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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET DRAWS MIXED REACTION

By LeAnne Rogers and Sue Mason
Staff Writers

At least it's not another cut — that's the reaction of local officials when it comes to Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal. "I took a look at it. We won't get a whole lot, but it's not another cut, so that's a positive," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I understand the difficulty the state is facing given the current (reduced)

revenue forecasts."

As a mayor, Wild said he appreciates that funding for local government wasn't targeted for additional reductions in the budget.

The governor proposes a \$23.8-million increase in revenue sharing — not a large amount spread across the



Harmala



Wild

state. That increase would take the total allocation to \$788 million.

Westland had projected a 2-percent increase in revenues, Wild said, but property tax revenues are increasing 1.6 percent — the rate of inflation. "So we were a little off," he said.

Wayne-Westland School

Superintendent Michele Harmala found positives and negatives in the governor's budget proposal.

While she's pleased there will be no reduction in the per-pupil foundation allowance and an increase in at-risk funding, Harmala said she's frustrated that the governor continues to use School Aid Fund money for colleges and universities and continually

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Westland man faces child porn charges

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man is facing three felony charges after being arrested for allegedly watching child pornography on a Westland library computer.

Dean Morrow, 52, is charged with three counts of possessing child sexually abusive material. He was arraigned Friday in Westland 18th District Court. A not guilty plea was entered.



Morrow

Westland Police were called to Westland's William P. Faust Library on Feb. 4 when a man was allegedly watching child pornography on one of the public use computers.

Some high school students witnessed a man watching child pornography and reported it to library staff, police said.

Officers reported responding to the library and confirmed that the man was viewing and printing child pornography. A suspect was arrested.

Officers reported finding hundreds of child pornographic images after executing a search warrant at the suspect's Westland apartment.

Police said they would be contacting other area police agencies to conduct further investigation after the suspect reportedly made a statement saying that he had been visiting other area libraries and using their computers to search for child pornographic images.

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It's a quiet moment during a slow dance for 10-year-old Nevaeh Caudill and her dad Steve.

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Dads, daughters dance away at date night

Just in time for Valentine's Day, dads and daughters enjoyed a fun evening out at the Wayne Community Center.

There was dancing, refreshments and a flower corsage for the little ladies, who were dressed to the nines for the party.

The Daddy/Daughter Date Night featured square dancing with a live caller and music by a disc jockey.

An annual event, the Daddy/Daughter Date Night is a popular event for dads and daughters but also is open to girls accompanied by grandfathers, uncles or brothers.

Next up is Mother-Son Sports Night scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite sports team apparel. There will be organized games, open swim, wallyball, a snack and prizes.

The cost is \$12 per couple, \$16 for a parent and two children and \$5 per additional child.

Purchase tickets at the



Tony Loden teaches the Chicken Dance to daughters Riley, 7, and Aubrey, 5.

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Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. Call 734-721-7400 for

more information. For more Daddy/Daughter Date Night photos, see the

gallery on the Wayne-Westland home page at www.hometownlife.com.

Wayne hires Nocerini consulting firm

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne has hired the Nocerini Strategy Group to work on grant writing and outreach projects.

The contract for six months at \$4,000 per month was recommended by City Manager David Murphy, who noted that with staffing levels down, help was needed to fill in on some upcoming projects. Additionally, Murphy said he expected the service would be a good investment and pay for itself.

Now having her own firm, Lisa Nocerini had worked for the Winchester Consulting Group, which the city had used for period of time for similar work.

Only Mayor James Hawley voted against the contract, repeating his objections voiced when the Winchester Group was hired.

"I'm not comfortable with the large scope of work and it's not results-driven," Hawley said. "It didn't accomplish

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The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do that and help your community at the same time. The suite includes a \$500 food credit and parking passes.

Tickets are \$10 each and available from Juenemann Insurance Agency, at www.westlandrotary.com or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland.

Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club. For more information, call Kristi at 313-

300-7832 or Dick at 248-417-1858.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Trivia Night

The Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community will hold a trivia night at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the church, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m. Pre-register for \$20 per team (maximum of four persons). At the door the

cost is \$30, if space available. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs and four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza from Marina's. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase.

There will be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are \$1 each, three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10) and prizes — mystery prizes, \$100 for first place, \$80 for second place, \$60 for third place and \$20 for last place.

For more information, call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

Winter Fest

Norwayne Community Citizens Council Winter Fest is set for noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey,

east of Venoy, Westland. The free event will feature a full traditional turkey dinner, games and prizes and free toy

for children (must be in attendance).

For more information, call Hank at 734-334-0042.

New officer joins Wayne Police Dept.



Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller (left) recently swore in new Wayne Police Officer Andrew Clor. New City Manager David Murphy (right) was also sworn in.

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much for us. I can't see it will do much for us." Wayne has a \$656,000 deficit in the current fiscal year, Hawley said, adding that he didn't see the services helping the city.

"We didn't see that. We need to maintain focus on reducing the fundamental costs of the city," Hawley said. "It's wishful thinking that we will bring in a windfall."

Another concern for Hawley was the possible involvement of Nocerini in an educational campaign regarding the P.A. 345 millage to fund police and fire pensions on the May ballot.

"The time has come to do all we can to cut the spending of the city. Short-term, we have different proposals to balance the budget or Plan B (budget cuts)," he said. "Without more money, next year we will be in the \$13 million range. We have got to live in that."

Council members didn't agree. Grant writing will be an important service Nocerini can provide, along with advising the city in many other ways and on specific projects, Councilman Skip Monit said.

"The city is better off with Lisa on the team. We will find no one better. She's a great asset to the city," Councilman John Rhaesa said.

"There is a lot of areas that were not included that she can help us with like economic development. There is a lot of stuff we asking of staff that she can help us with."

Last month, Westland also approved a one-year contract with the Nocerini Strategy Group to provide the same type of services.

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changes the targets for best-practices money.

"I'm a little bit frustrated," Harmala said. "It's not a cut, but it's not as hopeful as it could be. They always attach strings."

The governor has proposed \$11.9 billion in K-12 appropriations, a \$1.2-billion increase from fiscal year 2011. That includes \$108 million to increase the foundation allowance, which equates to \$75 per pupil.

Also proposed are a \$100 million increase from \$310 million to \$410 million for at-risk funding for students, a new investment of \$25 million for a third-grade reading initiative, and \$30 million for districts that perform financial best practices.

"When they change standards for automak-

ers, they have time to go to research and development; they have time to retool," she said. "We don't get that opportunity, and if we don't meet best practices, we don't get the money."

"I'm concerned that yet again the money is tied to new standards. To get the money, you have to know what the targets are and you have to stay with those targets, but they keep changing them each year," she added.

Snyder also proposed an additional \$28 million, or 2 percent, for the operations of state's 15 public universities and an additional \$4.3 million or 1.4 percent for community college operations. The recommendation calls for universities to limit tuition increases to 2.8 percent or less in order to receive the funding increase.

Unlike local government and schools, the state budget year doesn't

end until Sept. 30. Snyder just signed an executive order cutting \$106 million from the current budget to start addressing a \$325 million revenue hole.

That revenue hole is blamed on businesses beginning to claim tax credits — awarded under previous administrations — as the businesses started to grow and hire more employees. The revenue shortfall is projected at \$532 million in 2015-16.

"As a businessman, I'm a little surprised that the state legislators thought businesses would hold these tax credits," Wild said. "Hopefully in the future, some safeguards can be put into place in respect to the redemption of the credits so as not to put state services or jobs at risk."

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Madonna University names first lay president

Madonna University, which has been led by the Felician Sisters since its founding some 78 years ago, announced its first lay president, Dr. Michael A. Grandillo.



Grandillo

Grandillo will succeed Sister Rose Marie Kujawa at the helm of the 4,200-student, liberal arts university in Livonia. He will assume the office of president July 1 and an inauguration will be planned for the fall.

"I am humbled and honored to be called upon to serve and lead this exceptional university community," Grandillo said. "I understand and embrace the charm and core values of the Felician Sisters and Madonna University. I am eager to continue building on our successes to ensure Catholic higher education is accessible and affordable at Madonna."

As a consultant with the Registry for College and University Presidents, Grandillo presently serves as interim vice president at St. Mary's (Md.) College, where he leads the Foundation Board, advancement team and public outreach initiatives. Just prior to St. Mary's, he

completed a similar assignment at Bethel (Ind.) College.

Michael Talbot, Madonna University board chair and member of the Presidential Search Committee, was more than pleased with Grandillo's selection. "At this historic juncture, when the university is hiring its first lay president, Dr. Grandillo is the perfect leader to take Madonna into the future," Talbot said. "His breadth of experience across all aspects of university administration and his deep faith and respect for the Felician/Franciscan mission and tradition will serve him and the Madonna community well."

With more than 35 years of higher education experience, Grandillo has experience in academic leadership, recruitment, enrollment management, public relations and advancement at a number of colleges and universities. During his career, he has participated in or led more than 30 strategic planning projects in higher education, community organizations and government. Grandillo's reach wasn't limited to higher education. He was elected to the Tiffin City Council four times and served a year and a half as council president. U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown recently appointed Gran-

dillo to his commission to screen candidates for federal appointments.

A lifelong Roman Catholic, Grandillo grew up in Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife Nancy raised their children, Vincent and Gina, in Tiffin, Ohio, where they also worked with, supported and enjoyed the compassion of the Sisters of St. Francis. A Heidelberg College alumna, Nancy serves as board chair of Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio. Vincent is a graduate of Hiram College and Gina is a junior at Ohio Northern University.

Prior to his time with the Registry, Grandillo served as president and CEO of Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis. He honed his presidential leadership and fundraising skills during his 17 years as vice president for development and public affairs at Tiffin University and another nine years as director of development at Heidelberg College.

His fundraising prowess resulted in five successful capital campaigns, tripling of the endowment at two institutions, and raising more than \$80 million. "I am excited to be a part of fostering an enhanced philanthropic vision for Madonna," he said.

He began his career in admissions at his alma

mater, Ohio Northern University, where he received the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award. During his tenure as associate dean of admissions at Heidelberg, undergraduate enrollment doubled.

With a bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio Northern University, Grandillo attended the University of Dayton to earn a master's degree in science in education. In 2006, he completed a doctor of philosophy degree in higher education and Italian Renaissance history at the University of Toledo.

His research and scholarly interests are in the areas of philanthropic support of education, university history and public policy and enhancing the collegiate experience for students and student-athletes. He

has presented at numerous conferences, shared his time and talent with a number of community service groups and, as an adjunct professor, he has enjoyed teaching political science.

"Nancy and I share the university's commitment to academic excellence and we look forward to engaging students, in the classroom, on campus and in social settings. We enjoy direct involvement in all aspects of student life and are particularly interested in helping to enhance an atmosphere of community," Grandillo said.

Kujawa announced her retirement last April. During her 14-year tenure and under her steadfast leadership, retention has improved by 8 percent, the university's first doctoral program (the doctor of nursing

practice) was launched and Madonna became the first independent university in Michigan to be awarded the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. She led more than \$40 million in campus improvements, including construction of the school's first standalone building in 40 years and Livonia's first LEED Certified building at the Gold Level.

Her commitment to academics resulted in the growth of academic programs to 100 undergraduate and 35 graduate offerings and her dedication to serving others compelled her to establish the Haiti Educational Leadership Program, which graduated its first eight students in May 2014.

Livonia native to perform at Steinway

Pianist Anthony Bonamici, a Livonia native who performs solo and chamber music recitals in Europe and the U.S., will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit Recital Hall, 2700 E. Maple, Commerce Township.

Featured works include Beethoven's Sonata



Bonamici

may be purchased at the door.

Bonamici is a Steven-

son High School graduate whose mother, Carol, still lives in Livonia. He studied at the Moscow Conservatory and the St. Petersburg Conservatory, receiving degrees in both piano performance and composition.

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CHALLENGING CURRICULUM DRIVES GARDEN CITY STUDENTS

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

The students in the Honors Accelerated Program at the Douglas 3-4 Campus were preparing to make a special delivery to the Cougars Care Cafe.

These pupils do extra projects in the school to experience expanded challenges. They planned to deliver 10 tied blankets for the monthly Cafe held at the Henry Ruff Building. Families who want a free meal have a chance to look over the food and clothing pantry that is also available.

They raised the money to purchase the supplies needed to make adult-sized, no-sew fleece blankets.

"The students in the HAP have an accelerated curriculum as well as many projects woven into the school year," teacher Kimberly Mussen said. "The blankets are our charity project for this trimester."

Just before Christmas, the same students organized a pizza restaurant project. They opened up the restaurant in the gym, invited guests and set up three separate times after school to serve them.

"We started the project in September," Mussen said. "Students were placed into groups with the task of opening up a pizza restaurant. They were to create a budget, menu and seating arrangement for the restaurant."

After the students compiled a list of ingredients and materials needed, they walked to Kroger so they could create an actual budget.

"Students presented their menus, seating arrangements and budgets to parents," Mussen said. "The parents and students selected the winners."

The winning menu was "The Christmas Diner," so that became the name of the res-



Joel Nunez, Anastasha Negron and Avery McMechan work on a future tie blanket. The edges are cut into strips and then tied to form a type of fringe.



Madison Stanley, Grace Henning and McKenzy Bode show off one of the hand-tied fleece blankets HAP students made.

taurant.

"Students applied for jobs like manager, server, cook, dishwasher, host and cashier, filled out an application and were interviewed by parents," Mussen said. "Students scoring highest in the interview

were given their first choice of jobs."

Students worked one of the three shifts when their parents were eating at the restaurant. All of the students made the pizza dough from scratch and they made their own

aprons by sewing holiday-themed material.

The cooks rolled the dough and added the toppings. The servers took orders, brought out drinks, appetizers, pizza, and dessert and wrote the guest checks.

Managers also dealt with problems. Mussen said that she made up a few for parents to complain about. As in all restaurants, not all patrons are happy.

Parents were given fake money and paid their bill at the cash register.

Dishwashers washed the pans and tools used that night.

And, there were also generous benefactors Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline and Douglas Principal Jim Bohnwagner picked up the tab, which was about \$300.

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Webster Elementary wins nutrition rock show

Webster Elementary has won a performance of the Rock and Roll nutrition show *Jump with Jill* in the Milk Means More campaign, a statewide contest in support of dairy.

Michigan's dairy farmers and milk processors and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) sponsor the program as part of their Fuel Up to Play 60 Program.

Winning schools not only get a live performance but also receive *Jump with Jill* educational materials including a CD of *Jump with Jill* music and DVDs of danceable music videos including a rap about calcium, *The Bone Rap*, and a Latin tune about breakfast, *Get Me Goin'*.

The statewide tour of Michigan elementary schools runs through mid-March and will be provided at no cost to 35 schools across Michigan.

"Not only is milk a high-quality protein and nutrient source, it is one of Michigan's leading agricultural products, generating nearly 40,000 jobs," says the star of the Midwest *Jump with Jill* cast, Laura Brown, a registered dietitian. "It's so fun to sing about a food that is healthy for our bodies, our communities, and our environment."

"We are dedicated to being a source of information on dairy foods and Michigan dairy farming," said Sharon Toth, CEO of United Dairy Industry of Michigan. "The Milk Means More brand captures the impact Michigan's dairy industry has throughout our state, from providing nutritious and wholesome foods, to jobs in our communities. We are so proud to partner with *Jump with Jill* to take this message to Michigan kids."



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Firm to market former Washington, Nankin Mills school sites

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has hired a consulting firm for an estimated \$30,000 to market the Washington and Nankin Mills school sites.

The board voted 5-1 Monday to contract with Great Northern Consulting Group of Ann Arbor.

It also unanimously approved a limited Schools of Choice program for 50 general-education students for next school year after deeming this year's pilot program a success.

Both actions follow community budget forums held in January, where attendees said they'd prefer revenue enhancements over program cuts to keep the district out of deficit, according to Superintendent Randy Liepa. The district, which has a general fund budget this school year of \$146.5 million, expects to have just \$400,000 in fund equity by June 30.

Kim Balhorn, during audience communications, asked the board not to sell the approximate 13-acre Washington site at Hix and Ann Arbor roads in Livonia, but to keep it as open space for the community.

"There is no playground, there's no place for the kids to go to and play," she said, adding there would be little left to draw new families into the neighborhood. She said the money from the sale of the land would be a one-time thing. "What are we going to do next year?" she asked. "This is not going to solve all our problems for the future. We need to figure out something else."

Trustee Eileen McDonnell, who cast the only no vote, suggested the board was putting the cart before the horse and recommended holding community meetings



Demolition began in December on Nankin Mills School. The school board hired a firm Monday to market the seven-acre property, as well as the 10-acre site of the former Washington School, which was torn down in 2014.

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before contracting with a company to market the properties. "Lord knows we need the money, I know that," she said. "But I think we also need to be considerate of the people that live in the area."

Trustee Mark Johnson said the more than 300 people who attended the community budget forums in January overwhelmingly opted for selling vacant property over cutting programs. "That issue to me has already gone to a public forum," he said.

Trustee Liz Jarvis said there is a difference between hiring a company to market property and hiring one to sell property. "This is just a first step; it's not a last step," she said. By hiring a company to market the properties, the board will receive information about proposed uses, she said.

Lisa Abbey, the district's director of business services, said the board is under no obligation to sell any property after receiving proposals.

The approximately seven-acre Nankin Mills site is at Hubbard and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Washington was torn down in 2014, while demolition on Nankin Mills was completed at the end of January.

Schools of Choice

The Schools of Choice program that will admit 50 general-education students next school year is projected to bring in about \$400,000 to the district.

"While this is not necessarily a palatable choice to everyone in our community, I think the alternatives (program cuts) are even less so and I would ask the community to help us embrace this program," board Secretary Tammy Bonfield said.

McDonnell said she was not in favor of last year's pilot program, where 60 general-education students were admitted. However, she reconsidered her opinion after hearing from constituents and noticing how few community members who came to

our students' programs is sometimes much more important than personal feelings or thoughts."

Liepa said the board could expand Schools of Choice for next school year from 50 students by another 10, 20 or 30, depending on the number of applicants it receives during the application period March 2-31.

Currently, the district is offering 20 seats in kindergarten, 10 each in first and second grade and five each in third and fourth grade. The district also offers some Schools of Choice seats in its academically-talented programs.

Information on applying for Schools of Choice is on the district's website.

May 5 ballot proposal

The board also unanimously approved a reso-

lution supporting the May 5 ballot proposal that would, among other things, increase the state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, providing additional funding for roads and an additional \$300 million for schools, about \$200 per student.

Michigan public schools have adversely been affected by funding shortfalls and the state's roads and bridges need to be repaired so students can arrive safely at school, the resolution reads.

"One penny on the dollar is a recognized sacrifice by citizens, but is an investment that is worth safer roads and better schools for everyone in Michigan," the resolution reads.

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the budget forums objected to a limited program, she said: "Saving

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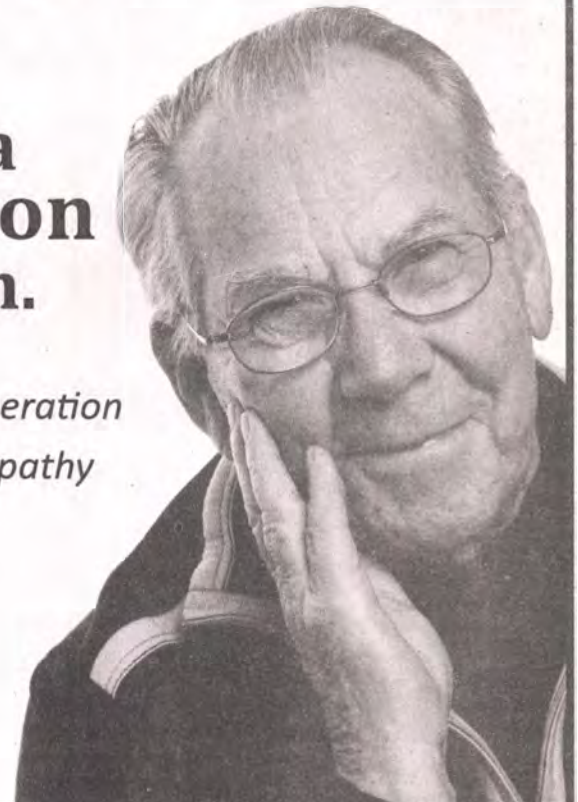
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Suspect sought in wallet thefts at DAV store

Information is being sought to identify a woman wanted for allegedly stealing wallets and purses from shoppers at a Westland charity store.

Westland Police have released store security photos and video of the suspect.

There have been four reported thefts at the Disabled American Veterans store, 8050 N. Middlebelt. The thefts began in October 2014. Police said the store manager indicated there may have been more victims who did not make a police report.

The suspect is described as a black female in her mid 40s to 50s, with straight black hair, possibly wearing a wig. The woman may have been driving a silver or white Honda.

According to police, the suspect walks around the store until she spots a female who is shopping alone with a purse in her cart. The suspect waits until the victim is distracted and takes the victim's whole



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Information is being sought about a woman suspected of stealing wallets/purses from customers at the Westland DAV store.

purse, or reaches into the purse and takes the wallet, police said. The suspect then hides the wallet under clothing that she has picked off displays, walks to the checkout, drops the clothing that she was carrying on the counter and leaves the store, police said.

Anyone with information on the suspect is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600.

By LeAnne Rogers

Livonia man portrays Maxwell Smart in 'Get Smart'

Secret Agent 86 and Agent 99 are back together to stop the sinister organization known as KAOS.

Get Smart — the much-loved secret agent spoof of the 1960s — comes alive on stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill for two weekends, Feb. 20 through March 1.

In the title role, Christopher Glutting of Livonia portrays the oblivious and bumbling Maxwell Smart who is off on a bizarre new case in which he must stop KAOS from blowing up the Statue of Liberty.

Aided by the beautiful Agent 99, played by Leanne Young of South Lyon, Smart proceeds from one gigantic blunder to another and yet, somehow, he always manages to save the day.

"With an abundance of gadgets from the shoe phone to the cone of silence, *Get Smart* had cutting-edge technology well ahead of its time," Director David Zolotarchuk of Westland said. "Perhaps we call today's devices smart phones after Maxwell Smart."



Christopher Glutting of Livonia portrays Maxwell Smart and Leanne Young of South Lyon plays Agent 99 in Spotlight Players' production of "Get Smart" at Village Theater at Cherry Hill for two weekends, Feb. 20 to March 1.

The TV show *Get Smart* was created by Mel Brooks and has been adapted for stage by Christopher Sergel.

This comedy satire, produced by Spotlight Players, is appropriate for all ages. Performances will be

at 8 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and 27-28, and at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 1. Tickets are available at spotlightplayersmi.org.

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2015-01-01-01 submitted by Nasser I. Abunab, pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 27840 Plymouth Road, located on the north side of Plymouth Road between Inkster Road and Deering Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, from OS (Office Services) to C-1 (Local Business).

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

R. Lee Morrow, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools will receive sealed bids for:
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Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bids will be conducted in public:

Date: March 3, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
ATTN: Dr. David L. Kaumeyer, Senior Executive Director of Business

All bids received after the date and time stated above will not be considered.

Bidding packets will be available for pick-up at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, on or after February 2, 2015.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date of receipt of bids.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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CITY OF WESTLAND - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2015-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Public Notice

The City of Westland is preparing the CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan, the proposed use of funds, in anticipation of receiving an estimated \$987,385 of CDBG funds and \$251,927 of HOME funds for the year 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016.

PROPOSED USE OF CDBG AND HOME FUNDS

CDBG funds (estimated \$987,385; program income \$30,000):	
• Grant Administration	- 197,477
• Commodity Food Program, Fair Housing Initiative	- 221,500
• Public Service Activities:	
• Senior Programs, Youth Assistance	- 175,000
• Community Policing, Domestic Violence	- 165,000
• Code Enforcement	- 35,000
• Rehabilitation Projects	- 91,908
• Friendship Center Improvements	- 60,000
• Acquisition/Demolition Blighted Structures	- 48,000
• Norwayne Infrastructure and Parks	- 50,000
• Section 108 Loan	
• Fire Rescue Vehicle	

HOME funds (\$251,927; program income \$100,000):

• Grant Administration	- 32,693
• Housing Rehabilitation	- 55,000
• Homebuyer Assistance	- 106,200
• Housing Acquisition & Rehabilitation	- 158,034

Other Program Administration:

- Housing Voucher Program
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Referrals for low income, homeless and special needs persons for shelter, foreclosure prevention and other services

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - 2015-2016 Action Plan

Public Hearings: March 24, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Dorsey Community Center; April 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Westland City Council. The proposed 2015-16 Annual Action Plan is available for review at the Housing and Community Development Dept during normal business hours. Submit written comments to: Housing and Community Development Dept, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland 48186 until April 12, 2015.

Joanne Campbell, Director
William R. Will, Mayor, City of Westland

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Location: Westland Free Methodist Preschool, 1421 S. Venoy, Westland.

Details: The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is enrolling for classes for 3- and 4-year-old children. This tuition-based, Christian preschool offers a theme-based curriculum taught by certified teachers and includes all basic preschool academic skills along with a low child-teacher ratio, indoor gym and outdoor playground.

Contact: 734-728-3559; wfmpreschool@yahoo.com.

DONUT MAN FAMILY CONCERT

Time/date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15.

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible songs with a Lenten theme. Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 each at the door; children age 4 and under are admitted free.

Contact: Father Joseph Marquis; 734-522-3166.

DESTINATION GRADUATION

Time/date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Location: Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road.

Details: Don't feel like cooking dinner? Join us for a night of food, music and fun. Sample food and desserts from 30 local restaurants, caterers and bakeries. All proceeds go toward Franklin's Senior All Night Party. All local schools welcome.

Contact: Sharon Culbertson at 734-261-3264 or at rsculbert263@gmail.com.

MOTHER HUBBARD PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19.

Location: Mother Hubbard Preschool, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Interested families are invited to an open house. Openings available for 3- and 3-year-old students for the 2015-16 school year.

Contact: motherhubbard

nurseryschool.com; stacyjolly@gmail.com.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY SHOW

Time/date: 1:59 p.m. and 7:29 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Details: The Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Gentlemen Chorus present their 76th annual Parade of Harmony America Sings! featuring the 2008 international champs, O.C. Times, and Backbeat of Northville High School. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door.

Contact: 248-559-7082; songsters.tix@hotmail.com.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Location: Academic Pathways, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Details: See what a cooperative preschool has to offer. Potty training is not required. Programs for ages 3 and 4.

Contact: 734-261-9540; www.academicpathwayspreschool.com.

REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

Time/date: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Location: Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Get pertinent information on getting back into the market after a bankruptcy, short sale or foreclosure. New programs available for first-time home buyers and conventional loans with 3-percent down and no PMI. Sponsored by Keller Williams Realtors. Call Sheila Roma at 248-760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at 248-561-0077 by Feb. 19 to reserve a spot.

COMIC BOOK, CARD, COLLECTIBLE SHOW

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

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

Details: More than 34 tables. Guests include actor/inventor Ron Baraton, a local actor who has appeared in *Oz the Great and Powerful* and *Ides of March* with George Clooney and the TV show *Detroit 187*. Admission is \$2. Age 10 and under are free. Concessions available until 2 p.m. The admission fee will be donated to the Methodist Children's Home.

Contact: 734-258-5026.

MICHIGAN CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

Time/date: Saturday, March 7.

Location: Laurel Park Place mall, Livonia.

Details: Michigan artist, crafters, designers and micro-enterprises are invited to sell their products including jewelry, beauty products, hats, gifts, ceramics, t-shirts and more at the Michigan Crafters Marketplace. Tables spaces are available for \$75 each for up to 100 vendors.

Contact: www.MichiganCraftersMarketplace.com.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting: a general meeting with guest speaker Kelly Dorfman, author of *Cure Your Children with Food*, on March 30; a Gluten Free Food Fair on April 25; and a 5K Walk/Run on May 19.

Contact: 586-751-8592.

ST. GENEVIEVE OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

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

Details: St. Genevieve offers preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds and elementary school for grades K-8. Meet the teachers, tour the school, see the students work and learn about the countries they are studying. The theme is Travel Around the World.

Contact: 734-425-4420; www.stgenevieve.org/school.

ONGOING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Contact: 734-524-0720.

SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

Time/date: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Location: The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via www.theangelhouse.org.

Contact: 734-524-0380.

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com.

LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Time/date: 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

Location: Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.

Contact: To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

CAMERA CLUB

Time/date: 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.

Location: McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

Details: A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.

Contact: Dennis Gelarden, president, at 734-591-2589; livoniacameraclub.com.

Westland Friends of Library hold used books sale

It's a good time of year to hunker down at home with a good book.

The Friends of the Westland Library group is providing a chance to stock up on books at a bargain price during its February book sale.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. That last date features a \$4 bag sale.

The prices range from \$1 for hardcover books — hardcover fiction is buy one, get one — to 10 cents for magazines and romance novels. The sale will also offer DVDs and CDs for \$2 each.

The preview sale for the Friends of the Li-



FILE PHOTO Romance novels will sell for 10 cents at the Friends of the Westland Library's used book sale Feb. 20-22.

brary members only will be held from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. The sale is for Friends members, however, people can join the Friends group at the door and shop the preview sale.

For more information, call 734-326-6123.

Seating is limited to the first 20 people.

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Women's comedy event to benefit Angela Hospice

If a party with 900 women, food, wine, raffles, auctions, plus a comedienne to boot sounds good to you, look no further than Angela Hospice's "Laughter Lifts You Up." This annual gathering is the non-profit's biggest event of the year and its popularity is easy to explain.

"This girls' night out is the perfect opportunity to gather up your sisters and friends while supporting a great cause," said Helen Balmforth, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "We guarantee you a night of fun, laughter and friendship!"

The event will take place from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. WWJ's Jackie Paige will emcee and featured comedienne Leanne Morgan will perform.

Nellie Abraham of Plymouth is planning to get her friends together for the event. She and others from her neighborhood have been coming every year since the event began in 2008. Last year they bought two tables of 10.

"It's a nice event for us to go to together as women," Abraham said. "I'm definitely a hospice supporter. I think it's wonderful."

Abraham says she loves getting the group together, and she enjoys all the fun aspects of the event itself. The raffle is a favorite, and she buys



Nancy Arnold and Nellie Abraham of Plymouth get their friends together each year for "Laughter Lifts You Up," Angela Hospice's popular women's event at Laurel Manor. This year will feature comedienne Leanne Morgan.

tickets "absolutely every time." She encourages all her friends to purchase tickets, too. "Even if you don't win, I keep telling them, it's a good cause!"

New this year, there will be a tin can raffle too, plus a silent auction. Prizes will include handbags, jewelry, SeaWorld and Disney passes, a Saugatuck bed-and-breakfast getaway, and Blue Man Group tickets with meet and greet, just to name a few. "Steppin' and Stylin' into Spring" is this year's theme, and fancy footwear is sure to make an appearance as well. Guests will even have the chance to bid on a pair of shoes owned by

Emmy Award-winning actress and star of *Law & Order: SVU*, Mariska Hargitay.

"We have some really unique prizes," Balmforth said. "Add bidding and shopping to a night of dining, drinks and laughing with friends — it's the perfect night out!"

Tickets are \$55 and include dinner, dessert, beer, wine and soda, plus the comedy show. Advanced registration is required. Visit AskForAngela.com or call 734-953-6045 to register. Raffle tickets can also be purchased in advance for the "Sizzlin' Spring Raffle" (need not be present

to win), \$5 each or three for \$10.

Proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice's grief support programs for children and adults, including special grief support groups, one-on-one and family counseling — services that are available free-of-charge to any one in need, whether or not their loved one was under Angela Hospice's care.

Sponsors for "Laughter Lifts You Up" include the Felician Sisters of North America; Community Financial; *Hour Magazine*; Checker Specialty Pharmacy; and Griffin, Smalley & Wilkerson.

SEMCOG, MDOT to conduct household travel survey

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and the Michigan Department of Transportation are kicking off a year-long household travel survey that will provide vital information necessary to set transportation priorities for the next 20 years.

The survey, Mi Travel Counts, will be conducted by Westat, a nationally recognized research firm. Transportation agencies will use the data to better understand changes in household travel and project citizens' future travel needs.

The survey isn't new. The same type of information was last collected by MDOT and SEMCOG in 2004-2005 and updated by MDOT in 2009.

"We'll use the survey results to understand why people travel and how they plan their daily activities," Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director said. "We'll be better able to understand Michigan's travel needs, and help us identify where to invest limited transportation resources."

The survey began last week. It will continue throughout the year. Randomly selected households will receive a letter inviting household members to participate in the study

by providing some demographic information and filling out a travel diary. The diary will detail household activities for 24 hours. Information can be provided online or by phone.

Some participants will be asked to take part in a small section of the study that will use global positioning systems (GPS) devices provided by Westat to collect specific route information about all the places visited over a three-day period. As with past surveys, the information provided to Mi Travel Counts will be converted to statistical data and used only for study purposes. All information will remain confidential.

"Public participation is the key to effective transportation planning," Lomako said. "These households will share information that will result in easier and safer travel, less congestion and more access and choices for every Michigan citizen. We urge all who receive an invitation letter to participate."

For more information about Mi Travel Counts, call 517-335-2956 or visit www.mitravelcounts.com. Follow Mi Travels Counts on Twitter and Facebook.

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Charter Township of Redford
March 2015 Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the 2015 March Board of Review for the Charter Township of Redford will meet at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road Redford, Michigan 48239 in the Board Room for the purpose of reviewing the 2015 Assessment Roll. Appeals will be heard **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. You must call the Assessor's Office at (313) 387-2730 to schedule your appeal.

THE BOARD WILL MEET ON THE DATES AND TIMES INDICATED BELOW.

Tuesday	March 3, 2015	Organization Meeting	to	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday	March 4, 2015	3:00 P.M.	to	9:00 P.M.
Thursday	March 5, 2015	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
Friday	March 6, 2015	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
Monday	March 9, 2015	3:00 P.M.	to	9:00 P.M.
Thursday	March 12, 2015	3:00 P.M.	to	9:00 P.M.
Friday	March 13, 2015	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TAXPAYER TO PROTEST THE VALUATION PLACED ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2015.

NON-RESIDENT APPEALS BY MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 13, 2015.

ATTENTION POVERTY APPEALS: PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR POVERTY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AT (313) 387-2730.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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INVITATION TO BID
Bus Lift Upgrade - Bay One
Livonia Public Schools

The Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Hydraulic hoist upgrade and Electrical work at the above referenced schools located in the Livonia Public Schools.

Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically via Plan Well through George W. Auch and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after **February 12, 2015**. The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by Mielock Associates, Inc. Complete sets of printed documents may be purchased from DunnBlue/ARC, 1009 W. Maple St., Clawson, Michigan 248-288-5600 email Jeff Perhogan at michigan.troy@e-arc.com.

Your bid marked "SEALED BID: LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Bus Lift Upgrade Bay One" will be accepted no later than 1:00PM, Wednesday March 4, 2015 to: **LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Attn: Lisa Abbey, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154**. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday March 4, 2015 at the Livonia Public Schools administrative office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

A **MANDATORY pre-bid meeting** and walk-through will start at **11:00AM Wednesday February 18, 2015, beginning at the Livonia Public Schools Administration campus, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48154**, meeting at the Administration office entrance. A second pre-bid meeting date is set for **Monday February 23rd 2015 at 11:00AM. Bidders must attend ONE of the TWO meetings, not both.**

All contracts to be entered into by the Livonia Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws and prevailing wage rates of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL § 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public School Board or the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent. All bids must also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

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

Lisa Abbey
Director of Business Services
Livonia Public Schools
Publish: February 15, 19, 2015

INVITATION TO BID
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

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

Franklin High School

Bid forms and specifications can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section title DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, or at Buy4Michigan Website www.buy4michigan.com. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2015 at 10 A.M. at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Please meet in the main lobby.

Sealed bids marked Asbestos Abatement Franklin High Schools will be received until 12:00 P.M. on the 25th day of February 2015 at the Livonia Public Schools, Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Sealed bids should be addressed to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance. The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 P.M. on the 25th day of February 2015 at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education at which time; all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified, and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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

All bidders must complete the following disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public Schools Board, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or the Livonia Public Schools Director of Business Services, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement certifying that the Contractor is not an Iran Linked Business within the meaning of the Iran Economic Sanctions Act, Act 517 of 2012. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement. All bids must be accompanied by an Equal Opportunity Statement. No bids shall be accepted that does not include this statement. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

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

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Jeremy Westcott at ETC Group, 734-955-6600 or to James McMuldloch, District Engineer at 734-744-2500 EXT 42158.

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

Publish: February 15, 2015

Deployment ahead for library board member

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As a member of the Westland Library Board, Mark Welch makes an ongoing contribution to the community.

Now as a member of the Air National Guard, Welch will be serving full-time on deployment as an aircraft electrician. Members of the board and library staff gathered before the last week's board meeting to provide a send-off for Welch.

"We wanted to make sure we honored Mark for his services to the country with his family here," Westland Library Board President Mark Neal said.

At the board meeting, Welch was accompanied by his wife Judith and their four children: Caitlin, 16, Jesse, nearly 9, Logan, 8 and Amberlee, who turns 4 in two weeks. Caitlin attends John Glenn High School, her brothers are students at Wildwood Elementary School and Amberlee attends preschool at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

The family received gift cards to their favorite stores — Target and Dollar Tree — along with a gift card for each of the children to Air Time, which has indoor trampolines.



Mark Welch, a member of the Westland Library Board, was surprised with a cake as part of a send-off as he deploys for active duty in the Air National Guard.



Amberlee Welch, 4, enjoys some cake at a celebration honoring her father at the Westland Library Board meeting.



A patriotic-themed cake was part of the celebration honoring Westland Library Board member Mark Welch, who is being deployed to active military service.

The children also received a rolling cart filled with art supplies put together by Marilyn

Kwik, head of Information Services. The youngsters can make cards or art work for their father

or whatever they like. "I was surprised. I was very humbled and honored that everyone here would do this for me and my family," said Welch, whose unit is based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Employed in IT, Welch said he isn't allowed to say where his deployment is taking him or how long he will be gone.

It's his fourth deployment. His last one was in 1997 before his oldest child was born.

Both Mark and Judith, a teacher before becoming a stay-at-home mother, are Westland natives and graduated from John Glenn High School.

A staff sergeant,

Welch joined the Air Force in 1994 and served four years on active duty before returning to Westland. He subsequently joined the Air National Guard.

"I spoke with my flight chief. I'm limited what I can say. I'll be safe, I won't leave the base. I'll be fixing aircraft," Welch said. "I'll give our boys some support in the air."

His family is expecting to be able to speak with Welch at least weekly during his deployment. Due to the deployment, the Welches will be apart on their 20th wedding anniversary.

"We'll take it day by day. We'll have a calen-

dar so the boys can see the countdown," Judith Welch said. "Each week one of the kids will be in charge of the care box — things we buy and make to send off to him. We'll be fine."

Westland Deputy Mayor Thelma Kubitskey and Councilman Dewey Reeves attended the board meeting, thanking Welch for his service, representing Mayor William Wild and the city council, respectively.

"Thank you for your service. God bless you and your family. Come back safe," Reeves said.

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AAUW Livonia celebrates 41st Salute to Women

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Livonia Branch recently held its 41st "Salute to Women" Luncheon, presenting Plymouth attorney Elizabeth Johnson with the 2014 Salute to Women Award.

Johnson has been active for many years at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, where she was a

member of the Women's Resource Center Advisory Board. She also volunteered as an instructor of financial management for WRC clients in "From Chocolate Chips to Micro-Chips," a program that won national recognition.

Johnson is president-elect of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. She also serves on the Exec-

utive Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. She continues to focus on the importance of education in the lives of women. "I have always believed in the mission of the AAUW organization and am so honored to be presented with this award," she said.

At the luncheon, AAUW member Eleanor Locke shared her poem

Woman of the Year and participants enjoyed selections of music by the Livonia Youth Symphony Strings directed by Karen Danke. The luncheon was organized by Charlie Mahoney, Carol Strom, Laura Callow and Betty Coller.

Livonia Branch Copresident Lynn O'Neil, along with Nancy Swanborg — retired Director

of the SCC Women's Resource Center — presented Johnson with the award.

The AAUW Livonia Branch is open to anyone with an associate degree or better and meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile west of Gill. This year, the February meeting is at 1 p.m.

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Franklin High School's Bel Canto Choir performed a song entitled "Credo" during the Founders Day celebration.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Terry Taylor, Cooper principal, received the Michigan PTA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award.

Hundreds gather to recognize best of PTSA in Livonia schools

"The world would be a better place if ..."
This year's theme for the Livonia Public Schools PTSA Council's Founders Day Celebration was thought-provoking and inspiring for the 15 high school seniors who were named Outstanding Youth at the 61st annual event.

Some said the world would be a better place if it worked like a classroom — where people enter with open minds and take the time to learn from one another. Another student said the world would be a better place if everyone could have teachers like those they've been lucky to work with in Livonia Public Schools.

Founders Day is a reminder of the significant role that PTA plays in the local school, the district, the community, region, state and nation. With more than 5,000 members, Livonia Public Schools has one of the largest PTA memberships in the state. Each year, the PTSA Council, which supports the PTA units at all LPS schools, celebrates the accomplishments and partnerships that tie the large LPS school district together.

During Wednesday's event, coordinated by PTSA Council Executive Board Member Stacey Dogonski, at Schoolcraft College's VisTa Tech Center, many PTA volunteers, LPS staff members and students received honors, including:

» The PTA Distinguished Service Award: Bill Lietz, teacher at Cooper Upper Elementary and Pam Pregitzer,



Fifteen seniors were honored as Outstanding Youth during the Founders Day celebration. From left, back row: Erin Pierzynski, Sophia Modes, Kennedy Mang, Isabella Yardley, Megan Theisen, Edward White, Lauren St. Pierre, Kevin Rudberg; Front row, from left: Stephen Olschanski, Danielle Marzec, Carly Mercure, Holly Henderson, Alexandria Fata, Victoria Lupher and Erin Emmanuel.

from Hayes Elementary.
» Spirit of PTA Award: Michelle Guerriero, teacher at Coolidge Elementary.
» Community Involvement Award: Randolph Elementary PTA.
» Michigan PTA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award: Terry Taylor, principal, Cooper Upper Elementary.
» Outstanding Youth Awards: Churchill High School seniors Erin Emmanuel, Alexandria Fata, Victoria Lupher, Kevin Rudberg and Lauren St. Pierre.
» Outstanding Youth Awards: Franklin High School seniors Kennedy Mang, Sophia Modes, Megan Theisen, Edward White and Isabella Yardley.
» Outstanding Youth Awards: Stevenson High School seniors Holly Henderson, Danielle Marzec, Carly Mercure, Stephen Olschanski and Erin Pierzynski.
Shining Star Awards went to the following PTA members.
» Buchanan Elementary School: Melissa

Bater and Naomi Joyce
» Churchill High School: Melissa O'Neil
» Cleveland Elementary School: Rod Brandon
» Coolidge Elementary School: Stephanie Eaton and Mishelle McCann
» Cooper Upper Elementary School: Providenza Ayers, Jennifer Hrycaj and Donald Lack
» Emerson Middle School: Stacey Dogonski and Audrey Mickel
» Franklin High School: Ny Derry
» Frost Middle School: Jennifer Schleif and Sarah Wisner
» Garfield Elementary School: Mary Ingram
» Grant Elementary School: Salena Begley
» Holmes Middle School: Cindy Wilson
» Hoover Elementary School: Mary Akahoshi, Dave Billington, Karen Martoia, Paula Young and Rebecca Starks
» Jackson Early Childhood Center: Lisa Borenski, Diane Coccia and Amy Johnson
» Johnson Upper Elementary School: Dave

Gluth
» Kennedy Elementary School: Nicole Minor and Debbie Pline
» Niji-Iro Japanese Immersion Elementary School: Rebecca Lenk
» Perrinville Center: Sarah Sinkus, Rochelle Ranta, Jessica Connolly, Amanda Walworth, Sue Schawinsky, Robb Drzewicki, Megan Smith, Liz Biddle and Becky Drzewicki
» Randolph Elementary School: Melissa Myers and Laura Stemple
» Riley Upper Elementary School: Matt Bentley and Melodie Provencher
» Roosevelt Elementary School: Suzanne Thiele
» Rosedale Elementary School: Rhonda Simko
» Stevenson High School: Sonja Kabrovich and Cyndi Pierzynski
» Webster Elementary School: Heidi Jo Fulk, Genevieve Lueck, Crystal Frank, Bridget MacDonald, Anne Lantto, Craig Dobias, Lora Boka and Julie Hill.

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COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL SIGNING

Baker-Williams stays committed to CMU

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Possibly the worst possible scenario that could happen to a Division 1 college football recruit a few days before his national letter of intent signing ceremony happened to Westland John Glenn's Deshawn Baker-Williams late last month.

A day before he was scheduled to visit John Glenn to meet with Baker-Williams, Central Michigan University football coach Dan Enos announced he was leaving the school to accept an offensive coordinator position at the University of Arkansas.

Undeterred by the bizarre happenings, Baker-Williams

remained loyal and signed on to play for the Chippewas beginning this fall.

"The fact that [Enos] announced he was leaving a week or two before signing day definitely made it a weird experience," the 6-foot-4 295-pound two-way lineman admitted. "It messed with a couple of the commits, but I decided to stay. I chose Central more for the school and the players than I did the head coach."

Baker-Williams said Enos never contacted him to explain the situation and that he is scheduled to meet with new CMU coach John Bonamego in the next couple of weeks.



Westland John Glenn senior Deshawn Baker Williams recently signed a letter of intent to play football for Central Michigan University.

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Redford Rangers update

The Redford Rangers youth football organization will be hosting an open registration for the 2015 season on March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redford Community Center.

Beginning with the 2015 season, the teams will be known as the Redford Eagles in conjunction with a new partnership with the South Redford School District.

Mercy clips Blazers

Anna Julien and Emily McCann each tallied goals Tuesday as host Farmington Hills Mercy earned a 2-1 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over Livonia Ladywood at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Maddie Jones also chipped in with two assists as the Marlins notched the game-winner during the final period to break a 1-1 deadlock.

Caitlin Somerville was in goal for first-place Mercy, which improved to 12-2-1 overall and 12-2-1 in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro.

Ladywood's lone goal came in the second period from Katie Hayward assisted by Jackie Kristofik and Jill Jacobs.

Goalie Michaela Warner made 31 saves as the Blazer fell to 11-4 overall and 11-4 in Division 1 of the Metro.



Livonia Franklin's wrestling team captured its 10th consecutive Division 1 district championship Wednesday night with a 44-33 victory over Churchill in the title match.

PERFECT 10

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin wrestling team stretches title streak to double digits

Livonia Franklin's wrestling team couldn't have picked a better time to get hot.

On Wednesday night, the Patriots upended Livonia Churchill, 44-33, to claim their 10th consecutive Division 1 district championship.

Franklin, which won the Observerland Wrestling Tournament less than two weeks earlier, improved to 14-6.

"We've seen Churchill several times this year, so we know

their line-up very well," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "We wrestled a very close meet with them just a couple of weeks ago, beating them by three. We juggled the line-up

around a bit to try and pick up some extra points. Everybody did their part.

"Johnny DiPonio bumped up to wrestle a very tough kid at 119 to save us a few points, losing 8-2. After that we got five straight wins, including Nathan Aienza bumping up to beat Zac

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MICHIGAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Taormina credits family, friends, city for her success

Stevenson grad reflects on Olympic success

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A few hours before her induction into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Thursday, Livonia's Sheila Taormina turned the spotlight away from her illustrious athletic career and shined it directly on the city in which she was raised and the supportive contingent of people who guided her.

"The opportunities and facilities I was blessed with grow-

ing up in Livonia, and the incredible coaches and family I've had supporting me, made everything I've accomplished possible," she said. "During my travels around the world, I've seen children who, if given the opportunities I had, would have crushed me in swimming."

Taormina competed on four United States Olympics teams (1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008) and was the first woman to qualify for the Olympics in three different sports: swimming, triathlon and modern pentathlon.

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Sheila Taormina is interviewed by Dan Miller during Thursday's Michigan Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

GCYAA registration

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association will be holding walk-in registrations for the 2015 T-ball, baseball and fast-pitch softball season on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Maplewood Community Center, which is located at 31735 Maplewood in Garden City.

Online registration will be available from through Feb. 27 at www.gcyaa.com, which also offers information on age levels and fees.

For walk-in registration, players must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and have a copy of their birth certificate. Only cash or checks will be accepted to pay registration fees. Credit cards will be accepted for online registration.

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GIRLS BOWLING

Glenn racks up victory over Wayne, moves to 10-0

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a showdown for first place in the KLAA Central Division girls bowling standings featuring neighboring rivals, No. 1-ranked Westland John Glenn upended Wayne Memorial, 21-9, Tuesday afternoon to improve to 10-0.

The Zebras slipped to 9-2.

The Rockets found their groove early by winning both Baker games, 217-146 and 199-154.

Undaunted, the Zebras stormed back to win the first traditional five-on-five contest, 968-966, however, John Glenn rebounded with a 980-803 victory in the second regular game.

"I was really impressed by the Wayne girls in the first game," said John Glenn head coach Ralph Cabildo. "The Wayne coaching staff has done a really nice job with the Wayne

girls this season."

Emily Dietz powered the Rockets in game one with a torrid score of 240, while Olivia Cabildo (200) and Julia Huren (191) also performed well.

The Zebras were paced in the opener by Christina O'Harris's 213. Also scoring for Wayne were Shaelyn Wojewski (208), Kayla Thompson (209), Hayley Gilbert (181) and Amy Hoch, who registered a 157.

The Rockets were on fire in game two thanks to strong efforts from Cabildo (225), Ashley Kolb (215) and Huren, who rolled a 209.

Leading the Zebras in the second game were Thompson (184), Wojewski (174) and Gilbert, who contributed a 169.

RU boys toppled

The Redford Union boys bowling team suffered a 21-9 setback to Belleville Wednesday afternoon at Cherry Hill Lanes. The Panthers

seized the first Baker game, 183-160, before dropping the second, 176-167.

The Tigers won both traditional games, 939-860 and 934-931. RU, which dropped to 5-9, was led by Brendan Kerkhof's splendid 232 game.

Panther girls upended

The short-handed Redford Union girls bowling team was defeated Wednesday afternoon by host Belleville, 30-0. Due to illness, the Panthers hit the lanes with just four bowlers instead of the allowable five.

Belleville owned the two Baker games, 201-114 and 219-69, before winning the traditional five-on-five battles, 969-573 and 905-525.

The Panthers, who slipped to 5-8-1, were led by Carly Wasielewski's 183 game.

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COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Cabildo to continue striking at Siena Heights

Glenn bowler taking talents to next level

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When she was just 5 years old, Olivia Cabildo would grab her bowling ball off a rack at Westland's Town & Country Lanes and walk slowly toward the foul line before unleashing a typical 5-year-old's two-handed, between the legs delivery.

The results, however, were usually not typical for a girl her age.

"Even when she was young and just starting out, Olivia's ball seemed to find a groove and hit the pocket," remembered her mom, Kim Cabildo.

On Thursday in the Westland John Glenn High School lecture room, Olivia Cabildo signed a national letter of intent to bowl for Siena Heights University.

A four-year varsity bowler, Cabildo has been a key player in the Rockets' incredible success. Last year, John Glenn finished runner-up at the Division 1 state meet. This season, the Rockets are ranked No. 1 in DI



Joining Olivia Cabildo at the head table as she signed her letter of intent to bowl for Siena Heights University were (from left) Siena Heights head coach Charles Cain, Kim Cabildo, Ralph Cabildo and John Young.

with the state tournament looming.

"When I was younger, I bowled for the fun of it," Cabildo reflected. "But when I was a freshman in high school, I started realizing that if I put more time and dedication into it, I could excel in the sport. So I started bowling more and joining more leagues."

Cabildo's solid 170 average her freshman season swelled to close to 200 last year.

"I love high school bowling because of the interaction you get with your teammates," she

said. "It's fun being part of a team and cheering each other on. We're like a family."

Cabildo said Siena Heights topped her list of schools she wanted to attend from the get-go.

"I really like coach [Charles] Cain," she said. "I feel like he'll help me improve a lot. I also got along really well with the other girls on the team when I practiced with them last year."

Cabildo is coached at John Glenn by her parents, Ralph and Kim Cabildo.

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CMU

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In addition to CMU, Baker-Williams was offered scholarships by Eastern Michigan University and Tennessee State University.

"And the day [Enos] left, Buffalo called and talked to me," Baker-Williams said.

But he remained committed to CMU for a number of reasons.

"I like it because it's close to home and I know a couple players up there, so it's nice to know I'll be around people I know and get along with," he said. "I've gotten close with some

of the commits, too. It should be fun."

Baker-Williams said he was told by the coaching staff at CMU that he would more than likely play guard on offense, but they also assured him that he may play defense.

"I really have no preference as far as where I play," he said. "I'll play whatever position gets me on the field faster."

Football wasn't a love-at-first-sight experience for Baker-Williams, who couldn't play the sport until his freshman year at John Glenn due to size restrictions followed by the area's junior leagues.

"I didn't like it too

well probably up until half-way through my freshman season," he said. "Once I joined the varsity team my sophomore year, it was better because I was going against guys my own size."

He realized he might have an extended future in the sport during a freshman-year game at Plymouth.

"I was playing defensive tackle and I remember their quarterback tried to run outside against us," he recounted. "I ran down the line, caught up to him and kind of threw him out of bounds."

A star was born.

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COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Stevenson soccer standout signs on with SVSU

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, Livonia Stevenson senior Aliya El-Sabeh signed a national letter of intent to play collegiate soccer for Saginaw Valley State University.

A four-year varsity starter for the Spartans and a two-year captain, El-Sabeh has been a member of the Michigan Hawks Soccer Club for the past five years.

She led the Hawks to a 2014 State Cup championship while serving as a team captain.

El-Sabeh, who plays for coach Chris Grodzicki at Stevenson and Gene Pulice for the Hawks, was also a two-year varsity swimmer at Stevenson.

A scholar athlete, El-Sabeh was named to the KLAA all-conference teams in 2013 and 2014.



Livonia Stevenson senior Aliya El-Sabeh recently signed a national letter of intent to play college soccer for Saginaw Valley State University.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Garden City will hold a public hearing on the recommended sanitary sewer rehabilitation program for the purpose of receiving comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held during the regular City of Garden City Council meeting starting at 7:00pm on Monday, March 23, 2015 at City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

The purpose of the recommended program is to provide rehabilitation to existing sanitary sewers throughout the City identified with structural defects during the City wide sewer cleaning and television investigation that has been on-going since May 2012. Project construction would involve the rehabilitation of existing sewers utilizing trenchless technologies such as installation of cured-in-place pipe linings and sectional replacement of sewers by means of open cut excavation for those defects deemed too severe for trenchless technology to be utilized. The purpose of this program is to improve and maintain the structural integrity of the City's sanitary sewer system and reduce groundwater and rainwater infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer system. The proposed program will extend the useful life of the existing sewer system. The estimated cost to users for the proposed rehabilitation program would be approximately \$5 million dollars.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed project is available for inspection beginning Friday, February 20, 2015 by the general public at the Office of the City Clerk, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on March 23, 2015 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the City of Garden City's consulting engineer, Hennessey Engineers, 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, Michigan.

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COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL SIGNING

Hubbs ready for position change at next level

GC's three-year varsity QB set to play defense at Siena Heights

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The fact that Garden City's three-year starting quarterback Tyler Hubbs will be playing football next season in college isn't surprising. After all, the hard-running field general piled up tons of all-purpose yards during his stellar career for the Cougars. What makes Hubbs' next-level journey extraordinary is that he's set to play defense at Siena Heights University – a side of the ball he rarely saw time on during his prep gridiron experience.

On Thursday, Hubbs signed a letter of intent to play for the Saints beginning with the 2015 season. GC offensive lineman Easton Hayter signed with Olivet College (a story will appear in Thursday's Observer).

According to Garden City football coach Scott Murray, Hubbs is the first of the program's 12 college-bound players who will be making such a dramatic position switch.

"Ever since I first starting playing when I was an 8-year-old for St. Raphael's, I loved hitting," said Hubbs, who didn't start playing QB until his freshman season at Garden City. "So moving over to defense is fine with me. They have me listed as an outside linebacker now, but there's a good chance I'll play strong safety, too."

An exceptional student, Hubbs' gridiron accomplishments are reflected in his

year-round commitment to the sport. He trains five days a week – focusing on speed training two days and weight training the other three – at Total Sports in Wixom.

His dedication to getting faster has paid off in a 40-yard-dash time that has shrunk from 4.8 seconds to 4.6.

"The thing that helped me the most as far as reducing my 40 time was working a lot on my hip flexibility," he said.

Hubbs, who was joined at the signing ceremony by his mom Amy, and siblings Jacob, Jackson and Abby, said football has left a positive imprint on his life.

"I'm a better leader, I have more respect for people and I'm motivated to work harder because of football," said Hubbs, who plans on pursuing a degree in nursing.

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ED WRIGHT
Joining Tyler Hubbs at Thursday's letter-of-intent signing ceremony were Garden City head coach Scott Murray, his mom Amy, and siblings Jacob, Jackson and Abby.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Stevenson redeems loss to Wildcats, 61-56

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson not only gained a bit of redemption with its 61-56 victory over Novi Friday night, it also secured a fourth-place seed in the KLAA Kensington Conference's tournament that begins next week.

Just three weeks after the Wildcats handed the Spartans a double-digit loss, Stevenson roared to a 20-6 first-quarter lead and held off a torrid fourth-quarter rally to improve to 7-9 overall and 4-6 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Stevenson will be off until Friday when it plays at Canton, which earned the No. 1 seed in the KLAA South Division.

"Tonight's win will definitely give us a boost of confidence heading into the final weeks of the season," said first-year Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt.

The catalysts for the winners' fast start were Noah Campbell, who knocked down a pair of threes, and Jacob Dollar, who converted three lay-ups.

Campbell finished with a game-high 25 points while Dollar added 14. Jailen Webber also played well for the Spartans, netting eight.

Stevenson's lead was trimmed to 35-27 at the half before it regained the momentum during the third stanza, which ended with the Spartans owning a 57-38 advantage.

Novi stormed back to cut its deficit to three with 90 second left, however, Campbell drained a pair of free throws after securing an offensive rebound thanks to an alert tip by Dollar.

Stevenson made 11 of 18 free-throw attempts

Thurston falls to Chargers

A barrage of momentum-seizing second-half threes lifted visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood to a 65-54 victory over Redford Thurston in a game that decided the top spot in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Both teams finished the division portion of their schedules with identical 9-1 marks. The Eagles are now 14-2 overall with their only other loss coming against state-ranked Walled Lake Western.

The Eagles' last lead – 28-26 – came at the 2:15 mark of the second quarter when Erick



ED WRIGHT
Stevenson's Andrew Bambach (13) and Hyder Mansour (24) double team a Novi player during the two teams' first meeting this season. The Spartans won, 61-56, on Friday.

Bonner swished a mid-range jumper.

The Chargers then closed the first half on a 7-0 run, which was capped by Esa Abdujumi's tip-in just before the buzzer to put his team ahead, 33-28.

Crestwood maintained a 41-35 lead during a low-scoring third stanza thanks in large part to long triple makes by Justin Deese and Imante Bosques.

Treys from Abdujumi and Bosques ignited a 16-2 Crestwood run to open the fourth, giving the Chargers a 57-37 lead.

Sparked by a ramped-up defensive effort, Thurston closed its deficit to nine, but the Chargers canned all six of their free throws during the final two minutes to earn a share of the Red title.

Bosques led the winners with 16 points while Abdujumi added 15.

D'eauntae Jackson paced the Eagles with 13 points. Marquie'l Thomas and Rickey Hudgens both scored nine for Thurston.

"Overall, I was proud of our kids; I thought they played very hard," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "Crestwood was making shots, especially in the second half, and they made their free throws down the

stretch.

"I loved the way we battled back in the fourth quarter. We just got beat at the end by a team that played better than us."

Annapolis edges GC

A season-best defensive effort by Garden City was offset by a disappointing offensive night in Friday night's 39-36 home loss to Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Garden City closed its WWAC Red Division slate with a 4-6 mark (the Cougars are 6-9 overall). Annapolis is now 7-8 overall and 3-7 in the Red.

Robbie Moyers led the Cougars with 12 points while Travis Trigg added 11.

"We didn't play offensively," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "Annapolis played a zone, which we don't see a lot. We scored 20 points below our average, but we held them to about 22 points below what we usually give up. It was a hard-fought game all the way around."

The Cougars trailed by 10 entering the fourth stanza before cutting the visitors' lead to one with just over one minute to play, however, Darias Lunix hit four free throws in the final seconds to seal the victory for Annapolis.

Warriors roll

Lutheran Westland jumped out to a 19-7 first-quarter lead and 42-14 halftime edge before securing a 75-39 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference triumph Friday night over Lutheran South.

The win improved the Warriors' record to 7-6 overall and 5-3 in the league. South slipped to 0-11 and 0-8, respectively.

Luke Smith had a huge night for the winners as he netted 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Smith was on target from the free-throw line, knocking down 10 of 13 attempts.

Brent Croft (21 points and five assists) and Zach Burk (19 points and nine rebounds) also excelled for LW.

Luke Konkel led South with nine points.

"We had the game in our control from the very start," said Warriors head coach Jim Hoeff. "Our guys stayed focused and got a nice team win."

HVL triumphs

Austin Bell scored 19 points to lead Huron Valley Lutheran to a lopsided victory over Macomb Christian on Thursday night.

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PREP SWIMMING

Zebras subdue Chargers on 'Senior Night'

Wayne Memorial placed first in nine of 12 events Thursday night during its 116-69 victory at Livonia Churchill, which recognized its two senior captains, Dylan Fetter and Kyle Reppenhagen.

Reppenhagen had a memorable final home meet as he provided one of the few highlights for the hosts by winning the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other individual winners for Churchill were Kevin Taylor in the 200 individual medley and 1-meter diver Ethan Burke.

Arthur Aigeltinger (200 and 500 freestyle) and Noah Karson (50 and 100 freestyle) were double-winners for the Zebras, who touched first in all three relay events.

Additional standouts for Wayne were Michael Gibson, who won the 100 butterfly while contributing to the Zebras' success in the relays; and Ethan Drouillard, who placed first in the 100 backstroke.

- WAYNE 116 CHURCHILL 69**
Thursday at Churchill
200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Jacob Griffith, Michael Gibson, Tye Moore), 1:10.16; 2. Churchill (Kevin Taylor, Kyle Reppenhagen, Tyler Opydyke, Dash Dobar), 1:56.74; 3. Wayne, 2:03.95.
100 freestyle: 1. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 2:02.44; 2. Devin Robinson (WM), 2:07.24; 3. Colin Dillon (LC), 2:10.16.
200 individual medley: 1. Kevin Taylor (LC), 2:10.46; 2. Blake Barber (WM), 2:29.78; 3. Naram Alhasani (WM), 2:38.04.
50 freestyle: 1. Noah Karson (WM), 23.53; 2. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.40; 3. Jacob Griffith (WM), 25.45.
1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 294.95 points; 2. Patrick Holton (LC), 164.70; 3. Andrew Saltzman (LC), 147.70.
100 butterfly: 1. Michael Gibson (WM), 1:02.20; 2. Tyler Opydyke (LC), 1:04.79; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 1:05.50.
100 freestyle: 1. Noah Karson (WM), 52.16; 2. Kevin Taylor (LC), 53.57; 3. Devin Gibson (WM), 55.65.
500 freestyle: 1. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 5:43.92; 2. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 5:50.48; 3. Colin Dillon (LC), 6:05.02.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Michael Gibson, Jacob Griffith, Devin Gibson, Noah Karson), 1:38.11; 2. Wayne (Tye Moore, Ta'Varus Lumpkin, Naram Alhasani, Arthur Aigeltinger), 1:44.32; 3. Churchill, 1:47.12.
100 backstroke: 1. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 1:02.63; 2. Drake Carpenter (WM), 1:14.73; 3. Kyle Swindlehurst (WM), 1:18.78.
100 breaststroke: 1. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 1:10.49; 2. Tyler Opydyke (LC), 1:12.76; 3. Jacob Griffith (WM), 1:14.22.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Noah Karson, Arthur Aigeltinger, Michael Gibson, Devin Gibson), 3:42.34; 2. Wayne (Tye Moore, Ta'Varus Lumpkin, Devin Robinson, Ethan Drouillard), 3:55.76.

WRESTLING

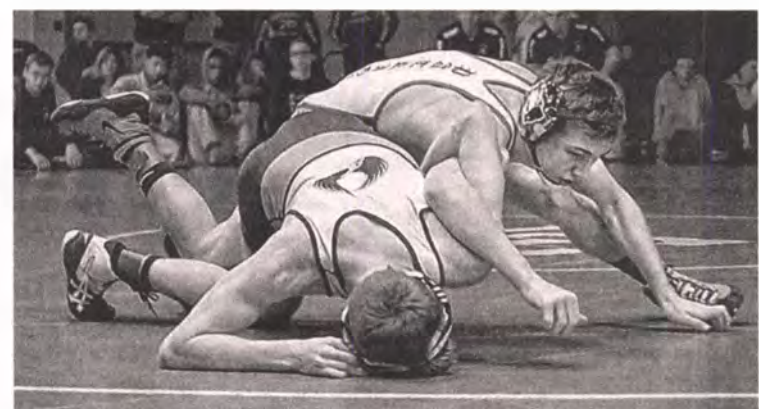
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Leck, 16-6. We lost a couple after that, but Mitchell Retting got us back on track with a pin before Dan Huber sealed the win."

"I'm very proud of this team. We have had some huge ups and downs this year, and we have had quite a few kids make personal sacrifices for the benefit of the team. Nobody ever complains and they always show sportsmanship, win or lose."

RU wins district

Redford Union advanced to Wednesday's Division 2 regional team tournament on Thursday by defeating Redford Thurston, 38-21, and Hamtramck, 48-24, in a district



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Livonia Franklin's Nick Robertson, pictured during the Observerland tournament, registered a first-period pin in Wednesday's victory over Churchill.

tournament held at RU.

"I liked the guys stuck to what we worked on leading up to the district: good, hard, basic wrestling," said RU head

coach Rob Rankin. "They took what they learned in practice to heart. Even when they were in a dog fight, they stayed off their backs, for the most part."

Among the Panthers' standouts was sophomore Taz-Don Moore, who earned a late victory over Thurston's 152-pounder Errol Franklin in the semifinal match before pinning his Hamtramck foe at 145.

"Taz-Don wrestled the style he should be wrestling; he didn't try to do too much and he had a great night," said Rankin.

Rankin also praised 140-pound freshman Chandler Shettleroe.

"He lost both his matches, but I can't say enough good things about the way he battled," said Rankin. Other two-pin winners for RU were Tavion Groves (145 and 152 pounds), Blake Meyers (135) and Isaac Grant (189).

Trojans fall in final

After routing Romulus Summit Academy in a district

semifinal match, 63-3, the Clarenceville wrestling team lost to host Clawson in the tournament final Wednesday, 42-28.

The Trojans did have some bright spots on the day with Nick Ballard (160), Cameron Fyffe (189), Tristan Caster (215), Dyland Brigham (112) winning two matches apiece.

- FRANKLIN 44 CHURCHILL 33**
103 pounds: Antonio Herrera (LF) pinned Essa Hattar in 22 seconds;
112: Josh Mussen (LC) pinned Cole Dennis in 1:22;
119: Ethan Englehart (LC) dec. Johnny DiPonio, 8-2;
125: Adam Ross (LF) dec. Brian Walrad, 17-7;
130: Jeremy Nelson (LF) pinned Spencer Blanchard in 1:16;
135: Nick Robertson (LF) pinned Jimmy Kelly in 1:18;
140: Collin Smith (LF) pinned Zach Smith in 1:54;
145: Nathan Atienza (LF) dec. Zac Leck, 16-6;
152: Charlie Gardner (LC) won by void;
160: Cody McAnalley (LC) pinned Kristo Cule in 4:40;
171: Mitchell Retting (LF) pinned Ethan Englehart in 3:02;
189: Dan Huber (LF) pinned Andrew Ferguson in 5:46;
215: Baker Hadwan (LC) pinned Mike McIntosh in 1:07;
285: Jake Mercica (LC) pinned Devin Visnaw in 2:13.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Huron Valley knocks off River Rouge, 59-45

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Led by mainstays Julie St. John and Sam Golchuk, the Huron Valley Lutheran girls basketball team out-shot River Rouge, 59-45, in a non-conference game played Thursday night.

The victory improved the Hawks' record to 10-5. St. John, the winners' top inside scoring threat, pumped in 17 points while Golchuk, the team's perimeter star, added 14. Brianna Woodford scored 12 points for River Rouge, which was also bolstered by Jamie Smith's 10-point performance.

The Hawks bolted to a 20-4 first-quarter advantage and 32-18 half-time lead.

"I was pleased with our team effort tonight on offense," noted HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We moved the ball well, and found the good shot on the floor. We played defense well in the first half. We anticipated passing lanes well and had 20 steals. In the second half we stopped moving our feet."

Stevenson edged

Visiting Novi visited the free-throw line a whopping 35 times (making 19) during its 39-38 victory over Livonia Stevenson Friday night.

"It was a lot like our last game against them that went to overtime," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "Both teams worked very hard. We didn't do a good job against their dribble

penetration, but it's hard to beat a team that goes to the free throw line 35 times."

Arryn Dochenetz led Stevenson with 16 points. Alex Felice paced the Wildcats with 12.

Stevenson made six of 11 free-throw attempts.

RU rocks Trojans

Shae Smith scored 17 points to lead Redford Union to a 50-14 victory over Clarenceville on Friday night.

Cougars triumph

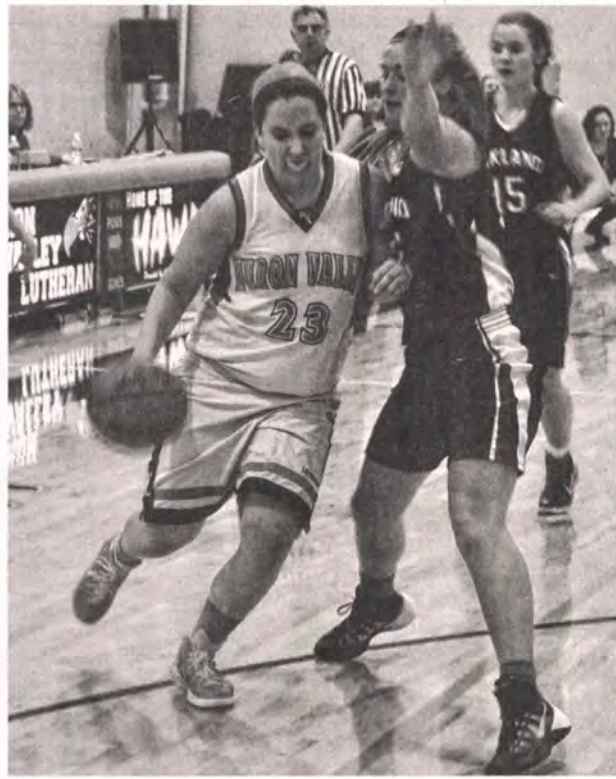
Everyone on the roster played a role Tuesday night in Garden City's 44-38 victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The win improved the Cougars' record to 4-11 overall and 2-7 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division. The Thunderbirds slipped to 7-8 overall and 2-7, respectively.

Lindsey Michalak led the Cougars with 10 points and nine rebounds. Also shining for the victors were Hannah Vera-Burgos (seven points and six rebounds), Amber Swisher (seven points), Kelli McDaniel (six points and seven rebounds), Rachel Spellman (five points and six assists) and Cassie Lele-niewski, who scored four points including a lay-up just before the halftime buzzer.

Also scoring for GC were Mikey Smolar (three points) and Alea Montgomery, who tallied two points and eight rebounds.

Kennedy Rankin led Edsel with 18 points.



Huron Valley Lutheran's Julie St. John drives to the basket during a game earlier this season. CHRIS GUDECK

"This was a team victory," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "Everyone contributed. We did a better job of playing at a controlled pace."

The Cougars led throughout, gaining an 11-8 first-quarter edge before carrying a 22-19 lead into the half. GC held on to a 30-26 lead with eight minutes to play.

GC canned 11 of 16 free-throw attempts and 14 of 42 field-goal attempts. Edsel was 2-for-8 from the line.

On Friday, the Cougars dropped a 60-47 decision at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, which won the WWAC Blue Division with a 10-0 record.

Although GC dropped to 4-12 overall and 2-8 in the Blue, Tyree was pleased with her team's effort.

"The kids played tonight the way the coaching staff believed they were capable of playing all season," said Tyree.

"One of the people at the scorer's table told us that it was one of the best efforts a team has put forth against Robichaud all season."

"We lost a couple of our leaders - Ashlynn Caviness and Abby Joseph - early in the season, so we had to seek a new identity to how we could play. I was very proud of the effort the girls gave tonight."

The Cougars lost 74-30 to Robichaud in the two teams' first encounter last month.

All seven Cougars who suited up scored. Michalak led the way with 18 points and 21 rebounds, while Vera-Burgos contributed nine points, 11 boards and three assists.

Other standouts for Garden City were Smolar (six points), Swisher (five points, four rebounds) and McDaniel (11 rebounds)

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COLLEGE BASEBALL PREVIEW

Madonna baseball outlook: Pitching, catching the key

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Grzelakowski Piechota

Pitching and catching will be the great unknowns for Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger as he sizes up his 2015 squad, which opens its season Friday with a doubleheader against Shawnee (Ohio) State in Dayton, Tenn.

"Last year, we got hit with two storms," said Haeger, who is entering his 19th season with a 568-376-5 overall record. "We graduated all the pitchers from the previous season, which was a huge loss. It was 85 percent of our innings. And then on top of that, we had injuries. We took a right and a left last year."

The Crusaders hope to pack more of a punch this year coming off a 29-25 season, including a 13-14 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

In October, the WHAC coaches picked MU fourth in the preseason poll, with defending champion Davenport University as the favorite.

"We like the pitching staff and we might be better than fourth," Haeger said. "We're optimistic we can be a much better team than fourth place."

All-WHAC pitcher Travis Schuba, who went 7-2 in 20 appearances with a 1.86 earned-run average, graduated.

But junior right-handers Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) and Adam Prasad (Mississauga, Ontario) emerged after Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), now a red-shirt freshman, Alec Padilla (Romeo), a now a sophomore, and Dane Staples (graduated) all missed parts of the 2014 season with injuries.

Piechota finished 5-3 with a 2.55 ERA in 70 1/3 innings, while Prasad was 4-3 with a 2.62 ERA in a team-high 72 innings. Both made honorable mention all-WHAC.

"A couple of guys stepped up for us," Haeger said. "Schuba just did a tremendous job in every role possible for us. Prasad and Piechota, as sophomores, pitched well for us. We really had to re-vamp it, though. We really have 10 new arms."

Other mound returnees include left-hander Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin), a sophomore, and right-hander Dylan Cooper (Sterling Heights Stevenson), the team's lone senior, plus lefty Zack Schmidtke, who is converting from the outfield.

Other starting pitching candidates include A.J. Susick (Auburn Hills Avondale), a sophomore red-shirt who is coming off Tommy John surgery; lefty Mitch Sykes (Livonia/Detroit Catholic Central), a red-shirt freshman; and true freshman Taylor Turner (Northville).

Also in the mound mix are true freshmen Todd Jones (Monroe St. Mary), Jack Zimmerman (Tecumseh, Ontario), Cliff

Landess (Carleton Airport) and Patrick Wierimma (Redford Union).

Bobby St. Pierre (Windsor, Ontario), a transfer from Crowder (Mo.) College, will get a crack at the closer's job, while junior Christian Holder (Dearborn Divine Child) will be a situational left-hander.

Another big question mark is who will replace all-WHAC honoree Donny Holland behind the plate.

Haeger said red-shirt freshman Matt Deneau (Amherstburg, Ontario) has the inside track for now over true freshmen Mitch Hudvagner (Cottam, Ontario) and Kohl Roberts (Napoleon).

"We've always been fortunate to have great catching here, but we don't have a catcher with an inning of college experience," Haeger said.

The right side of the infield remains a strength with junior Shane Dokey (Brighton), a versatile two-time all-WHAC pick, returning at second base after hitting .291 and stealing a team-high 31 bases.

John Lauro, a 6-3, 245-pound first baseman who batted .333 with 26 RBI, also returns.

Sophomore Ryan Lambrecht (Lake Orion), who led the Crusaders in hitting with a .364 mark, has added 15 pounds to his 6-3 frame and will start at shortstop, replacing the graduated Victor Barron.

Third base, meanwhile, is up in the air as freshman Cole Rize (Dexter) will be battling for the job along with Levi Larmour, a transfer from Mesa (Ariz.) CC via Oakville, Ontario.

Junior Chase Dobbie (Mississauga, Ontario) and Jacob Rogers (Sterling Heights Stevenson) will also vie for infield time.

Red-shirt sophomore Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser) will start out in right field after hitting .287 with a team-high 36 RBI.

Zack Byron (Dexter), a junior transfer from Macomb CC will most likely start in center.

The left field job is up for grabs with Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill), red-shirt junior, returning after hitting .279. Mike Tibbits (Plymouth/Detroit CC), who started his career at Holy Cross, will also get a look there as well.

"Matigian played a lot of games for us last year as a sophomore and handled it pretty well in his first season in the field," Haeger said. "Tibbits sat out 2014 season. He can play left and center."

Other outfield candidates include freshman Logan Brennan (South Lyon East) and sophomore Ryan Freemantle (Georgetown, Ontario).

TAORMINA

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A swimming and academic standout at Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Georgia, Taormina failed in her first two attempts at making the

U.S. Olympic team, but remained persistent, training with a Livonia club team before and after her auto industry-related job.

Taormina said Thursday night's ceremony would be special because of the presence of people close to her, including her longtime coach Greg

Phill and her good friend and former teammate at Livonia Stevenson, Michele Siroky.

"This isn't about me as much as it's about the people who have helped me along the way," she said. "People like my coach Greg Phill, who knows how to put everything in perspective and knows that one bad race isn't the end of the world. And people like Michele Siroky, who has been an amazing friend."

"It's people like Greg and Michele who should be getting the attention, not me."

Taormina has authored a book - *Swim Speed Secrets* - about freestyle swimming techniques. She also

travels around the globe as a motivational speaker.

Big night

Thursday night's induction class was one of the most high-profile in the Hall of Fame's history.

In addition to Taormina, Livonia resident and Dearborn Heights native Aleta Sill was honored after carving out one of the most-impressive professional careers in the history of women's bowling. Sill was 13 professional titles and was the first woman bowler to exceed \$1 million in career earnings.

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The members of the 2015 Michigan Sports Hall of Fame induction class included (from left) Tom Izzo, Barry Larkin, Sheila Taormina, Aleta Sill, Sergei Federov and Doug English.

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March 14: 9 am - noon

March 18: 8 am - 6:30 pm

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Devin J. Adams
Controller

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Gch Ch Wild Turkey d'Lux Dag Hammarskjold, J.C. (aka Dag), a Scottish deerhound, rests for the big show.

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LOCAL SCOTTISH DEERHOUND IS HEADED TO WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The first time Cindy Marriott saw a Scottish deerhound, she called it the "ugliest dog" she had ever seen.

Then, she got a look at "Hickory," the Scottish deerhound and 2011 winner of the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

"The woman who owns Hickory brought her to Cobo to the Detroit Kennel Club show," said Marriott, a retired Schoolcraft College professor with a Ph.D. in child clinical psychology. "At that time, I said why not? I said how do I get one of those dogs?"

The woman put Marriott in touch with a breeder. Nearly four years after buying a puppy, the Plymouth woman has her own Westminster competitor. She and Scottish deerhound, "Dag," are heading to the 139th annual show, Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 16-17, in New York.

The hounds will be among the four groups judged Monday night. Three additional groups will be judged Tuesday night, with the event culminating in Best In Show. CNBC will broadcast live from Madison Square Garden, 8-11 p.m. Monday. USA Network will air the show Tuesday night.

"This whole thing is going to be a brand new experience for me. Fortunately, my handler and his wife have been to Westminster before. They will hold my hand through the whole thing," said Marriott, referring to Don Leonard, who will show Dag in the judging ring. His wife, Kelly, will show their foxhounds and one of their sons will show a whippet.

"We're caravanning across

the country to get to New York."

Dad, son

Dag, with Don at the other end of his leash, must be in breed judging — Ring 5 — by 8:30 a.m. Monday. He'll compete against eight other Scottish deerhounds for the chance to win first place in breed and move on to the televised group judging at night.

But he may be up against some stiff competition.

"We're up against the No. 1 Scottish deerhound," Marriott said. "It turns out this year there are three d'Lux dogs in Westminster." d'Lux identifies the Virginia kennel where Dag, whose full name is GCh Ch Wild Turkey d'Lux Dag Hammarskjold, J.C., was born.

One of his two competitors from d'Lux is his father. They'll meet for the first time in the judging ring.

"I emailed (his owner) and we're going to try and go to a professional photographer and take a picture of both dogs. It's going to be fun."

"I purchased a kilt for this and I purchased a Scottish tartan tie for Don. So we will be all decked out."

In the ring

Marriott met Leonard when she began taking conformation lessons with Dag.

"I was taking Dag to classes every week and taking him into the show ring. I didn't do a good job," she said. "One time the judge said 'Ma'am, the dog is supposed to be on the other side of you.' He (Dag) learned and I didn't."

She hired Leonard to show Dag, who acquired his championship title in 2013 and his grand championship in 2014.



Cindy Marriott and Dag, a Scottish deerhound, are heading for the Westminster Dog Show in New York.



Dag and Angus get a little sun on a cold day.



Dag heads for a touch down in his back yard.

Marriott said she tries to attend most of the shows.

Marriott had no experience as a dog owner when she acquired Dag. Although she often accompanied her oldest daughter, Elizabeth, to dog shows, she wasn't compelled to bring a dog into her two-cat home until Dag became available.

"I have no idea what it was. Either God was looking out for me or it was fate. I decided to get him. I love this dog more than anything in the world. I've been lucky that I've met people who are supportive: Don and Kelly are incredibly supportive."

Marriott acquired her second Scottish deerhound from a rescue. Blenheim's Sir Argus, known as "Angus" loves to romp in the back yard with Dag. She can't imagine life without the pair and she has learned a lot about dog ownership the past four years.

"I learned that you walk one

of them at a time. There was a time I walked the two of them and they decided to go in a different direction. I lost the battle and I broke my arm," she recalled. "It wasn't malicious. They just pulled me down."

"I've also learned it's good

to have property. They are sight hounds and anything that moves in their eye sight, they chase. They run run run."

Check out the Westminster Kennel Club website at westminsterkennelclub.org for live streaming of all breed judging.

Greenmead to serve luncheon fit for U.S. presidents

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Guests at Greenmead's new upcoming Presidential Luncheon will get a taste of White House recipes and a look at Dolley Madison's popular soirees.

"This used to be a tea. We decided let's change it up and make it into a luncheon," said Maureen Casey, event planner for the historical village in Livonia. "The food lends itself to this. We can go through the White House cookbook and choose (recipes) from different presidents."

Greenmead staff served a presidential tea annually for the past eight years but wanted to "keep things interesting" by expanding the event, Casey said. The luncheon will run noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, located



Submitted photos
This reproduction of a place setting from James Madison's White House, and other presidential china, will be used during a luncheon Feb. 21 at Greenmead.

at Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 and must be purchased in advance. Call 248-477-7375 for information and reservations.

The luncheon will include a presentation by local historian Anna Lopez, on Dolley Madison, wife of James Madison, the fourth U.S. president. Lo-



Dolley Madison

pez previously spoke at Greenmead about Eleanor Roosevelt. "She is someone who does her homework. She is part guest speaker and part entertainer."

Casey said she's still working out the menu for the event, but is certain the dessert will include ice cream, a nod to one of Dolley Madison's party foods.

"Dolley Madison was instrumental in pushing her husband forward in the political arena. She was famous for her ability to hostess events where everyone wanted to come. It was exposure for him," Casey said. "She introduced a new dessert and that was ice cream. Everyone wanted to come not only to schmooze, but to get Dolley's ice cream."

"Dolley Madison grew up as a Quaker. For her to go from a plain and basic lifestyle to being the toast of Washington was a complete and total turnaround."

Guests also will dine on reproduction place settings of presidential china amid patri-

otic decorations.

"To look at the dishes from president to president and see how the styles have changed — some have more of a pattern, some are plain — is really fascinating."

In addition to the Presidential Luncheon, Greenmead plans its popular Happily Ever After wedding event and Lincoln's 1865 funeral luncheon this spring.

Happily Ever After is set for 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, and will include a guest speaker and wedding-related displays. Fifteen vintage gowns that are new to the exhibit will be on view.

The funeral luncheon will run noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.

Proceeds from the events are used to preserve and restore Greenmead.

Boxing champ Laila Ali takes a swing at heart disease

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

"This is a fight I don't like to lose," four-time undefeated World Boxing Champion Laila Ali told the crowd of 600-plus on National Wear Red Day, Feb. 6.

Ali was talking about heart disease — the No. 1 killer of women.

"We are in control of our health; we can change the outcome of our life through nutrition

and exercise," said Ali, at the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Luncheon, held at the Detroit Marriott.

Ali ought to know. In addition to being the daughter of boxing great Muhammad Ali, Leila Ali is an on-air host, health



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

Livonia residents and co-workers Melissa Kuzera and Linda Olivas wear red at the Go Red for Women Luncheon.



Plymouth-based Freudenberg was an event corporate sponsor again this year for the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Luncheon. Team Freudenberg includes Valerie Monjanel, (left) Melissa Kuzera, Linda Olivas, Debbie Chiesa and Tracy Wagaman.

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TWO DOCTORS AND TWO DIAGNOSES

How does a doctor proceed when his diagnosis differs from the patient's previous physician?

For example: a physician sees a new patient who recently moved from Georgia. For the last five years the patient was under treatment with Methotrexate and Enbrel for rheumatoid arthritis by his Georgia physician, and comes to the Michigan physician for continuation of that therapy. The Michigan physician takes a history expecting the patient to detail morning stiffness, hand pain and feet that feel that they are walking on stones.

Instead, the patient describes how he hurts all over, has pain that shifts from right to left shoulder, then down into the hips, knees or legs. The patient may add that he hardly sleeps and always feels fatigued and foggy.

The patient complains that his hands are swollen but on examination the physician finds no swollen joints. The patient states he experiences pain when the physician palpates the elbows and shoulder, but there is no loss of motion.

The Michigan physician concludes that at this time the patient does not have rheumatoid arthritis but is experiencing fibromyalgia.

Telling the patient that he does not have rheumatoid arthritis will likely bring on a protest. The patient will counter that the pain now is just like it was in Georgia, and that therapy for rheumatoid arthritis gave relieve.

The doctor can continue to talk with the patient to explain why the diagnosis of Fibromyalgia is correct. Or, the physician may provide the therapy that the patient wants, or the patient may leave and look for a doctor who believes the diagnosis is rheumatoid arthritis and will maintain present therapy.

However, no result is satisfactory to both patient and physician.

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and fitness expert, cooking aficionado and author. She's coming out with a healthy cookbook next.

Go Red for Women guests were treated to a day of health screenings, panel discussions, pampering, silent auction and a heart-healthy lunch and talk by Ali. The campaign raised \$800,000 which includes the national sponsorship from Macy's. Those who purchase or wear their Go Red pin will receive extra discounts at Macy's through Feb. 16.

And the American Heart Association fundraising efforts continue. A benefit gala, hosted by the World Missions Organization, Inc., is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 21, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Event features comedian Mark Armstrong. Tickets are \$125

and can be purchased via eventbrite.com. Call 313-701-5634 for more details.

Other Go Red events:
» Heart Health Twitter Chat Series — follow AHA_SEMI, #GoRedMI, 3-4 p.m. Feb. 18 for news about exercise and nutrition and 3-4 p.m. Feb. 25 for a discussion on surviving heart disease and stroke.

» Go Red Zumba — Join the Arab American National Museum and American Heart Association for a free Zumba class, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 19, at the museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

» Heart Strong Girls Cooking Workshop — Girl Scouts can earn a health badge by attending this workshop, 1-4 p.m. Feb. 21, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. The event will include food and fitness



Go Red for Women Executive Leadership Team member Jessica Gubing of Northville and Dawn Kopacz of Farmington Hills

demonstrations, a kids' heart health panel, and craft projects and games. \$5 per Girl Scout.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or call 248-642-9465.

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<p>DIRECT CARE: Staffing Agency seeks caring individuals to assist and support individuals to live in their homes as independently as possible by assisting with recreation, daily living needs, transportation and other duties/ services. Positions available in Canton/ Westland Area. Contact: 734-722-4580 Ext #19 or apply on-line www.ahsconserv.com/</p>	<p>DRIVERS CDL-A WOW! Check-out our New Pay Package, It's Awesome. More per mile! Monthly Bonuses! Stop-Off, Layover, Detention, Short-Haul PAY! 877-704-3773</p>	<p>HUMAN RESOURCES A skilled nursing facility located in Milford, MI, is seeking applicants for a Human Resources Manager. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate knowledge & previous experience with recruitment and retention practices, payroll & compensation management, and superior organizational and communication skills. The position offers a comprehensive benefit package including a 401(k). Please email resume to: gbuckner@peplinkgroup.com</p>	<p>REAL ESTATE SALES OPPORTUNITY work with Michigan's #1 REALTOR Real Estate One Earn High Commission Income Rapidly Expanding Real Estate Market Start Earning Commissions Right Away •Own Your Own Practice •Be Your Own Boss •Work Your Own Schedule •You Determine Your Income •Bonus Programs •Health/Life/Disability/Retirement •Full Time Support Staff Real Estate One PAT RYAN, REALTOR (734) 591-9200 PatRyan@RealEstateOne.com</p>	<p>WAREHOUSE Full-Time Entry Level opening for Delivery Driver/Shipping & Receiving. Must have clean driving record. Will Train. Benefits. Daytime hours. Call: 586-843-2313</p>	<p>RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER</p>	<p>Help Wanted - Medical</p> <p>OPTICAL DISPENSER Canton/Garden City private practices. Part time. Exp'd. Call Diane: 734-455-3190 248-921-5324</p>	<p>Help Wanted - Medical</p> <p>MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ MEDICAL ASSISTANT Part & Full-Time Fax 734-6970374 Email: bhc265@gmail.com</p>	<p>CASH IN with O&E Media's CLASSIFIEDS 800-579-SELL</p>

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 18
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne
Details: Worship service
Contact: 734-728-1950

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
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523 for additional information

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton
Contact: 734-495-0035; cherryhillumc.org for additional information

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

GRIEFSHARE

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; griefshare.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25-March 25
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Grieving with Great Hope workshop is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, presents the five-week series
Contact: goodmourningministry.net or St. Michael's at 734-261-1455

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Make survival kits for the homeless. Supplies for kits will be on hand. Donations of washcloths, toothbrushes, disposable razors, small combs, sample-sized shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and bar soaps, will be accepted. \$5 paid in advance by Feb. 25, \$6 at the door
Contact: cwm@crossroadsnow.org

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18-March 25
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: There is "I Tell You The Truth." Free treats after the service
Contact: 734-968-3523, 313-532-8655

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18-March 25
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne
Contact: 734-728-3315

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 Township
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, between Plymouth Road and West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: More than 34 tables of comic books action figures, books and more. Tony Baratonio, local actor and inventor, will be on hand. 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

MISSIONARY OUTREACH CLINIC

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Tracee Swank will share new ideas about witnessing, discipling, and outreach to the community. Cost is \$25 per person. A group rate of \$75 for five or more is available. Register by March 1
Contact: 734-464-0211

VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1
Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The first of five Vespers services sponsored by The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit
Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are

available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: the Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second

Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE
St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP
Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter

Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

ENGAGEMENT

BENAGES-MORAVCIK

Kristen Benages and Eric Moravcik announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Frank and Lisa Benages of Plymouth, attended Plymouth Salem High School and Michigan State University. She is a sales assistant at Shoreline Fruit LLC.

Her fiancé, son of Larry and Margo Moravcik of Rochester Hills, attended Rochester Adams High School and is employed as a firefighter and paramedic for the Traverse City Fire Department.

An August 2015 wedding is planned in Traverse City.



SUBMITTED
 Kristen Benages and Eric Moravcik

ENGAGEMENT

CHELENYAK-NEW

Jennifer Lynn Chelenyak and David New, both of Garden City, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Shirley Chelenyak of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of Tom New of Livonia and Carol New of Fowlerville.

A June 2015 wedding is planned at Waterview Loft at Port of Detroit, with a honeymoon to follow in Laguna Beach, Calif.



SUBMITTED
 David New and Jennifer Lynn Chelenyak of Garden City

ENGAGEMENT

PICKARD-TERRY

Chelsey Pickard and Chris Terry announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Craig and Jan Pickard of Canton, is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School and studied veterinary technology through Wayne County Community College District/Wayne State University. She is a licensed veterinary technician.

Her fiancé, son of John and Dianne Terry of Brampton, Ontario, Canada, is a 2007 Plymouth High School graduate. He played hockey with the Plymouth Whalers and currently is an NHL



SUBMITTED
 Chris Terry and Chelsey Pickard

hockey player with the Carolina Hurricanes.

A July 2015 wedding is planned in Canton, with a reception to follow in Detroit.

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DUTY, ROSALIE M.

February 10, 2015, age 73. Beloved wife of James Duty, II, Y. Michael Duty, Larry (Theresa) Duty and Angela (David) Holmes. Also leaves nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and brother Pete (Maureen) Lomonaco. Visitation Sunday 1 pm until 9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Scripture Service will be held at 7 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday from 10 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road (at Beck Road), Plymouth. Mass Cards are suggested to the church. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com

HUNTER, GEORGE THOMAS

Beloved husband of Sharon West Hunter was born November 16, 1923 to Marya and Jacob Mysliwiec in Owosso, Michigan. Age 91, he died February 3, 2015 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital in Michigan. George was the father of Christopher Jacob and Linda Frances Hunter (Roy Mueller). Grandfather of Matt. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and their children. A veteran of WWII, he served in England, France and Germany and returned home to graduate from the University of Michigan, BA in Psychology 1950, and MA in Sociology, 1962. He earned an MA in Social Work in 1952 from Columbia University in New York, and was a Counselor and Clinical Social Worker at Wayne State University in Detroit for over 30 years. Sharon and George had many years of happy travel in the US, Europe and South America, and a wonderful marriage of almost 57 years. Memorial on Sunday, February 22 at 2 pm at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial donations may be made to the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter or the Michigan Humane Society.

Schrader-Howell FUNERAL HOME

May you find comfort in family and friends

Can mercury in fish lead to autoimmunity?

A new University of Michigan study suggests that exposure to mercury through seafood may pose a risk for autoimmunity to women of child-bearing age.

Autoimmune disorders, which cause the body's immune system to attack healthy cells, affect nearly 50 million Americans, mostly women. Inflammatory bowel disease, lupus, Sjögren's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis are examples of autoimmune disorders.

"We don't have a very good sense of why people develop

autoimmune disorders," said lead author Emily Somers, Ph.D., Sc.M., an associate professor in the departments of Internal Medicine in the division of Rheumatology, Environmental Health Sciences, and Obstetrics & Gynecology at the U-M Medical and Public Health Schools.

"A large number of cases are not explained by genetics, so we believe studying environmental factors will help us understand why autoimmunity happens and how we may be able to intervene to improve health outcomes. In our study,

exposure to mercury stood out as the main risk factor for autoimmunity."

Researchers analyzed data among women ages 16-49 from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey from 1999 to 2004. Greater exposure to mercury was associated with a higher rate of autoantibodies, proteins made by a person's immune system when it fails to distinguish between healthy and potentially harmful cells.

The authors noted that seafood offers nutritional benefits, but women of reproduc-

tive age should pay attention to the kind of fish they eat. Swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish contain the highest levels of mercury. Shrimp, canned light tuna and salmon have lower levels.

"The presence of autoantibodies doesn't necessarily mean they will lead to an autoimmune disease," Somers said. "However, we know that autoantibodies are significant predictors of future autoimmune disease, and may predate the symptoms and diagnosis of an autoimmune disease by years."



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Light canned tuna is among the fish with the least amount of mercury.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Atrial fibrillation

Oakwood Healthcare presents a free seminar that will teach the causes and symptoms of atrial fibrillation, including treatments available, 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. To register, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

Balance class

St. Mary Mercy Livonia presents a free eight-week workshop for seniors, ages 60 and older, called "A Matter of Balance," 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, beginning Feb. 25, in the St. Mary Mercy Livonia Wellness Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risk at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. To register, call 734-655-1310

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, Providence Hospital Fisher Center Auditorium, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abbie at 248-849-3067

Diabetes workshop

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will present a free six-week workshop for adults with diabetes, 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4-April 8, at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, Redford. The workshop, called, Diabetes PATH (Personal Approach Toward Health), will teach participants to handle the challenges of diabetes, manage symptoms and communicate more effectively with physicians and family members. Participants will develop weekly action plans, share experiences and help others solve problems encountered during their self-management program. Register with the library at 313-531-5960, Ext. 103.

Heart month

» Board-certified cardiologist and Garden City Hospital health expert, Dr. William Nazzaro will discuss the latest guidelines for preventing heart disease, screening for early detection, maintaining a healthy heart and common and uncommon indications of a heart attack, noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at Westland Shopping Center's east court, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Free event includes Q&A lecture, a heart healthy lunch, an exercise demonstration, giveaways and

raffle prizes. For more information, call 734-458-4259.

» Satish Madiraju, M.D., will discuss controversies women face in heart and vascular care, including the use of aspirin and cholesterol lowering medications, at Ladies' Night Out, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 19, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. The event will include health screenings, massage, prizes, vendors and light refreshments. Registration is required. To register, call 734-655-1182 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

» Syamasundera Zampani, M.D., will provide advice on preventing heart disease at Lunch n' Learn, noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 25, in the north auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Bring your lunch and learn how you can begin making healthy choices for your heart.

Nutrition class

» A Botsford Hospital dietician will focus on reducing overeating at an interactive seminar, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5. RSVP to Busch's Facebook event — facebook.com/events/1545435962390058/and the workshop ticket is free. Or

register at the Guest Services Counter at the store; 734-779-6100.

» Cooking Matters for Diabetes, presented by Oakwood Healthcare, provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. The six-week course, which begins 2-4 p.m. April 13, at Maplewood Manor Apartments, 15270 Plaza South Drive, Taylor, is free and includes all groceries and cookbooks. To register, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

Shoulder pain

William Kesto, M.D., talks about causes and treatment options for shoulder pain 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the Fisher Auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Weight management

Find out if weight loss surgery is right for you, 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18, at Oakwood Hospital-Wayner, 33155 Annapolis Street, Wayne. Registration is required; 800-543-9355.

Ongoing

Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

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