189) won four of five bouts and wrestled a very tough match against an Annapolis opponent in his only loss.

James Ascott (215) went 2-0 until being sidelined for the duration of the tournament with a nagging injury he has been battling, according to coach Nick Elam.

Domanick Slagle (160) also was on track to have a good day, going 2-1 in his first three matches before he suffered an injury, too.

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Livonia Franklin's Joe Fortin (right), pictured during a match earlier this season, and his teammates went 5-0 Saturday at a team tournament hosted by Tecumseh High School.

# Shamrock sophs take GC Novice crown

CC's young grapplers dominate 25-team field

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling program's future appears as bright as its present following its contingent of sophomores performance at the Garden City Novice Tournament held Jan. 10 in the Cougars' gymnasium.

The 10th-grade Shamrocks piled up 270.50 points to easily out-distance runner-up Southgate Anderson, which finished with 153 points. CC's freshman team placed third (127.5), followed by Dearborn Fordson (107) and Monroe Jefferson (86).

Area finishers included Livonia Franklin (tied for 11th place with 47 points), Livonia Clarenceville (tied for 17th with 36), Livonia Churchill sophomores (21st with 26 points), and Garden City sophomores, who placed 22nd with 25 points.

**2015 GARDEN CITY NOVICE TOURNEY Jan. 10 at Garden City H.S. FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central sophomores, 270.50; 2. Southgate Anderson, 153; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central freshmen, 127.5; 4. Dearborn Fordson, 107; 5. Monroe Jefferson sophomores, 86; 6. Lincoln Park sophomores, 81; 7. Monroe Jefferson, 65; 8. Dearborn Fordson sophomores, 57; 9. Fenton sophomores, 54; 10. Canton sophomores, 49; 11. (tie) Lincoln Park, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth, 47; 14. Milford sophomores, 46; 15. Farmington sophomores, 39; 16. Farmington, 38; 17. (tie) Clarenceville and N. Farmington sophomores, 36; 19. Fenton, 32; 20. Canton, 29; 21. Livonia Churchill sophomores, 26; 22. Garden City sophomores, 25; 23. Salem, 24; 24. Plymouth sophomores, 23; 25. Salem sophomores, 22.

**103 pounds:** 1. Devon Johnson (CC), won by major dec. over Daniel Rehfeldt (CC), 12-1; 3. Mojtabid Ahmed (DF) pinned Brandon Richmond (LP), 24 seconds; 5. Aidan Kilcline (FRM), pinned Tariq Knox (NF) in 2:26.

**112:** 1. Chase Moscovich (CC) dec. Akash Raj (S), 6-2; 3. Robert Ujkaj (CC) won by injury def. over Jack Chevalier (CC); 5. Robbie Laird (C) pinned Cole Dennis (LP) in 1:56.

**119:** 1. Dylan Hoagland (SA) pinned Solomon Johnson (F) in 53 seconds; 3. Nick McGrath (CC) won by major dec. over Jimmy Hayner (CC), 15-6; 5. Jake Justice (F) won by default over Tommy Dye (CC).

**125:** 1. Kale Kazayk (CC) pinned Stone Schmitt (SA) in 4:33; 3. Jacob Oslin (M) pinned Calvin Vos (P) in 4:52; 5. Luke Highley (F) pinned Emilio Sanchez (DF) in 2:29.

**130:** 1. Dillon DeLong (CC) pinned Tyler Knop (S) in 3:53; 3. Michael Conniff (CC) pinned Dave Gausden (GC) in 3:56; 5. Hamzeh Mrech (DF) pinned Zack Dehne in 2:19.

**135:** 1. Jeremy Van Berkel (C) pinned Brody Burke (CC) in 5:51; 3. Robert Walston (CC) pinned Artis Jackson (P) in 4:15; 5. Josh Chapman (LP) dec. Dante Marzolo (LC), 8-3.

**140:** 1. Charles Dunn (LP) won by injury default over Jon Contreras (LP); 3. Abdelbadi Shuaib (C) pinned Ali Makkli (DF) in 3:38; 5. Darwin Filey (P) pinned Ben Wisely in 40 seconds.

**145:** 1. Seth Swihart (CC) dec. Marc Scabassi (M), 3-2; 3. Zack Richards (LC) pinned Jaythan Wright (FNT) in 1:38; 5. Jack Yardley (LF) dec. Chase Lydsey (B), 6-5.

**152:** 1. Patrick Cook (LP) pinned Bailey Rhodes (LP) in 58 seconds; 3. Colin Gonia (MJ) pinned Stanley May (HW) in 4:57; 5. Shawn Trigg (SA) dec. Mo Zhawi (DF), 2-1.

**160:** 1. Marc Rodriguez (SA) dec. Ian Bagley (CC), 10-7; 3. Connor Gibaratz (CC) dec. Nick Rood (CC), 12-7; 5. Nick Klugos (LC) pinned Robert West (DC) in 1:33.

**171:** 1. Malek Mansour (DF) dec. Philip Calhoun (CC), 9-6; 3. Brenden Adams (M) pinned Romeo Jackson (SA) in 2:11; 5. Emanuel Willie (LF) pinned Tyler Wilson (NF) in 3:32.

**189:** 1. Thomas Eads (MJ) pinned David Foster (FNT) in 1:44; 3. Gage Lance (SA) dec. Alex Piscopo (NF), 7-6; 5. Andrew Moore (FNT) pinned Jordan Cuykendall (MJ) in 4:16.

**215:** 1. Nolan Willard (MJ) pinned Cam Ryan (CC) in 1:32; 3. Khalil Makkli (DF) pinned Hunter Templin (LC) in 2:39; 5. Anthony Moore (P) pinned Jason Wade (NF) in 1:21.

**285:** 1. Elijah Morgan (MJ) pinned Richard Ross (SA) in 2:53; 3. Tyler Hattley (MJ) dec. Andrew Goodman (FNT), 13-7; 5. Devin Vlsnaw (LF) pinned Zeyad Farhat (DF) in 1:21.

# Sinking in: Whalers fans cope with team's sale

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For quite some time, Plymouth Whalers season ticket holders Scott and Denise Merryfield knew the 2014-15 season would be it for their favorite hockey team.

Still, when the hammer finally came down last Wednesday — with the announcement by owner Peter Karmanos Jr. that he was selling the OHL franchise to a Flint group — the Plymouth residents reacted with sadness and even a bit of anger.

Of course, the Merryfields and other devoted Whalers fans weren't so mad that they stayed away from Compuware Arena for Monday afternoon's game against Saginaw.

"I didn't bring my cow bell to ring today," Denise Merryfield said between periods of the Whalers-Saginaw contest



Scott and Denise Merryfield of Plymouth, shown during Monday's Whalers game at Compuware Arena, are very disappointed that the OHL team is moving to Flint. They have been dedicated season ticket holders for a decade.

Monday afternoon. "I'm so mad about this. I always brought it to the games, but not anymore."

For 10 years, the Merryfields have been season ticket holders, much

of that time watching from center ice seats in Section 113, a few rows in front of the press box.

They have loved watching future NHL stars such as James Neal, Tyler Seguin, Tom

Wilson and others skate for Plymouth. Current players with a chance at the big time, such as goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, also make games fun to watch even during this lame-duck season.

But they haven't been thrilled about what has transpired the past couple of years, especially with the ongoing "Are the Whalers moving?" saga.

"It's been disappointing," Scott Merryfield said. "The team on the ice hasn't been that good and it looked like the ownership hasn't really cared a whole lot about how good they were going to be this year because they wanted to get rid of the team."

"It's been tough, this year and last year."

## They'll miss it

Merryfield added that he and his wife remembered coming to games early during their stint as season ticket holders when tickets were hard to come by.

"They've been very good on the ice over the years," he said. "Drawing (crowds), they used to be very good. About eight or nine years ago, this place would be packed."

Denise Merryfield said she'll miss going to Compuware for a "great night out" surrounded by hockey-loving friends.

"I think they're all disappointed, too," she said about those friends in Section 113. "We don't know what we're going to do now. We kind of feel betrayed, we really do."

The Merryfields said they might sample the new USA Hockey development teams next season at Compuware.

"We're going to come and check it out, definitely," Scott Merryfield said. "We live five minutes from the arena, so we're going to definitely

be checking it out and seeing what the quality of play is."

But they won't be traveling to Perani Arena to watch next year's as-of-now unnamed Flint team, which will include current Whalers players. The sale of the Whalers to IMS USA Inc. is pending OHL approval in February.

## 'Heartbroken'

Brighton resident Dave March will at least make the trek to Flint next winter, but he is just as saddened about the Whalers leaving town. He is not a season ticket holder, but he has attended anywhere from 10-30 games a year for the past decade or so.

"I'm heartbroken. This is a great family atmosphere at these games," said March, who graduated from Canton High School in the 1970s. "It's been so much fun. I really enjoy the Red Wings, too."

"But this is closer for my family and the hockey's just as good, in my opinion."

Patrick McLaughlin of Bloomfield Township attended Monday's game with 6-year-old nephew Connor McLaughlin. It was Connor's first Whalers game.

"It's sad to me because it's close, it's good hockey," McLaughlin said. "Flint's not too far, but it will be a change. It will be sad to see them leave here to go up there, but I think we'll follow them still."

For what it's worth, Connor nodded and smiled when asked if he liked watching the Plymouth-Saginaw game.

"It's very fan-friendly," McLaughlin said. "And for somebody who is just getting his feet wet into this game, this is perfect."

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## INVITATION TO BID ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan is accepting Asbestos Abatement Contractor firm bids for all labor, material, equipment and all other services necessary to complete asbestos abatement at the following schools:

### Riley Upper Elementary Emerson Middle School

Bid forms and specifications can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Website, [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section title DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids; or at Buy4Michigan Website [www.buy4michigan.com](http://www.buy4michigan.com). A MANDATORY pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM starting at Emerson Middle School, 29100 West Chicago, Livonia, MI 48150, meet in the main lobby. The walkthrough will move to Riley after the Emerson walkthrough is complete. Attendance at both walkthroughs is required.

Sealed bids marked Riley/Emerson Asbestos Abatement will be received until 12:00 P.M. on the 5th day of February 2015 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Sealed bids should be addressed to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance. The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 P.M. on the 5th day of February 2015 at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$22,767.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms finished with specification. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner of any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Superintendent or the Livonia Public Schools. All bidders must disclose any relationship with an Iranian company in compliance with Act No. 517 and attach this information to the bid. The bid will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any relationship with an Iranian company that exists between the Owner and any Employee of the bidder. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement included in the bid packet. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

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

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Leo Wall at ETC Group at 734-955-6600 or to James McMuldorch, District Engineer at 734-744-2500, extension 42158.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
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**  
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 Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Parkway at Novi, 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 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 24  
Salem Invitational, TBA  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
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**  
Friday, Jan. 23  
Churchill at Stevenson, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 24  
Franklin at Troy, TBA  
**PREP GYMNASICS**  
**PREP BOWLING**  
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.



# Lions roar to Wayne Invitational swimming title

## Host Zebras earn third place; Churchill swimmers fourth

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A pride of Lions stroked South Lyon to a first-place showing at this past weekend's Wayne Swimming and Diving Invitational at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Lions were ferocious as they compiled 393 points to comfortably upend runner-up Dearborn Edsel Ford (255.5 points) and third-place Wayne,

which earned 229.5 points.

Rounding out the seven-team field were Livonia Churchill (171), Westland John Glenn (139), Garden City (60) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (51).

Among the host Zebras' top performers were Noah Karson, who placed second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.22 seconds and third in the 100 free (51.41); their 200 freestyle relay team of Devin Gibson, Arthur Aigeltinger, Jacob Griffith and Michael Gibson, which took second in 1:38.73; and their 400 freestyle relay quartet of Michael Gibson, Tye Moore, Aigeltinger and Karson, who placed third in

3:44.88.

Churchill's Kevin Taylor enjoyed a productive day, taking third in the 200 freestyle (1:55.89) and second in the 500 free (5:14.29). Charger Kyle Reppenhagen also excelled, earning second-place points in the 200 individual medley (2:19.46) and fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.74).

Churchill's Ethan Burke won the diving competition after compiling 436.70 points.

John Glenn's Jacob Deering placed third in the 200 IM (2:23.77) while teammate Cory Ruten was fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:03.98).

**WAYNE INVITATIONAL**  
Jan. 16-17 at Wayne Memorial H.S.

**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. South Lyon, 393 points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 255.5; 3. Wayne Memorial, 229.5; 4. Livonia Churchill, 171; 5. Westland John Glenn, 139; 6. Garden City, 60; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 51.  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Edsel Ford (Jon Scott, Hunter Jackman, Luke Garza, Noah Kubitz), 1:48.30; 2. South Lyon, 1:48.35; 3. Wayne, 1:50.13; 4. John Glenn, 1:59.81; 5. Churchill, 2:03.68; 6. Garden City, 2:05.76.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Nolan Colter (EF), 1:53.79; 2. Oliver Joy (SL), 1:55.83; 3. Kevin Taylor (LC), 1:55.89; 4. Zach Denny (SL), 2:00.60; 5. Michael Gibson (WM), 2:05.08; 6. Jason Burckick (JG), 2:07.13.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Max Kempisty (SL), 2:12.42; 2. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 2:19.46; 3. Jacob Deering (JG), 2:23.77; 4. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 2:27.04; 5. Matt Setsuda (SL), 2:28.82; 6. Jake Helton (SL), 2:30.35.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Noah Kubitz (EF), 22.46; 2. (tie) Nick Van Dyke (SL) and Noah Karson (WM), 23.22; 4. John Perry (SL), 24.52; 5. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.71; 6. Brandon Bell (SL), 24.84.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 436.70 points; 2. Ethan Schmidt (SL), 406.65; 3. Matt Meadows (SL), 380.5; 4. Kameron Brown (EF), 370.40; 5. Patrick Holton (LC), 273.7; 6. Justin Wozniak (JG), 250.30; 7. Kyle Swindlehurst (WM), 277.55; 8. Andrew Saltzman (LC), 209.10.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Max Kempisty (SL), 59.31; 2. Connor Pogue (SL), 59.80; 3. Luke Garza (EF), 1:00.17; 4. Cory Ruten (JG), 1:03.98; 5. Michael Rogula (EF), 1:05.03; 6. Michael Gibson (WM), 1:06.30.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Noah Kubitz (EF), 49.31; 2. Nick VanDyke (SL), 50.22; 3. Noah Karson (WM), 51.41; 4. Oliver Joy (SL), 52.57; 5. John Perry (SL), 53.82; 6. Jon Scott (EF), 54.21.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Nolan Colter (EF), 5:09.09; 2. Kevin Taylor (LC), 5:14.29; 3. Zach Denny (SL), 5:20.41; 4. Jacob Deering (JG), 5:39.51; 5. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 5:46.02; 6. Jason Burckick (JG), 5:59.11.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Nick VanDyke, John Perry, Brandon Bell, Oliver Joy), 1:35.54; 2. Wayne, 1:38.73; 3. Edsel Ford, 1:43.51; 4. Churchill, 1:45.40; 5. Garden City, 1:48.47.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Connor Pogue (SL), 1:00.36; 2. Logan Boals (SL), 1:01.62; 3. Luke Garza (EF), 1:02.08; 4. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 1:02.47; 5. Jon Scott (EF), 1:03.40; 6. Cory Ruten (JG), 1:06.22.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Hunter Jackman (EF), 1:05.87; 2. Michael Rogula (EF), 1:09.21; 3. Brandon Bell (SL), 1:10.67; 4. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 1:10.74; 5. Matt Setsuda (SL), 1:13.33; 6. Tyler Opdycke (LC), 1:13.62.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Max Kempisty, Connor Pogue, Oliver Joy, Nick VanDyke), 3:26.22; 2. Edsel Ford, 3:31.31; 3. Wayne, 3:44.88; 4. Churchill, 3:56.96.

# Blast off! Rockets take off against Pats

## Robichaud holds off gutsy Garden City comeback

Livonia Franklin's boys basketball team hung around with high-flying Westland John Glenn for a while Tuesday night before eventually succumbing to the host Rockets, 83-56, in a KLAA South Division showdown.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 0-10 and 0-4 at the half-way point of the season.

Significantly outsized, Franklin trailed just 19-15 after the opening eight minutes before the Rockets turned on the after-burners and raced to leads of 41-28 at the half and 66-41 with eight minutes to play.

"No one will know about the first half and what could have been," said Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault. "We played our best half of the season, except [missed] free throws cost us. First half 10/20 from the line down 28-41.

"The size of [John Glenn's Mike] Edwards was the story of the game. His big body in full-court pressure on the in-bounder was very difficult for us, and he also ran the court very well."

Charles Keith turned in an exemplary effort for Franklin as he registered 16 points and nine rebounds. Jackie Hughes also played well for the visitors, notching 12 points and four steals.

Sophomore point guard Johnny Cantrell recorded a team-high six assists.

Franklin made just 12 of 27 free throws.

## GC drops close decision

Host Dearborn Heights Robichaud held off a valiant fourth-quarter Garden City rally to edge the Cougars, 57-52, in a WWAC Red Division encounter.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 2-7 while the Bulldogs improved to 3-4.

Senior forward Travis Trigg's torrid mid-season scoring surge continued with a 24-point night that included 10 in the final quarter.

Robbie Moyers tallied eight points and seven assists for GC, while Travis Kidd scored seven points.

Jalen Anderson knocked down a pair of fourth-quarter triples for the Cougars.

"Our guys played hard, but Robichaud was just too tall for us," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "They must have had 20 to 25 offensive rebounds.

"Travis [Trigg] is on a really nice roll for us. He started out on the baseline against their 1-3-1 zone, and then we moved him to the middle and he made some nice strong moves in the middle. He made five of eight free throws, too."

Decari Gibson and Jaius Grissom both scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Robichaud led 9-5 after one quarter, 27-21 at the half and 39-27 with eight minutes to play.

The Cougars exploded for 25 fourth-quarter points.

"We started putting some pressure on them and we got some easy baskets off turnovers," Pummill said.

## Hawks clipped

Lutheran Northwest improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference after registering a 55-42 victory Tuesday night over visiting Huron Valley Lutheran.

The loss dropped the Hawks to 3-6 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

Austin Bell netted a team-



John Glenn's Mike Edwards releases a jump shot during a game earlier this season.

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high 14 points for HVL. Nick Doletzky added nine points.

## Thurston wins in OT

Redford Thurston scored 12 points in four overtime minutes Tuesday night to earn a 72-65 victory over visiting Monroe.

The Eagles held a six-point lead late in the contest before the Trojans stormed back with a pair of last-minute threes to send the game to the extra session.

"Our guys had their heads down a little bit when they walked off the court before overtime, but they did a great job of regrouping, digging in and scoring 12 points in the overtime," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "Monroe has a very good team. They've been beaten by some good teams this year. This was a nice win for us."

The win improved the Eagles' record to 9-1 while the Trojans slipped to 4-4.

Junior point guard Brandon Marshall paced the winners with 20 points. Marquie'l Thomas chipped in 18 points

while Rickey Hudgens added 16 points and four thefts.

Deaunte Jackson (13 points and eight rebounds) and Isiah Crofford (12 rebounds and three blocked shots) excelled in the paint for the Eagles.

Mitchell Timko led Monroe with 17 points.

The game was tied at 32-all at the half before Thurston seized a 48-45 advantage after three periods.

## Warriors upended

Lutheran Westland raced to a 24-11 lead after one quarter Tuesday night, but couldn't sustain the momentum in a 79-72 loss at Taylor Baptist Park.

The result left both teams with 3-4 overall marks and 2-1 records in the MIAC Red Division.

"This was a tough loss for us tonight," noted Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoeft. "The game went back and forth all night. We were unable to close out on their shooters throughout most of the game. Both teams had guys that were on fire."

The Warriors held a four-point lead with approximately two minutes to play, but couldn't hold on.

The hottest player for LW was Brent Croft, who netted 32 points after nailing five of eight three-point shots. Other key contributors for the Warriors were Zach Burk (18 points, three steals), Luke Smith (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Kory Barikmo, who dished out five assists.

Anthony Kaminski fueled the winners with 28 points. Caleb Culp added 17.

## Chargers beat RU

Esa Abduljami scored 20 points Tuesday night to lead Dearborn Heights Crestwood to a 69-47 victory over visiting Redford Union.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 3-7 overall.

RU trailed just 28-26 at the half before the Chargers bolted to a big lead thanks to a 14-1 run.

Jerrime Koger led RU with 13 points.

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of its free throw attempts — two each by Janae Shorter and Nadia Reed — in the final 45 seconds.

Stribling and Sierra Moseley both swished clutch mid-range jumpers with less than two minutes left after the Patriots had cut their deficit to four on back-to-back trips down the floor.

The victory improved John Glenn's record to 5-5 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA South Division. Franklin slipped to 2-8 and 1-3, respectively.

John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan credited the Patriots' work ethic for their late-game rally, but at the same time he said his team didn't handle the situation well.

"We just didn't play smart basketball in the fourth quarter," said Jordan. "The girls had a meltdown for whatever reason. Franklin played hard to the end and the final score was indicative of that."

Stribling led all scorers with 22 points. She also contributed five rebounds, four steals and a pair of blocked shots.

Moseley tallied 15 points to go with five steals while Nadia Reed scored 13 for the winners.

Although they didn't stand out on the game-ending stat sheet, Alexis Gardner (six points, eight rebounds), Janae Shorter and Carley Loving (nine rebounds) were instrumental in the win, Jordan said.

"I was very impressed by our second unit tonight, especially those girls," Jordan said.

Senior captains Sarah Crampton (21 points) and Tyonna Tate (11 points, 12 rebounds) sparked the Patriots' final-quarter surge.

Becky Giacobbi (10 points) also played well for Franklin.

"We missed way too many easy baskets at the beginning of the game," said Franklin head coach Jim Milican.

"There must have been 10 to 15 easy shots we should have made.

"But even though we had a lot of turnovers and fell behind by almost 20 points, the girls stayed in the game and stayed focused. They kept playing hard, which was good to see. If we can just take one more step up, we'll be there; I can feel it."

Senior reserve guard Sade Gore played a leading role in the Patriots' last-ditch rally as she scored four points and ripped a pair of steals.

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# HOCKEY

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## Churchill wins

Livonia Churchill upended Waterford Unified, 4-3, on Saturday night.

Nolan Cioch scored the Chargers' first and last goals. He was assisted on the initial net-finder by Dan Hudy and Dylan Smith and on the ultimate game-winner by Smith.

Josh Friend scored the winners' second goal while Smith ripped home the third one off a helper from Sam Spayde.

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Livonia Stevenson's Stephen Olshanski (left) who assisted on one goal against Traverse City West is seen here from an earlier game.



# HVL's defense stifles Oakland Christian, 40-33

Defense not only wins championships; it's also helps win key Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division showdowns, as Lutheran Westland learned Tuesday night.

Defending with intensity, the Warriors defeated Oakland Christian, 40-33, in a divisional contest that left the Hawks with a 6-4 overall mark and 3-2 record in the division. Oakland slipped to 2-5 and 0-4, respectively.

"We played good team defense tonight," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We have been working harder on the defensive side of things, and it helped out tonight. We had 18 steals and we rebounded much better."

Julie St. John led the winners with 15 points. Sam Golchuk added 13 points and six steals.

Annie Sweet paced OC with 10 points, eight of which came in the final quarter.

Taylor Rea added five steals for HVL and Jessie Strauch led a strong Hawk board attack with eight rebounds.

The Hawks won despite canning just 16 of 49 field-goal attempts.

"Offensively we struggled shooting tonight," Ruth said. "We were forcing some shots and our shot selection was poor."

"We did a better job of getting to the free-throw line, but we need to shoot better there as well."

## Warriors outlast Gryphons

Ann Arbor Greenhills staged a dramatic last-

minute rally Tuesday night but couldn't overtake host Lutheran Westland, which prevailed 46-43.

The host Warriors led 44-38 with 45 seconds left before repelling a late charge by the Gryphons, who drained a two free throws and a three-point shot down the stretch.

Taylor Jones swished a pair of free throws with just a few ticks left to seal the deal for the Warriors, who improved to 3-0 in the MIAC Red Division.

The Warriors were powered by freshman Rachel Reddeman's 27-point/12-rebound performance. Jones finished with nine points for the victors. Bethany Hoehne yanked down eight boards while Sabrina Morrison distributed five assists.

Greenhills led 25-23 at the half before LW battled back to take a 30-28 lead with eight minutes to play.

## Marian clips Blazers

After leading by only eight at halftime, top-ranked and defending Class A state champion Birmingham Marian (9-1, 4-0) pulled away with a 23-2 third quarter run Tuesday to beat visiting Livonia Ladywood (2-10, 0-4) in a Catholic League Central Division encounter, 61-27.

The Mustangs, coming off a 52-48 loss Saturday against Chicago (Ill.) Whitney Young, got 15 points from Brittany Gray and 14 by Kara Holinski.

Amber Riethmiller

scored nine points for the Blazers, who trailed 23-15 at halftime.

## East nips Spartans

Livonia Stevenson (3-7 overall, 1-3 in the KLA Central) held South Lyon East star Gabbi Bird to 12 points, but the Cougars prevailed 42-37 in a KLA Central Division game played Tuesday night.

Arryn Dochenetz led the Spartans with 10 points while Grace Lamerson added nine. East made 13 of 23 free-throw attempts. Stevenson was just 3-for-11 from the line.

East led 21-18 at the half and 31-24 with eight minutes to play.

## Canton edges Churchill

In a game that was nip-and-tuck throughout, visiting Canton held on for a 36-30 victory over Livonia Churchill Tuesday night.

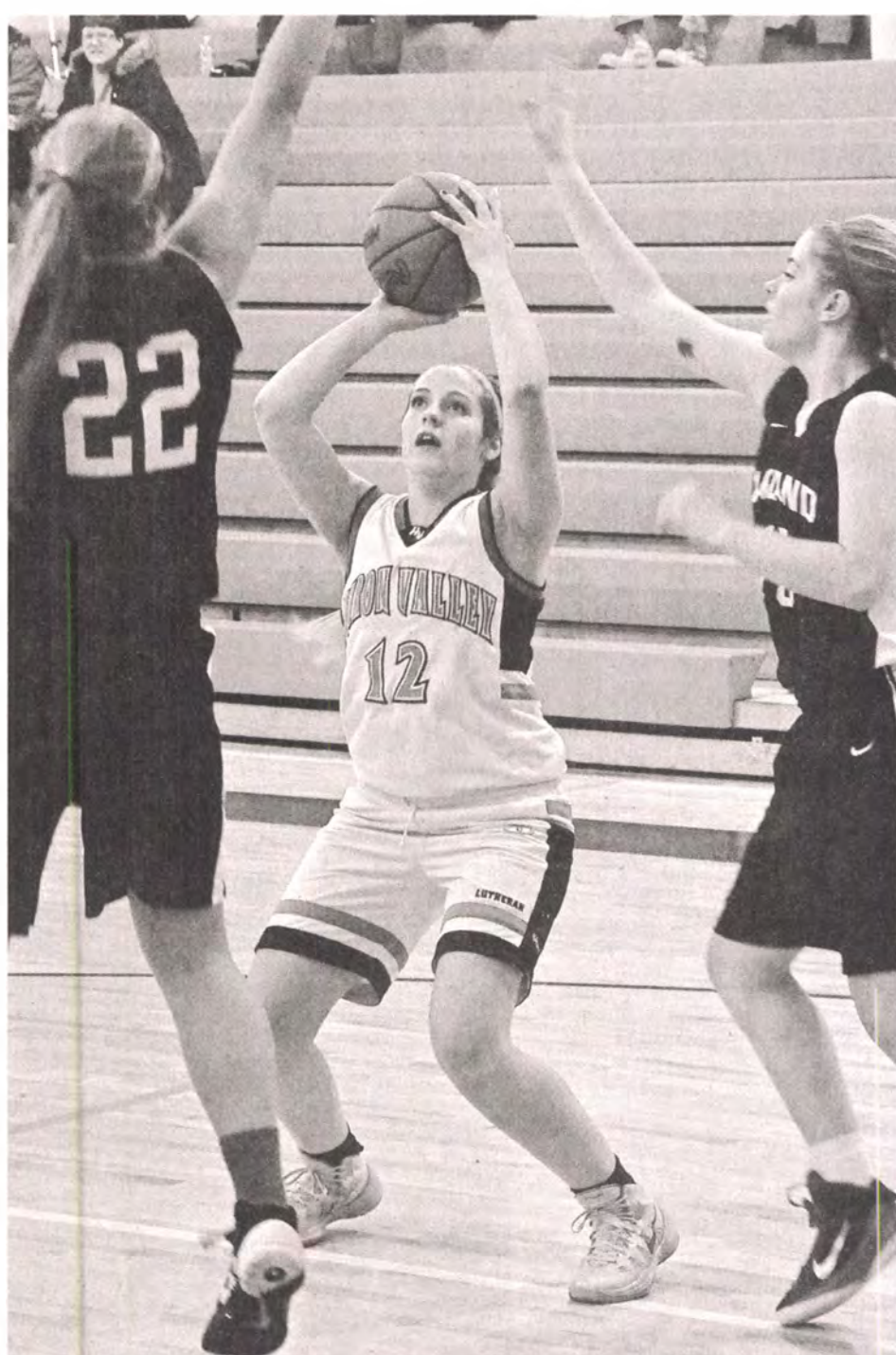
The Chiefs improved to 5-5 overall and 3-1 in the KLA South Division while the Chargers slipped to 6-4 and 1-3, respectively.

Natalie Spala led the hosts with 16 points while Anne Yost added 10.

Madison Archibald topped the Chiefs with 10 points. Erin Hult scored eight points.

The defensive-oriented duel was knotted at 9-9 at the half. Canton owned a tenuous 19-18 lead with eight minutes to play before its defense took over down the stretch.

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Huron Valley Lutheran's Ashley Setian squares up for a jump shot during Tuesday night's victory over Oakland Christian.

CHRIS GUDECK

## REARDON

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mad, happy or upset. He'd always have that clipboard in his hand, observing and taking notes. He would have

practices planned out to the minute."

Mazzoni said he learned many priceless life lessons from Reardon.

"I was fortunate enough to coach football for him at Stevenson," Mazzoni said. "One of the

things he told his assistant coaches that I'll always remember — and that I used when I coached — was to treat every one of your players like you'd want your own son to be treated."

Gabel said one of the qualities that made Reardon

such a successful football coach was his flexibility.

"Early in his career, he was a run-oriented coach; he ran a lot of wing-T-type stuff, hiding the ball, keeping the defense guessing," Gabel said. "But he was always willing to adapt to his personnel. For example, when he had [former University of Michigan quarterback] David Hall in the late '70s, he threw the ball a lot. He wasn't afraid to switch things up."

Several years ago, the

coaching icon's legacy was cemented in the Livonia community when the Stevenson High School football stadium was named after Reardon. A bronze plaque noting the honor was placed on one of the buildings that surround the gridiron.

"Jack Reardon will be deeply missed," said Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman. "His impact at Livonia Stevenson was second to none. He was a true educator, teacher of life's lessons and a mentor to many

students, coaches and teachers who highly respected him as a great leader, person and friend."

A viewing for Reardon will be held Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Donovan Bagnoli Funeral Home, which is located at 339 Southwest Ave. in Tallmadge, Ohio.

A mass for Reardon is set for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory, which is located at 73 North Ave. in Tallmadge.

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### CITY OF LIVONIA

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2015-2016) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

The City of Livonia will hold the first of two Public Hearings at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the preliminary 2015-2016 CDBG budget and past program performance. Another purpose of this public hearing is to obtain views on housing needs, homeless needs, and other public facility needs in the community, particularly as they relate to low and moderate income persons and households. The hearing is required in order for the City of Livonia to receive Community Development Block Grant funds starting with the 2015 fiscal year (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016).

Written comments regarding proposed activities and past performance issues may be directed to the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for examination at the Housing Commission-Community Development Office during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing Commission-Community Development Office at (734) 421-6450 ext. 103.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director  
Jack Kirksey, Mayor

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENT SOLICITATION FOR "L" MAGAZINE 2015-2017 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
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Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

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

All addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms found on the MITN website.

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with: "L" Magazine Advertisement Solicitation for "L" Magazine Department of Parks and Recreation, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

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### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIVONIA, MI 48154

#### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

Hayes 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:

103	Selective Demolition	104	Concrete
106	Masonry	107	Steel
108	Carpentry & General Trades	109	Roofing
113	Hollow Metal/Wood Doors/Finish Hardware	114	Aluminum Glass & Glazing
115	Metal Studs/Drywall/Plaster/EIFS	116	Hard Tile
117	Acoustical Ceilings	118	Carpet & Resilient Flooring
119	Terrazzo	120	Painting
121	Visual Display Boards	122	Signage
125	Toilet Partitions	128	Educational Casework
130	Window Treatments	140	Plumbing
142	HVAC	143	Electrical
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 the following:

- 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 (248) 288-5600

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 contract.

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 proposals.

Lisa Abbey  
Director of Business Services  
Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education

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Insurance coverage is essential for renters.

## Insurance pros: Renter's policy provides critical coverage

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, a metro Detroit family lost their possessions in a fire, and didn't have renter's insurance. The Westland community has also been hard hit by apartment fires recently. Local insurance pros emphasize that such policies are vital for apartment dwellers or those in condos or homes who rent — and aren't all that expensive.

Your possessions will be covered in the event of a fire or theft, they say. "Critical, yes, the word I use is critical," said Jeff Juenemann, owner of Juenemann Insurance in Westland. "It's

just part of common-sense living. You spend your money and you protect yourself from bad things that happen."

Juenemann, a Northville Township resident, said a renter's policy runs in the area of \$200-250 a year, with significant discounts applying for those who also have a corresponding auto policy. "You're living in an apartment building with six kitchens, six people doing silly stuff," he said. "It's going to protect you for a theft, it's going to protect you for a liability."

Liability examples include a slip and fall on the property or a dog bite. Juenemann noted often larger apartment complexes now require rent-

ers to show proof of insurance "because they want their tenants to have liability. Who's the next person who's going to get sued?"

He sees procrastination among renters who intend to get coverage but delay, rather than lack of awareness. Juenemann noted mortgage companies require homeowners to have coverage and the Michigan Secretary of State dictates auto insurance coverage.

"Nobody forces you to buy renter's insurance," he said.

Agreeing is Karen Nemier, co-owner of Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency in downtown Plymouth. "Your lender's going to force you to buy

insurance" for a car with a loan, she said, adding the same is true for a home with a mortgage on it. "People procrastinate or they don't want to spend the money on it."

Nemier, a Plymouth Township resident, said renter's policies can run as low as \$10-\$15 a month. "Very easy to obtain," she said of renter's insurance.

"The landlord will not cover any of your possessions," she said, citing as examples a fire or water damage. "You have to replace those items yourself. It's very inexpensive coverage."

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## Heed Mich. court ruling on right of way

**Q: We have been maintaining a strip of land within a platted right of way of the street since we planted some railroad ties and many years have gone by with no one removing it. We heard there was a recent case that discussed those issues and are you aware of anything?**



Robert Meisner

**A:** Yes, a very recent decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals, which was published and therefore sets precedent indicated that the platted right of way in that particular case was within the scope of the "public highway" provisions of the Michigan Statute, and therefore, the expenditure of public funds on a road in a dedicated right of way is sufficient to constitute public acceptance of the roadway, even when the municipality never improved certain strips of land within the right of way. Therefore, I believe, depending upon the facts of that case, you may have a difficult road to hoe. On the other hand, each case is factually intensive and you should get an opinion from a knowledgeable real estate lawyer.

**Q: I am hearing a lot about the obligation to allow emotional support dogs and animals in condominiums. Are you aware of any action by HUD to deal with this claimed discrimination?**

**A:** Yes. Federal Fair Housing Law makes it unlawful to refuse to make reasonable accommodations and policies or practices when such an accommodation may be necessary to afford a person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy his or her home. This includes refusing to grant waivers to "no-pet" policies for individuals with disabilities who use assistance or support animals. That is the decision of HUD in a recent case out of Puerto Rico, where the association was ordered to pay \$20,000 in damages plus a \$16,000 civil fine for refusing to allow a resident with disabilities to keep his emotional support dog. Consult with your attorney whenever there is an issue such as this.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 25-29, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17181 Beechwood Ave	\$290,000
15856 Birwood Ave	\$235,000
19630 Warwick St	\$343,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1280 Buckingham Ave	\$509,000
809 Emmons Ave	\$615,000
303 Greenwood St	\$530,000
1055 Lincoln Ct	\$220,000
1986 Northlawn Blvd	\$675,000
1992 Northlawn Blvd	\$660,000
648 S Bates St	\$840,000
400 Southfield Rd # 7	\$340,000
1875 Stanley Blvd	\$620,000
711 Suffield Ave	\$1,825,000
1004 Wimbleton Dr	\$490,000
1774 Yosemite Blvd	\$590,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1635 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$675,000
1196 Rolling Acres Dr	\$185,000
536 Barrington Ct	\$540,000
4420 Exmoor Cir	\$428,000
774 Kingston Ct	\$200,000
1040 Stratford Pl	\$410,000
1750 Tiverton Rd Unit 29	\$144,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3190 Berkshire Dr	\$276,000
1155 Covington Rd	\$980,000
7155 Holiday Dr	\$265,000
1820 Hunters Ridge Dr	\$270,000
839 Jonathan Ln	\$855,000
2634 Plum Brook Dr	\$188,000

315 Wilshire Dr	\$844,000
1262 Woodcrest Cir	\$333,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$158,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 79	\$140,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
6163 Birchcrest Ln	\$440,000
9005 Commerce Rd	\$595,000
4941 Knollcrest Ct	\$429,000
4958 Ledgewood Dr	\$685,000
5148 Parkgate Dr	\$425,000
567 Sherbrooke St	\$100,000
5940 Strawberry Cir	\$424,000
6105 Strawberry Cir	\$286,000
141 W Beechdale St	\$140,000
2095 Warbler Ct	\$350,000
FARMINGTON	
36545 Lansbury Ln	\$226,000
23090 Lilac St	\$94,000
33709 Oakland St	\$295,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29912 Beacontree St	\$240,000
38387 Churchill Ln	\$192,000
36255 Crompton Cir	\$275,000
29635 Eastfield St	\$155,000
30219 Fink Ave	\$167,000
28143 Forestbrook Dr	\$225,000
31740 Franklin Fairway St	\$486,000
39217 Geneva Dr	\$286,000
28223 Harwich Dr	\$393,000
33607 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
26050 Hidden Valley Dr	\$237,000
29629 Middlebelt Rd	\$218,000
34000 Northwick St	\$229,000
22065 Ontaga St	\$136,000
22121 Ontaga St	\$136,000
31482 Orchard Crk	\$80,000
20845 Parker St	\$190,000
28315 Peppermill Rd	\$200,000

24174 S Duncan Cir	\$140,000
38194 Saratoga Cir	\$178,000
35546 Springvale St	\$255,000
22085 Tredwell Ave	\$135,000
30615 W 11 Mile Rd	\$115,000
FRANKLIN	
27340 Willowgreen Ct	\$635,000
HIGHLAND	
3258 Oakridge Dr	\$110,000
3545 Tara Dr	\$175,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27770 Evergreen Rd	\$76,000
17580 Lincoln Dr	\$135,000
MILFORD	
721 Atlantic St	\$223,000
435 Cabinet St	\$210,000
515 Knight St	\$200,000
140 Our Land Ln	\$180,000
155 Peters	\$305,000
480 Rowe Rd	\$265,000
826 Squire Ln	\$128,000
930 W Maple Rd	\$300,000
NORTHVILLE	
48205 Nine Mile Rd	\$500,000
100 E Eight Mile Rd	\$249,000
300 Ely Dr S	\$185,000
21487 Equestrian Trl	\$250,000
847 McDonald Dr	\$558,000
21128 Rosewood Ct	\$1,300,000
NOVI	
25953 Arcadia Dr	\$670,000
21882 Chase Dr	\$490,000
22651 Chestnut Tree	\$244,000
44512 Copland Ln	\$456,000
46294 Cordoba Dr	\$485,000
42741 14 Mile	\$200,000
51125 Hallfield St	\$318,000
24548 Knollwood St	\$190,000
27062 Maxwell Ct	\$295,000

24466 Riverview Ln	\$253,000
27300 Victoria Rd	\$300,000
23245 W Le Bost	\$208,000
SOUTH LYON	
24867 Carriage Ln	\$97,000
51923 Copperwood Dr N	\$425,000
158 Eagle Way	\$217,000
121 Elm Pl	\$198,000
1209 Hackney Ct	\$330,000
58475 Holland Dr	\$272,000
54365 Meadow Ct	\$405,000
57165 Meadowcreek Cir N	\$451,000
24542 Padstone Dr	\$75,000
20854 Parkwoods Dr	\$300,000
786 Pepper Dr	\$207,000
61451 Rolling Acres Dr	\$226,000
61451 Rolling Acres Dr	\$230,000
60648 S Lyon Trl	\$315,000
SOUTHFIELD	
20140 Alhambra St	\$160,000
22500 Avon Ln	\$94,000
28755 Glasgow St	\$46,000
18861 Lincoln Dr	\$140,000
17264 Maryland St	\$192,000
21550 N Tuller Ct	\$89,000
29791 Rambling Rd	\$89,000
20165 Rodeo Ct	\$110,000
27139 Selkirk St	\$124,000
5000 Town Ctr # 1906	\$210,000
WHITE LAKE	
10361 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$160,000
10695 Oxbow Lakeshore Dr	\$390,000
691 Oxhill Ct	\$173,000
891 Pembroke Dr	\$377,000
9026 Tackles Dr	\$230,000
8096 Trenton Dr	\$335,000

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 15-19, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7434 Andover Dr	\$500,000
1698 Christopher Dr	\$119,000
194 Dunhill Way St	\$356,000
1584 E Lakeview Ln	\$203,000
44748 Forest Trail Dr	\$238,000
7096 Foxridge Dr	\$269,000
46085 Gainsborough Dr	\$230,000
41432 Haggerty Woods Ct	\$173,000
39760 John Dr	\$132,000
42543 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$88,000
4038 Norwich Dr	\$141,000
41969 Old Bridge Rd	\$164,000
659 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$333,000
1950 Preserve Cir W	\$180,000
42420 Proctor Rd	\$182,000
3078 River Meadow Cir	\$240,000
423 Robert Ct	\$305,000
1822 S Tannytown Rd	\$82,000
42005 Saratoga Cir	\$165,000
44411 Savery Dr	\$72,000
4349 Southbridge Dr	\$137,000
437 Stonehenge Dr	\$245,000
50076 Tottenham Ct	\$485,000
41215 Westfield Cir	\$188,000
GARDEN CITY	

33635 Kathryn St	\$106,000
LIVONIA	
30200 Seven Mile Rd	\$195,000
9227 Adams St	\$155,000
14379 Alexander St	\$155,000
14916 Alexander St	\$140,000
35956 Ann Arbor Trl	\$60,000
11012 Arden St	\$200,000
37354 Bennett St	\$265,000
29180 Brettton St	\$200,000
32267 Camborne Ln	\$365,000
27430 Dover Ave	\$170,000
10021 E Clements Cir	\$121,000
16203 Fairlane Dr	\$155,000
20275 Fremont St	\$190,000
19353 Hardy St	\$167,000
30651 Hathaway St	\$130,000
9344 Hix Rd	\$155,000
14507 Ingram St	\$150,000
14959 Inolson St	\$165,000
36927 Lancaster St	\$240,000
9435 Lathers St	\$124,000
18530 Loveland St	\$158,000
18636 Manor Ln	\$286,000
11200 Middlebelt Rd	\$50,000
28971 Minton St	\$126,000
37844 N Laurel Park Dr	\$175,000
14314 Park St	\$162,000
29650 Richland St	\$154,000
33970 Roycroft St	\$213,000
9610 Shadyside St	\$164,000
31778 Summers St	\$145,000
36467 Sunnydale St	\$219,000
37028 Vargo St	\$203,000

14045 Westmore St	\$232,000
16822 Yorkshire St	\$305,000
NORTHVILLE	
15958 Augusta Ct	\$800,000
16809 Carriage Way	\$159,000
16185 Country Knoll Dr	\$315,000
19806 Irongate Ct	\$124,000
16481 Lincoln Dr	\$380,000
42734 Lyric Ct	\$126,000
50376 Mulberry Ct	\$310,000
49439 N Glacier	\$360,000
39425 Springwater Dr	\$191,000
41672 Sunnydale Ln	\$320,000
PLYMOUTH	
349 Adams St	\$320,000
305 Arthur St	\$450,000
9106 Cobblestone Cir	\$403,000
40859 Newport Dr	\$105,000
10783 Red Maple Dr	\$350,000
362 Red Ryder Dr	\$310,000
9295 Saddlebrook Ct	\$428,000
801 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$875,000
51000 Weston Dr	\$393,000
REDFORD	
19468 Beech Daly Rd	\$36,000
19478 Beech Daly Rd	\$35,000
14134 Brady	\$102,000
12101 Centralia	\$50,000
10013 Farley	\$80,000
13949 Farley	\$117,000
15220 Garfield	\$15,000
26802 Lyndon	\$140,000
8987 Mercedes	\$83,000
20082 Olympia	\$18,000

12159 Rockland	\$39,000
24935 S Sylbert Dr	\$35,000
12317 Woodbine	\$80,000
WAYNE	
4574 Cleveland St	\$72,000
4520 Howe Rd	\$18,000
35021 Winslow St	\$83,000
WESTLAND	
33170 Ann Arbor Trl	\$78,000
7543 Arcola St	\$105,000
639 Autumn Ridge Dr	\$203,000
6751 Chirrewa St	\$48,000
34486 Fairchild St	\$20,000
35026 Fairchild St	\$42,000
29948 Gladys Ave	\$100,000
39101 Hayward Dr	\$275,000
32033 Hazelwood St	\$50,000
33484 Hiveley St	\$66,000
7708 Manor Cir	\$54,000
4746 Matthew St	\$5,000
1933 Mel Ct	\$30,000
639 N Harvey St	\$66,000
7246 N Hawthorne St	\$124,000
5901 N Karle St	\$56,000
6950 N Wayne Rd	\$325,000
6346 Pickering Dr	\$135,000
8062 Pickering Pl	\$195,000
36665 Rolf St	\$115,000
1738 S Berry St	\$93,000
266 S Carlson St	\$130,000
917 S John Hix St	\$98,000
36315 Shiley Ave	\$55,000
1671 Shoemaker Dr	\$55,000
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# Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Boating pronoun
  - Where Anna met a king
  - Inventory wd.
  - Livy's hello
  - "Diana" composer
  - Moffo solo
  - Scar and tam
  - Falls behind
  - Numb, as a foot
  - Dismount
  - Mi. above sea level
  - Young grizzly
  - More than sufficiently
  - Black-spotted cats
  - Dawn Chong
  - College degs.
  - Earth, in combos
  - Bowling piece
  - Cuffs
- DOWN**
- Kissin' kin
  - Environmental prefix
  - Ms. Earhart
  - Worm seekers
  - Simpson kid
  - Curbed (2 wds.)
  - Not pro
  - Political campaign
  - Clean water org.
  - Galaxy unit
  - Important decades
  - Mind reader's gift
  - Joke response (hyph.)
  - Festive nights
  - Not phony
  - Wisely
  - Bungling
  - Rap-sheet letters
  - Gourd-shaped rattles
  - Beach near Los Angeles
  - Tow
  - Weary exhale
  - Manhattan river
  - Result of an agreement
  - Carry with difficulty
  - Queen Aleta's son
  - tai cocktail
  - Desk item
  - Surfing singers — and Dean
  - Turkish official
  - Gym iteration
  - Coast Guard alert
  - Strange
  - Cream-filled pastry
  - Taro product
  - Cakes at teatime
  - Brain part
  - Noted soap vixen
  - Mournful wail
  - Tangy flavor
  - This, to Alejandro
  - fixe
  - Playful biter
  - 46 Jacket fastener
  - Maize unit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	E	L	O	C	K	E	A	R	P
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		6			9			4
1					3			2
				6				
9	3	2	4					7
					1		9	
							4	
	8	7	3					
6	2	1					3	
		9	2	5				

Level: Intermediate

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CAPITALIZATION INVESTMENT  
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COMMODITY LIQUIDATION  
COMPANY MARKET  
CONTRACTS PAYCHECK  
CREDIT PORTFOLIO  
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9	6	1	8	9	2	5	8	3
5	8	3	4	6	7	1	2	9
6	4	2	9	1	3	7	8	5
2	8	7	3	6	9	5	1	4
3	6	5	2	1	6	9	7	8
1	7	9	8	2	4	2	3	6
7	1	5	7	2	9	8	3	6
2	9	6	3	4	5	8	1	7
4	8	3	4	7	9	6	1	2

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RELIGION CALENDAR

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Parishioner Gary Michuta will begin a study of "The Road to Revelation," with initial focus on the Book of Daniel and three other Old Testament prophets. The free classes will meet the second and fourth Thursday through May. Open to all, regardless of religious denomination and Bible knowledge  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; livonia@michael.org  
**GRIEFSHARE**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** New Life Church of Garden City, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City  
**Details:** Sessions began Jan. 18 and are held weekly for anyone suffering the loss of a loved one. Workbooks cost \$20  
**Contact:** Jo Alley at 248-766-5977  
**HYMN SINGING**  
**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24  
**Location:** Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, 3600 Telegraph, north of Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** An hour of singing traditional hymns, with Nancee Shelton and Elizabeth Wolfe, pianists, Al Yungton, music coordinator, and Rick Helderop, organist. Coffee fellowship follows.  
**Contact:** 248-647-3851  
**MIDWEEK WORSHIP**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, at Maplewood, Garden City

**Details:** New midweek service includes music, scripture, prayer, and a message based on Scripture  
**Contact:** 734-421-8628  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Take a student-led tour of this K-8 parochial school, meet staff members, and other parents and students. St. Michael offers half- or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish. It is a Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools accredited School of Distinction  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 226; livonia@michael.org  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan, between Palmer and Michigan Ave., Wayne  
**Details:** Take a guided tour of the school and meet with teachers. St. Michael is accredited by Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and National Lutheran School Accreditation. The preschool-eighth grade parochial school is celebrating its 32nd school year. It offers morning and afternoon licensed latchkey and bus service for residents in the Wayne-Westland School district  
**Contact:** 734-728-3315; stmichael@lutheran.org  
**PRAYER GROUP**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office building at St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Group meets weekly for prayer and snacks  
**Contact:** 734-464-1223  
**WORLD SABBATH**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Jan. 25  
**Location:** Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Celebrate peace and religious diversity through this interfaith experience of music, dance and prayer. Afterglow follows the service  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100  
**FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 18  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne  
**Details:** Worship service  
**Contact:** 734-728-1950  
**AUCTION**  
**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15  
**Location:** Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, Disney Dreams, will include appetizer, dinner, dessert, and beverages. Tickets are \$30 per table or \$270 per table of 10. Buy them at either campus, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, 248-474-2488; or 9600 Laverne, Redford, 313-937-2233. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Feb. 9  
**Contact:** Raeann Kusch at 734-432-7777  
**GRIEFSHARE**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22-June 7  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This nondenominational program features Christ-centered Bible-based teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved. Includes videos that

feature grief experts and real-life stories of grieving individuals; support group discussion; and work-based personal study and reflection. Registration fee is \$15, which includes the workbook and other materials  
**Contact:** Rev. Roger Wright at 313-682-7491; griefshare.org  
**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25-March 25  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Grieving with Great Hope workshop is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, presents the five-week series  
**Contact:** goodmourningministry.net or St. Michael's at 734-261-1455  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 1  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Open house for preschool through grade eight  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420  
**WEDDING, COMMITMENT CEREMONIES**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. commitment ceremony; 12:30 p.m. wedding, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The church offers a complimentary group wedding and group commitment ceremony on Valentine's Day. Couples must pre-register, and those participating in the wedding ceremony must deliver their license to the church no later than Wednesday, Feb. 11  
**Contact:** 734-421-1760

**Contact:** 313-563-0162  
**PRAYER**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906  
**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information  
**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org  
**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399  
**SONG CIRCLE**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.  
**SUPPORT**  
**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com  
**Connection Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244  
**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011  
**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** www.metrofibro-

group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519  
**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org  
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451  
**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322  
**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.aa.org for additional information  
**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate  
**THRIFT STORE**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information  
**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618  
**TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org  
**WORSHIP**  
**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@ml.r.c.com; 248-478-6520

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**ALLEN, CHARLES JAY**  
 Age 93, of West Bloomfield, January 18, 2015  
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**LARAWAY, GUY L., SR.**  
 November 27, 2014 of Wayne, Michigan. Loving husband of Theresa "Joanne" (Meyer). Dear father of Guy L., Jr., Terri Laraway-Grzecki, Susan Mattson (Dennis), Yvonne Long (David), and Beth Miner (Donald). Brother of John, Leo, Carl, Hascal, Norman, Ivan, and the late Bill and Harold. Loved by 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass was held Saturday, January 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. Guy was a retired auto mechanic, Scout Master, Merit Badge Counselor and loved camping and deer hunting. Arrangements through Harry J. Will Funeral Home.  
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**BABCOCK, MAY**  
 Age 96, of Livonia January 17, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Ralph C. Babcock. Loving mother of Ralph (Laura) L. Babcock, Jane (Bill) Rubarth, and Carol (Joseph) Badgley. Proud Grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of 12. Visitation Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 4 pm until 8 pm. Services Thursday, January 22, 2015, 11 am at the R.J. Nixon Funeral Home, Wyandotte.

**BOVEE, CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" DeLOSS**  
 Of Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Redford Township, age 95, died Friday, January 16, 2015 at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born May 1, 1919 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Christopher DeLoss and Georgia (Gorrell) Bovee. Christopher attended Redford High School. During WWII, he served in the Army as a mechanic and MP. He worked for the Detroit News/Free Press in printing and distribution. Christopher owned Silver Bell Ranch at Plymouth and Telegraph, and helped his mom at Fenrock Confectionary in Detroit. He owned Christy's Service Center in Detroit from 1952-2003. Chris loved boating, motorcycles, golf and horses. On April 9, 1948, he married Nancy Joan Anderson in Detroit, and she preceded him in death on May 18, 1981. Survivors include a daughter, Laura (Les) Jackson of Brooklyn, MI; a son, Bruce (Debi) Bovee of Livonia; four grandchildren, Danielle (Andy) Domzalski, Katalin Bovee, Amy (Jeff) Miller, Christina (Marty) Beck; and four great-grandchildren, Ava, Brielle, Alana, and Brayden. He was preceded in death by a brother, Stewart, and a half-brother, Howard. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Please check www.ColeFuneralChapel.com for final arrangements, and to leave a special memory. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.  
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**WILLIAMS, CHARLES M. SR.**  
 Age 81 of Farmington Hills, January 12, 2015. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)



**BEGLEY, OPAL**  
 January 17, 2015, age 82. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Brenda (Clifton) Norberg, Deborah (John) Kolenc, Patty (Jeffrey Smith) Begley-Smith, and Robert Begley. Grandmother of five and great-grandmother of seven. Sister of Wanda Faye Combs, Irene Sabia, Geneva Combs, Ronny Napier, Lonnie Napier, and Tim Napier. Visitation at the MANN'S-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile Rd.), Livonia, Wednesday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Please share a memory at [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com).

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# Doctors Without Borders benefit in Redford expands music lineup

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Mick Gavin will mix it up musically for his sixth annual Doctors Without Borders benefit next month in Redford.

Bluegrass and Americana folk bands, Spanish dancers and a Scottish music trio will join the usual lineup of Irish music makers at 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 25300 Five Mile.

"It's going to be quite different," said Gavin, a Redford resident who plays and teaches Irish fiddle music. "We have a huge variety this year. We have a huge lineup and it's an all-volunteer force. I think this is a great melting pot of music."

Gavin recruited the Corn Potato String Band for the benefit after attending a few of their concerts. The trio plays old time American and Appalachian music and will release its second CD, *Corn Potato String Band Volume Two*, on Valentine's Day.

"The first time I saw them, I said, these guys are really good," Gavin recalled. "We've both played at parties, but we have never actually joined forces. This would be our first time. This is something I've never had before (at the benefit) but I'm a big fan of good bluegrass music."

## Multi-instrumentalists

Aaron Jonah Lewis, who grew up in Oak Park, created the band two years ago with Lindsay McCaw, an Iowa native, and Ben Belcher, who lives in New Hampshire. Belcher plays guitar, banjo and fiddle; McCaw calls square dances, does puppetry, and plays fiddle, banjo, guitar, accordion and piano; Lewis plays fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass.

Lewis started taking violin lessons at age 4, taught himself to play banjo and guitar by age 12, and spent his last two high school years at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

"When I was in high school I didn't really respect folk or bluegrass. Then I met a guy after high school who dragged me kicking and screaming into it and I never looked back," Lewis said. "I've played with dozens of groups. I was taught by 100 different teachers, from old recordings and from people I met and spent time with. It's an ancient tradition and I'm honored to be a part of it."

Corn Potato String Band came together when a friend of a friend needed a band to perform at the American embassy in India. Lewis had played with McCaw and Belcher separately in the past and brought them together to form his trio.

"I united two different musical partners who hadn't met each other," Lewis said. "It happened pretty naturally."

## Musical treasures

In the past two years, the group made two CDs, and toured India, Ireland, England,



The Corn Potato String Band, with Aaron Jonah Lewis on fiddle and Lindsay McCaw on guitar, will perform at the Doctors Without Borders benefit, Feb. 7, in Redford.



El Alma Española specializes in flamenco, classical and regional dances of Spain. They'll dance at the Doctors Without Borders benefit in Redford.

## DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS BENEFIT

**What:** Sixth annual fundraising concert for Doctors Without Borders, an organization that delivers emergency medical aid to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters or exclusion from health care

**When:** 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 7

**Where:** Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 25300 Five Mile, Redford

**Details:** Performers will include Kenneth MacLeod and the Rankin family; Finvarra's Wren; The Corn Potato String Band; Behind The Times; The Connor O'Neil's Session Group; Highland Piper Terrence Bradley, Crossroads Ceili with Mick, Michael and Sean Gavin, Colleen Shanks, Kelsey Lutz, Frank Kennedy, Ray Maguire, Colin Paige and Eddie McGlinchey; El Alma Española; Susan O'Rourke and Zig Zeitler; The Ardian School of Irish Dance; and The Anne McCallum Set-Dancers

**Admission:** By donation. Make checks payable to Doctors Without Borders.

**Contact:** 313-537-3489

and the Netherlands. Their tour in March-April will begin and end in the Detroit area and will include a barn dance in Kalamazoo and the Ark in Ann Arbor.

"We have two original tunes which we don't play too often. That's not our focus. We really are into digging up buried treasure of old tunes that people may not have heard, and to keep them alive and share

them with everyone."

Behind The Times, another acoustic trio that plays bluegrass, country and old time music and El Alma Española, a Spanish dance troupe, also are set to perform at the benefit. Irish music performers include Connor O'Neil's Session Group, Crossroads Ceili, Finvarra's Wren, and Susan O'Rourke and Zig Zeitler, among others.



Behind The Times blends influences from bluegrass, country, jazz, and popular favorites to create original songs. The acoustic trio will perform at the Doctors Without Borders fundraiser.

Gavin and fellow Irish musicians founded the benefit in response to the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010. The event raised \$9,000 for Doctors Without Borders in its first year.

"The musicians said you should do it again," Gavin said. "We just kept doing it and giving (donations) to Doctors Without Borders. It's getting better and better by the year."

## Redford woman's play gets top honors at Canton festival

*Such a Small Word*, a play by Maureen Paraventi of Redford, took first place in the Audience Choice Award at the third biennial Canton One Acts Festival, presented by TLC Productions.

The festival, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18, brought eight new works to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Local actors, including Paraventi, and directors staged the plays, which were submitted by authors in Michigan, five other states, and Australia.

The second-place winner was *Press Pray* by Seth Freeman of California. Third place went to *Car Talk* by Elaine Alexander of North Carolina.

Another of Paraventi's plays, *Ruin Porn*, will be staged at the Women's Playwriting Festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Two Muses Theatre, located inside the Barnes & Noble Bookseller, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south



LYLANNE MUSSELMAN

Maureen Paraventi of Redford shows off her first-place Audience Choice Award for her play, "Such a Small Word," which was staged at the Canton One Acts Festival, Jan. 16-18.

of Maple, West Bloomfield. Each day features different plays. Admission is \$10 at the door. A \$15 festival pass is available for three days at [twomusetheatre.org](http://twomusetheatre.org). Or call 248-850-9919.

For more about TLC Productions, visit [tclprod.wordpress.com](http://tclprod.wordpress.com).

—By Sharon Dargay

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Wild Winter Weekend:** Celebrate African American history with an African drum lesson, hear stories by Kenyan naturalist and Detroit Zoo education specialist David Gakure, enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts, games and educational experiences, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 7-8. Free with zoo admission

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS DIRTY SHOW

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 12-14 and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21

**Location:** Russell Industrial Center, 1600 Clay Ave. Detroit

**Details:** Exhibit of erotic art, with an appearance by John Waters at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$45 seated, \$75 VIP

**Contact:** [dirtyshow.org](http://dirtyshow.org)

### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through Feb. 28

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** Art work and essays on Martin Luther King, Jr., by students in the P-CEP Arts Academy

**Contact:** 734-394-5300; [cantonvillage-theater.org](http://cantonvillage-theater.org)

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6-27

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** Ninth annual Member Exhibition features more than 70 works of art in all media. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 6

**Contact:** 248-344-0497

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 23-24

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Stewart Huff; tickets are \$12 for show only or \$25 for show and a

dinner on Thursday; \$16 for show or \$29 for show and dinner, Friday-Sunday

**Open mic:** Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

**Contact:** 734-261-0555; [catchthefun-fun.com](http://catchthefun-fun.com)

### LAUGH IT OFF

**Time/Date:** 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6

**Location:** Brady's Tavern, 31231 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills

**Details:** The show will feature Jeff Ford, Amit Jain, Michael Joseph Klink, Khurum Sheikh, Tom Massey, Greg Shur, Joey Derderian, Andrew Acker and Jane aka CC Dynamite with her puppet. \$8 if booked in advance by email or \$10 at the door

**Contact:** [artactivity@hotmail.com](mailto:artactivity@hotmail.com)

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

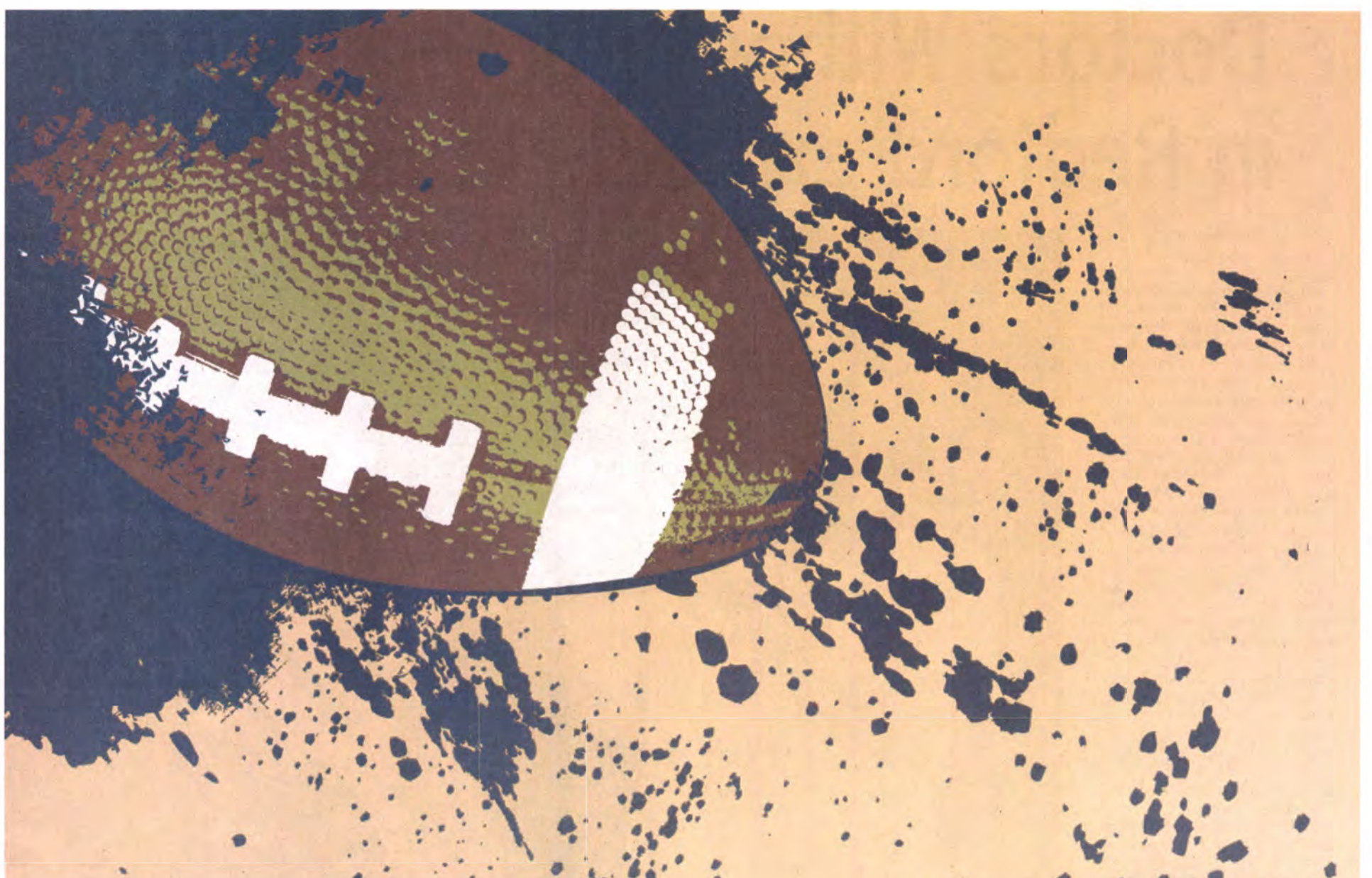
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 22-23; and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24

**Location:** Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Bill Dwyer; tickets \$10 Thursday, \$18 Friday-Saturday

**Contact:** 248-542-9900; [info@ComedyCastle.com](mailto:info@ComedyCastle.com)





## SCORE BIG WITH GAME DAY SNACKS

The game is on, and your home is filled with friends decked out in those familiar colors, ready to cheer their team to victory. Now there's only one more thing you need to make this game day gathering great — a feast of delicious, easy-to-enjoy goodies.

Make sure to include delicious dips and dippers in your game day spread. Add variety and color with sliced up carrots, bell peppers and broccoli to serve alongside crackers and other crunchy dippers.

Get in the game with these recipes and more by visiting [www.bluediamond.com](http://www.bluediamond.com).

*Courtesy of Family Features*



### BLAZIN' BUFFALO POTATO SKINS

Servings: 6-8

3 pounds small russet potatoes  
Olive oil cooking spray  
1 cup shredded reduced-fat or regular Monterey Jack cheese  
1 cup shredded rotisserie chicken  
¼ cup buffalo wing sauce  
½ cup crushed Blue Diamond Hint of Sea Salt Nut-Thins  
½ cup chopped Blue Diamond Smokehouse Almonds  
½ cup light sour cream  
¼ cup sliced green onion tops

Preheat oven to 450°F and line baking sheet with foil. Rinse potatoes and pat dry; pierce with fork or sharp knife. Place in large microwave-safe bowl; cover and microwave on high for 15 minutes or until potatoes are soft when gently squeezed. Remove and let cool slightly.

Cut in half and scoop out potato leaving ¼-inch rim of potato inside skin. Place on prepared baking sheet and spray both sides of potato skins liberally with cooking spray; bake for 15 minutes to crisp.

Sprinkle equal amounts of cheese into each skin. Stir together chicken and wing sauce and spoon over cheese. Top with nut chips and almonds and bake for 5 minutes more. Add dollop of sour cream to each and sprinkle with green onions. Serve with additional wing sauce, if desired.

### HONEY DIJON PRETZEL CHICKEN TENDERS

Servings: 3-4

1 package (about 1 ½ pound) chicken tenders  
1 egg, whisked  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
Salt and pepper  
1 cup crushed pretzels  
1 cup crushed Blue Diamond Honey Dijon Almonds

In small bowl, coat raw chicken with egg, mustard and spices. Let marinate in refrigerator for 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix pretzels and almonds, and spread on large plate in even layer. Coat each chicken tender in pretzel-almond mixture, then place on greased baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through.

### BACON AVOCADO DIP

Servings: 1 cup

1 large avocado, peeled and mashed  
½ tomato, seeded and chopped  
½ cup Blue Diamond Jalapeño Smokehouse Almonds, chopped  
¼ cup diced red onion  
3 strips cooked bacon, roughly chopped  
2 tablespoons sour cream  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
Juice of ½ lime  
Salt and pepper, to taste

In small bowl, mix all ingredients. Serve with tortilla chips or your favorite flavor of Nut Thins.

### GRAB N' GO POPCORN BALLS

Servings: 12

1 tablespoon canola oil  
½ cup popcorn  
6 tablespoons butter  
1 (10-ounce) bag mini marshmallows  
¼ cup Blue Diamond Oven Roasted Sea Salt Almonds  
½ cup chocolate chips  
Sea salt, for garnish

In large Dutch oven, heat oil and popcorn over medium heat. Cover with lid, shaking pan occasionally to coat kernels. Once you hear first pop, continue shaking pan until popping slows down and all kernels have popped. Set aside.

In large saucepan, heat butter over medium-low heat, until melted. Add marshmallows and mix until fully melted. Add cooked popcorn. Gently stir until popcorn is evenly coated with marshmallow mixture. Add almonds and chocolate chips, and continue to stir until incorporated into mixture. Remove pan from heat, and let cool for few minutes. Sprinkle with sea salt. Moving quickly, mold popcorn-marshmallow mixture into balls with hands. (Washing hands with water will help ensure mixture won't stick.) Place balls on parchment paper, and let cool. Store in airtight container or bag.