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Westland home values up 12 percent

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland homes will see an average 12-percent increase in assessments for 2015.

After years where property values severely decreased during the recession, this double-digit increase follows a 5-percent assessment increase in 2014.

That's good news for homeowners — the value of their homes are increasing, but the taxable-value increase is capped at 5 percent or the rate inflation, whichever is less.

This year the rate of inflation is 1.6 percent, so that's



Wild

garage.

"We're starting to pull out of it on the property value side. The taxable rate is slower being protected by Proposal A," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It definitely makes me feel like we are on the right track again."

That 12-percent increase is

the amount that property taxes will increase.

The exceptions would be properties that sold in 2014, which sets a new taxable value, or additions, such as a

garage. an average citywide, so some areas of Westland will see higher or lower increases.

"I just saw the average number. I expect swings on individual neighborhoods," Wild said. "What we saw last year was that newer higher-dollar subdivisions were coming back at a faster rate. I expect to see that this year. They were worth more to start with."

Having areas of homes with higher assessment increases benefits the city as a whole, Wild said.

"Real estate agents say that there are brisk sales in Westland, homes are selling as quickly as they hit the market,"

he said. "The homes aren't on the market long."

The annual assessment increase comes from the Wayne County Assessment and Equalization department, which recently completed its sales and appraisal study to determine the level of change for 2015 assessed values.

Based on this data, the residential class of properties will receive an overall increase of 12.06 percent. Commercial will increase by 5.33 percent and industrial will decrease by 7.27 percent.

"I wanted to know as the soon as they (the city assessors) knew. The numbers came

back and we jumped on them," Wild said.

The review of assessments will not be finalized until mid-February. An assessment notice will then be mailed to all property owners in Westland with the assessed and taxable values from 2014 and 2015.

"This 12-percent rise on top of last year's 5 percent is welcomed by Westland homeowners who took a beating during the recent recession and is indicative of the strong local home market," Wild said.

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Westland's new, 10,000-square-foot fire station on Central City Parkway was officially dedicated on Monday.

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WESTLAND DEDICATES NEW, STATE-OF-ART FIRE STATION

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Before a standing-room only crowd, the ribbon was cut to officially open Westland's new Fire Station 1 on Monday afternoon.

But the firefighters and trucks weren't moved in and ready for service until Tuesday.

"This is another great day in our All-American City. I remember not too long ago breaking ground for this station," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "This is a state-of-art facility that will serve us for 50 years."

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Flanked by Joanne Savini and Council President James Godbout, Westland Mayor William Wild cuts the ceremonial red ribbon at the dedication of the new fire station, named after the city's first fire chief, the late Ralph Savini.

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Robbery suspect arrested in Ohio

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A man wanted in connection with the armed robbery of a Westland security guard has been arrested in Ohio.

The U.S. Marshals Service arrested Jestin Landry on Feb. 2 after a tip was received when he was featured in the Toledo Blade's Most Wanted feature.

Westland Police contacted the Marshals Service after obtaining a warrant for Landry, charging him with armed robbery and felony firearm. Landry had fled to Ohio, where he lives, police said.

Landry was also facing unrelated felony charges in Ohio. Westland Police report that Landry will be extradited to Michigan to face the local charges.

Westland Police reported that a tip from the public helped locate a vehicle that was allegedly used by the suspects in the Dec. 21 armed robbery of a security guard who was sitting in a vehicle at Woodland Villa Apartments.

The security guard told police that a male and two females had stolen his wallet, credit cards and cell-phone at gunpoint while he sat in his vehicle. The apartment complex is north of Warren Road and west off Central City Parkway.

Police released surveillance photos of two suspects reportedly using a credit card stolen from the security guard. The credit card was reported to have been used at the Speedway gas station at Cherry Hill and Newburgh a short time after the robbery was reported.

Arrested after a search warrant was executed, Rebecca Olsen, 27, of Westland is charged with armed robbery and illegal use of a financial transaction device. A not guilty plea was entered at her arraignment in Westland 18th District Court.

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Wayne council OKs new voting precincts, wards

By LeAnne Rogers
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Wayne council members will now be elected from six wards, following the implementation of a charter amendment that was approved by voters in November.

The council has approved the wards and next week will approve the required ordinance amendment.

As part of establishing the wards, the city reduced the number of voting precincts from seven to six. The new voting precincts, approved by

the election commission, cover the same geographic areas as the wards.

"We have approximately 17,000 registered voters. This is pretty evenly distributed," City Clerk Matthew Miller said. "Under state law there can't be a deviation of more

than 11 percent between precincts. We have got about 7 percent deviation."

As the precincts were consolidated to align with the new wards, Miller said the west side of the city needed a big-

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2015 Voting Districts

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ger geographic area to include enough voters.

That's precinct/ward 1, which runs roughly from Wayne Road to Hannan and from Van Born to north of Michi-

gan Avenue. The estimated population of 2,952 and 1,965 registered voters is similar to the other precincts/wards. The area includes the Ford Assembly Plant and other industrial development areas with no residents.

The city worked with contractor Stantec to

determine approximately how many people reside in the new precinct/wards.

"We got a pretty good distribution and no more than 3,000 voters per precinct," Miller said.

Beginning with the August primary election, Wayne council members must be elected from the

precinct/ward in which they live. That, and term limits for mayor and council, were charter amendments initiated by resident Ron Roberts.

"It saves us money. We have less precincts," Roberts said.

Implementing the ward voting, however, will cost the city in ex-

cess of \$50,000, Miller said, with the work by Stantec, new voters identification cards for 13,000 registered voters, postage, new precinct maps and other expenses.

The polling places are:
» Precincts/wards 1 and 2 — Hoover Elementary School, 5400 Fourth St.

» Precincts/wards 3 and 6 — the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims.

» Precincts/wards 4 and 5 — Taft-Galloway Elementary School, 4035 Gloria.

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STATION

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The old Fire Station 1, which was located on Ford at Carlson, was 50 years old and dated to the Nankin Township days before Westland incorporated as a city.

Like the old station, the new building is named after Ralph Savini, Westland's first fire chief.

Savini spent 10 years as a Wayne firefighter before becoming Westland fire chief when the city formed. Savini worked his entire career as Westland chief at the original Fire Station 1. The station was named in his honor after his retirement in 1988. He died in 1998.

"I'm very proud that the extended Savini family is here. Mrs. (Joanne) Savini is a regular member of the Friendship



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Equipment is ready for service in the engine bay.

Center," Wild said. "Word got out to her that we were tearing down the Savini fire station. It was functionality obsolete."

Wild made sure to let Joanne Savini know that the new station would continue to be named for her late husband.

At more than 10,000 square feet, the new station on Central City Parkway can accommodate the newer, larger fire vehicles, Wild said, and provide space for firefighters, community education and other programs.

In addition, the new building is more energy efficient, thanks to its lighting, windows, heating and cooling systems, he said.

The opening of the fire station occurred several months after Westland moved into a new city hall located on Warren Road just to the south of the fire station. Both projects were fund-

ed through the Tax Increment Finance Authority without raising taxes.

The city hall is a retrofitted former Circuit City store, while the fire station is on part of the parcel that housed the long-closed Service Merchandise store. That building, located south of the new fire station, has been demolished and that property will be available for redevelopment.

Wild recognized his staff, the TIFA board and the efforts of the contractors on the projects, including architect Stacy Peterson of the Sidcock Group.

"Stacy Peterson did an incredible job. I told him we needed a fire station that looks like a restaurant so it fits into the area," said Wild, referring to city's shop-and-dine district.

The city should be proud of providing such a fine facility for firefighters, Peterson said.

"It's always a great day. The building is super clean, shiny and ready to serve first responders," he said. "I'm still in awe of firefighters who work at the station. These are people trained to run toward situations other people run from."

Joe Vig of J.S. Vig Construction, the general contractor on the pro-

ject, said the building dedication made him think of his late father.

"In 1975, my dad built the Westland Police station. When you work on a public safety building, it's not like a run-of-the-mill office building," Vig said. "It's a spectacular building as fire stations go. This is really a first-rate design. It's a building the city can be proud of."

Among the crowd that gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were many current and retired firefighters, including former fire chief Mark Neal, who headed the last new fire station construction about 15 years ago.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy was an assistant chief under Neal and said he learned a lot about how to handle a construction project. Neal had been hired by Savini and worked under him for several years.

"He (Savini) was a great chief. He wasn't dictatorial. He was an easygoing manager who expected his firefighters to perform," Neal said. "He was always supportive of everything you did. He got us the best equipment he could and the training we needed."

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Schoolcraft certified executive pastry chef Heather Moore talks about the Valentine's Day treats made by her students.

Valentine's Day sweets: Schoolcraft students craft goodies

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When it comes to Valentine's Day, the students in Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department know how most folks will be proclaiming their affection to their significant other.

"There's no better way to say 'I love you' than through the belly," said Heather Moore, an adjunct faculty member at the college and certified executive pastry chef.

And Moore's students are more than willing to help. Students at School-

craft have worked all week preparing sweets to sell at the college's Visi-Tech Center on its Livonia campus at 18600 Haggerty. The students have volunteered to make chocolates, candies, cupcakes, cookies, fondue platters and even macarons to sell in the cen-

ter's Main Street Cafe for those looking for something with some local touch this Valentine's Day.

The idea began last year after Moore and other faculty members thought students could learn more about the retail aspect of culinary

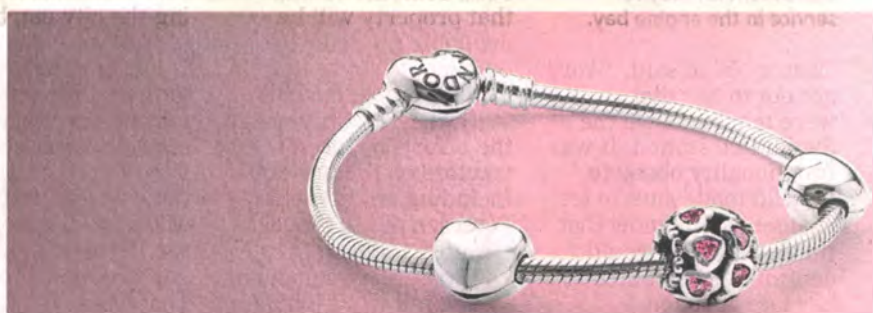
arts. She gathered some students, who volunteered their time, and spent hours in the kitchen crafting goodies, packaging them and preparing them for retail.

"We kind of always felt like there was something missing in their education, the retail as-

pect of it," she said. "So we thought it would be really fun for the students and for the faculty to come up with something."

New to the lineup this year are a wide array of cupcakes in varying fla-

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State police testing drone to support public safety

Many uses seen for unmanned aircraft

Michigan.com

The Michigan State Police is seeking approval to use an unmanned aircraft system — commonly known as a drone — to enhance public safety efforts.

State police spokeswoman Shanon Banner said if the Federal Aviation Administration approves its request, the state police would become one of the first police agencies in the nation to obtain statewide authorization to fly the drone to support public safety efforts.

"The drone would be used in search and rescue, crime scene and crash investigations," she noted.

The state police purchased an Aeryon SkyRanger in September 2013 in the hopes of using the drone to support law

enforcement missions. It was selected because "of its high rating in the federal Robotic Aircraft for Public Safety (RAPS) survey," according to a state police news release.

The RAPS survey evaluated different systems for safety, capability and reliability. Since that time, the state police worked closely with the FAA to meet all safety and training requirements, as well as to develop policies and procedures for the safe and effective implementation of this equipment.

In February, state police received a certificate of authorization from the FAA to conduct training flights with the drone near the department's Training Academy in Lansing.

Departmental policy dictates the unmanned aircraft system is always flown by a two-person crew, with one acting as the pilot and the other as a safety observer. The FAA-certified pilot has re-



MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

The Michigan State Police has been testing this Aeryon SkyRanger since February in the hopes the Federal Aviation Administration will allow the department to fly it in support of public safety efforts. If permission is granted, the state police will use the drone for search-and-rescue operations and for investigations of crime scenes and vehicle crashes.

ceived specific training from the manufacturer in the safe operation of the Aeryon SkyRanger.

The Aeryon SkyRanger

must remain below 400 feet and always be within a line of sight of the crew, according to the policy. Many additional safety factors are included

with the design of the device.

A site visit with the FAA is scheduled in the near future to review the state police's request for authorization.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck was reported stolen from the Westwick Square Cooperative, 4900 Heather Place, Feb. 4. The vehicle, described as red with a silver snow dog plow on the front and a salt bin in the back, is owned by the cooperative.

An employee told police he parked the truck in the driveway of the cooperative community center at about 5 p.m. the previous day. The following morning, the cooperative assistant manager arrived and told police the vehicle was gone. She said she had both sets of keys.

The employee told police miscellaneous tools belonging to him and the cooperative had been inside the truck when it was stolen. The truck was valued at \$10,000 with no value set for the tools.

Larceny

A resident in the 4300 block of Myron told police Feb. 8 that someone had stolen a tool box from her garage. She said her brother owns the tool box.

By LeAnne Rogers

Break-in

A Coleman propane lantern, two 20-pound propane tanks and two tool boxes containing miscellaneous tools, valued at \$190, were reported stolen from a shed in the 35000 block of Glen on Feb. 8.

The homeowner told police that someone pried open the shed window overnight to steal the items.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 38000 block of Overbrook told police Feb. 8 that at about 4 a.m. she heard the garage door open. She said she got up and closed the garage door thinking her grandson had left it open as he came in. She then went back to sleep.

Later in the day, another resident found the garage door opener missing from his truck, along with some radio equipment from the glove box. The truck had been left unlocked. Nothing was reported missing from the garage.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Attempted vehicle theft

On Feb. 5, a resident of the Capri Terrace Apartments, 31511 Capri Terrace, told police the alarm on her 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer went off about 5 a.m. the previous day.

Later in the day, she said she found her vehicle ignition damaged and the vehicle wouldn't start.

Fraud

On Feb. 2, a Westland man told police that he found that two credit card accounts had been fraudulently opened using his personal information. One account had a \$636 balance, the other \$250. He said it was unclear when the accounts had been opened.

Vandalism

On Feb. 3, a Garden City man reported three tires slashed on his vehicle while it was parked overnight in the 7300 block of Central. While the officer was taking the report, a Livonia woman told police someone slashed two tires on her vehicle while

she was parked near the same home during the same time period.

Hit and run

A Westland woman told police Feb. 1 that her 2013 Ford Escape was struck on the driver's side while she was inside Petco, 35725 Warren Road, for about an hour. The officer noted damaged to the rear driver's side and a paint transfer.

Car fire

Police went to the area of Booth and Crown Feb. 2 to assist the Wayne-Westland Fire Department when a car caught on fire. A Livonia man told police he was driving his 2003 Chevrolet Impala when it caught fire.

Vandalism

A Livonia man told police Feb. 2 that someone had knocked the mirror off his 2015 Ford Fusion while it was parked for several hours the previous night on Mackenzie at Merriman.

By LeAnne Rogers

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Jail ordered for Livonia man

By Lisa Roose-Church
Livingston Daily

A Livonia man who delivered drugs that were set up by a Livingston County Jail inmate was sentenced Feb. 5.

Ryan Bonner was sentenced in accordance with a plea bargain to two years of probation, with the first 11 months spent in the local jail for delivery of a controlled substance, according to Livingston County Circuit Court records.

"I apologize for wasting the court's time," the 29-year-old Bonner said.

Police allege Bonner was one of two people who delivered illegal narcotics in drug deals set up by Weston Gabriel King, a Hartland Township father who was earlier sentenced to one year in the county jail for aiding the delivery of less than 50 grams of controlled substances.

Authorities said King instructed a woman identified as Keeley Marie

Sanders-Masch of Hartland Township via telephone calls exactly how much methadone and other prescription medications to sell and for

how much while he was incarcerated in the jail for a felonious assault and domestic violence case.

The sales to an undercover narcotics officer took place in August and September, and totaled 500 methadone pills, 60 Norco pills and 60 hydrocodone pills for a total of \$2,340.

Norco, hydrocodone and methadone are pain-relief medications. Methadone also is used for drug detoxification.

Sanders-Masch was sentenced in December to six months in the county jail for her part in conspiracy, according to court records.



Bonner

St. Mary Mercy employees celebrate 100-year-old's birthday



Livonia resident Virginia Slotnick turned 100 years old on Tuesday. On Feb. 6, St. Mary Mercy Livonia employees surprised Slotnick with a birthday cake, balloons and flowers when she came for her regular massage with Jessica Saben, massage therapist, in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

End is here for RadioShack; 3 local stores expected to close

Michigan.com

RadioShack, the consumer-electronics chain that filed for bankruptcy protection last week, is to close more than 1,700 stores nationwide, including more than 50 in Michigan.

The nearly century-old retailer, which traces its origins to a leather shoe parts shop in Texas and a mail-order operation in Boston, is expected to offer liquidation sales at the stores slated for closure.

The Ft. Worth, Texas, company has about 4,000 stores in the U.S., but

sales have been declining for years as it struggled against competitors such as Best Buy and customers went online to shop for their electronic parts and devices.

But in the past two decades, the company failed to find focus and its financial footing.

About half of the stores set to close in Michigan are in metro Detroit. Local Radio Shack stores expected to close are in Wayne at 35354 E. Michigan Ave., Livonia at 29480 Seven Mile and Westland at 35511 Ford.

Bosch fund assists Friends of the Rouge

The Bosch Community Fund has awarded \$10,000 to the Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization serving the Rouge River watershed.

"These much-needed funds will support general operations and our hands-on education and public involvement programs in 2015," said Aimee LaLonde-Norman, executive director for Friends of the Rouge.

Bosch, which has a facility in Farmington Hills, awarded the grant in honor of the site expansion at Bosch's Technical Center in Plymouth Township. Groundbreaking for this project was in August;

expected completion is in November.

"Bosch's affiliation with Friends of the Rouge has been important because we share the same value of environmental sustainability," said John Mirsky, vice president of technical and engineering services for Robert Bosch LLC.

"Friends of the Rouge does important work in the watershed. We have given them access to aquatic sampling in Seeley Creek, which borders our property, and they have helped us lead on-site, volunteer habitat restoration projects."

The Bosch fund has also contributed to pro-

jects throughout the Farmington area, including the Farmington Public Schools.

Friends of the Rouge oversees several core program areas, including:

» The Rouge Education Project is a partnership with local schools in which Friends of the Rouge provides science education/water quality monitoring programming for students in grades K-12.

» River Restoration activities that provide residents, businesses and municipalities with training about riparian corridor management (best practices for land use) as well as hands-on

installation and maintenance experience.

» Rouge Rescue is one of the largest annual river cleanup events in the nation and engages nearly 2,000 volunteers of all ages in trash removal, woody debris management, native plantings, invasive plant removal and other stewardship activities.

» Volunteer Monitoring efforts provide critical data about the health of the river and engage hundreds of volunteers each year in hands-on monitoring of aquatic insects, frogs, toads and fish to assess and track the health of the river as well as the quality of habitat in/around the river.

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Kids race around looking for lost mittens after youth services librarian Laura Flaherty read "The Mitten" by Jan Brett.

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Preschoolers look for mitten at story time

How many creatures can fit in a snow-white mitten? That was the question answered at a recent preschool story time at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

Youth Services Librarian Laura Flaherty entertained youngsters by reading Jan Brett's *The Mitten*, a classic Ukrainian folktale about little Nicky, who asks his Babe to knit him a pair of snow-white mittens. When he loses one of the mittens in the snow, a group of curious animals from a very small mouse to a very large bear find warmth together in the mitten until the bear sneezes.

Youngsters enjoyed the story and spent time searching the children's room for the lost mitten.

The story time is for preschoolers ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old, who are not yet in kindergarten. An independent story time, it presents early literacy elements through stories, rhymes and songs. No registration is required.

The preschool story time is one of several children's reading programs offered at the library. It runs on Friday's through Feb. 27.

Other story times included:

» Sleepytime story time from 6:30-



Tiffany Chafin returns a lost mitten.

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7:15 p.m. Mondays through Feb. 23. Close the day with stories and crafts for little dreamers ages 3-7. Children are

invited to attend in their pajamas, and siblings are welcome. No registration is required.

» Babytime story time for children up to age 2 from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 24. The interactive story time includes stories, songs, rhymes and games geared especially toward babies (birth to 2 years, with a caregiver). Older siblings are welcome. Session includes a playtime with interactive learning toys, puzzles, and music.

» Toddler Tales for age 18 months to 3 1/2 years of age from 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 25. This is an interactive program between parents or their caregivers and their children. Enjoy 30 minutes of theme-based stories, songs, signs and vocabulary building with your little ones.

» Story time at Biggby Coffee, 36640 Ford, Westland, from 10-10:30 a.m. the second Thursday of the month. A librarian will present stories, songs and rhymes at Biggby. Caregivers will receive \$1 off any grand or super beverage and kids beverages are available at everyday value pricing.

The story times end at the end of February and won't resume until April. For more information about children's programs at the library, call 734-326-6123.

February is the month to celebrate presidents

Presidents Day falls on Monday, Feb. 16, this year. What began as a day celebrating George Washington's birthday alone (Feb. 22) became a holiday celebrating all United States presidents.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act, enacted in 1971, moved the observance of several holidays to Mondays, including Columbus Day, Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day. This made it easier for businesses, government offices and workers to celebrate these holidays.

Although it did not exist until 1983, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is also celebrated on a Monday, thanks to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

When the celebration of George Washington's birthday was switched to the third Monday in February, officials realized that the day also came close to Lincoln's birthday, so the holiday became Presidents Day.

On Feb. 12, 1809, future president Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Hardin County, Ky. He was named after his grandfather, a captain in the Revolutionary War and a pioneer settler of Kentucky. Abraham Lincoln's parents were Thomas Lincoln, who worked as a farmer and a carpenter, and Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Nancy Lincoln passed away in

1818, leaving Abraham's older sister, Sarah, to care for the household.

George Washington was born on Feb. 2, 1732, nearly 80 years before the birth of President Lincoln. He was born in Bridges Creek, Va., to Augustine Washington and Mary Ball and was the eldest of six children. George also had three half-siblings. When George's father passed away, he was raised by his half-brother, Lawrence.

To learn more about the early lives of famous U.S. presidents, try using the database Biography in Context, made available by the Westland library. It provides biographical information on more than 340,000 people, and even includes audio podcasts, images and video for many famous individuals. Locate Biography in Context on our website (www.westlandlibrary.org) in Databases A to Z under the Research tab.

If you'd like more information about any of our U.S. presidents, stop by the library to speak to a librarian, visit the library's website at westlandlibrary.org, or call the library at 734-326-6123.

Highlighted Events
Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 12 — This group meets monthly for book discussion, creative activities and light refreshments. This month's book is *Bud, Not Buddy*, an award-winning book by Christopher Paul Curtis. The hero of the story is 10-

year-old Bud, growing up in Flint in 1936. Readers will love Bud's spunk and bravery as he begins a search for a father he's never known.

Open Mic, 7 p.m. Feb. 12, all ages welcome — Let your muse run wild coffee shop-style, with singer-songwriter John Latini as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands and performers of all sorts are welcome. Sign up to receive a reminder email or just show up ready to perform.

Friday Night Dinner and a Movie, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. movie — What's better than dinner with friends? Well, dinner and a movie with friends. Tonight's movie is *The Judge*. Our local restaurant is Alexander the Great. Tickets for dinner are \$10 and can be purchased at the Circulation Desk. Moviegoers do not need to have dinner to watch the movie. Doors for movie-only attendees will open at 6:45 p.m. Snacks and refreshments are provided before the movie on a donation basis.

First Time Home Buyer Education Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 — This workshop is conducted by the Community Housing Network, a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) certified Homeownership Education Counseling agency. There will be a special presentation by Flagstar Bank. Attending this workshop fulfills certain requirements of the

MSHDA mortgage loan program. Register in advance at mjaks@chninc.net or by calling 248-824-7392. Space is limited.

Rhythm & Rock Time, 10 a.m. Feb. 14, 1-5 years, with caregiver — Sing, play and move along with your child. Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Kindergarten Book Club, 2 p.m. Feb. 14 — Kindergartners Join us as we read Eileen Spinelli's book *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*, talk about what we have read and do a lot of other fun, book-related activities. This program does include a snack, so indicate any food allergies your child may have. Register for this program online, at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Family Movie, 1 p.m. Feb. 15, kids of all ages — Join us for a family movie. Movies are rated G or PG and run approximately 90 minutes. No registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Children under 10 must have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information.

Teens and Tweens Nail Art, 6 p.m. Feb. 17, Grades 5 and up — It's time to get fancy. We'll have a bunch of nail polish and instructions for creating cool nail art. Try a sophisticated technique or just layer on a ton of glitter.

Adult Book Discus-

sion Group, 7 p.m. Feb. 18 — The definitive political biography of Rosa Parks, *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks*, written by Jeanne Theoharis, examines her six decades of activism, challenging perceptions of her as an accidental actor in the civil rights movement and presenting a corrective to the popular notion of Rosa Parks.

Storytime at the Westland Starbucks, 10 a.m. Feb. 19, 2-5-year-olds — Join us for storytime at the Westland Starbucks! Every third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. a librarian from the Public Library of Westland will present stories, songs and rhymes. The Westland Starbucks is at 36545 Warren Road. Hope to see you there!

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19 — Do you have an eReader or tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events if you would like to receive a reminder email.

Preview Book Sale Friends of the Library, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 19 — The preview sale is a chance for members of the Friends of the Library (or those who wish to join) to get first pick in this month's book sale. The book sale will be open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Great prices for great books. All proceeds go to the library.

No Friday Night Movie on Feb. 20; instead, stop by and check out the book sale. Next week's movie is *The Theory of Everything*.

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

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

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

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

Talent, fun: These carvers have a way with wood

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Senior Woodcarvers have been around in Plymouth more than 15 years, having started under the tutelage of the late George Hanosh.

"He was our instructor for four or five years before he died" in 2003, said Ron Nikolits of Plymouth Township. The group meets from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, on a walk-in basis.

On a recent Monday, Bob Fogoros of Canton was working on a crucifix carving of Mary, mother of Jesus. Fogoros has been carving 12 years and is a semi-retired part-time contract engineer at Daimler.

"I've always been interested in woodworking," Fogoros said, setting aside his tools for a moment. "I built a home. I wanted to get more into the woodworking end of it. It takes me a long time," he said of the work, due to his employment "and traveling and kids and grandkids. I just enjoy the personalities. I tend to get pretty focused on what I'm doing."

Fogoros has given away work, including to hospitals.

"This is a relief carving I'm doing, the last stages of it," said Jerry Valentine of Livonia, a retired engineer at Pilot Industries in Dexter. "It's a mill scene."

Valentine began to carve in 2001 and is now president of the Livonia Woodcarvers Club. Livonia hosts woodcarving 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon each Thursday at the Civic Park Senior Center.

"It's satisfaction," Valentine said. "It gives me something to do. I take my work to woodcarving shows and sell quite a bit of it. I also paint, I'm a painter."



Carvers Carol and Bill Dodt are from Westland.

He's also in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Three Cities Art Club, as well as playing the recorder at the Pittsfield Senior Center.

"Oh, yeah," said Valentine, who retired in 1999. "They're all good people. A lot of us are from the same profession, too."

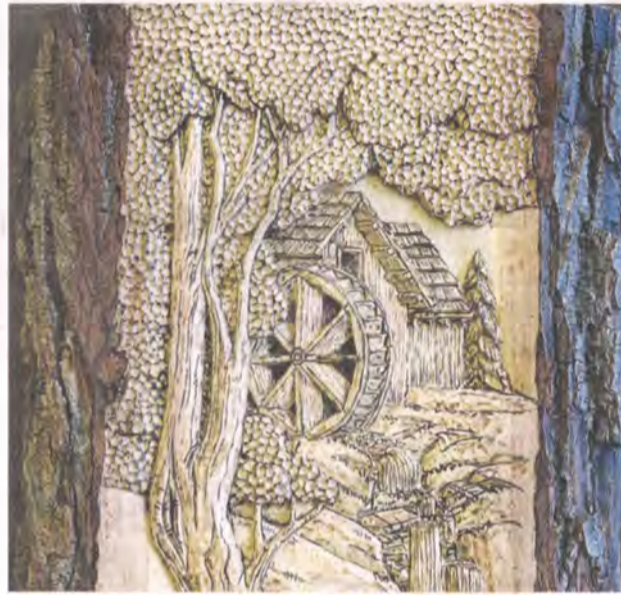
Encouragement, friendship

Each Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, participants pay \$1.50 for the coffee and use of the city facility. Nikolits noted a corps of original members, emphasizing newcomers are also welcome.

"We don't have a formal class, but we try to help them get started. We pretty much leave it up to the individual to guide himself or herself," said Nikolits, a Ford Motor Co. retired engineer. "Everybody is more than willing to help out."

Most are retirees, although some work part time and come on a day off, he said. Nikolits, who retired in 1997, has carved since 1995, when his brother-in-law and sister started in Livonia. Ron's son wanted to learn.

"He quit going, but I



Jerry Valentine's mill scene is carved on a slab of wood that includes the tree bark, which frames his carving. He lives in Livonia.

stayed with my brother-in-law and sister. We had some really good carvers," Nikolits said.

Bill Rojewski of Northville Township retired in 2002 as an engineer with Daykin Electric and began to carve at his wife's encouragement. "That's how I started doing this stuff," he said. "I get enjoyment out of it. We do a variety of things. We do

carving in the round, relief carving."

He was working on a humorous carving, "trying to figure out what all these things are and get them at different levels." He likes to add details.

"Then you start getting a lot of satisfaction out of it," Rojewski said. "We have a good group. We critique each other's work."

Lots of opportunities

Keith Moyer of Canton participates in the Plymouth group, as well as the Canton one (Summit on the Park, 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday) and the Thursday Livonia group.

Moyer, a retired chemist, likes the "friendship, camaraderie. And we solve the world's problems once in a while when we start talking politics."

Plymouth Township resident Chris Theos is a newcomer of a few months who joined "to give me something to do. To work with my hands a little bit. It keeps me busy."

Nikolits described the carvers as "close-knit. A lot of communication between the various people. It's kind of a nice network of communication and cooperation among the groups."

Some travel a bit to take lessons, he said, learning how to finish work or how to paint it. The carvers get most tools from catalogs or shows, with Nikolits estimating the initial tool cost at \$50 to \$60 plus wood. "It's a relatively inexpensive hobby when you compare it to other things," he said.

Robert Mills of Ply-

mouth was doing a figurehead for a ship and also made the ship's bow. "Probably off and on most of my life as a hobby," Mills said of woodcarving. He's a retired machine shop supervisor.

"It's a nice thing to come out and associate with people," he added.

Carol and Bill Dodt of Westland were the sole husband and wife team at the Cultural Center on a recent Monday morning. "He's been carving for a long, long time," said Carol, a homemaker. Bill had been a toolmaker.

She got involved "because of him" and noted a couple of other women also join in. "Doing the relief carving and stuff. And the socializing with people," she said of what she likes.

"I enjoy doing it," Bill Dodt said. "I started when I was still working. It worked out really well for that. We each do our own."

Carol was working on an "ol' barn road" scene, Bill both a relief work to hang on a wall and a fan bird.

"They used to do this back in the lumber camps years ago," he added. He gives his work away and finds people like the gifts.

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Precision Jewelers moves store to 'better serve customers'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Precision Jewelers may have left its location inside Westland Shopping Center, but its customers don't have to look too far to find the new store. It's now on Warren Road directly across from the mall.

A mall tenant for more than 10 years, Precision Jewelers made the move to a larger store at the end of January "to better serve our customers," Rannie Ansara said.

"We needed more space," Ansara said. "We now have 50 linear feet of showcase space dedicated just for bridal. We have our own casting room so we can finish a ring from drawing to final product very quickly, and have a jeweler in house. We can do service in 24-48 hours."

Snowy opening

The family closed the mall store at the end of January and with the help of a Brinks truck, worked almost 24 hours a day to move into the new store. It was scheduled to re-open Feb. 2, but a near record snowfall delayed the opening to Feb. 3.

The move has more than doubled the jeweler's floor space. In addition to the expanded bridal area, it has an area for clocks and wristwatches by Bulova, Caravelle, Movado, Seiko and Citizen, pocket watches and Chamilia beads, as well as jewelry boxes and pen sets.

"We want to concentrate on diamonds and gems, beads, clocks and crystal," Ansara said. "It's a beautiful store;



The staff at Precision Jewelry includes Olga Papp (from left), Justin Ansara, Rannie Ansara, George Deeb, Albert Ansara, Margo Ansara, Rima Bawab and Mike Ansara.

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we're going to be successful here."

"We did this seven years ago with Macomb Mall; we worried about it, but in the end we ended up growing the business," added Mike Ansara.

Mike Ansara is referring to Precision's free-standing store across the street from Macomb Mall. After be-

ing approached by management, the Ansaras returned to the mall with a new Pandora store.

Albert Ansara started in the jewelry business in 1950 when he was living in Jerusalem. He hired the neighbor to teach a brother to be a watchmaker. The neighbor ended up training all six brothers. Albert Ansara eventually moved his family to Australia for four years before coming to the United States in 1968. His children made news almost immediately with their first ever encounter with snow the day after they arrived in Redford.

The first store

He opened his first store, Modern Watch and

Jewelry, on Wayne Road in Westland in 1973. He moved the store to Westland Shopping Center in 1975 and then opened a second store in the new Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi in 1977. He was one of that mall's first tenants, but handling two stores became too much, so he sold the Westland store in 1978. He stayed at Twelve Oaks for 11 years before leaving in 1988.

He also had a store at Wonderland Mall in Livonia for 18 years and was in Macomb Mall for 20 years.

The family business — Mike and Rannie are partners with their father — returned to the Westland Shopping Center in 2004, opening a store on the south end of the Ma-

cy's Court.

Also involved in the business is their sister, Olga Papp, a gemologist, and Ansara's son Justin who is managing the Westland store.

The store features a large expanse of windows, which the brothers like. When they were in the mall, they had no idea what the weather was outside. It also offers the opportunity to develop their customer base.

"We want to develop a relationship with customers; we want to become their jeweler," Mike Ansara said. "In the mall, customers were passing through and stopped in."

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IRS filing is free for those that qualify

One of my favorite words in the English dictionary is "free." "On sale" is a close second, but "free" is better. However, whenever I get a free offer, I am always leery. After all, when something is free, there is generally a catch.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

There is something that is free and does not have a catch — the IRS free tax file program. It allows a taxpayer to complete and file a tax return for free. There are no catches or gimmicks.

The IRS free file program is sponsored by a consortium of 14 private tax preparation companies, including H&R Block, TurboTax and TaxSlayer.

The program has been around since 2003 and more than 40 million people have used it. Basically, it allows you to select tax preparation software from a list of tax preparing companies. In addition, many of the companies will also allow you to complete and file your Michigan return at no charge.

The free file program is available to those who have adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less. If you meet that criterion, you can take advantage of this service and have your tax return completed and e-filed for free.

I know many people are thinking that since this is connected with the IRS that somehow the returns will be prepared for the benefit of the IRS, as opposed to the taxpayer. That is not the case. The IRS does not manage or control this program. Don't worry that somehow you can lose out on deductions. This is the same software that is sold in the stores.

You may hear all sorts of advertisements or see things on the Internet claiming free tax preparation. While some may be legitimate offers, the majority are not. The only way to take advantage of this program is to link directly through the IRS website (www.irs.gov/freefile).

If you go to one of the tax preparation companies' website directly, you cannot take advantage of this program.

Approximately 70 percent of Americans can take advantage of this program and prepare and file their tax returns for free. Before you pay someone to have your tax return done, go to the IRS website and check out this program. After all, if it can save you a few hundred dollars, why not?

As a side note, if you have your tax information, why not file your return as soon as possible? The sooner you file, the faster you will get your refund.

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Consumer Electronics Show unveils new gadgets to use

The movie *Back to the Future* promised us hover boards and self-lacing high top sneakers by the year 2015. Well, it's officially the future and there are no signs of those gadgets for the common consumer.

Fortunately, this year's Consumer Electronics Show featured some other unfathomable and sometimes unnecessary technologies that may help us through the sadness of a hover board-free commute.

Oral-B® Bluetooth Toothbrush: Everything has Bluetooth connectivity now and your grooming products are no different. Oral-B® now has an electric toothbrush that connects with an app on your smart phone that measures your brushing habits. Sounds cool, but if you have great oral hygiene, you probably don't need this.

Deil XPS 13: This amazing laptop looks normal at first — until you realize the screen is 5.2 millimeters thick and the battery lasts for 15 hours, the longest of any 13-inch monitor on the market. It is compact, light and starts at \$999. For about \$1,500, you can make it a touchscreen. Soon, every device is going to have a touchscreen option, and soon after that touchscreens will become standard. So expect upgrades for touchscreens to decrease in the future.

Super TVs: 4K TVs were the rage last year. Nobody can afford them now, but they are still yesterday's news thanks to new curved TVs and TVs with quantum dots. Don't know what quantum dots are? Don't feel bad — it took me multiple Wikipedia entries to understand.

What you really need to know about 4K TVs —



Jon Gunnells

TECH SAVVY

and even newer models — is your cable provider, Netflix and others aren't streaming in 4K. The only way you can get the full effect of a 4K TV is buying a 4K Blu-Ray player and Blu-Ray discs. Or you could always buy a 4K camera and start your own TV show.

Seems like a lot of work and a waste until content providers stream content that can keep up with your home theater system.

Smart Phone Photo Printers: Polaroids for millennials have arrived in the form of Prynt, a device that attaches to a smart phone and prints your digital photos instantly. The product is in development on Kickstarter and is expected to cost \$99.

Selfie Stick: The most polarizing technology to come from CES was the selfie stick. A selfie stick is a long, retractable handle that attaches to your smart phone. Users can hold it in front of them and take a picture. A picture can be taken with just a push of a remote that is connected to the handle. The remotes are Bluetooth-enabled and trigger your smart phone camera.

This device has taken a lot of heat from people complaining about selfies on social media, but these have practical uses and are great for solo travelers, couples or for anyone you don't have someone to take a photo.

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Michael Gutierrez, as Anton Chekhov, the Narrator, in "The Good Doctor."



Alexander Capeneka as Cherdyakov.

The Creative and Performing Arts program of Livonia Public Schools will present *The Good Doctor* on stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 12-14, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Directed by Angie Hillman, CAPA's rendition of *The Good Doctor* shows the frailties of human beings, as told through a series of short stories that may seem unrelated.

This work, written by famed playwright Neil Simon, takes audiences through stories that were written by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov. It is commonly known that Simon even works in Chekhov as a quirky character in "The Writer" scene.

Tickets are \$8 in advance by calling 734-744-2650, ext. 70463, or by emailing capaboffice@gmail.com or tickets are \$10 at the door.



Megan Troost, in a scene from "The Good Doctor."

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

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Three gentoo penguins waddle into Detroit Zoo, more coming

ROYAL OAK — As work continues on the \$29.5-million Polk Penguin Conservation Center, the Detroit Zoo welcomes some of its future residents — three gentoo penguins.

Female Philly and males Popeye and Simon — each just over a year old — are the first of their species to arrive at the zoo, joining the flock of king, rockhopper and macaroni penguins at the Penguinarium. More gentoos will arrive in the coming months as completion of the PPCC nears.

The long-tailed gentoo penguin (*Pygoscelis papua*) is recognized by the white stripe extending across its head and its bright red-orange bill. The gentoo is the third-largest penguin, reaching a height of 30 inches and a weight of up to 20 pounds. It is also the fastest-diving bird, with paddle-shaped flippers that help it reach speeds of up to 22 miles an hour under water, according to a press release.

One of the most dramatic features of the penguins' new home will be a chilled 326,000-gallon, 25-foot-deep aquatic area with views above and below water as the birds dive and soar. This will allow visitors to observe penguins diving under wa-



The new gentoo penguin, Simon, gets used to its new home. Simon's feet are yellow, while the small penguin next to it has white feet.

ter — something that is impossible to see in the wild.

"We have observed thousands of gentoo penguins in Antarctica as part of our research and development of the Polk Penguin Conservation Center's unique design. The aquatic habitat makes the facility an ideal environment for gentoos, which we know spend a lot of time in the water," said Scott Carter, Detroit Zoological Society chief life sciences officer, in the press release.

The Polk Penguin

Conservation Center is under construction on a 2-acre site just inside the zoo's entrance and is slated to open in early 2016. Once the penguins move to the PPCC, renovation will begin on the current Penguinarium to turn it into a bat conservation center.

The Detroit Zoological Society, a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo, is recognized as a leader in conservation, animal welfare and sustainability as well as providing sanctuary for animals in

need of rescue.

With an annual regional economic impact reportedly of more than \$100 million, the Detroit Zoo is one of Michigan's largest paid family attractions, hosting more than 1.3 million visitors annually. Its 125 acres of award-winning naturalistic habitats are home to more than 2,500 animals representing 280 species.

For hours, prices, directions and other information, call 248-541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Participants sought for statewide Community Conversation on jobs

The League of Women Voters, Northwest Wayne County, in concert with Citizens for Peace of Livonia, is hosting a Community Conversation for the Center for Michigan, a nonpartisan group in Lansing, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

These conversations are conducted statewide. Attendees have the opportunity to weigh in on issues presented during the conversation. The results are compiled into a report by the Center for Michigan and the report is given to state legislators. The findings from these conversations

have resulted in the passage of several laws in recent years.

The topic is Challenges to Upward Mobility in the job market. Twenty-five to 50 participants are being sought for the conversation to speak to their experiences starting out in Michigan's work force, seeking and maintaining a job and succeeding in Michigan's job market.

Due to the limited seating, it is essential that participants RSVP to Angela Ryan at cruiserryan@ameritech.net or 734-591-0995 or Colleen Mills at cmills0079@yahoo.com or 734-425-0079 no later than Feb. 15.

Online videos explain water bills

You're probably not alone if you are confused about how your water bill is generated.

Now there are online videos that help explain that process to customers.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Technical Advisory Committee Water Rates Work Group created a Billing Process Improvement Subcommittee to identify best practices for presenting information on suburban retail water bills.

Subcommittee members developed a set of videos to help suburban retail customers throughout the service area better understand their water bills and the costs associated with providing this service.

The latest video explains how using less water does not lower the fixed costs to supply it.

The videos can be viewed on the DWSD Outreach Operation Clean Water YouTube Channel.

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 3 2/2/15

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves
14: Intro. Budget Amendment 2015-05 General Fund, IT Dept., & Water & Sewer Fund: \$ 1,077,778.

- Adopt. Ord. 248-A-78 to amend Sec. 4.13 of Ord. 248 re. temp sales & structures.
 - Adopt. Ord. 29-W-41 to amend City Code 7 provisions of International Property Maintenance Code re. weed cutting.
 - Adopt. Ord. 29-W-42 to amend Ch. 90, Sec. 90-15 of City Code re. snow/ice removal.
 - Appr. Admin. Fee Schedule Amendments; Pks & Rec Rental Fees.
 - 15: Intro. Ord. 29-W-14-2, to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, & 46-1(49)d of the City Code to amend rates for Municipal Water & Sewer chgs.
 - 16: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/10/15.
 - 17: Conf. appt. of J. Harris to LOCC for 1 yr. term to exp. 2/2/16
 - 18: Conf. appt. of J. Candela to LOCC for 2 yr. term to exp. 2/2/17.
 - 19: Conf. appt. of A. Collino to LOCC for 3 yr. term to exp. 2/2/18.
 - 20: Conf. appt. of M. Williams to LOCC for 4 yr. term to exp. 2/2/19.
 - 21: Conf. appt. of G. McKnight to LOCC for 5 yr. term to exp. 2/2/20.
 - 22: Conf. appt. of D. Fritz to LOCC for 6 yr. term to exp. 2/2/21.
 - 23: Conf. appt. of J. Gilbert to LOCC for 7 yr. term to exp. 2/2/22.
 - 24: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/20/15.
 - 25: Appr. checklist: \$ 7,072,047.90.
- Mtg. adj. at 7:42 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On February 17, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2009	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	4D	1C3LC56B89N543837
2004	CHEVROLET	TRAILBLAZER	SW	1GNDDT13S242237909
2006	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	4D	2G1WU581969416676
2000	OLDSMOBILE	BRAVADA	SW	1GHDT13W3Y2116107
2005	NISSAN	191753A	4D	1N4AL11E85C151532
2008	AUDI	7	4D	WA1AY74L98D030915
1999	FORD	EXPEDITION	SW	1FMRU1869XL454818
2008	DODGE	CHARGER	4D	2B3LK33G78H280848
2003	PONTIAC	AZTEC	SW	3G7DA03E03S550686
2001	FORD	FOCUS	4D	1FAPP36391W122823
2006	BUICK	REGAL	4D	2G4WB52KX31147074
2002	MERCUY	SABLE	4D	1MEFM50U02G611721
1993	FORD	RANGER	PU	1FTCR10A7PUC10163
2013	FORD	FOCUS	4D	1FADP3F24LD283780
2008	AUDI	A4	4D	WAUDF78E78A145015
2005	CHRYSLER	PACIFICA	4D	2C4GM68475R653046
1998	CHEVROLET	SPORT VAN	SW	1GBFG15R9W1103864
1997	FORD	TAURUS	4D	1FALP53S3VG108281
2006	FORD	ESCAPE	SW	1FMCU93156KA07450
2000	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	4D	1GNEK13RKYR133945
2001	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4D	1G2NE52T91M641593
1999	OLDSMOBILE	SILHOUETTE	SW	1GHDX03E9XD189135

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-41

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WESTLAND CITY CODE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE CONCERNING WEED CUTTING

Section 1. That Chapter 22, Section 22-132 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 22-132. - Same—Amendments.

The International Property Maintenance Code is amended and revised in the following respects:

Section 101.1. Insert: City of Westland.

Section 103.5. Insert: The appropriate fee schedule listed in section 46-1 of the Westland City Code.

Section 112.5. Insert: \$100 and \$500.

Section 302.4. Amended to provide as follow:

302.4 Weeds. (a) All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight inches (hereinafter "Weeds"). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, leaves, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

(b) Upon failure of the owner of a property, as listed in the city's tax records, to cut and destroy Weeds as required, the city may provide a notice of violation of this section by either affixing a written notice on the house or building or by sending a notice to the owner, by mail.

(c) Should the owner continue to fail to cut and destroy the Weeds within ten days of the date the city posted or mailed the notice of violation, in accordance with Westland Charter Section 14.1 and MCL 247.61, et seq., the city or its designee or contractor may enter upon such land and cut and destroy such Weeds. The city shall charge the owner a weed cutting fee, in accordance with Westland Code section 46-1(51), for this work.

(d) If the owner fails to pay such weed cutting fee, the city shall have the right to spread such fee against the property of such owner on the next county and school tax roll or the next general city tax roll. If it becomes necessary for the city to include such fee on the tax roll, an administrative charge of 30 percent of fee shall also be assessed.

(e) Should any owner fail to timely cut and destroy Weeds a second time in the same growing season, the city may cut and destroy such weeds at the expense of the owner, in the manner provided in paragraph (c), without providing a second notice as provided in paragraph (b).

Section 304.14. Insert: April 1 to December 1.

Section 602.3. Insert: September 1 to May 15.

Section 602.4. Insert: October 1 to May 15."

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2015
EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 12, 2015
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ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-42

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, SECTION 90-15 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS BY THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER

Section 1. That Chapter 90, Section 90-15 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 90-15. - Removal of snow or ice from sidewalk by adjacent property owner; use of salt, sand or ashes permitted.

(a) No person, partnership, corporation, or company (herein referred to as "owner") shall permit any snow or ice to remain on the sidewalks in the front, rear or sides of any house, premises, building or lot owned or controlled by such owner longer than 24 hours after any snow or ice has fallen or formed. The provisions of other ordinances notwithstanding, where either snow or ice has fallen or formed on any such sidewalk, such owner shall, within 24 hours after the snow or ice has fallen or formed, remove such snow or ice or cause a sufficient quantity of salt, sand or ashes to be strewn on the sidewalks in such a manner as to render such sidewalks safe for persons walking thereon.

(b) For purposes of this section, the phrase "sidewalks in the front, rear or sides of any house, premises, building or lot" shall be construed to mean that sidewalk or walks forming a part of the public highway.

(c) Should any owner of a premises fail to remove the snow and ice from such adjacent sidewalks within the time specified above, the city may provide a notice of violation of this section by either affixing a written notice on the house or building or by sending a notice to the owner, as listed in the city's tax records, by mail.

(d) Should the owner continue to fail to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk within 48 hours of the date the city posted or mailed the notice of violation, in accordance with Westland Charter Section 14.1, the city or its designee or contractor may remove, or cause to be removed all snow and ice at the expense of the owner, and the amount of all expenses incurred thereby shall be billed to the owner of record in the city's tax records. If the owner fails to pay the bill for the removal of the snow and ice within 30 days from the date the bill is mailed, the city may cause the amount of the expense incurred, together with an administrative fee of ten percent, to be levied as an assessment and tax lien against the property.

(e) Should any owner fail to timely remove the snow and ice from the sidewalks a second time in the same winter season, the city may remove or cause to be removed all snow and ice at the expense of the owner, in the manner provided in paragraph (d), without providing a second notice as provided in paragraph (c)."

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 90 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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Art club seeking artists for annual exhibit

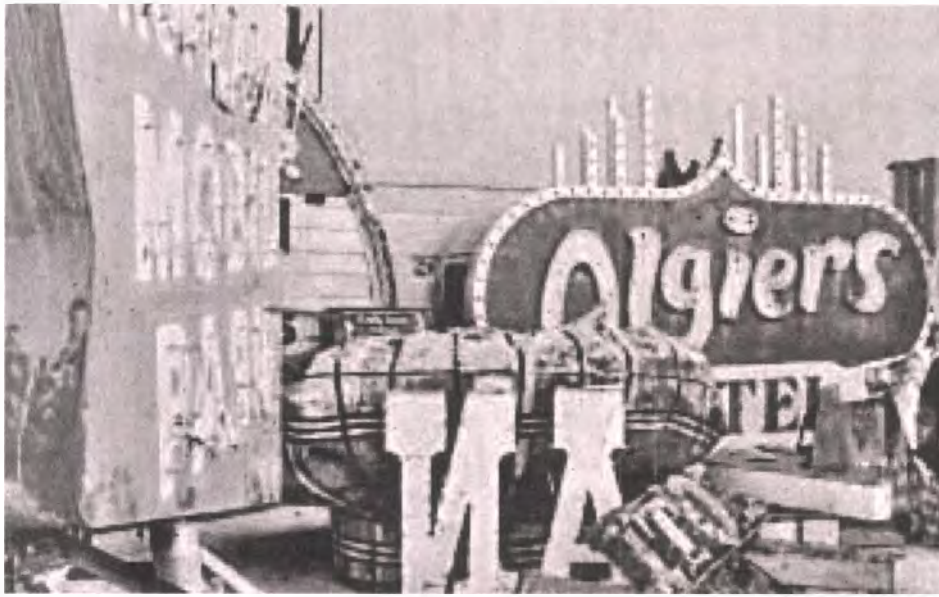
Three Cities Art Club is seeking artists to submit original fine artwork (2-D and 3-D) and photography for their third annual juried art exhibition at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland in April.

The deadline for entries is March 21. An entry form can be downloaded at www.threecitiesartclub.org. Original art — including oils, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, collage, photo art and pottery — is being sought for the show, which will be April 17-20 at the Westland library.

Artists can submit up to three entries for \$30 and pay \$5 for each additional piece. Join Three Cities Art Club for \$25 — membership is good through August 2016 — and the entry fee drops to \$25 for the first three pieces plus a reduced commission fee for pieces that sell during the exhibition.

Submit photos of art for judging on CD or flash drive. Full details are on the entry form.

Local artist and instructor Edee Joppich is the juror and judge for this year's show. She received a bachelor of fine art degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, and did graduate studies at Wayne



"Las Vegas Has Left the Building" by Jonathan Warren was a first-place winner in last year's show.

State University in Detroit. For five decades she has shared her gifts with others through her paintings, teaching, jurying and mentoring aspiring artists of all ages.

Some of the 190 shows she has judged are the International Society of Experimental Artists 19th Annual in Grand Rapids, a University of Michigan National Study, Siouxok Ste. Marie Environmental Exhibition in Canada and the Greater Flint Art Council Annual Competition in Flint.

Joppich has received

several awards and honors, including a fellowship in the International Society of Experimental Artists, a Signature membership in the National Collage Society, an Artist in Residency from the City of Farmington Hills, sponsored by the City Arts Council and the Michigan Council for the Arts. In 2005 she was named a Distinguished Alumna of Marygrove College, her alma mater.

Painting trips to Italy, France, Belize, the Dutch West Indies, Spain, Mexico, Portugal,

Greece and Turkey have provided ideas and inspirations for her collage and watercolor paintings. More than 300 artists accompanied Joppich on 13 trips, followed by group exhibits in Michigan galleries of paintings done on location.

Joppich will select approximately 100 pieces to be included in the exhibition. She also will select first, second and third place plus two honorable mention prize winners in two categories — photography and all others. Mayor

William Wild will again select his favorite piece for his personal \$100 "Wild about Art Award."

Attendees will get to vote for their three favorites in the Popular Vote competition which will enter them in a drawing to win a prize. The piece with the most votes will earn the creator a prize. More than \$800 in prizes will be awarded.

The free exhibition is held in the library's meeting room. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

An Art & Appetizers reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, with winning artists receiving their awards at 2 p.m. Many of the artists will be available to talk with visitors. There will also be live painting demonstrations periodically during the show which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19; and 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20.

To learn more about entering artwork in the exhibition, attending the event or Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or marilynmereedith@wowway.com or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Kosowski forms health, fitness caucus

A western Wayne County lawmaker is forming a new caucus aimed at improving the lives and well-being of Michigan citizens.

State Rep. Robert

Kosowski, D-Westland, announced the formation of the



Kosowski

Health and Fitness Caucus on Monday. The caucus will include both parties and both houses of the Legislature. Joining him in the effort are state Rep. Clint Kesto, R-West Bloomfield, and state Sen. Steve Bieda, D-Westland.

Kosowski will serve as chairman of the new caucus.

"As legislators, we should always be looking for ways to improve the communities and the people we represent," Kosowski said. "Physical and mental well-being play a huge role in a person's quality of life, and by working to improve those things, I believe we can make a big difference for the people of Michigan."

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-03 February 3, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of silence was held for Debbie Warfield. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Jan. 20; lease agreement w/school dist. for Vandenberg school; PSA with Nocerini Strategy Grp on a month to month basis; Dee Ryan to Lib Bd until Feb. 2020; Susan Rowe as delegate to CDBG Adv. Council; Skip Monit as alt. delegate to CDBG Adv. Council; reso. to establish six wards; 1st reading of amendments to ord. chapter 206-Wards & Boundaries; 1st reading of amendments to ord. chapter 208.07-Voting Precincts; new polling locations; retiree healthcare; City Manager employment; charter amend. on 5/5/15 ballot re: PA 345-estab. Police/Fire Retirement Sys. Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk
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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request from McLaren Performance Technologies, Inc., dated February 2, 2015, proposing the establishment of an Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Council has the authority to establish Industrial Development Districts within the boundaries of the City of Livonia; and

WHEREAS, there is located within the boundaries of the City of Livonia an area of approximately 1.58 acres lying in Northeast ¼ of Section 3 as more particularly described in the attachment to the application which is hereby incorporated by reference and which is hereinafter referred to as "Proposed City of Livonia Industrial Development District No. 116";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LIVONIA, as follows:

- The City Clerk is directed to give written notice by certified mail of this action to all owners of real property within the boundaries of Proposed City of Livonia Industrial Development.
- This City Council sets **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date and time for the holding of a public hearing on the question of whether this City Council should establish the Industrial Development District described above.
- This City Council directs the City Clerk to provide notice, as required by law, of the public hearing fixed above, so that all residents or taxpayers of the City of Livonia shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the question of establishing the Industrial Development District described above.

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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City of Livonia: Regular Meeting Synopsis: 01/21/2015

Present: Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Brosnan
Absent: None

Items were received and filed.

- #21-15 Approving the minutes of meeting on 01/12/15.
 - #22-15 Approving the appointment of Gregory Coppola to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - #23-15 Establish 6/15/15 at 8:00 p.m. as the date for Council to adopt a resolution placing a Special Assessment on properties whose owners have not paid charges in connection with the 2014 Sidewalk Program.
 - #24-15 Grant a one-year extension of waiver use Petition 2013-08-0-19 to Lang Auto Sales to operate a used auto dealership.
 - #25-15 Resolve to discharge the proposal to construct a new storage building adjacent to Wrights Hardware from committee to the next Council Study meeting.
 - #26-15 Accept a quit Claim Deed from Jitendra B. Patel, President Southfield Hotels, Inc. for the property located adjacent to 36655 Plymouth Road.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan A. Hoff
Livonia City Clerk

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Livonia Public Schools Opens the Prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to Out-of-District Students in Wayne County

Fifteen seats are open to students entering 9th grade in fall 2015
Eight seats are open to students entering 10th grade in fall 2015
Eight seats are open to students entering 11th grade in fall 2015

Limited Registration Window: March 2 – March 31, 2015

Livonia Public Schools is opening its International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) to Limited Schools of Choice students from Wayne County for the 2015-16 school year. This program is a two-year college preparatory plan of study that takes place during a student's junior and senior year of high school. Students entering the IBDP Program are encouraged to attend Franklin High School starting in the ninth grade. IBDP students are required to take IB exams in order to earn the highly acclaimed and internationally recognized IB diploma.

Registration will be open from March 2 - 31, 2015 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the IBDP selection criteria.

For complete information on the IBDP program and application process, visit the Franklin High School website at <http://www.livoniapublicschools.org/Franklin.cfm> or contact Ms. Sunshine Weber at sweber4@livoniapublicschools.org.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Livonia Public Schools (LPS) will receive sealed proposals for:

Move Management Services

Until 1:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday February 24, 2015, will be received by Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at the Administration Building at which time, and place, all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained by contacting LaMerra Hobbs at lamerra.hobbs@plantemor.com or Christa Jarnot at christa.jarnot@plantemor.com beginning Friday February 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

All interested firms are required to attend a **mandatory** pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the LPS Administration Building located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

All proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Plante Moran Cresa and comply with the requirements of the RFP and include a 5% bid bond, 100% Performance, and 100% Labor and Material (Payment) Bonds. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. Proposals received without a sworn and notarized statement of disclosure will not be opened, considered or accepted. All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. LPS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from IPS Assembly in the Office of the City Clerk on January 30, 2015, for building improvements, machinery and equipment at their facility located at 12077 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (Industrial Development Overlay District #109);

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

- The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
- The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
- The Council has set **Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN A. HOFF
CITY CLERK

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL

JACOBSEN GP400 GAS
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

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 February 24, 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

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 in triplicate on the forms found on the MITN website.

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with: **Jacobsen GP400 Gas Golf Course Mower, 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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OUR VIEWS

Glenn teacher deserving of national award

In her essay *All People Are Living Histories - Which is Why History Matters*, Penelope J. Corfield wrote that history "studies the past and the legacies of the past in the present. Far from being a 'dead' subject, it connects things through time and encourages its students to take a long view of such connections."

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has good reason to be proud. The work of one of its teachers has been declared the best of the best in America.

Michele Anderson, a teacher at John Glenn High School, is the winner of the 2014 National History Teacher of the Year award from HISTORY® and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The award is a tribute to the work she has been doing in her classroom to make history real and relevant



Anderson

for her students.

Anderson has been able to connect the dots between the past and the present for her students. The words in their textbooks have come alive as they connect with people who lived the history they are studying. Three years ago, with the help of a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, Anderson started an oral history project. Since then, students have interviewed more than 40 veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and have celebrated at USO-style dances.

In an age when almost anything can be found on the Internet, the personal interaction has helped her students grasp the importance of history. They

In an age when almost anything can be found on the Internet, the personal interaction has helped her students grasp the importance of history. They have made the connection through their interviews with veterans. They understand the loss of life that took place on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day by sending sand to be placed on the graves of more than 600 Michigan soldiers. They will experience what it's

like to be mustered in during the Vietnam War on a field trip to Historic Fort Wayne.

Anderson has said that the National History Teacher of the Year award would not be possible without the community, but it was the community that made it come to life. That may be so, but it took her passion for history and for honoring veterans to make it happen.

Michele Anderson is most deserving of the national award and the many others she has received because of her oral history project. Her idea has given her students the opportunity to be face to face with history while making their own. What better way is there to blow the dust off of history and make it alive and vibrant for students.

We, like Principal David Ingham, "couldn't be prouder of her."

OUR VIEWS

Bullying won't stop until you get involved

"It takes one to know one" is an old expression, usually derogatory and meaning that the subject to which it is directed is exhibiting the same behavior that person is criticizing. But in the case of Jordan Roberts, a former Bloomfield Hills resident, that expression would be one of empathy.

Roberts' production company has created a film about bullying, *White Rabbit*, which is had a special showing Thursday at the Emagine Theater in Royal Oak. The showing is an anti-bullying fundraiser, and it is a subject that Roberts is well familiar with from her days in St. Louis in sixth-grade.

"I went from having a lot of friends in school, to moving to a new area and having no friends and being afraid of going to school," she told reporter Jay Grossman.

That's a particularly relevant comment. In a recent report, WalletHub said a nationwide survey of students found that Michigan ranked 17th in the percentage of students who have missed school due to fear of being bullied.

The report was released to coincide with Stop Bullying Day on Feb. 9.

That WalletHub figure, if it is to be believed, is shocking in a state which has taken steps to deal with bullying, and it is one that ought to motivate parents and school personnel to redouble those efforts.

The state Legislature recently added cyber bullying to the state's 2011 anti-bullying measure called Matt's School Law. According to WalletHub, Michigan ranked 38th in the percentage of students who were bullied on school property and 39th in the percentage bullied online.

While we all think we know what bullying is, consider this information from a government web site: Bullying involves "unwanted aggressive behavior," whether perceived or real. It involves an "imbalance of power" that can include everything from threats to rumors, physical or verbal attacks, or even exclusion from a group.

According to the Risk Behavior Surveillance System of the Centers for Disease Control, 20 percent of students experienced bullying tactics in 2013.

So what are we going to do about it?

The state law requires training and that school personnel be identified to deal with the problem. It requires that incidents be investigated promptly and that educational programs be offered.

In the Southfield School District, there are policies against bullying and aggressive behavior.

One such program that Attorney General Bill Schuette has taken statewide is "OK to Say," a way of telling students that it is a good thing to report threatening behavior. Those programs also explain to students the dangers of sexting and other cyber bullying behaviors - including the fact that they could go to jail for reposting revealing photos of other students.

Ultimately, it will be up to parents to take an active role in teaching their children the consequences of bullying, and how to deal with it. Online suggestions for doing so include talking about making friends, setting rules for behavior, monitoring Internet use of their children and discussing age-appropriate Internet use.

Parents want to know that the schools they send their children to are safe. Our children are vulnerable at any age. Bullying destroys the nurturing environment needed for learning.

Roberts says that her film leaves the viewer feeling hopeful and that there is something that can be done about bullying.

Make that true by getting involved in your local school.

LETTERS

Power of God

Why does God let bad things happen like the burning of the Jordanian pilot?

In honor of that pilot, I will offer my answer: God provided people the Ten Commandments. If you break one, there are penalties. It is best not to break them.

The pilot, in defending his people, knew the risks but love of family can obscure risk. The fact remains that he who lives by the sword dies by the sword but does not change the fact that the people that burned him committed murder. No matter how high-sounding their words are, their actions have condemned them to get what they deserve.

Many things God commanded were obeyed and some not. If obeyed, they often led to prosperity and peace. When disobeyed, things often turn to calamity.

God doesn't fool around. People have free choice. The people that murdered the pilot chose to disobey God. What do you think is going to happen next to them?

They are doomed. Their plans

are done for. Their cause is over.

If we did not have free will and free choice, we would be slaves at best or so many stones at worst.

These murderers made three mistakes. Firstly, disobeying and believing they could defy God. Secondly, they attracted the attention of people and things far more ferocious than they are. Thirdly, they convinced those keeping those forces at bay to step aside.

God laid waste to the Israelites when they set up idols, burned human sacrifices and coveted gold. The murders idolize a racist state, burn not only warriors but men, women and children and covet oil and money. God will lay waste to them as well as to their friends, families, businesses, cities and nations.

God allows you choice in this wonderful world. What are you going to do?

Alfred L. Brock
Wayne

When is a person a person?

We've all read the horrible account of the finding of a dead

baby boy, possibly murdered, being wrapped in plastic and thrown into a garbage container. People are very compassionate and are to be commended for offering to help with a funeral, casket, burial ground, etc.

The perpetrator of this criminal act should be punished. However, aren't we quite hypocritical? If the mother had gone to an abortion clinic just a short time before the birth, the baby could also have been killed and few would have even known, and even more would have cared less.

Wake up, America! A person is a person from the time of conception, whether the person can survive during the earlier stages of development outside the womb or not. Why, then, is it so much more horrible to kill a baby a few hours or days after birth, when it's legal and many consider it all right to do the same thing a few days or weeks before birth? Honestly, aren't we just deceiving ourselves as to when a person exists?

Bill Heaton
Livonia

STAFF COLUMN

Learning: Black history lessons should be taught at home, too

Tears streamed down my daughter Olivia's cheeks as she watched a video unfold on YouTube. She ran from our home office and burst into the kitchen trembling.

"Why would he do that to her? Why does he hate her so much?"

"Turn it off, Daddy, I can't go back in there."

Olivia, 7, was watching YouTube with the best of intentions. Her class was learning about Black History Month and she was excited to see if there were any videos about the Drinking Gourd.

Olivia doesn't often come home from school enthralled with the notion of homework but she was this time.

She talked rapid fire about what she had learned earlier that day, making a case for extra computer time.

"People sang a special song to follow the gourd north," said Olivia, "they'd go at night with Miss Tubman and follow the stars."

That seemed to be the sum total of Olivia's knowledge on the subject of slavery before she sat down in my office chair. A quick search revealed a bunch of related content and younger brother Mark, 5, squeezed alongside Olivia to see whatever it was that had earned extra screen time.

I made the mistake of drifting back to work and the screams came 10 minutes later.

The children were watching something on Harriett Tubman and her role in the Underground Railroad. Olivia bolted in horror at the depiction of a slave getting whipped. The slave screamed in agony as her back ripped open with each lash, begging for mercy that didn't come.

That scene launched a long and difficult conversation that I hadn't even considered having with our children. I like to think I'm doing my part to raise enlightened children and all



Larry
Ruehlen

kinds of topics have been open for discussion. Cancer, religion, death, work ethic, stealing, money and love have all been dinner-table conversation. Just last week Mark asked if it was OK for a boy to marry a boy or a girl to marry a girl. I looked at my wife Robin for a nod of approval before answering. It is OK, I said, and even legal in some states, but most of the time men marry women. The explanation must have sufficed because the conversation quickly turned to something less controversial; Mark's love of cheeseburgers.

The discussion of slavery was different. In fact it was almost urgent.

Olivia's best friend is black. They hit it off on the first day of kindergarten and never looked back. We recently moved nearly 60 miles away but the girls still exchange messages and even went out for lunch over Christmas break.

Olivia and Mark needed to make sense of something that makes no sense in the eyes of a child.

How could a person own someone else?

Why would they want to? Was it legal?

How long did it last? Why didn't someone stop it?

Did our family own slaves? My wife and I answered every question they asked and it went on for a full 30 minutes.

Our answers were basic and to the point.

People owned slaves because they were greedy. They made slaves work for free so they could get rich.

It was legal but our country went to war over slavery and President Abraham Lincoln

and the north won. Eventually, all the slaves were free.

Mark asked if a little boy could be taken from his parents and I said yes, slaves could be sold as their owners saw fit.

More tears fell. What about the gourd? asked Olivia. Why didn't they run away?

White people had guns, we said, and runaway slaves were chased down and even killed for trying to get to freedom.

Olivia and Mark seemed hurt by the whole thing - not the history lesson but the fact that slavery had happened at all.

It is important to learn about history so bad things don't happen again, I said, repeating what my mother told me while watching the miniseries *Roots* on television in 1977.

Mark seemed to get it. Olivia went from mad to sad and needed extra hugs before she'd even consider going to bed.

Up to now, we hadn't confronted the issue of race in our household - we have simply told our children to be friends with whomever they liked and repeated that skin color doesn't matter.

But of course it does matter. It mattered during slavery and it matters today.

It matters when an uncle says something racist at a family gathering.

It matters when seemingly 90 percent of the people in trouble on TV news are black.

It matters when a black history lesson turns into a painful discussion that wouldn't have happened if not for a YouTube video.

The truth is all children need to know about this ugly chapter of American history and parents shouldn't depend only on schools to tell it.

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vors, including Cupid's Red Velvet, Lemon Lust and Chocolate Covered Strawberry. Cake pops are also a new treat available.

Chocolate-covered strawberries are a Valentine's Day favorite. But students at Schoolcraft take a twist on the classic food, transforming it to look like flowers.

"They look like a rose bouquet," she said. "Those are the most popular."

Student-created goodies are available from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Items are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Student learning

Student Lena Sareini expects to make hundreds of raspberry macarons fresh for the sale. She combines the cookie with some butter cream and fresh raspberries, creating an attractive, bright dessert.

It's expected her creations will be hot sellers this week, she said. Macarons are experiencing a burst of popularity right now, something she's taking advantage of making.

"They're super hot right now. They're everywhere," said Sareini, a Dearborn resident. "I took it and ran with it. People are crazy for them."

The creations are beneficial to students, Moore said, because it gives them practice in doing things in the kitchen they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do.

One student, Garden City resident Andrew Stone, hadn't worked with tempering chocolate before. He had the opportunity in the kitchen late last year working with Christmas chocolates. He's now worked on chocolates for Valentine's Day, a procedure he wouldn't normally do in



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Student Milda LaPaite packages cupcakes for Valentine's Day. She lives in Ann Arbor.



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Student Andrew Stone weighs ingredients for passion-fruit truffles. He is from Garden City.

class. "I love pastries, so anything that will help me learn more," he said. "Free, fun education. It helps."

Not only does it all taste and look great, but gifts made by Schoolcraft students give them a more unique status over more traditional Valen-

tine's Day gifts, Moore said.

"It's handmade; it's made with love," she said. "It's unique. It's not just something you can go to Meijer and purchase."

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-78

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4:13 OF WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248 CONCERNING TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECIAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Section 1. That Section 4:13 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows:

"4:13 TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECIAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES"

Temporary uses, temporary sales of merchandise (including but not limited to Christmas trees, pumpkins, flowers, produce, and fireworks), and seasonal or special events may be allowed by the City Council in a nonresidential district upon issuance of a permit, when the application information below is provided and the standards of this Section are met. Temporary structures are defined as including: retail stands, tents, canopies, other membrane structures, or any structure used for such sales or events. Temporary structures must also comply with the standards of this section.

a. Application information:

1. An application form and required fee, as established by the City Council.
2. A written statement describing the requested use or event and the start and end dates.
3. A written description of the procedures to be used for traffic/parking management, waste disposal, security and similar measures to minimize any negative impacts.
4. Proof of ownership, or if the applicant is not the owner of the land, written permission of the owner of the property to allow the proposed use or event.
5. Information establishing that reasonable liability insurance coverage is carried, to the satisfaction of the City Attorney.
6. A plot or sketch plan (to scale) illustrating property lines, adjacent uses and zoning districts, existing and proposed buildings and structures, boundaries of proposed sales/activity areas, location of any proposed building or structures, any proposed lighting, calculation of required parking based on the standards of Article XVI, proposed traffic circulation, location of fire hydrants, proposed setbacks from all property lines and distance to any parcels zoned for residential use, location and size of any proposed signs, and any other information deemed to be necessary by the Building Director.
7. Whenever a temporary structure, tent or other enclosure is proposed, the applicant shall be required to submit the plans for such structure, covering, or enclosure to the Building Department for review, permits and inspection prior to commencement of sales or other activity under the temporary use permit. All proposals for temporary structures will be reviewed by the fire prevention division, and must comply with all requirements of the state construction code, the International Fire Code, NFPA regulations, and all other applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.
8. Whenever an applicant for a temporary use permit intends to utilize the site for fireworks sales, a copy of the state permit and site plan shall be provided with the application in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 256 of 2011.
9. A performance guarantee or escrow, in an amount and form acceptable to the City Attorney, but which shall be not less than the minimum established by the City Council. The performance guarantee shall be deposited prior to the issuance of a permit. The performance guarantee shall be used by the City to pay the cost of returning the property to its state prior to commencement of the event or refunded to the applicant upon compliance with the requirements of this and any other applicable City ordinances.

b. Standards and procedures for review:

1. Proposed temporary uses, events, buildings and structures shall be reviewed by the Building Director and other such Departments as deemed necessary by the Building Director, using the following standards, and a recommendation shall be made to City Council:
2. All required information has been submitted.
3. The proposed temporary use or event will be on a lot with a permitted principal building or on a vacant lot in a non-residential district, and the use meets the minimum required setback for buildings in the zoning district and as required in this section.
4. The proposed use, layout, hours of operation and site improvements, such as fencing, are designed to help ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses.
5. Adequate off-street parking and circulation will be provided. Where Article XVI does not require parking for the proposed use, at least one parking space shall be provided for each eight hundred (800) square feet of gross lot area used for the activity or the amount of parking shall be deemed sufficient by the City Council based on reference sources and past experience of the City or other communities.
6. Adequate provisions have been made for trash disposal, sewage disposal and security.
7. All applicable City Building Codes and Ordinances will be met.

c. Operational standards:

1. A temporary or seasonal sale or event shall comply with the following operational standards:
 - (1) The length of a temporary use or sales event shall not exceed seven (7) days during a season, except that sales of Christmas trees are permitted for up to forty-five (45) days. Uses and events which are to occur on a regular schedule (such as every weekend) or over a period of longer than seven (7) days shall be permitted only in commercially zoned districts, based upon a decision by the City Council that the use or event will comply with the intent and standards of this Section. Such a request must be made known at the time of application, and the permit shall specify the seasonal sales time period.
 - (2) All equipment, materials, goods, poles, wires, lighting, signs and other items associated with the temporary uses and seasonal events shall be removed from the premises within five (5) days of the end of the event. Following the five (5) day period, the City shall use the escrow fee to clear such items from the property.
 - (3) The Building Director shall immediately cease operations of any temporary use or seasonal event which does not conform to these standards.

d. Required Information and Standards for Temporary Uses, Events, and Structures:

- (1) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are accessory to the permitted use of the property, shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is zoned CB-1, CB-2, CB-3 or CB-4, which has access via an existing paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thoroughfare.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
 - (d) The portion of the parcels used for accessory, temporary sales shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a parcel that is zoned for residential purposes.
 - (e) The portion of the property used for accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet the setback requirements applicable to the district.
 - (f) The temporary use shall not reduce the parking on the parcel below the required number of spaces for the principal and the accessory, temporary use.
- (2) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are not accessory to the permitted use, shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is zoned CB-1, CB-2, CB-3 or CB-4, which has access via an existing paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thoroughfare.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
 - (d) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a parcel that is zoned for residential purposes.
 - (e) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet a minimum setback of 85 feet from the right-of-way line and be setback a minimum of 20 feet from any adjacent property line.
 - (f) The temporary use shall not reduce the parking below the required number of spaces for the principal and the non-accessory, temporary use.
- (3) Temporary uses for Christmas tree sales must be located in a commercial zoning district.
- (4) Temporary uses for a circus, carnival, concert, air or watercraft show, or similar event shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The use must minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties, with consideration given to security, parking, traffic, hours of operation, lighting, noise or sound, or other detrimental effects.
 - (b) Security measures must be detailed and must demonstrate that they will adequately provide security for the event.
 - (c) The City Council may deny the use based upon the impact that it will have on surrounding properties or security considerations, or may require reasonable conditions to reduce to a minimum any detrimental effect. Such conditions shall become a part of the permit.
- (5) Temporary sales conducted by churches or non-profits on property owned by the church or non-profit shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is owned by the church or non-profit.
 - (b) All areas subject to vehicular use shall be paved.
 - (c) Reasonable measures shall be implemented to minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties.
- (6) The Building Director may approve permits for a temporary residence during construction (including mobile homes) on sites for which a building permit has been issued for construction, major repair, or remodeling of a dwelling unit, and such temporary structure must meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Permits shall be issued for a period of six (6) months, and one addition six month period shall be permitted if the work is proceeding in an expeditious matter. However, the temporary residential structure shall be moved onto the site no more than fourteen days prior to commencement of construction and shall be removed from the site within fourteen days following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the construction project.
 - (b) The temporary residential structure shall meet district setback requirements.
 - (c) All electrical connections to the temporary residential structure shall be inspected and approved by the Building Department.

Section 2.

That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. Repeal.

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

Section 5. Publication.

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

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

John Glenn head coach Hardin resigns

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Coaching football will always be in Tim Hardin's blood, but serving as the head coach at Westland John Glenn won't be in his future following a heartfelt resignation announcement he delivered Monday afternoon in a high school lecture room filled with players, assistant coaches and booster club members.

Hardin, a member of the Rockets' football coaching staff for 26 years and the program's head coach for the past seven, said he decided to step down in part to find more balance in his life.

"As the head coach the past seven years, I really dove in and gave it everything I had, especially the past two seasons, and as a result my personal life got a little out of balance," he said. "There was no pressure from the administration on this — their support



FILE PHOTO
Tim Hardin is pictured with quarterback Jerome Scales during his first season as the Westland John Glenn head football coach in 2008.

of me has been fantastic — and it has nothing to do with my players or coaches. It's a decision I made to regain some balance in my life outside of football."

Hardin said he first discussed the possibilities of stepping down with administrators in January before finally deciding to resign last week.

Due to the timing of Monday's end-of-the-school-day announcement, Hardin, who is a teacher in the John Glenn social studies department, did not get an opportunity to talk individually with his players, but he said he'll make it a point to do that on Tuesday.

"I think some of the players probably knew this was coming, but I'm sure most were surprised," he said.

After accepting the head-coaching reins in 2008, Hardin's teams compiled a record of 36-30 and qualified for the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs three times.

The Rockets' most successful season under Hardin's guidance was 2009 when they went 8-1 in the regular season before losing to Detroit Southeastern in the first round of the playoffs.

After splitting its first six game this past fall, John Glenn

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Border Classic football

A trio of local high school gridiron standouts have been selected to participate in the 2015 Ohio Michigan High School Border Classic, which will be held in June at Wayne State University.

Two Livonia Churchill players have been chosen to compete: Brian Alsbrooks, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound kicker/quarterback, who will play college football at Eastern Michigan University; and Matt Skibinski, a 6-5, 269-pound tackle, who will play college football at Miami University of Ohio.

Westland John Glenn will be represented by DeShawn Baker Williams, a 6-4, 300-pound tackle, who will play at the next level for Central Michigan University.

The Michigan team will be coached by Terry Hessbrook, the head coach at Ithaca High School.

Hayward lifts Blazers

Sophomore Katie Hayward pumped in a pair of goals to lift Livonia Ladywood to a 4-1 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 win last Friday over host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood at Wallace Arena.

Jill Jacobs also added one goal and one assist, while Cecilia Warner notched the other goal for the Blazers, who broke a 1-1 first-period tie with two goals in the second.

Goaltender Michael Warner stopped 16-of-17 shots as Ladywood improved to 11-3 overall and 11-3 in the Metro.

The loss dropped the Cranes to 11-4 and 11-4.

Coach needed

The Livonia Ladywood track and field team is seeking an assistant coach, who will be responsible for mentoring sprinters and hurdlers.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send an email to Ladywood head track coach Dennis Murray at dennismurray3@yahoo.com or Ladywood athletic director Vic Fournier at vfournier@ladywood.org.

RU coaching openings

Redford Union High School is looking for qualified candidates to fill its girls junior-varsity softball and assistant track-and-field coaching positions. Hilbert Middle School in Redford is also looking for a softball coach.

All interested candidates can send letters of interest or resumes to Redford Union director of athletics Miles Tomasaitis at tomasam@redfordu.k12.mi.us or call Tomasaitis at 313-242-4272.

Churchill Hall of Fame

The Churchill Athletic Patrons and the Livonia Churchill Athletics Department will hold their 13th annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at the Italian-American Hall, which is located at 39200 Five Mile Rd. in Livonia.

This year's inductees include varsity volleyball coach Mark Grenier, athlete and coach Mike "Stick" Keller, and the Chargers' 2006-07 regional champion hockey team, which was coached by Pete Mazzoni.

Tickets are \$35 each if purchased before March 1 and \$40 after that date. Tickets may be purchased in the Churchill High School athletic office.

PREP PROFILE

Kowalske earns MHSAA position

Spartan serves on student advisory council

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Even though he is an esteemed member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council, Livonia Stevenson junior hockey player Ben Kowalske doesn't have the clout to change the rules in his favorite sport.

But if he did? "If I had the power, I'd add some kind of review system to high school hockey," Kowalske said, smiling.

"I know it would be hard to implement, but it would be nice. It's not that the refs are doing a bad job, it's just that it's hard to see



Kowalske

everything." Articulate, well-spoken and insightful, it's not surprising the third-year varsity hockey player was chosen last spring to fill one of just eight Class of 2016 slots (four males, four females) for the state-wide association's student-run council.

Hundreds of student-athletes from across the state applied, but Kowalske survived the cut thanks to a compelling essay each of the applicants were required to write, a stellar 4.0 grade-point average and a knack for leading that has earned him an alternate captain distinction for the Spartans hockey team.

"Our athletic director, Ms. (Lori) Hyman, received a message last spring from the MHSAA telling her about the Student Advisory Council and asking if she knew of any athletes at Stevenson who might fit the requirements," Kowalske recounted. "She asked me if I'd be interested, I looked into it with my parents (Steven and Linda), we thought it would be a good idea and two months later we received a letter saying I was on the council.

"I feel very honored to have been selected."

Kowalske, who is serving a two-year term, and the other members of the SAC meet every other month in Lansing to discuss ideas that could possibly enhance the athletic experience for students throughout Michigan.

"One of the projects

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PREP BASKETBALL



ED WRIGHT
Livonia Churchill's Joan Andoni deflects a shot by Canton's Jalen Cochran during Tuesday's KLAA South Division showdown.

SEIZING THE KLAA SOUTH

Chiefs in driver's seat after bottling up Churchill

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's large and loud "Black Hole" student cheering section was poised to serve as the sixth man during Tuesday's pivotal KLAA South Division encounter between the Chargers and visiting Canton.

But the Chiefs' black-hole defense — which was particularly relentless and active inside the paint — did its best to silence the crowd and the Chargers' arsenal of long-range marksmen with four quarters of lock-down defense in Canton's 50-38 triumph.

The victory improved Canton's record to 12-3 overall and 7-2 in the South, while Churchill, which managed just eight total points in the second and third quarters combined, slipped to 10-5 and 6-3, respectively.

A Friday night win over winless Livonia Franklin will give the Chiefs their fourth division crown in the past six seasons.

The Chiefs upended Wayne Memorial on Monday in a make-up contest, but if they were fatigued Tuesday, it didn't show.

After the first quarter finished with the teams deadlocked at 13-13, the Chiefs outscored Churchill 17-3 in the second before seizing a 40-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

A string of late triples brought Churchill to within 45-38 with 2:23 left, but a succession of bountiful trips to the free-throw line sealed the win for the black-clad visitors.

"Coach told us before the game that if we win all three games this week, we're division

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Thurston upends RU to win township trophy

Fast start ignites victory

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

There was no doubting Thomas – Redford Thurston's Marquie'l Thomas, that is – during the first quarter of Tuesday night's rivalry encounter pitting the visiting Eagles against host Redford Union.

In a game that would determine the owners of the coveted Redford Township traveling trophy for the next 12 months, Thomas scored 13 first-quarter points (and 16 overall) to power the Eagles to a resounding 76-37 victory.

The win improved the soaring Eagles to 14-1 overall and 9-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Thurston will host Dearborn Heights Crestwood (8-1 in the Red) in a game that will determine the division champion(s).

The Eagles rolled to a 21-5 lead after one quarter before carrying a 41-12 advantage into the half.

"We were hitting our shots early – Marquie'l had three threes in the first quarter – which forced them to come out of their zone," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "I thought we played very good team defense tonight, we were helping well and moving our feet."

Senior forward Isaiah Crofford scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the winners. Also playing pivotal roles were Treven Gary (12 points) and Rickey Hud-



Members of Redford Thurston's basketball team regained possession of the Redford Township traveling trophy thanks to Tuesday's resounding win over Redford Union.

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gens, who tallied seven steals.

Deaunte Jackson contributed eight rebounds and three assists for Thurston, which made 10 of 17 free-throw attempts.

Jerrime Koger led the Panthers with 19 points. Anise Grady-Shelton chipped in with 10.

Glenn stops Pats

Westland John Glenn used a decided rebounding advantage to lift it to a 75-42 victory Tuesday night over host Livonia Franklin.

Joe Chinavare led the Patriots with 11 points while Johnny Cantrell chipped in with eight.

The Rockets' superior size was reflected in the number of times the two teams visited the free-throw line: John Glenn, 22; Franklin, 5.

"We showed our age tonight," said Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault. "Glenn played very very well; the best I've seen them. Now that doesn't explain us shooting only five free throws to their twenty-two. Their rebounding absolutely crushed us."

The bright spot for the Patriots was a strong perimeter-shooting night as they canned 7 of 20 shots from beyond the three-point arc.

Spartans victorious

Noah Campbell scored 16 points to pace Livonia Stevenson's 68-57 victory Tuesday night over visiting South Lyon East.

Ian Knoph poured in 10 points for the Spartans, who also received eight points each from Mike Muffler, Jalen Webber and Jacob Dollar.

Stevenson led 16-10 after one quarter before the Cougars rebounded to take a 36-27 halftime lead. The Spartans regained the momentum after the break by outscoring their visitors 21-10.

GC outlasts Trojans

Garden City defeated host Livonia Clarenceville, 70-66, Tuesday night in a thrilling WWAC Red Division encounter that needed a four-minute overtime to decide.

Jermell Johnson led the Trojans with 25 points and James Hill added 17. Jake Kubiak scored nine for the hosts.

Warriors prevail

Lutheran Westland registered an exciting 48-47 victory Tuesday night over Taylor Baptist Park to improve its record to 6-6 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Warriors were led by Brent Croft's 16 points and Kory Barikmo, who contributed 14. Luke Smith was a beast in the paint, grabbing 16 rebounds to accompany eight points.

Anthony Kaminski paced Baptist Park with 25 points.

"This was a battle tonight," said Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoelt. "I am so proud of our guys for fighting the way they did."

"Cleve (Tarp) goes down in the first half with an ankle injury, Zach Anger gets elbowed in the lip (probably needing stitches), yet our guys fought and got a well-deserved victory. In the end we set up a play – one we have in our arsenal for end-of-game-situations – with about 10 seconds left. The guys ran it beautifully, and Zach got a bucket with under a second left for the win."

Pair of Warriors reach century mark in Adrian

Krueger, Even and Zimmerman make it into record books

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Milestones were dropping like snowflakes during a winter storm warning for Lutheran Westland's wrestling team during Saturday's Adrian Madison individual tournament.

Seniors Thomas Krueger and Connor Even both earned their 100th career victories while helping lead the Warriors to a third-place finish in the 16-team tournament.

Also rising to the occasion was Lutheran Westland's Christian Zimmerman, who set the school's modern-era record for wins by a freshman when he won his 31st match at 112 pounds. Steve Kemp held the previous mark.

Clinton won the talent-laden event with 247.5 points while Sand Creek (169 points) edged out the Warriors (159.5) for second.

Rounding out the top five finishers were Adrian Madison (152) and Brighton "B" (102.5).

According to LW head coach Joe Schmidt, the tournament is held annually for wrestling teams who are either independent or their conference's don't offer conference tournaments.

Krueger turned in a dominating performance in the 215-pound bracket as he went 4-0 to improve his season record to 38-5. Saturday's individual tournament championship was his third of the season.

"Thomas was very strong on his feet Saturday," said Schmidt.

Even placed fourth at 145 pounds.

"Connor is a four-year starter for me," Schmidt noted. "He has been consistently good every year. You have to be to win 100 matches."

Zimmerman added another accolade to his splendid ninth-grade

resume by placing third at 112.

Lutheran Westland was bolstered by second-place finishes from 152-pound Wes Warren and 119-pound Manny Rankin.

"The highlight for Wes was a pin against a state-ranked wrestler from Sand Creek," said Schmidt. "It was an amazing performance. He lost in the final, 4-3, against another state-ranked kid."

"Manny's most exciting moment came in the semis when he beat his opponent, 11-10. The same kid beat him 15-1 earlier in the season. Manny was up 2-0 in the third period in the final, but lost 7-2. Great day for him, though."

Sophomore Nick Glinn placed third at 215 while Garret Harper (130), Seth Lambart (112) and Jacob Badol earned fourth-place points.

Andy Faith placed fifth at 125 while Josh Tuttle (119) and Ethan Becker (130) both turned in solid sixth-place performances.

Clarenceville's Brigham excels

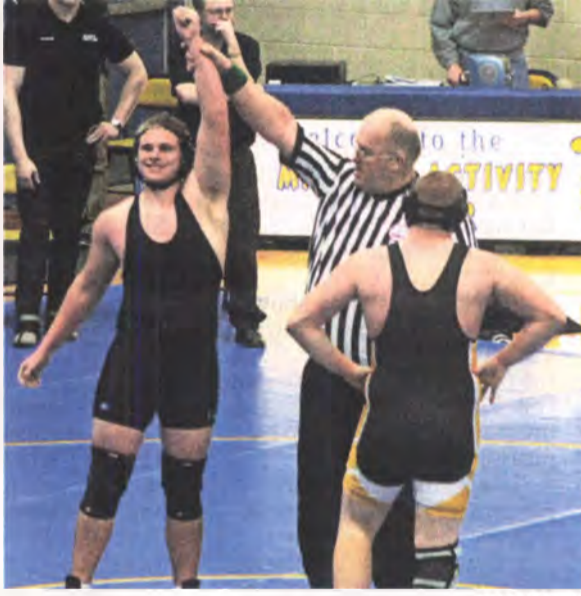
Clarenceville had one champion and one runner-up Saturday in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at Belleville High School.

Dyland Brigham won the 112-pound championship, and teammate Cameron Fyffe finished second at 189 pounds.

Fyffe also received a place on the all-conference first team as an at-large selection by a vote of the coaches. Brigham made the first team by winning his weight class.

Zack Richards took fifth place in the tournament at 145; Joseph Sanchez and Dante Marzolo placed sixth.

Clarenceville finished ninth as a team with only six wrestlers. The rest of the team took part in the JV conference tournament to help them get better before the district tournament, according to coach Nick Elam.



Lutheran Westland's Thomas Krueger earned his 100th career victory during Saturday's Adrian Madison tournament.

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SECTION 00100
Advertisement to Bid

1. **South Redford Schools** (the "Owner") requests Bid Proposals from qualified bidders for the tech center parking lot restoration work. Bid Proposals will be received:

1.1. By delivery or mail by 1 PM local time on **Thursday, February 26, 2015**. The Owner is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. Bid Proposals received after the Due Date will not be opened, accepted or considered.

1.2. To the attention of:
South Redford Schools
Nicholas Griswold – Assistant Superintendent
26141 Schoolcraft Rd
Redford MI 48239

2. Proposals must be sealed with Bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
South Redford Schools
Bid Package 2
Bid Category: _____
Contractor Name, Address, Phone Number

3. Proposals shall be based on the requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents:
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230000 Mechanical Work
260000 Electrical Work
280000 Security/Card Access

4. Accepted Bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of Contract, to furnish, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual.

5. Unless otherwise specifically set forth, this Project is subject to state sales and/or use taxes and Bidder is required to include such taxes in its Bid Proposal.

6. Barton Malow Company has been contracted by the Owner in the capacity of CM for the Project, and shall act as representative of the Owner to the extent required/allowed under its Owner contract. Hereafter Barton Malow Company shall be referred to as the "CM".

7. Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM** by an authorized representative of South Redford School District at the Administration Building, 26141 Schoolcraft Rd Redford MI 48239 (room to be determined), evaluated by CM, Owner and the Architect, with recommended awards subsequently made by South Redford School District. **The Owner shall not open, consider, or accept a Bid Proposal that is received after the Due Date for Bid Proposal submission in this Advertisement for Bids.**

8. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution after Thursday, February 5, 2015. Printed copies can be obtained through **ARC - Dunn Blue**, 1009 West Maple Road, Clawson, MI, 248-288-5600. For digital copy, contact Jeff.atkins@bartonmalow.com.

9. Pre-bid conference will be held on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM**. Contractors are required to examine the site prior to submission of bids as a condition of the bid.

10. **There is no deposit fee required to obtain plans and specifications.** Electronic copy and printed copy of complete bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow as listed above. All cost associated with the printing of these digital documents are the bidding contractor's responsibility.

11. The Owner and CM reserve the right to request qualification forms or additional information from any Bidder before issuing Bidding Documents, receiving Bid Proposals or awarding the Agreement.

12. Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by CM. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located. Bidders shall not withdraw Bid Proposals for a period of sixty (60) Days after the Due Date for Bid Proposals. Reference 00200, 4.2 for further description of Bid Security.

13. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with South Redford School District the Agreement Form identified in the Project Manual.

14. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

15. South Redford School District, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bid Proposals in whole or in part in accordance with all applicable laws. It is the intent of the School District to award the Agreement to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder in accordance with the Bidding Documents. South Redford School District shall have the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any Bid Proposal received and to accept Bid Proposals which, in its judgment, are in its own best interest. South Redford School District shall have the right to accept Alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid, Voluntary Alternates, and Alternates accepted.

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Patriots overwhelm Flushing, 9-1

Wallis fuels Franklin's lopsided triumph

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Chase Wallis's natural hat-trick (three consecutive goals) powered Livonia Franklin's hockey team to a 9-1 victory over Flushing Saturday afternoon at Perani Arena.

The win improved the Patriots' record to 10-7-3.

Wallis's goal explosion unfolded within a five-minute span of the first period and extended Franklin's lead to 5-0 after earlier scoreboard-changers from Nick Salisbury and Jack Engel had staked the winners to a 2-zip advantage.

Wallis added a fourth goal with 2:14 left in the game.

Franklin goalie Brian Hubbard sparked in a rare start, stopping 16 of 17 shots.

Salisbury's rout-igniting net-finder 6:11 into the contest was assisted by Kolby Dewhurst. Engel's goal just over five minutes later was unassisted.

Brendan Whitney assisted on Wallis's first and third goals while Salisbury and Jack Ores picked up helpers on his middle lamp-lighter.

Salisbury's second goal of the game came with 35 seconds remaining in the first stanza and was assisted by Ores.

Franklin kept the pressure on in the second period when Zack Nelson scored (from Engel) at the eight-minute mark to make it 7-0.

Flushing finally got on the board with 6:35 left in the period thanks to Gavin Williams' even-strength goal from Tre-

vor Saeue.

The Patriots closed out the second-period tally with an even-strength goal from Cory Linsner, who was assisted by Salisbury and Justin Makowski.

Wallis's final tally was assisted by Brendan Nutting.

Spartans, Bulldogs tie

Alex DeFlorio's third-period goal from Josh Denomie earned Livonia Stevenson a 1-1 draw with Brighton in a KLA A encounter played Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The tie left the Spartans with a 12-5-4 record.

Brighton's lone goal was scored by Jay Keranen and assisted by Cal Salmon.

Cullen Barber made 17 saves for the Spartans while Jimmy Milletics stopped 38 Stevenson shots.



Livonia Franklin's Chase Wallis scored four goals in Saturday's 9-1 victory over Flushing.

WAYNE COUNTY SWIM & DIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Churchill diver Burke, Spartan free-stylers shine

Host Grosse Pointe South edges Northville for title

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Several Livonia high school athletes excelled at this past weekend's Wayne County Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Grosse Pointe South High School.

The Blue Devils won the 19-team event with 388 points, barely out-stroking runner-up Northville (361.5).

Livonia Stevenson turned in a strong fourth-place finish (251 points) while Livonia Churchill placed 14th with 44.

Churchill diver Ethan Burke continued his amazing junior season on Friday night by compiling a meet-record 478.8 points. Burke trailed South's Erik Romer by just over a point heading into his last dive before nailing a two-and-a-half somersault pike dive, which earned him 63.70 points.

Stevenson enjoyed a banner day in the freestyle events as junior Jackson O'Dowd touched first in the 50- (21.18 seconds) and 100-yard (46.95) freestyle races while Matthew LaPorte won the 500 (4:52.23) and Alex Lee captured the 200 1:48.18.

The Spartans won the 400



Livonia Stevenson's Jackson O'Dowd, pictured competing in the 100 butterfly earlier this season, placed first in two freestyle events at Saturday's Wayne County Swimming & Diving Championships.

freestyle relay in 3:17.73 thanks to outstanding efforts from Lee, Eric Ferrara, Adam Goeddeke and O'Dowd.

The Stevenson quartet of O'Dowd, Parker Wasielewski, Ferrara and Lee earned second-place points in the 200 freestyle relay after getting nipped by South.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Grosse Pointe South (Ethan Briggs, Jacob Montague, Devlin Francis, Robby Koueiter), 1:39.84; 2. Northville, 1:44.76; 3. Salem, 1:45.27; 4. (tie) Plymouth and U of D Jesuit, 1:46.59; 6. Woodhaven, 1:46.97.

200 freestyle: 1. Alex Lee (LS), 1:48.18; 2. Garrett Beaufrez (P), 1:48.45; 3. James Xue (N), 1:48.56; 4. Matthew LaPorte (LS), 1:50.64; 5. Fred Schulz (N), 1:50.67; 6. Cam Francis (GPS), 1:51.64.

200 individual medley: 1. Jacob Montague (GPS), 1:53.06; 2. Phillip Collingwood (S), 2:06.70; 3. Alden Kane (UDJ), 2:08.13; 4. Tommy Lareau (AP), 2:08.65; 5. Chris Geng (N), 2:09.10; 6. Bronson Knowles (P), 2:09.60.

50 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 21.18; 2. Kirk Malbach (N), 22.23; 3. Devlin Francis (GPS), 22.74; 4. Joe Trohimczyk (CSF), 22.79; 5. Zachary Rodriguez (W), 22.99; 6. Patrick Waterston (GPS), 23.21.

100 freestyle: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 478.80 points; 2. Erik Romer (GPS), 469.95; 3. William McNelis (GPN), 443.95; 4. Duncan MacAskill (GPN), 395.10; 5. Pierce Gordon (UDJ), 355.80; 6. Nicholas Gottlob (CSF), 337.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Devlin Francis (GPS), 54.68; 2. Jame Xue (N), 54.70; 3. Brendan Wellman (S), 54.94; 4. Robby Koueiter (GPS), 56.14; 5. Ben Yang (P), 56.17; 6. Tommy Lareau (AP), 56.19.

100 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 46.95; 2. Alex Lee (LS), 48.94; 3. Ryan Heinze (P), 51.16; 4. Michael Campbell (UDJ), 51.28; 5. Easton Tabin (WR), 51.48; 6. Mark Kaminski (N), 51.84.

500 freestyle: 1. Matthew LaPorte (LS), 4:52.23; 2. Garrett Beaufrez (P), 4:57.63; 3. Phillip Collingwood (S), 5:00.96; 4. Nick Roberts (T), 5:03.57; 5. Taiyo Ichikawa (N), 5:06.22; 6. Tristen Shao (C), 5:07.73.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Grosse Pointe South (Devlin Francis, Cam Francis, Jacob Montague, Robby Koueiter), 1:29.34; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:30.46; 3. Northville, 1:31.21; 4. Plymouth, 1:34.31; 5. Salem, 1:34.32; 6. Trenton, 1:34.90.

100 backstroke: 1. Brendan Wellman (S), 54.89; 2. Kirk Malbach (N), 56.18; 3. Ben Yang (P), 57.29; 4. Ethan Briggs (GPS), 57.89; 5. Patrick Casey (S), 57.91; 6. Connor Mallego (GPS), 57.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jacob Montague (GPS), 57.50; 2. Chris Geng (N), 1:02.14; 3. Alois Wenger (UL), 1:03.01; 4. Cam Sanders (GPS), 1:04.12; 5. Ford Pariseau (CSF), 1:05.37; 6. Matthew Koueiter (GPS), 1:05.46.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Alex Lee, Eric Ferrara, Adam Goeddeke, Jackson O'Dowd), 3:17.73; 2. Northville, 3:21.29; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 3:25.19; 4. Plymouth, 3:28.36; 5. Salem, 3:29.60; 6. University of Detroit Jesuit, 3:30.59.

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Livonia Blue performs well on 'Senior Night'

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Blue's gymnastics team honored its four seniors with a sterling performance during Monday night's "Senior Night" meet against visiting Brighton and Howell.

Sparked by strong showings from all-arounders Bri Rhoad and Jess Weak, Blue compiled 139.650 points to edge Brighton (139.425), however, Brighton prevented a Blue sweep by posting 141.550 points.

The team's four seniors recognized during the meet were Jenna Burton, Nicole Sokolowski, Catie McDougall and Sam Ellis. McDougall enjoyed a terrific night, winning the balance beam competition with a score of 9.350 while also

excelling in her floor-exercise routine (8.850) on the uneven bars (8.275) and on the vault (8.20).

Burton competed on the vault (8.0) and beam (6.95); Ellis earned a solid 8.325 with her floor-exercise performance; while Sokolowski earned stellar marks with her floor routine (8.55) and on the vault (8.15).

Weak won the floor exercise competition with a score of 9.35, just ahead of Rhoad's 9.20. Her 9.15 on the bars earned third-place points behind Howell's Kirsten Phifer (9.225) and Brighton's Margo Mekjian (9.2).

Mekjian was first in the vault with a 9.35, edging out Howell's Kacy Wolfram (9.3).



Livonia Blue's senior gymnasts were honored during Monday's "Senior Night".

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MU men fall short in effort to upset WHAC foe

Madonna University's huge second-half comeback bid fell just short Saturday in Grand Rapids as host Cornerstone University held on for a 92-90 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball victory at Mol Arena.

The Golden Eagles, ranked No. 8 in the latest NAIA Division II Coaches Poll, made 15-of-29 three-pointers to improve to 21-5 overall and 15-3 in the WHAC.

Travis Wells hit six triples on his way to a team-high 22

points for Cornerstone, which led by as many as 24 with 15:51 remaining in the second half after taking a 54-34 halftime advantage.

Senior forward Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon) posted career-highs in points (23) and rebounds (13) in a losing cause. His three-point play with 35 seconds left trimmed the deficit to two. MU then had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but a Zak Lewis three-point try missed the mark.

The Crusaders (11-15, 7-11)

also got 16 points from sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone, while Grant Smith added 10 off the bench.

MU returns to WHAC action beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Grand Rapids to face Aquinas College.

Women's game

It was no contest Saturday as host Cornerstone University (18-8, 13-5) upended No. 25-ranked Madonna (15-9, 14-4) in a WHAC women's basketball game at Mol Arena, 89-66.

Michele Hayes and Lizzy Otten paced the Crusaders in scoring with 22 and 17 points, respectively.

Madonna was 22-of-68 from the floor overall (32.4 percent), but made 19-of-22 foul shots (86.3 percent).

The Crusaders were also outrebound by Cornerstone, 53-37.

MU returns to WHAC play beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Grand Rapids to face Aquinas College.



Stevenson's Ben Kowalske steers the puck toward the net during a game against Churchill earlier this season.

HARDIN

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reeled off three straight victories - scoring at least 44 points in each game - to finish with a playoffs-qualifying 6-3 record.

The Rockets lost their first playoff game to D1 state runner-up Saline, 41-6, in what would be Hardin's final game.

Among the most heralded athletes who played for Hardin were Michigan State University running back Jeremy Langford, who is expected to be selected in the 2015 NFL Draft, and current senior Deshawn Baker-Williams, who recently signed a National

Letter of Intent to play football for Central Michigan University.

Five players on Hardin's final John Glenn team will be playing at the next level beginning in the fall.

Hardin emphasized that he still wants to coach football, ideally at John Glenn.

"What I love the most about coaching and teaching is mentoring and building relationships with the students and players," he said. "I'd miss that too much if I quit coaching altogether. I'd love to be an assistant coach so that I could work specifically with a smaller group of players and be able to spend more one-on-one time with them."

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GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Redford Union's 'D' shines in win over Eagles

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Following a series of close, down-to-the-wire setbacks, Redford Union quickly turned Tuesday night's game against cross-campus rival Redford Thurston into a no-doubter.

Led by senior forward Renee Reed's 14 points and point guard Cashmere Jones' 10 assists, the Panthers rolled to a 48-25 victory over the Eagles to earn the Redford Township traveling trophy that goes to the winner of each season's cross-town series.

RU improved to 4-12 heading into Friday's game against Livonia Clarenceville.

The Panthers sprinted to a 28-7 halftime lead and never looked back.

"After suffering so many heart-breaking losses recently, I was very happy for the girls and very proud of them the way they played tonight," said RU head coach Scott Purdy. "Our defense has been spectacular the past month or so. This is the sixth straight game in which we've held our opponent to under 40 points."

Chargers upend Canton

Clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch by Alivia Kondrath and Jaelah Rivers lifted Livonia Churchill to its first victory over Canton, 49-41, in at least the past four years.

The Chargers improved to 10-5 overall and 5-4 in the KLAAs South with the triumph while the Chiefs slipped to 8-7 and 6-3, respectively.

"We played really well defensively and we're starting to click on offense," said Churchill head coach Matt McCowan. "Tonight was most

complete performance of the season.

"We were down two points at halftime, but we held them to just two field goals and two free throws in the third quarter. We knocked down some big free throws late to hang on."

Senior guard Natalie Spala had her typical high-production night, scoring a team-high 25 points. Spala was in a zone, hitting 6 of 8 three-point shots and 3 of 4 free throws.

Kondrath played one of her best games of the season, scoring 11 points.

Brenna Finn paced the Chiefs with 18 points.

Cougars trip up Spartans

Gabi Bird's feathery-soft jump shot was too much for Livonia Stevenson to overcome Tuesday night in a 39-31 Cougars victory at South Lyon East.

Bird scored 27 points – torching the nets for 21 of her team's first 26 points – thanks in part to five successful triple tries.

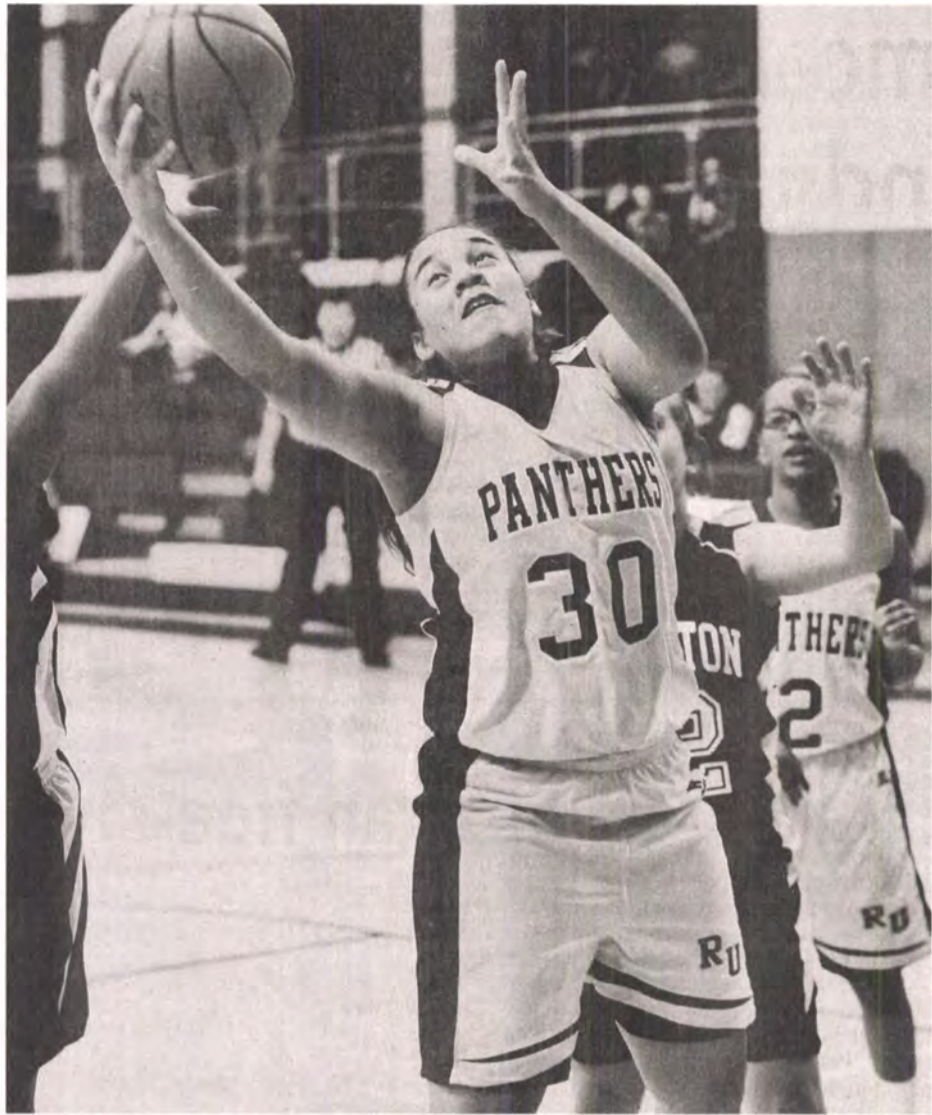
"We knew she was going to shoot, she knew she was going to shoot, we just didn't do a good enough job of getting out on her," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "She's a very good player, though; hard to stop."

"Our girls played hard like they always do. We just couldn't generate enough offense to stay with them."

Arryn Dochenetz had another strong game for Stevenson as she scored 14 points.

East led throughout, extending a 12-9 first-quarter lead to 26-22 at the half. Stevenson failed to gain any momentum in the third quarter when it was outscored 7-4.

Stevenson made 2 of 7 free throws. The Cougars were 8-for-13 from the



Redford Union's Renee Reed scored 14 points in the Panthers' 48-25 victory over Thurston.

TOM BEAUDOIN

stripe.

Warriors triumph

Freshman post player Rachel Reddeman netted 15 points and 15 rebounds Tuesday night to lead Lutheran Westland to a 34-26 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The victory improved the surging Warriors to 9-5 overall and 6-1 in the MIAC. The Gryphons slipped to 8-6 and 4-4, respectively.

Taylor Jones (eight points) and Sabrina Morrison (six points) also

played well for LW, which trailed 17-10 at the half before holding Greenhills to just nine second-half points.

"We started off a little slow tonight, but made some adjustments at halftime and turned things around for the win," said LW head coach Sandi Wade. "We applied some pressure half way through the third quarter and Greenhills had some issues with it. We played a great game as a team tonight, some great leadership really came out."

Marian trips Blazers

Samantha Thomas scored 12 points and Elizabeth Grobbel added 11 to lead defending Class A champion Birmingham Marian (14-1, 8-0) to a Catholic League Central Division victory Monday over host Livonia Ladywood (3-13, 1-7).

Brittany Gray also dished out four assists for the Mustangs, who jumped out to a 15-2 first quarter advantage.

Amber Riethmiller led the Blazers with eight

points.

On Friday, Farmington Hills Mercy (13-3, 5-3) secured second place in the Catholic League Central Division with a 62-39 victory over host Livonia Ladywood (3-12, 1-6).

Taylor Jones led the victorious Marlins, who led 39-13 at halftime, with 14 points, seven rebounds, five steals and five assists. Zora Pullen added 13 points.

Maggie Shirk, Erika Selakowski and Ally Audia each tallied six points for the Blazers.

Trojans dropped

Alicia Southern scored a dozen points Friday in Clarenceville's 41-28 loss to visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis in girls basketball. A'sha Whittaker and Staneisha Chambers added five points apiece.

Adams tops Harrison

The Hawks were in the game all the way Tuesday, but visiting Rochester Adams maintained a consistent lead for a 49-39 victory.

The Highlanders were four points better in the second quarter and gained a 24-20 lead at halftime. They added another four points to their lead in the third to make it 36-28.

Amber Jamison scored a game-high 25 points for Adams, which improves to 3-2 in the OAA Red Division and 12-3 overall. Raiven Owusu added nine points. The Highlanders were 6-of-13 at the foul line.

Junior Kristen Nelson's 17 points made her the high scorer for the Hawks, who are 1-5 in the division and 10-6 overall.

Senior Katie Conrad and freshman Olivia Perkins added six points.

KLAAs SOUTH

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champs and that really resonated with everybody on the team," said Canton junior forward Logan Ryan, who led all scorers with 19 points. "We were really fired up before the game and we fed off each other's energy during the game."

Ryan jump-started his team's hot-shooting first quarter – Canton made 6-of-10 field-goal attempts – with six points. Senior guard Greg Williams, who finished with 16 points, also got rolling quickly with seven first-quarter points.

"Logan sometimes has a tendency to let the game come to him, so when he starts out fast like he did tonight, he's more active the rest of the game," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He was active the entire game tonight, driving and finishing around the rim."

Reddy delivered big-time props for his team's stingy defensive effort to senior forward Jalen Cochran, who made scoring difficult for whomever he was matched up against.

"Jalen's 6-foot-4, but he can guard guards," Reddy said. "He did a nice job on (Churchill's Joan) Andoni – not for the entire game, but for stretches. He's so flexible with his ability to guard anybody we need him to that it makes our team defense that much



Churchill's Robert Steward defends an in-bounds pass Tuesday night.

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better."

The Chiefs limited Churchill's explosive junior wing combination of Andoni and Jon Hovermale to 16 points combined. Andoni was held to just one triple before heating up with eight fourth-quarter points.

Dayton Davis added nine points on three treys, while post player Jarrett Pletcher added six for the Chargers.

"Offensively, we were standing around too much and when we don't get a lot of movement, we're a very average team," Churchill head coach Jimmy Solak said. "I'm more concerned with our defense. Our ball pressure was fine, but we didn't play good team defense tonight, which will hurt you when you reach this point in

the season."

Following a dismal scoring stretch during the two middle quarters, the Andoni-led Chargers stormed back with a 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter to get back in the game and get the "Black Hole" stirring.

A short jumper by Hovermale cut the Chargers' deficit to 45-38, but Ryan calmly answered at the other end with a soft rainbow jumper to extend the lead to nine. Churchill would get no closer.

"We really put a greater emphasis in practice on defending in the paint after our losses to Plymouth and John Glenn last week," Reddy said. "And the guys bought into it tonight."

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Ocelots clinch men's basketball playoff berth

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ja'Christian Biles went off Saturday for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, pouring in 29 points in the Ocelots' 79-61 victory over Henry Ford Community College.

The home victory clinched the Ocelots (21-3,

10-3) a spot in the NJCAA District 10 tournament. Also chiming in with 13 points was Javan Thomas, Schoolcraft benefited from a balanced attack — three players tallied eight points, including Westland John Glenn product Dre Black.

Men bowlers first

Schoolcraft bowlers had plenty of success at Friday's Great Lakes Classic at Hi-Score Lanes.

The men's team topped the six-team field with 4,168 pins, led by Kaylup Richards (812 four-game series).

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Plymouth Township home blends past, present well

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A home built in the 1940s in Plymouth Township is a pleasing mix of the old and new. "It has the new amenities," said Realtor Chris Patrick of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Plymouth, speaking of the 46450 Shamrock Lane home in Plymouth Township. It was built in 1940 "and then they renovated it later."

The home is on an acre, and near both Plymouth Township Park and the Hilltop Golf Course. It's listed at \$489,000. Cove ceilings and archways speak to the home's older origins.

Realtor Patrick, the listing agent, noted the four bedrooms and three full baths. The home's in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and its sellers are relocating.

They've added paver walkways. The roof, from 2013, has a lifetime warranty.

The home's 3,100 square feet and has two kitchens from 2012 and 2014. Its kitchen was updated in the past, and boasts a large island which seats six or more, as well as skylights and a convection oven with gas stove top.

Patrick noted the cove ceilings, fireplace and hardwood floors in the living room, din-



Hardwood floors and archways give the 1940s era home character.

ing room and two bedrooms as plus. "It's a short bike ride to downtown Plymouth," she said. "You don't find many with acreage and close to town."

The living room has a gas fireplace and opens on the dining room. There is a dual entrance to separate decks.

Both the first- and second-level baths were recently updated, Patrick noted. The master suite has a study area and a walk-in closet, with its glamour bath boasting a jetted tub.

Patrick is available at 734-546-9978.

In addition to the treed lot, there's an outdoor basketball court, and the deck has a newer ceramic tiled fire pit. The home has a finished lower level, first floor laundry and three and a half car garage.

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46450 Shamrock Lane in Plymouth Township is within walking distance of downtown and sits on 1.13 acres.



The kitchen features an island with seating for six.

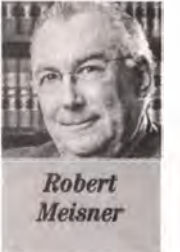
Forceful removal of squatters may be ill-advised

Q: I understand there a new law regarding squatters in Michigan. Can you give me any insight?

A: Effective Sept. 24, 2014, the new legislation 1) permits the use of force to remove squatters; 2) makes squatting a misdemeanor for the first offense and a felony thereafter; and 3) makes the felony punishable by fine of up to \$10,000. One should be cautioned, however, that forcibly removing a squatter may result in personal danger to the person removing the squatter and perhaps potential liability if excessive force is used.

Q: Can you sue someone who is not on the premises on a regular basis for nuisance?

A: Based upon a recent Michigan case, a landowner who was not in possession and does not participate in the activity which could be a nuisance is not liable for a nuisance. While the owner may have some responsibility, it does not rise to the level of a nuisance in terms of what transpired, which in that case was that the plaintiff's decedent was killed when her car hit a horse that was standing in the road and was kept on a farm by his brother and sister-in-law, and the horse had escaped from its stall more than 30 times over the course of seven years.



Robert Meisner

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS	
32046 Auburn Dr	\$265,000
15562 Birchwood Ave	\$70,000
16950 Kirkshire Ave	\$240,000
31036 Pickwick Ln	\$322,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1393 Cedar Dr	\$490,000
2196 Lerby Rd	\$225,000
1942 E Lincoln St	\$235,000
1798 Graefield Rd	\$131,000
1971 Graefield Rd	\$117,000
1768 Graefield Rd Unit 30	\$126,000
508 Graten St	\$342,000
1165 Hillside Dr	\$270,000
1324 Humphrey Ave	\$232,000
519 Lewis St	\$325,000
808 Madison St	\$885,000
1828 Mansfield Rd	\$235,000
1119 Pilgrim Ave	\$600,000
600 Shephardbush St	\$1,305,000
600 W Brown St # 210	\$275,000
764 W Lincoln St	\$350,000
2140 Yorkshire Rd	\$212,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
5450 Lahser Rd	\$335,000
1860 Cedar Hill Dr	\$450,000
279 Millington Ct	\$225,000
4064 W Orchard Hill Dr	\$285,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4187 Antique Ln	\$418,000
2700 Aspen Ln	\$225,000
3255 Berkshire Dr	\$255,000
4694 Burntree Dr	\$317,000
5710 Canebrake Rd	\$275,000
4920 Dryden Ln	\$380,000
6153 Eastmoor Rd	\$299,000
1332 Forestglen Ct	\$232,000
839 Helston Rd	\$297,000
1365 Indian Mound W	\$830,000
2100 Kemp Rd	\$321,000
5137 Kings Gate Way	\$410,000
7150 Lindenmere Dr	\$446,000

6815 Mark Ct	\$582,000
2664 McClintock Rd	\$260,000
1870 Pine Ridge Ln	\$419,000
1096 Rock Spring Rd	\$360,000
3776 Shellmarr Ln	\$525,000
3381 Squirrel Rd	\$280,000
3718 Thornbrier Way	\$365,000
3672 W Bradford Dr	\$361,000
4049 W Maple Rd # A104	\$102,000
4043 W Maple Rd # D202	\$90,000
615 Windsor Run	\$472,000
4850 Wye Oak Rd	\$334,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
1929 Alsup Ave	\$223,000
6135 Ashland St	\$148,000
3112 Belle Terre	\$239,000
5097 Birkdale Dr	\$328,000
300 Chaumont Dr	\$100,000
9533 Chavicomont Dr	\$252,000
3541 E Commerce Rd	\$174,000
8050 Flagstaff St	\$360,000
1901 Glen Iris Dr	\$200,000
8542 Golf Lane Dr	\$290,000
2145 Golfcrest Dr	\$309,000
5948 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$470,000
3201 Mandrake St	\$82,000
2846 Pinto Dr	\$172,000
FARMINGTON	
23631 Bicking Ct	\$126,000
32010 Grand River Ave	\$42,000
31592 Marblehead Rd	\$168,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22181 Arbor Ln	\$231,000
28264 Bayberry Rd	\$291,000
22280 Cass St	\$179,000
21706 Colgate St	\$105,000
27654 E Echo Vly Unit 233	\$66,000
29346 Earth Ln	\$580,000
22945 Fox Crk	\$246,000
24928 Glen Orchard Dr	\$374,000
37645 Glengrove Dr	\$384,000
21675 Hamilton Ave	\$43,000
22251 Harsdale Dr	\$400,000
22117 Hayes Ave	\$220,000
28732 Kyrside Ln	\$75,000
29564 Mayfair Dr	\$268,000
30791 Misty Pines Dr	\$149,000
23105 Montclair St	\$135,000

34182 Old Timber Ct	\$263,000
26250 Orchard Lake Rd	\$210,000
21244 Parker St	\$155,000
24467 Penrose Dr	\$180,000
31030 Ridgeway Dr	\$230,000
29038 Summerwood Rd	\$215,000
29222 Valley Bend Ct	\$366,000
29001 W 11 Mile Rd	\$180,000
32013 W 12 Mile Rd Unit 209	\$62,000
28422 W Eight Mile Rd	\$26,000
32586 Woodvale	\$537,000
FRANKLIN	
30980 Franklin Rd	\$220,000
32875 Wing Lake Rd	\$229,000
HIGHLAND	
155 N Saint John Rd	\$90,000
3200 Ramada Dr	\$440,000
3455 Ramada Dr	\$216,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18769 Alhambra Ave	\$172,000
MILFORD	
1690 Cooley Lake Rd	\$335,000
743 E Liberty St	\$202,000
3039 Old Plank Rd	\$289,000
1635 Orban	\$148,000
805 Panorama Dr	\$170,000
2872 Rowe Rd	\$279,000
170 Water St	\$330,000
NORTHVILLE	
48882 Castello Ct	\$254,000
21221 E Glen Haven Cir	\$143,000
21247 Eastfarm Ln	\$260,000
38744 Harvard Ct	\$410,000
42126 Pellston Dr	\$127,000
52217 Pierce Dr	\$100,000
NOVI	
27651 Belgrave Pl	\$266,000
41611 Blair Dr	\$136,000
25483 Buckminster Dr	\$280,000
41913 Cantebray Dr	\$182,000
28059 Carlton Way Dr	\$195,000
22323 Chelsea Ln	\$175,000
41533 Cypress Way	\$182,000
43152 Emerson Way	\$289,000
23447 Greening Dr	\$300,000
51149 Hallfield St	\$297,000
28105 Hewes Ln	\$231,000
41774 Independence Dr	\$154,000

25782 Island Lake Dr	\$575,000
25710 Laramie Dr	\$500,000
51183 Luke Ln	\$290,000
24760 Olde Orchard St	\$108,000
42487 Park Ridge Rd	\$230,000
41796 Primrose Dr	\$172,000
41940 Quince Dr	\$173,000
27484 Sloan St	\$294,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 118	\$95,000
23785 Stonehenge Blvd	\$120,000
26018 Whipple	\$55,000
SOUTH LYON	
130 Lyon Blvd	\$140,000
52058 Red Cedar	\$374,000
22899 Saint George Cir	\$410,000
1054 Shetland Dr	\$260,000
500 Willow Dr	\$270,000
388 Winchester St	\$176,000
58560 Winning Cir S	\$73,000
SOUTHFIELD	
15842 Addison St	\$128,000
28410 Brooks Ln	\$111,000
29382 Candlewood Ln	\$65,000
17692 E Goldwin St	\$179,000
28415 Evergreen Rd	\$98,000
29657 Fairfax St	\$56,000
17359 Gateway Cir	\$68,000
18455 Kesh K Ct	\$85,000
28384 Lady K Ct	\$287,000
24639 Maryland St	\$97,000
17389 Melrose St	\$117,000
25426 Saint James	\$120,000
28675 Tavistock Ln	\$225,000
28029 Tavistock Dr	\$195,000
28765 Tavistock Trl	\$183,000
WHITE LAKE	
11384 Brigham Ln	\$150,000
921 Dacea Ct	\$325,000
786 Golden Shrs	\$355,000
9247 Hickorywood Dr	\$147,000
603 Kent Ln	\$390,000
44 Myrric St	\$51,000
9499 Portage Trl	\$105,000
9476 Thames Blvd	\$219,000
8754 Townsend Dr	\$242,000

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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CANTON	
1603 Aberdeen St	\$203,000
43053 Avon Rd	\$242,000
4180 Berkeley Ave	\$128,000
2248 Berwick Dr	\$185,000
2406 Brookfield St	\$179,000
2677 Brookfield St	\$175,000
6787 Brookshire Dr	\$324,000
50595 Coolidge St	\$207,000
41475 Copper Creek Dr	\$185,000
43775 Cranford Ave	\$209,000
1754 Dunston Rd	\$254,000
6453 Durham Dr	\$209,000
47125 Fairlawn Ct	\$249,000
7048 Foxcreek Dr	\$258,000
43948 Fredericksburg St	\$169,000
2393 Lexington Cir N	\$313,000
2255 Lexington Cir S	\$310,000
43927 Marne Ct	\$170,000
45714 Morningside Dr	\$306,000
45499 Muirfield Dr	\$340,000
6699 Old Haggerty Rd	\$175,000
1921 Pinewood Dr	\$134,000
7451 Pointe Dr	\$205,000
41777 Princess Dr	\$290,000
42299 Saratoga Cir	\$163,000
44465 Savery Dr	\$70,000
51195 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$221,000
4155 Strathmore Ln	\$215,000
4290 Timberline Dr	\$271,000
44279 Vassar St	\$217,000
47934 Wadebridge Ct	\$430,000

1826 Willard Dr	\$180,000
40734 Worthington Rd	\$185,000
GARDEN CITY	
2205 Belton St	\$54,000
27713 Bock St	\$120,000
6669 Cardwell St	\$95,000
431 Gilman St	\$110,000
30405 Hennepin St	\$90,000
6700 Mansfield St	\$89,000
221 Ross St	\$96,000
858 Venoy Rd	\$45,000
LIVONIA	
14418 Arden St	\$154,000
14994 Bainbridge St	\$45,000
9750 Bassett St	\$160,000
12031 Cardwell St	\$95,000
14737 Country Club Dr	\$170,000
11456 Deering St	\$100,000
15375 Edington St	\$222,000
11774 Farmington Rd	\$123,000
9083 Fremont St	\$135,000
11014 Garden St	\$119,000
31114 Grennada St	\$134,000
31717 Hees St	\$125,000
14100 Henry Ruff St	\$180,000
16232 Houghton Dr	\$292,000
30880 Industrial Rd	\$280,000
8942 Knolson Ave	\$255,000
38769 Lancaster St	\$215,000
29522 Lori St	\$139,000
15707 Loveland St	\$212,000
29902 Lyndon St	\$159,000
14803 Melvin St	\$178,000
39118 Minton Ave	\$157,000
30800 Munger Dr	\$351,000
28455 N Clements Cir	\$98,000
28482 N Clements Cir	\$95,000
9013 Oporto St	\$105,000
35172 Orangelawn St	\$150,000

14568 Richfield St	\$151,000
38115 Richland St	\$147,000
38499 Richland St	\$130,000
14526 Riverside St	\$273,000
32520 Schoolcraft Rd	\$205,000
35974 Scone St	\$161,000
38568 Summers St	\$175,000
NORTHVILLE	
42373 Anchor Ct	\$173,000
47562 Arbor Trl	\$399,000
17023 Birchwood Dr	\$343,000
44665 Broadmoor Pl N	\$390,000
19537 Dartmouth Cir	\$114,000
19706 Dearborn Ct	\$135,000
632 East St	\$180,000
375 Orchard Dr	\$250,000
47104 Red Oak Dr	\$495,000
50105 Venice Ct	\$430,000
39582 Village Run Dr	\$275,000
PLYMOUTH	
576 Ann St	\$223,000
11871 Appletree Dr	\$315,000
1105 Carol Ave	\$241,000
49573 Donovan Blvd	\$168,000
42241 Mill Race Cir	\$139,000
1782 Nantucket Rd	\$250,000
40695 Newport Dr	\$110,000
49750 Plymouth Way	\$168,000
49822 Plymouth Way	\$157,000
11749 Priscilla Ln	\$223,000
45182 Turtlehead Dr	\$271,000
REDFORD	
9646 Brady	\$107,000
25101 Cathedral	\$75,000
25917 Dover	\$90,000
14053 Fenton	\$95,000
18839 Fox	\$34,000
18233 Garfield	\$43,000
15584 Lexington	\$27,000

15408 Lola Dr	\$14,000
16584 Lola Dr	\$40,000
8822 Marion	\$73,000
15725 Ryland	\$80,000
18434 Sumner	\$52,000
WAYNE	
32625 Annapolis St	\$40,000
35342 Ash St	\$135,000
34605 Chestnut St	\$107,000
34024 Crurrier St	\$93,000
4037 Edmund St	\$18,000
35312 Elm St	\$25,000
36465 Glenwood Dr	\$45,000
3876 Mildred St	\$90,000
3311 Woodway St	\$125,000
5327 Woodward St	\$46,000
WESTLAND	
1179 Abbey Ct	\$145,000
2112 Alanson St	\$35,000
38287 Carleton Blvd	\$51,000
35677 Castlewood Ct	\$75,000
243 Ethan Dr	\$175,000
38149 Ford Rd	\$115,000
5935 Huff St	\$158,000
7358 Iroquois St	\$125,000
35136 Jung Dr	\$39,000
37512 Lane Ct	\$133,000
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- ACROSS**
- 1 No matter which
 - 4 Sir —
 - 8 Guinness
 - 12 Top seed's reward
 - 13 Luigi's dollar, once
 - 14 Roach and Linden
 - 15 Bake in sauce
 - 17 The lowdown
 - 18 Giggle (hyph.)
 - 19 Make waterproof
 - 21 Veld grazer
 - 23 Light-headed
 - 27 Je ne sais —
 - 30 "Miami Vice" cop
 - 33 Guanabara Bay port
 - 34 Web addresses
 - 35 Dit partner
 - 36 Yin complement
- DOWN**
- 37 Turkish official
 - 38 Sand formation
 - 39 Wonder Woman's friend
 - 40 "Moll Flanders" author
 - 42 Koan discipline
 - 44 Big Dipper bear
 - 47 Sigh or murmur
 - 51 Types
 - 54 Likely
 - 56 Apply paint
 - 57 Mountain range near China
 - 58 — vous plait
 - 59 Mongolian invaders
 - 60 Speck of dust
 - 61 Fork over

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WORDS

- ACUTE
- ANATOMY
- ANGLE
- AQUEOUS HUMOR
- BLEB
- BLINDNESS
- BLURRY
- BUBBLE
- CANAL
- CENTRAL
- CHRONIC
- CONGENITAL
- CONJUNCTIVA
- CORNEA
- DIAGNOSIS
- DILATE
- DRAINAGE
- EYE
- GLAUCOMA
- GONIOSCOPY
- HISTORY
- INTRACULAR
- IRIS
- LASER
- LENS
- OPHTHALMO-
- SCOPY
- OPTIC
- PERIMETRY
- PRESSURE
- PUPIL
- RETINA
- SCLERA
- SURGERY
- SUSPECT
- TONOMETRY
- VISION

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Sudoku

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Save the date: Livonia prayer breakfast set for May 7

The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will feature the Rev. John Arthur Nunes May 7 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Nunes is the Emil and Elfride Jochum Chair at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., a professorship supporting the study of Christian values in public and professional life. From 2007-13, Nunes was the president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief where he led staff in 17 countries working to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

Nunes, who earned



Nunes

both master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology

at Chicago, also taught at Concordia University Chicago and served as a church pastor in Detroit and Dallas, Texas.

The Concordia Choir of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, also will perform at the event.

The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is a version of the National

Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C. Its focus has been on bringing inspirational speakers to communicate positive, faith-filled principles that will inspire people to think globally and act locally. The theme is "Re-Imagining Yourself as a Peacemaker."

The breakfast starts at 7 a.m. Cost is \$16 per person and includes full breakfast; \$10 for students. Ticket deadline is April 17.

Contact Sally Butler, 248-476-9427 or butlerconsulting@consultant.com



Concordia University Choir will sing at the 41st annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 18

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 6 p.m. supper; 7 p.m. worship service, Feb. 18

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: A free soup and sandwich supper precedes the service

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 Leverage, Redford, 313-937-2233. Buy in advance by Feb. 9

Contact: Raeann Kusch at 734-432-7777

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

CLOTHING COLLECTION

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 22

Location: Crossroads Church, at the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The church's Winter Survival Gear Drive is accepting men's used work boots, men's new and gently-used white socks, women's new and gently-used turtleneck shirts for homeless men and women. Cash donations will be used to buy additional winter survival gear. Send donations to the church at P.O. Box 51083, Livonia, MI 48151-1083. Additional drop-off times can be arranged.

Contact: 248-890-5718; info@crossroadsnow.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15

Location: Prayer Temple Missionary Baptist Church, 27350

Chicago Road, Redford

Details: Diversity Concert is a fundraiser for Redford Interfaith Relief, an organization that feeds and clothes more than 300 local families monthly. Performers include Lighthouse Music Ministry, Prayer Temple Music Ministry, Our Lady of Loretto Parish Choir and Bell Choir, St. Robert's Music Ministry, El Bethel Music Ministry, Lift Your Hands Ministries, Mercy Road Music Ministry, South Redford Step Team. Free, but donations will be accepted

Contact: 313-937-5195

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22-June 7

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This nondenominational program features Bible-based teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. 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 materials

Contact: Rev. Roger Wright at 313-682-7491; grieffshare.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

LENTE SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18-March 25

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats after the service

Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

LENTE SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18-March 25

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Contact: 734-728-3315

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14

Location: Crossroads Church at the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Cost is \$25 per couple by Feb. 8 or \$30 per couple at the door; \$12.50 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. Lunch provided. Mail a check, payable to Crossroads Church, to P.O. Box 51083 Livonia, MI 48187-1083. Write "marriage retreat" in the memo field

Contact: info@crossroadsnow.org

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13

Location: In His Presence Ministries, 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Details: iPraise, A night of worship, praise and music

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroit-inhispresence.org

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25

Location: Meet at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$10 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to register and pay (cash or check) is Feb. 16 at the parish office

Contact: Janet Gilbo at jgilbo@wowway.com or Sharlene Borke at sharborke@gmail.com

MARCH

CHURCH MISSION

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. March 22-25

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco, topics include "Jesus, How Do We Come To Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive," March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24

Contact: 313-937-1500

COMIC BOOK, CARDS

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Location: Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

Details: More than 34 tables of comic books action figures, books and more. Admission is \$2; free for age 10 and under. Admission fee will be donated to the Methodist Children's Home in Livonia

Contact: 313-937-3170

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BROSSOIT, THERESA
Age 71, of Shelby Twp., formerly of Brighton, passed away February 8, 2015. Full obit at casterlinefuneralhome.com



GARRIGUS, W. RUPELL "RUTH"

Age 93, of Canton, Michigan went home to be with the Lord, February 8, 2015 at her home, surrounded by her family. Born March 12, 1921 in Arkansas, daughter of the late Marshall and Anna (McClure) Mungie. Ruth lived in Hickman, Kentucky, until 1955 when she and her husband Jim moved to Dearborn. She was also a former member of the Dearborn Seniors at Hubbard Towers. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Belleville. She retired from K-Mart after many loyal years. She worked in the payroll division and as a clerk for Kresge's as well. In her free time she enjoyed sewing and crocheting and she loved canning, but not green beans! Survived by daughter Lawanda Sue "Sue" Nabb of Lucedale, Mississippi, two sons Gerald Garrigus of Lansing, and Larry J. Garrigus of Canton, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, also brother-in-law Artell (Catherine) Garrigus of GA, and their entire family. Preceded in death by her husband James, also six siblings: Leslie, Hershel, Edward, Betty, Gideon and Lyman "L.D." Visitation 5:30-8 pm Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Visitation 10-11 am Thursday, February 12, 2015 with an 11 am funeral at Grace Baptist Church, Belleville. Interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Contributions to Grace Baptist Church appreciated. davidcbrownfh.com.

KRUEGER, MICHAEL WAYNE

61, of South Lyon passed away suddenly on February 6, in Goodyear, Arizona with his parents and sisters by his side. Mike, the second oldest of eight children is survived by his devoted parents, Gerald (Jerry) and 'Mrytle' Margaret Krueger of Waddell, AZ; his loving daughter Lauren Krueger; son, Kevin Krueger (Tayna); and daughter, Michelle Arntz; his beloved brothers, Jerry 'Chip' (Valerie) Krueger and Darryl Krueger; sisters, Vickie Tanner, Terry (Randy) Cooper, Sherry Ray, Tracey (Dale) Gordon, and Jill (Leif) Myers; his grandchildren, Kevin Krueger, Chad Krueger, Anthony Arntz, Olivia Arntz, Ava Arntz, and Ethan Arntz; and 22 nieces and nephews. Mike loved to golf and his little dog, Bitsy. A loving son, brother, and father that will be greatly missed. A service will be held Wednesday, February 11 at Surprise Funeral Care in Surprise, AZ.

MEYERS, JAMES H.

February 6, 2015 Age 91 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Mary. Survived By his children, Jane Stickney, Carol Meyer, Susan Gardner, Mike Meyers (wife Kym) and Jim Meyers (wife Connie) and brother Howard Meyers. Grandfather of 14, great grandfather of four. Visitation Thursday at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland, Thursday 1-8pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10:30am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne. In repose at 10am prior to Mass. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

PARKER, SANDRA L.

February 6, 2015 Age 67 of Westland. Beloved daughter of Evelyn and the late Charles Parker. Sister to David (Louise), and Candace Parker. Aunt to Rev. Derek Parker, Matthew (Theresa) Parker, and Charlie (Molly) Helms. Great Aunt to Carson Matthew Parker. Funeral services were from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Tuesday February 10 at 1p.m. Sandy was interred at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. Family requests memorials to First Friends Church of Richmond, Indiana 2010 Chester Blvd., Richmond, Indiana 47374. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com

PETERMAN, ALLEN

Age 87, called home to be with the Lord February 5, 2015. Beloved husband of the late Georgenia Stewart Peterman and Margaret Rea Peterman. Loving father of Bill (Debbie), Lee (the late Timna), Wanda (Ted) Lindsay, Mark (Nancy) and Doug. Dear grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of four. Allen worked at Ford Motor Co. for over 30 years and at Madonna University for 18 years. Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday 3-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the Truth and Tidings Gospel Trust or the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com



SIMONDS DOLORES A.

February 8, 2015, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Howard. Dear mother of Carol (Bob) Burnison, Dennis Simonds, Diana (John) Skrobe and the late Jackie Jensen. Also leaves seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and son-in-law Jim. Preceded in death by a sister and three brothers. Visitation Thursday 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 11 a.m. Contributions are suggested to the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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YOUNG JUNE LEONE

A remarkably beautiful person in every respect, passed away in the loving arms of her devoted family at the age of 84 on February 6th, 2015. June was born on January 28th, 1931 to Helen and Robert Kelsey of Walled Lake, Michigan. In 1951 she married Donald Paul Young, her cherished husband of 64 years. June was the loving and dedicated mother of four sons "THE BOYS", Greg, Todd, Donny and Roger and raised them in her Bloomfield Hills home. June was the very proud grandmother of Rachel Young, Brent Young, Ryan Young, Courtney Young, Dylan Young, Evan Young and Kelsey Young. June's wit, strength, kindness and deep love were endlessly shared with her family and friends. Her presence was an immeasurable gift that will live every day in the hearts of those who experienced her constant source of pleasure in life.

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Local couple plays in British-style brass band

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Wendell and Mary Mullison found their perfect musical match three years ago.

The Farmington couple was invited to play with the Five Lakes Silver Band, based in Royal Oak.

"I have a degree in music and have been a musician all my life. I taught high school band and took an early retirement," Mary said. "I needed someplace to play. A friend played in (Five Lakes). I thought, now this will be great. I started first and Wendell came to the next concert."

"We found something we can both do together that has a high level of musicianship."

The Mullisons performed with the band when it won a national championship in 2013 and are included in its most recent two recordings.

They'll perform with the group at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Salvation Army, 3015 N. Main, Royal Oak. Admission is \$15; \$12 for seniors; free for students, 18 and under.

The band will play pieces devoted to passion and drama, including Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Philip Harper's *Hebridean Lullaby*, Eric Ball's *Resurgam*, Peter Graham's *Cartoon Music* and the love song, *My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose*.

"It's a conglomeration of different styles," Mary said. "This is a good overview concert to go to — from marches to symphonic transcription."

Switching instruments

Members play either brass or percussion instruments in Five Lakes Silver Band. The group is a British-style brass band, which meant both Wendell and Mary had to take up new instruments when they joined.

"I am a trumpet player," Mary said. "I play cornet in Five Lakes Silver Band. Wendell would normally play French horn." He plays tenor horn in the Five Lakes Silver Band.



Five Lakes Silver Band performs in competition. Wendell Mullison is second from the left in the row directly in front of the conductor. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

"It was different for me," Wendell said. "The tenor horns sit in the front row and that tends not to be the case in symphonic bands. It can be intimidating looking up at the conductor."

The couple describes the band's sound as deep, full and rich. The British band is set up for a specific number of horns and percussion. Members must find substitute players if they are unable to attend a concert. The band also competes nationally against other British-style bands.

"Competition is part of the fabric of the history of British bands," Wendell noted. "Every downtown or company that had a band, the (musicians) who resided there or worked there would pit themselves against

the band in the next town over."

Five Lakes Silver Band, with by-invitation-only membership, offered the couple a musical challenge. "It was what I needed. I worked hard on that music. It was invigorating," Mary said.

Musical family

The couple, parents of three daughters, who also play brass instruments, met through the Novi Community Band. Mary was the conductor and Wendell played in the brass section. They've also played together in the University of Michigan alumni concert band and are two-fifths of a brass quintet, Baseline Brass, that plays occasionally at church services.



Mary Mullison of Farmington performs a solo with the Five Lakes Silver Band.

"It's nice to share an activity together," Mary said. "Some people have hobbies. I

guess (music) is our hobby." For more, visit fivelakes-silverband.com.

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: Ice cream and hot cocoa will be available for purchase at a discount. Event includes animal arts and crafts, face painting, animal enrichment activities, talks by the zoo's expert keepers and a winter safari scavenger hunt, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7-8, at the Ford Education Center. Free with zoo admission

Contact: 248-541-5171

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

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-CAP Arts Academy

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillageheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

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

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Ninth annual Member Exhibition features more than 70 works of art in all media.

Contact: 248-344-0497

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13

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

Details: The Laugh Riot Dolls present "Laugh at Love: an Anti-Valentine's Day Show, an all-female cabaret-style comedy show with stand-up comedy. The show also will feature the barber-shop boogie-woogie sounds of The Little Dollies. All seats \$10

Contact: 734-985-0875; www.emergentarts.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Dave Landau; 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; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 12-13, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Keith Alberstadt; tickets \$10 Thursday, \$18 Friday-Saturday

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



Dennis Tini and his quartet will perform Feb. 24 at the Jazz@The Elks series in Plymouth.

DANCE

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Feb. 15

Location: Allee Dance Theatre, third floor, room 3317, Old Main, 4841 Cass at Warren Avenue, Detroit

Details: See a performance of African dance and drumming by To Sangana, browse an African bazaar at 5 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday, sample classes in African dance and drumming. Tickets are \$12 general admission; \$8 for students and seniors. Buy them at wsushows.com or at the Hillberry Box Office, 4743 Cass, Detroit. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$15

Contact: 313-577-2972

FILM

MAPLE THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21

Location: The Maple Theater, 4135 Maple, just west of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Hosted by the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee of Metro Detroit, the event includes screening of *Orphans of the Genocide*, an appearance by Bared Maronian, film director, discussion and a brief introduction of the film, *Women of 1915*. Free

Contact: 248-750-1030

MICHIGAN THEATER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24

Location: 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Details: *Bridging the Gap*, *The Joseph Dullin Story* is a documentary about the late education advocate and founding principal of National African American Parent Involvement Day. Admission is \$10; advance tickets available online

Contact: ticketwatch.com

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Feb. 13-14; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15; 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Big Eyes*; admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 13 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 14

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

Details: *Somewhere In Time*; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through May 3

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt," will explore the mysterious ancient Egyptian jackal-headed gods associated with death and the afterlife. The exhibition will feature approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed and many coming from University of Michigan excavations in Egypt, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics.

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" is the new exhibit, which runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show runs 7-9:30 p.m., third Saturday of the month through May

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Troublesome Creek is the featured perform Feb. 21. \$5 at the door.

Contact: BFSpresident@aol.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Pierre Fracalanza, organ virtuoso, vocalist; donations will be collected

GREATER DETROIT JAZZ SOCIETY

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Feb. 21

Location: Shield's of Southfield, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield

Details: Ray Heitger's Cakewalkin' Jazz

Band of Toledo; \$10

Contact: GreaterDetroitJazzSociety.com

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Dennis Tini Quartet with April Tini performs Feb. 24. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

JAZZ CAFE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26

Location: Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Witches with Ken's Loud Band; \$5 a the door

Contact: 313-887-8501

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14

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

Details: "From Motown to Mamma Mia: The Sensational '60s & '70s," features singers Katy Calzone, Lauren Norris and Taylor Walls. Tickets are \$30; \$25 for ages 62 and up; and \$10 for students with ID

Contact: 734-451-2112; michigan-phil.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, Feb. 18

Location: VisTaTech Center, on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Gene Parker Quartet performs a free one-hour concert

Contact: 734-462-4403; schoolcraft.edu/music

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Open stage, Feb. 17; Raisin Pickers, Feb. 20; Taller Than They Appear and Seacht, Feb. 21; Jill Jack with Tia McGraff, Feb. 27; Drive South, Feb. 28. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information

WSPD RADIO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 21

Location: Salem High School cafeteria, 46181 Joy, Canton

Details: Seventh annual 88.1 Record Show will feature thousands of vinyl records, CDs, imports, T-shirts and collectibles. Admission is \$3. Early admission 9-10 a.m. is \$5

Contact: Bill Keith at 734-416-7732

Local barbershop chorus to deliver singing valentines

The Harmonytown Chorus is taking orders for singing valentines for delivery Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14.

For \$40, four Chorus members wearing tuxedos will sing two sentimental songs and present a rose and greeting card with a personalized message to the recipient.

Delivery areas include Detroit's western suburbs, such as Novi, Northville, Dearborn, Farmington, Plymouth, Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Wayne and more.

The group accepts checks and credit cards and delivers to homes, businesses, clubs, hospitals and other locations.

Allow for a four-hour delivery window.

To order, call 734-743-1764.



Ted Ferman of Canton tastes strawberries dipped in chocolate during chef George Rapisit's dark chocolate class at Schoolcraft College.



Mary Bond of Livonia dips a pretzel into chocolate.



Chef George Rapisit demonstrates the use of a chocolate fountain.

Say 'Happy Valentine's Day' with dark chocolate chili, desserts



Sheryl Woo (left), assistant to chef George Rapisit, assists with the chocolate fountain, as students Monty Wulff of Walled Lake, Christine Tzilos of Livonia, and Ted Furman of Canton prepare to dip in.

By Sharon Dargay
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If you plan to give your sweetie chocolate for Valentine's Day, skip the boxed version and make a healthy homemade chili instead.

"It's chocolate chili, but it has a hint of chipotle in it. Chocolate is not only for dessert. You can have it as a main meal, too," said Livonia chef George Rapisit, describing his signature chili recipe. "It does require a lot of ingredients, but it's worth it. It's all from scratch.

"When I mention I'm making chocolate chili, people say, chocolate chili? What do you mean chocolate chili? They think it's like this," he said, showing off a thick pot of melted chocolate to students at Schoolcraft College.

Or they envision sweet milk chocolate, not the cocoa power and unsweetened chocolate bits he stirs into the chili pot.

"They are surprised. A lot of them say 'oh, I like milk chocolate,' because they want something sweeter."

Rapisit, who trained in the culinary arts at Schoolcraft College and earned a degree in dietetics from Madonna University, recently cooked up chocolate chili samples for students in his popular continuing education class at Schoolcraft, "The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate." The one-night class, held just in time for Valentine's Day, also gave students step-by-step instructions in making Dark Chocolate Mousse Cups, a fruit appetizer topped with chocolate bits, and molded chocolates. They learned to use a chocolate fountain and went home with a recipes and lots of nutritional advice.

Maria Tucker, a Detroit Country Day School student and a Bloomfield Hills resident, said she took the class because of her interest in baking. She got a chance to sample Rapisit's Black Forest Heart Cake and take

home the recipe.

Tasty mousse

"I'm not a chocoholic. My wife is," said Ted Ferman of Canton, who watched Rapisit's demonstrations from a front row seat in class. "I've taken five different cooking classes up here. And I do a lot of the cooking at home because my wife works long hours. Last year, my wife gave me a gift certificate for my 25th wedding anniversary to come up here and take some classes. So, I've taken several classes and had a lot of fun."

Although his own chicken marsala recipe gets rave reviews from his wife, Ferman said he might also try one of Rapisit's chocolate dishes.

"That chocolate mousse is pretty darn good," he said.

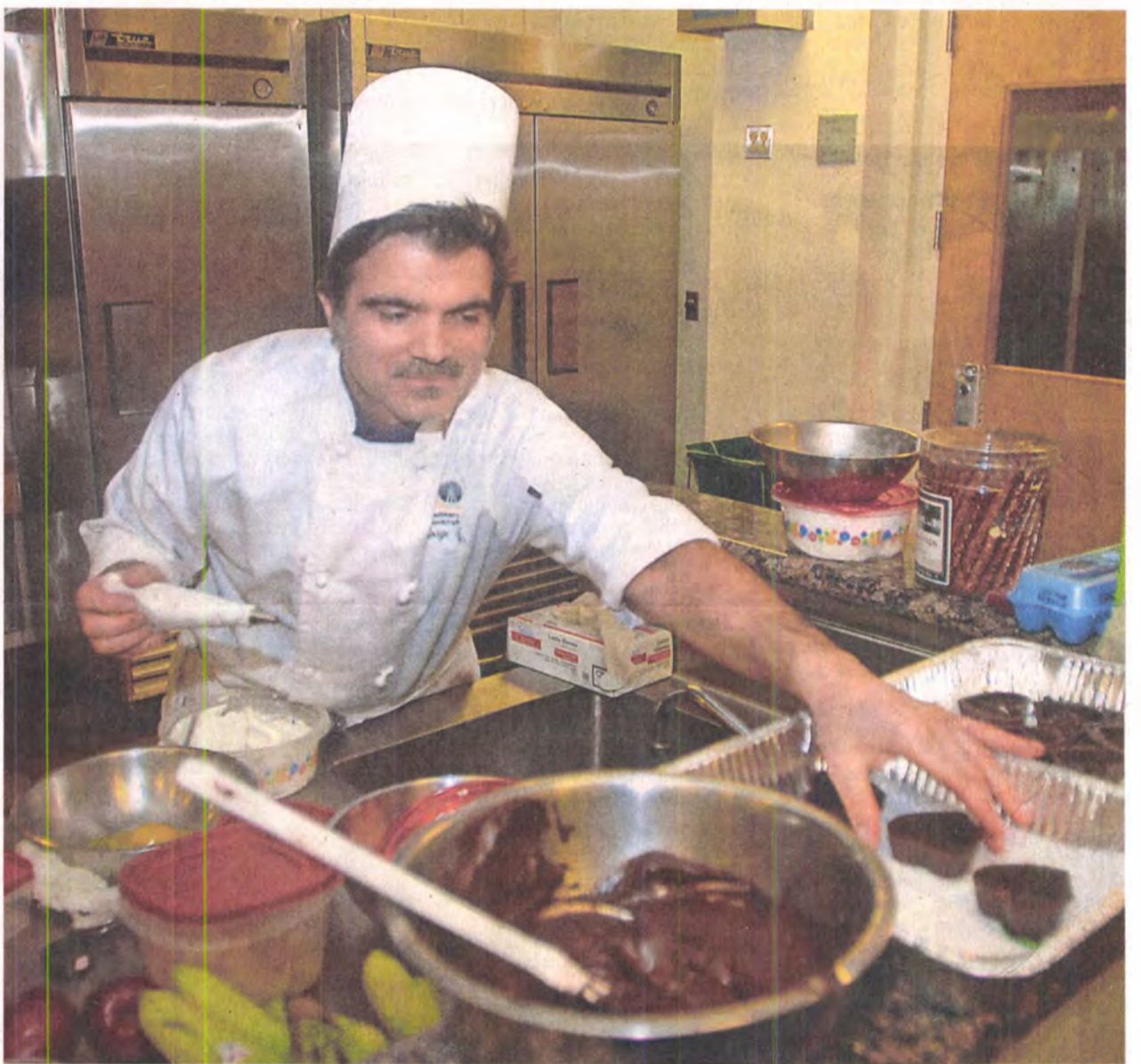
Dark chocolate also contains flavonoids, a kind of antioxidant that can prevent unstable molecules called "free radicals" from damaging cells in the body.

"The same nutrients that are in fruits and vegetables and green tea are the same kind of nutrients that are in dark chocolate," Rapisit told the class. "Many short-term studies have suggested that consumption of products containing cocoa may provide cardiovascular benefits. And we know that heart disease is one of the biggest killers in America," he said. "One of the better things is actually eating a couple ounces of dark chocolate every day."

Learn more about chocolate in Rapisit's book, *The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate*, published in 2007. His other books include *The Healthy Pregnancy Cookbook*, *Ask the Nutritionists*, *Gourmet's Guide to Elegant Foodservice*, and *Recipe Makeover Diet*.

Catch his weekly cooking show, *Eat Right By George*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday on the Bright House network — Channel 12 in Livonia and Redford.

Rapisit plans to teach a Greek holiday foods class in the fall at School-



Chef George Rapisit reaches for a dark chocolate shell to fill with chocolate mousse.

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BLACK FOREST HEART CAKE

Cake:
2 cups sugar
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup milk
1/2 cup olive oil
2 large eggs
1 cup boiling water

Topping:
Whipped cream

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Spray a heart-shaped cake pan with cooking spray. In a heavy-duty mixing bowl, mix together all the dry ingredients. Once thoroughly mixed, add all the wet ingredients except the boiling water. Once all mixed together, slowly add the boiling water. Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Check at 25 minutes by inserting a toothpick in the center. Place whip cream in a pastry bag and, when heart cake is completely cooled, pipe a generous amount of frosting on top. Garnish with chocolate shavings and strawberries.

DARK CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

5 1/2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
14 ounces cold light whip cream
3 large egg whites
1-ounce sugar
Shaved bittersweet chocolate for garnish
Fresh strawberries for garnish

Place chocolate in a double boiler at a low simmer. Stir chocolate until melted. Turn off the heat and let stand.

With a mixer, whip egg to soft peaks. Gradually add the sugar and continue whipping until firm.

Remove the chocolate from the bain marie (the bottom of the double boiler) and using a whisk, fold in the egg whites all at once. When the whites are almost completely incorporated, fold in light whip cream.

Cover the mousse and refrigerate for approximately one hour or until set. Serve in goblets topped with strawberries and shaved chocolate.

CHOCOLATE CHILI

2 cups diced onion
1 cup chopped red bell pepper
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 1/4 pound ground turkey breast
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 sea salt

2 (15 ounces) cans pinto beans rinsed and drained
2 (14.5 ounces) cans diced tomatoes, drained

1 (14 ounces) can fat-free, less sodium chicken broth
2 chipotle chilled, canned in adobo sauce, minced

2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
1/2 cup light sour cream
Chopped green onion (optional)

Heat medium-sized pot over heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic, ground turkey and saute until tender and turkey is browned.

Add sugar and next nine ingredients (through chipotle) to pan, stirring to blend; bring to a boil

Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add unsweetened dark chocolate, stirring to melt.

Ladle 1 1/4 cups of chili in each of 8 bowls. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon sour cream. Garnish with chopped green onions.

craft College. He also teaches healthy cooking seminars and "lunch and learn" sessions throughout southeastern Michigan and provides nutri-

tion counseling to patients at the Ford-Tel Medical Center in Dearborn Heights. Visit his *Eat Right By George* page on Face-

book. For more about other culinary continuing education classes at Schoolcraft College, visit schoolcraft.edu/continuing-ed/cepd.

Chocolate Chili, Dark Chocolate Mousse and Black Forest Heart Cake recipes courtesy of chef George Rapisit.