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Wayne council votes to close pool

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

At the end of business Sunday, the Wayne Community Center pool will be closing. As the city grapples with a deficit in the current fiscal year and a significant shortfall in 2015-16, the council voted Tuesday to close the pool for a savings of about \$70,000. The ice arena is already closed at the community center, which operates at significant financial losses — well in excess of \$200,000 annually. A group of community center/pool supporters spoke at the meeting, calling on council to keep the pool open. Some argued that efforts to market the community center could increase paid memberships.

“This conversation has been talked about since I was on council in 2003. We have not solved the problem,” Councilwoman Susan Rowe said. “We can’t keep a Band-Aid on it. We can’t keep looking at it.” On June 30, 2013, the community center reported having 1,212 paid memberships, she said, while the city has a population of slightly more over 17,000. Of those members, 732 are Wayne residents and 527 are from Westland. “All of us are paying for it. Those numbers don’t validate continually putting money into keeping the pool open,” Rowe said. “I’m sorry. I was elected to be fiscally responsible and do the best I can with the information in front of me.” The council had voted to

close half the community center when the fiscal year started July 1 but later agreed to hold off while options were investigated. That helped increase the city’s deficit to over \$600,000 with only four months left in the fiscal year.

Reevaluate center
With only one full-time parks and recreation employee, council members agreed that there hadn’t been enough marketing for the community center. “We voted to close down part of the recreation center to save it. We need to reevaluate the rec center,” Councilman John Rhaesa said. “I’m not sure an ice arena is the best.



FILE PHOTO

The Wayne City Council has voted to close the pool at the Wayne Community Center as of Sunday, Feb. 22.

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FAN-TASTICALLY ‘FROZEN’

Youngsters get to meet Queen Elsa at library

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was everything *Frozen* inside the William P. Faust Public Library on Monday afternoon as princesses of all ages lined up for a meet and greet with Elsa from Disney’s popular animated movie. Parents and children waited in line to get to meet the princess and pose for pictures with her before heading off to do an Olaf the Snowman craft, listen to the *Frozen* story and enjoy cookies and lemonade. “We had 250 children sign up,” said Andy Schuck, head of Youth Services at the library, who greeted guests. “We’re excited.” A steady stream of parents with children walked through the doors of the library Monday, ready to meet their favorite queen. Many of the girls came dressed as Queen Elsa with flowing gowns and long braids. “She’s a big Elsa fan; she’s seen the movie more than a dozen times,” said Tracy Jimenez who brought daughter Sencia, 4, to the program. “Ask me how many times I’ve seen it? Dozens.” Sencia came dressed in her Elsa Halloween costume, complete with the queen’s blonde hair and distinctive braid and matching shoes. It wasn’t her first time seeing Elsa. She saw her and her sister, Princess Anna, at Disney World, but there was a 2 ½-hour wait to meet her. The wait at the library was a more manageable 45 minutes. Jimenez found out about the meet and greet from a girlfriend and looked it up on the library website. “This the first time I’ve been here; we’ll be back,” she said.

Fantastic response

The library decided to host the event, staged by Pretty Parties of Westland, and picked mid-winter break “because we knew kids would be available and families would be looking for something to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See FROZEN, Page A2 Four-year-old Sencia Jimenez runs up to meet Queen Elsa.

Westland library may hire security guard

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Librarians are trained to help the public with many things, but most aren’t trained on how to deal with someone who overdoses on drugs or a stalker who has followed someone to the library. To make sure the library staff and public are safe, the Westland Library Board has been asked to consider hiring a security guard for the William P. Faust Public Library. The request came from staff after discussion with Library Director Sheila Collins. “We’ve got a whole list of incidents from the past two months. I’m signing off on several incident reports a week,” Collins said. “We’re mostly women working at the library, and the men aren’t trained for these incidents either.” In recent weeks, the library staff has reportedly dealt with a drug overdose in a restroom, a drunken man who had disrobed in the men’s room, a group-home client who became violent and attacked his caregiver and a woman who flashed the open-mic night audience that included children. Another incident involved a youth walking along the library driveway when he was approached by a man who tried to get him inside a gray van. “It’s mostly homeless people, but it doesn’t seem to matter if it’s warm or cold outside. The staff is getting pretty concerned,” Collins said. “The patrons aren’t really aware of the problems. We hope that the presence of a security guard will help cut down on the problems.” Recent incidents included the arrest of Westland resident Dean Morrow, 52, who is charged with three counts of possessing child sexually abusive material. The charges are that on Feb. 4 Morrow was

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POOL

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Kids can't afford that." In Wayne, Rhaesa noted that 80 percent of students qualify for free school meals due to low family income.

"We need to stop the bleeding and look at how to do it better. Doing the same thing over and over is crazy," Rhaesa said. "The way we are going, there is no future for the community. The whole city needs to be looked at."

Part of the overall discussion is expected to include the possible consolidation of various city operations into a fewer number of buildings.

Closing the pool was approved on a 4-3 vote, with Councilmen Albert Damitio, David James and Skip Monit casting no votes.

Monit called for delaying action to allow more discussion and better numbers regarding the budget. There were dif-

ferences in numbers provided by Tim McCurley of Plante Moran, who is serving as city finance director, and interim Parks and Recreation Director Juan Bradford.

"If we have waited 12 years, maybe we can wait for more input," Monit said.

James suggested offering the entire city a free two-month membership to help market the community center. Free one-month trial memberships are already offered at the community center.

"I have no problem with the community center. I like the community center," Rowe said. "I can't say keep it open when our residents can't afford memberships."

Help from Westland

Resident Gilbert Cox recalled a time when use of the recreation was free, but over time it morphed into a program expected to be self-supporting. And he noted that for three years he had called for Westland to help subsidize the

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councilwoman

recreation center.

"If we had \$250,000 a year from Westland, we wouldn't be having this conversation," Cox said.

The parks and recreation merger with Westland was aimed at increasing memberships at the recreation center after the Westland Bailey Center closed, helping to reduce the operating loss. There was never an agreement that Westland would subsidize the recreation center.

In Wayne, voters will be asked to approve questions establishing a 1-mill levy to fund a P.A. 345 plan to fund police and fire retirement costs. Those costs currently are paid from the general fund. The idea is to free up general fund money to pay for city operations and address about half the deficit.

Unlike the last time this type of question appeared on the ballot, council has committed to providing a plan B — what budget cuts will be made, if the added funding isn't approved.

"You asked for Plan B, this is the first step," Mayor James Hawley said.

The council also approved a study session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, to discuss options regarding the community center.

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Melanie Van Buskirk and daughter Adalynn, 5, work on a "Frozen" craft project. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FROZEN

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do," Schuck said. Interest in the event went viral when the library posted it on the city's Facebook page and then took on a life of its own.

"People started sharing it on their Facebook pages," Schuck said. "People started showing up at 12:30. We knew it would be crowded, so we had those who signed up come at 1:30 p.m. We left the time at 2 p.m. for those who saw it on Facebook and told those who called to come at 2:30 so it would keep flowing."

Youth Service Librarian Laura Flaherty was helping in the craft room, where youngsters were turning a paper lunch bag into an Olaf the Snowman hand puppet. In the corner was an Olaf they could pose with for photographs.

"It turned into a huge thing," said Flaherty who wanted to be sure "to get my photo with Elsa."

Melanie Van Buskirk was working with daughter Adalynn on the puppet. She found out about the event from Adalynn's kindergarten teacher who sends out emails about family activities in the community. Adalynn was dressed in her Queen Elsa T-shirt and shoes and wore a jacket "with sparkles just like Elsa." "She's all about Frozen," Van Buskirk said. "She was Elsa for Halloween, she has an Elsa bedroom."

"I've seen the movie five, 100 times," said Adalynn who was working on turning a paper lunch bag into an Olaf hand puppet. "I've seen it a lotta, lotta, lotta, lotta of times. My favorite part is every time I see Elsa and Anna."

Made by Mom

Four-year-old Kiera Ayrus also was among the youngsters who came dressed as Queen Elsa. Mom Loretta had



Four-year-old Kylah Mitchell of Westland meets Queen Elsa. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Big hugs for Queen Elsa from Allie Garrett, 8, and sister Taylor Garrett, 5. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

promised to make her an outfit and finished it in time for the program.

"I told her I'd make her one awhile ago; technically, I finished up this morning," Ayrus said. "What girl doesn't want an Elsa dress? The original Elsa dresses at the Disney Store sold for \$50. Now they're selling for \$1,000 on eBay."

This was Kiera's second time meeting Elsa. Her first chance

was at Disney World. The flow of families into the library dwindled off by 3 p.m. and many of the early arrivals were on their way out. Schuck was pleased with the response.

"It's bigger than Santa," he said.

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watching child pornography on one of the library's public use computers. A not guilty plea was entered at his arraignment.

City Hall has had a security guard, who also acts as a greeter, since a hostage-taking incident in 2013. The library had contacted city hall for information about their contracted security guard.

"I'm supportive of a security guard (at the library). People don't realize how many people use the library on a daily basis," Mayor William Wild said. "We use the library as a warming center, too. From a security standpoint, we are probably overtaxing the staff." The child pornog-

raphy arrest came through quick action and cooperation between the library staff and police, Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

"The Westland library is a very important part of our community. It is regularly visited by children of all ages," he said. "The security of its guests is one of the Westland Police Department's highest priorities."

Police will continue to make regular patrol checks and walk-throughs of the library, Jedrusik said, to ensure that both the employees and guests feel safe and comfortable."

The library board is scheduled to discuss the security guard proposal at its March 4 meeting.

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Hoover physical education teacher Charles O'Loughlin leads the crowd in exercise.



Ben Wilson and Connor Szypula were among the many Hoover students who worked out at Family Fitness Night.



Tom Ciuffetelli led an aerobic workout at the event.



From left: John Farris, Patrick Farris, Gretchen Fulk, Jack Bihun, Brady Amin, Nickolas Finch and Chase Amin.

Fitness Night helps families get to heart of matter

It was in the single digits on the thermometer last Thursday night, but families were busy working up a sweat during the annual Family Fitness Night at Hoover Elementary in Livonia.

Part of a month-long focus on all matters relating to a healthy heart, the PTA-sponsored event drew dozens of families,

who worked out in a group aerobics session led by physical education teacher Charles O'Loughlin and Tom Ciuffetelli, a fitness instructor and physical education teacher in Redford Union schools.

The families also participated in a circuit of interactive fun that related to the event's theme.

"Our theme this year is Healthy Hoover, and we are focusing on educating our children about leading healthy lifestyles, which includes nutrition and fitness. So this year's event is especially important," said Jen Amin, a PTA parent who helped organize the event with O'Loughlin, who also holds a similar

event at Randolph Elementary.

"Heart Month is celebrated at our school to reinforce the importance of daily exercise and healthy eating," O'Loughlin said.

Among the events planned, the Student Council will lead each class in a five-minute "brain energizer" break

each morning for one week. A Martian Marathon Assembly will be held to highlight healthy living and invite students to log mileage and sign up for the kids run that will be hosted in April. Families have the option to collect donations for the American Heart Association and the Student Council holds a

"heart sale" to help AHA.

Family Fitness Night is part of Heart Month and concluded with a heart-healthy snack social, compliments of the PTA and community donations.

"Children model the behaviors of the adults in their lives," O'Loughlin said.

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FINDING ADVENTURE

Strap on snowshoes and explore during winter at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Harold and Tanagra Weaver, Myra MacIsaac and Lynn Manzi spent Sunday afternoon continuing a tradition that is believed to have begun in Central Asia some 4,000-6,000 years ago.

"I expected them to be more clunky," said Manzi, a Heritage Park volunteer, referring to the snowshoes on her feet as she made her way down a trail. "This is my first time on snowshoes."

Some of the 19 residents who registered for the recent snowshoeing class and trek were novices, while others more experienced wanted an opportunity to further hone their skills. For those who didn't have their own snowshoes, Heavener's Canoe & Rental of Milford rents the equipment for \$5 on weekdays and weekends at the Farmington Hills park.

Christy McGillvray who works for the Special Services Department at the park, led one group of snowshoers through trails while explaining how the snowshoes work and how to make their way up hills.

"They keep you from sinking into deep snow," she said, lifting her snowshoe to show the crampons on the soles.

These are not our ancestors' snowshoes. It is believed that Central Asians, ancestors of the

Inuits and Native Americans, migrated from Asia to North America and brought the original snowshoes — modified slabs of wood — with them.

According to the United States Snowshoe Association, it wasn't too long before the wood slabs evolved into the white ash framed snowshoes with the rawhide lacing that most Americans associate with snowshoeing. Until the 1970s, however, snowshoeing was used primarily for employment and outdoor survival.

But as running and cycling took hold by the 1980s, snowshoeing followed so much so that by 2000 about five million Americans strapped them on and hit the trails, according to the Outdoor Industry of America.

While the wood-framed snowshoes may still be purchased and used, today's snowshoes are made of plastic, lightweight metals and synthetic fabrics. Users slide their everyday, waterproof boots into the bindings and away they go.

"The snowshoes are designed to distribute your weight over a greater surface area so you move on top of the snow," McGillvray said.

It is not shoe size that determines the size of the snowshoe, but height and weight.

Poles — similar to skiing poles — are also available to help the



Nineteen residents registered for a quick review of snowshoeing and a chance to explore Heritage Park.

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

snowshoers balance. "They help your stability. They allow you to take the weight off your legs," McGillvray said.

Tanagra Weaver was back on the snow after a year away due to shoulder surgery. "It's not bad. I really feel it more in my thighs. My shoulder is doing OK."

Her husband, Harold, a longtime snowshoer, was leading the way as Tanagra got back into the sport. "It beats running track or running around a gym. It keeps you limber," he said.

Plus, as Weaver pointed out, there's no way to beat the pristine beauty in the park as the group followed a trail to a bridge overlooking a partially frozen stream.



Raccoon or coyote? Snowshoers were sharing opinions on the trail of animal tracks on the ice. Heritage Park employee Christy McGillvray (right) leads the trekkers across a stream.

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

"It's so quiet out here," Weaver said, as others tried to determine if they were looking at coyote or raccoon paw prints on the

ice. McIsaac, who was with friends, had snowshoed before, but never in Heritage Park. "I thought I

could learn to do better by coming today."

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2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2015 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY
Monday, March 9, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY
Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

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Annual Charity Ball set for Saturday

The 25th annual Charity Ball on Saturday in Livonia will once again benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The ball will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road. Tickets — available at the door for \$50 each — include a buffet, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, an assortment of desserts, pizza served later in the

evening and music by Steve King and the Dittlies. In addition, there will be a silent auction, photo booths, slot car race track and mini-golf. For more information, visit bmdcharities.org.

**INVITATION TO BID
BID NUMBER T3 Technology Cabling, A/V and Security
FOR
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Technology Cabling and A/V bid package.

Bid Documents can be obtained on or after February 13, 2015 from ARC (1009 W. Maple Road Clawson, Michigan 48017, phone: 248.288.5600, website: www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson), and will only be available through electronic downloads. If hard copies of documents are needed, they will be printed at the bidder's expense.

Sealed bids labeled, "BID NO. T3 - Technology Cabling and A/V" are due by 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of March, 2015, at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted.

A pre-bid walk through has been scheduled for February 18, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at the Administration Building Conference Room A, located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. This pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

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, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

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 affidavit of compliance- Iran Economics Sanctions act of 2012. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the bid form and signed by the bidder. Three (3) signed copies of the bid form are to be addressed to the attention of:

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

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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.

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Trial for man accused in death of referee to begin

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After nearly eight months since being arrested, Dearborn resident Bassel Saad is scheduled to face a jury beginning Monday in a second-degree murder trial stemming from an incident in Livonia.

Saad, 36, is accused of killing Westland resident John Bieniewicz during an adult league soccer match back in June. Witnesses have said they saw Saad strike Bieniewicz, the referee of the adult match,



FILE PHOTO
Saad

as Bieniewicz began to issue Saad a red card, ejecting him from the game. The incident attracted headlines from around the world, given

that the World Cup, soccer's largest tournament, was taking place during the same time.

Jury selection will begin at 9 a.m. Monday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice,

according to online court records.

The case has worked its way through the legal system and is finally ready for a jury to hear testimony after going through two judges at the circuit court level. Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway was originally appointed to hear the case, but recused herself in the fall after determining she would not be able to remain without bias during the proceedings. It has since been transferred to Judge Thomas Cameron, who heard several

motion hearings back in November and December.

Cameron ruled some autopsy photos could be presented as evidence at trial and that the second-degree murder charge originally filed against Saad would remain and not be reduced to manslaughter as his attorneys had asked for. A previous event that reportedly involved Saad, an assault that took place on a soccer field in Canton nearly a decade ago, was also ruled inadmissible for trial and jurors will not hear of the circumstances of

that incident.

The trial date was pushed back one day by Cameron, who said last month he wanted to keep it to one calendar week. The trial is expected to last five days.

If convicted, Saad faces a maximum of life in prison. He has remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail since turning himself in to police June 30 on a \$1 million bond.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A 20-year-old Garden City man reported that his mother's 1994 Ford pickup was stolen shortly after he parked it at the Speedway station at 28451 Ford about 6 a.m. Feb. 15.

He said that he was inside the store just a short time to purchase an energy drink. When he returned, the truck was gone. He had left the doors unlocked and the keys in the ignition with the car running.

The man called his mother as he ran to his home in the 300 block of Lytle. His mother then called the police. The police reviewed the store video, which showed the man entering the store and purchasing the drink. However, there was no camera coverage of the area where the man parked the truck.

Break-in

A resident in the 28000 block of Warren notified police Feb. 16 that a break-in had occurred at his home.

A front-side window of the home was broken. A locked steel case of costume jewelry, valued at \$900, was taken. When the resident checked around the home, he found two debit cards with a former co-worker's name on the

kitchen floor.

Police were unable to lift any fingerprints from the home. They located a rock on the couch near the point of entry.

Retail fraud

Garden City police arrested a 44-year-old Garden City man after loss-prevention officers at the Kroger store, 5866 Middlebelt, reported that he failed to pay for items valued at a total \$239 on Feb. 12.

They reported observing the man conceal various things in his jacket, including several bottles of Mucinex taken out of their packaging, two bottles of wine, a tray of shrimp and a cat treat.

The resident was transported to the police station where he was processed.

Fraud

A resident in the 7000 block of Venoy reported that she was the victim of fraud.

She explained that she had her income tax calculated at the H & R Block at 30040 Ford on Feb. 7. When she checked on the status of her return Feb. 11, she learned that someone already used her Social Security number.

By Sue Buck

True stories show smoke alarm need

A fire started in a single-family home in Rockland, Maine, on Jan. 24, in the early morning hours. The Rockland Fire Chief stated, in an interview, that the fire his department responded to was very similar to one that killed six people in Portland, Maine, back in November. The main difference, stated the chief, was the working smoke alarms in the Rockland home, preventing any injuries and deaths.

The fires started in a similar fashion. A cigarette was thrown out of a window and landed on a covered porch in both fires. Both fires started in the early morning hours, when most neighbors were sleeping. The cigarettes both ignited leaves and accumulated debris against the siding on the house. With plenty of oxygen and fuel, the fires took off. Smoke came in through windows on the covered porch and into the living portions of the houses.

The Portland home had no working smoke alarms, so the smoke continued to enter the home. Some of the six may have awakened to the fire and smoke, while others may have never woken up, with carbon monoxide in the smoke suffocating them



Shadd
Whitehead

without their knowledge.

The Rockland home had working smoke alarms, which awakened the family with enough time to safely escape.

The family called the fire department from outside the home and used a garden hose from the outside to control the flames until the fire department arrived. Damage to the home was estimated at a mere \$500. The chief stated the Rockland home had other problems, such as some blocked exits in the home and accumulations of some items. This could have been a problem with high heat and smoke levels, but the early warning from the smoke alarms prevented that.

I often speak about the need for working smoke alarms in the home, the importance of monthly testing and the annual changing of the batteries. I feel that message may get old and become background noise to some. I feel stories of real life situations may make the message more personal. After all, these are all real

families who live in real homes.

So let's review some smoke alarm basics that I would like us all to practice. Your home should have a minimum of one smoke alarm per floor of the home, and one outside of every sleeping area in the home. You can go beyond this minimal level of safety by installing them in every room in your home, avoiding bathrooms. The alarms should be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall, avoiding the exact corners where the ceiling and walls meet as a "dead air" space exists in the corners. The alarms should be tested monthly and batteries should be changed every year. Everyone in the home should be familiar with the sound of the alarms, so if they are awakened at night by them, they can recall what that noise is and take appropriate action.

It doesn't take that long to test your smoke alarms, and you don't have to dress up to do it. Just pick a day, after dinner and take the family on the short tour of your home, testing the smoke alarms. How about tonight?

Shadd Whitehead is the chief of Livonia Fire & Rescue.

Doctor Committed to Preventing Sports Injuries in Young Athletes



Each day, hundreds of thousands of young athletes head out to fields, ice rinks and gymnasiums to practice and compete in a wide variety of sports. There is no doubt that sports are a great way for kids and teens to stay healthy, as well as to learn important leadership and team-building skills. At the same time, parents are increasingly concerned about the role of injuries in sports. With so many children involved in athletics, and at younger ages and highly

competitive levels, injuries have become a genuine concern. Dr. Jeff S. Pierce, Medical Director of Michigan Sports & Spine Center, specializes in sports injuries, pain management, and treating all types of musculoskeletal and spinal injuries.

Seeing too many injuries in young athletes in his medical practice, Dr. Pierce is committed to injury prevention and educating his patients and the public about the rapid increase in youth sports injuries and the necessary steps to help reverse the trend.

One way Dr. Pierce is making an impact is for local ice hockey players. The safety challenge in ice hockey lies in the conflict that we are creating new ways to develop bigger, faster and stronger athletes while trying to keep safety a priority. Unfortunately, severe injuries are still common despite multiple rule changes every year. After hearing about a safety feature that will help prevent injuries, won't change the game as it's played and is cost effective, he knew it would be a game changer and a win-win for everybody. Dr. Pierce is heading the effort in Michigan to get the Look-Up Line™ in every ice rink.

The Look-Up Line™ or "warning track" (created by Tom Smith, a Boston Bulldogs hockey player who suffered paralysis from hitting the boards), a 40-inch-wide bright orange line or band on the ice along the boards. It is the same safety concept as the warning track in baseball that the MLB implemented way back in 1949. It is a preventative approach, reminding hockey players to pick up their heads and make proper bodily adjustments when they are near the boards. This is just one of the ways Dr. Pierce is working to prevent youth injuries.



Dr. Jeff S. Pierce's reputation has made him the physician of choice for professional athletes, weekend warriors and for many entertainers while in the Detroit area, who have dubbed him "Doc Rock". With so many professionals trusting Dr. Pierce for medical care, you can trust him, too. His philosophy is that all patients are VIPs (Very Important Patients). If you are seeking care for sports injuries, back/neck pain, or any musculoskeletal or spine injuries; come experience the VIP care by calling 248-680-9000. You can also follow

Dr. Pierce's blog for more information and articles on injuries, pain management and living a healthy, active lifestyle: www.michigansportsandspine.com/blog.

For more information on the Look-Up Line™, email us at PreventHockeyInjuries@gmail.com.



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Harmala shares upbeat school talk at Rotary

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michele Harmala, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent, knows that declining birth rates are impacting schools in southeast Michigan. The recent recession years also had many Michiganders leave the state.

"You never lose a whole class of kids the same age in the same situation," said Harmala, who took over the Wayne-Westland helm in July 2014. That impacts school staffing, she told Westland Rotary members and guests at last Thursday's luncheon at Joy Manor.

Harmala discussed rating systems of school districts. She advocates for able learners who identify their strengths and challenges, noting the current emphasis on "what is testable as opposed to what adults need to know."

About two-thirds of Wayne-Westland students qualify for reduced or free school lunches, she said.



Michele Harmala, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, shares district accomplishments and challenges with Westland Rotary members and guests.

"Their families are struggling," said Harmala, who described the correlation between poverty and school achievement.

She touched on the Common Core curriculum, standards in English/language arts and math that have much misunderstanding.

"We need standards,

we've always had standards," she said.

Harmala's goal is for a collaborative culture, including staff and the community.

"People want to be part of the decisions we make," she said.

At Rotary, she touched on the significant retirement costs public districts face, and the chal-

lenges of hiring new teachers in Wayne-Westland where the per pupil allocation is lower than Farmington Public Schools, where she previously worked.

"Our newest teachers qualify for Bridge cards, if they have a family," said Harmala. She noted some 30 percent of new teachers leave Wayne-

Westland within five years, and anecdotally she's heard pay is a factor.

Harmala shared several points of pride from her district, including three recent Gates Millennium Scholars honorees. That program provides for higher education up through a doctorate anywhere, she explained. "So we're very proud. That's pretty phenomenal."

She also touched on the North American International Auto Show poster contest winners, enrolled at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"We know our students are going a great job," Harmala said, adding not all accomplishments are testable.

She said Wayne-Westland has few charter schools, noting those tend to go north and west to more affluent areas.

Harmala added the career technical center, with more than 900 students, is highly ranked and draws from other

school districts.

On the personal side, she grew up with 13 siblings, seven brothers and six sisters.

"I think I'm at 80 nieces and nephews," the school chief said.

She and her husband have two sons, one of them a nephew they took in when his mother passed away. In September, Harmala became a grandmother.

She enjoys ice hockey in her free time, and will play in an upcoming benefit on Westland Mayor William Wild's Wild Wings team. The hockey for her is "to keep myself healthy and relaxed and all those good things."

Rotary President Lou Toarmina mentioned Harmala's predecessor at Wayne-Westland, Greg Baracy, comparing the two to the Green Bay Packers' Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers.

"Right away, we go from one Hall of Fame superintendent to another," Toarmina said.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fish Dinners

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 20 to March 27.

Location: The Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, between Venoy and Merriman, Westland.

Details: The Ushers Club will be serving fish fry dinners on Fridays during Lent. Fried and baked fish are available. Adult dinners are \$8.50 for fish and \$10.50 for combinations of fish and shrimp. Grilled cheese with french fries (no roll) and macaroni and cheese dinners are \$6. Dinners include cole slaw, role, beverage and dessert. Carry-outs are available.

Used Book Sale

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

Location: William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Details: The Friends of the Westland Library is holding its used book sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which will feature a \$4 bag sale. 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 will be held from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. The preview sale is for Friends members only; however, people can join the Friends group at the door and shop the preview sale.

Contact: For more information, call 734-326-6123.

Comedy Night

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

Location: Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Details: All proceeds will go to Blum's Landing, a bed-and-breakfast for military personnel and their families to relax, recoup and re-energize from the stress of their current rehab and duties. The two-hour Blum's Landing Comedy Night will be hosted by Garden City's own Kevin Kramis. The headliner will be Bryan McCree (www.bryannmccree.com). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, the Garden City DDA Office on Ford, Albert's on the Alley and at Fleming Financial Services, 29217 Ford Road, Suite 119, Garden City. They also will be available at the door.

Contact: For more information, contact John Fleming at 734-604-0227 or john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com.

Trains of Wayne

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

Location: Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, Wayne.

Details: The Wayne Historical Society will present "The Trains of Wayne," with local train historian Richard Andrews. Doors open at 7 p.m. Visit the museum and join the discussion about Wayne trains.

There is no charge for this program. Join the Wayne Historical Society and share the history. Membership dues are only \$10 per year.

Underground Railroad

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

Location: Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Details: A program on the history of the Underground Railroad: Michigan and Nankin Mills will be presented. The Rouge River played an important role as a local route for people to follow on the "Flight to Freedom" from the south to Detroit and Canada. The cost is \$2 for those age 12 and older for Wayne County residents, add \$1 out of county.

Contact: Call 734-261-1990 to register by phone. Advance registration and payment required.

Spaghetti Dinners

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Location: Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

Details: Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert; \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free. In March, the center will hold its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 27.

Contact: For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27.

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

Details: A Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction is planned for the church. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and free for children age 3 and under.

Contact: For more information, call 734-427-3660.

Euchre Party

Time/Date: Saturday, Feb. 28. Check-in starts at 7 p.m.

Location: Garden City Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford, Garden City.

Details: Garden City Gladiator 10U baseball team is holding a Euchre Party fundraiser. The cost is \$20 per player. Prizes will be awarded to the top three players and bottom two players. Pre-registration is not required. The party will help support the team goal of playing in a tournament in 2017 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Croppin' for Cougars

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

Location: Cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Details: Project Graduation 2015 will hold a Croppin' for Cougars fundraiser. Learn the latest techniques and hottest trends while cropping, creating and having fun. There will be raffle baskets and vendors available for additional purchases; Scrappy Chic/Project Grad will have Cougar paper, die cuts

and stickers and titles for sale. Thirty percent will go back to Project Graduation. The cost is \$30 and included lunch, dinner, munchies and drinks.

Contact: To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Heidi Witt at witt@gardencityschools.com.

Financial University

Time/Date: Tuesday evenings from March 3 through April 28

Location: Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, in Garden City

Details: Dave Ramsey's Updated Financial Peace University will be offered for nine weeks, beginning March 3. The hands-on program features video seminar sessions, discussion groups, individualized attention, plus additional online resources for class members. The community discounted registration fee is \$50 per couple, and the senior citizen discounted registration fee is \$25. Register at the Balmoral Desk at the Maplewood Community Center. Payment can be made by check or money order only.

Contact: For more information, call 734-793-1850 and ask for Shaun or Martha.

Shamrock Shuffle

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

Location: St. Raphael Activities building, 31530 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: Tickets for the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's annual Shamrock Shuffle card party

are \$8 and include dessert, coffee, Blarney bags, and table and door prizes. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, pop, ships and water will be available for purchase.

Contact: For more information, call 734-427-1533 or 734-422-8465.

Family Feud

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford, Garden City.

Details: New Life Church will host its fourth annual Family Feud fundraiser. Get a team of five together or join one of ours. Pastor Chris Smothers will be our game show host. The cost is \$10 per person. There will be food concessions available.

Contact: For more information, call the church at 734-326-7000.

Red Wings tickets

Time/Date: 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

Details: The Westland Rotary Club is offering a chance to win a suite for 20 people at Joe Louis Arena to see the Wings vs. the Hurricanes at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. The suite also includes a \$500 food credit and parking passes. Tickets are \$10 each and available from Juenemann Insurance Agency, online at www.westlandrotary.com or from any Westland Rotarian. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

Details: For more information, call Kristi at 313-300-7832 or Dick at 248-417-1858.

Westland library: Cozy up to a mystery

Winter chill got you down? Looking for a good mystery novel minus blood and gore? Try curling up with your favorite blanket, a cup of tea and a cozy mystery. Cozy mysteries, also called "cozies" are a subgenre of crime fiction in which sex and violence are downplayed, and they generally take place in a small town or village.

There are many authors to choose from, including Agatha Christie, who wrote 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, Christie is the best-selling novelist of all time. Two of her best-known characters are Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot, each of whom has their own series. Many of Christie's books are available in print and audio formats at the library, including *The Murder of*

Roger Ackroyd (a Hercule Poirot mystery), voted best crime novel ever by the Crime Writers' Association in 2013.

Cat lovers will appreciate Lilian Jackson Braun's *The Cat Who*... series featuring Siamese cats Kao K'o-Kung (Koko for short) and Yum-Yum, and their owner, Jim Quilleran. Another series worth reading is Aunt Dimity by Nancy Atherton. Check out *Introducing Aunt Dimity*, which includes the first two books in the series, *Aunt Dimity's Death* and *Aunt Dimity and the Duke*. M.C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin series begins with the tasty title *Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death*.

The first book in G.M. Malliet's St. Just series, *Death of a Cozy Writer*, won the 2008 Agatha Award for Best First Novel. Want to get in on the beginning of a new mystery series? Try *Murder at Honeychurch Hall* by Hannah Dennison.

Whatever you're interested in, connect

with the library for help through our website at www.westlandlibrary.org, by calling 734-326-6123, or stopping by the reference desk.

Highlighted Events

Friends of the Library Public Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday — Great prices for great books. All proceeds go to the Library.

No Friday Night Movie, Feb. 20, instead, stop by and check out our Book Sale. Next week's movie is, *The Theory of Everything*.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 23 — Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could use some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club.

Noontime Book Club, noon Feb. 24 — This month we are reading *Amigoland*, written by

Oscar Casares. In a small town on the Mexican border live two brothers, Don Fidencio and Don Celestino. Stubborn and independent, they now must face the facts: they are old, and they have let a family argument stand between them for too long. Don Celestino's good-natured housekeeper encourages him to make amends—while he still can.

Solutions to Stress Related Health Problems, 7 p.m. Feb. 24 — Dr. Brian Brackney, D.C., will talk about how stress can destroy the hormonal and neurological balance of your body. Learn how you can restore your physical health and save yourself from the adverse effects that stress can create through a natural approach to your health. Sign up online or call the library at 734-326-6123 to reserve your seat.

English as a Second Language Registration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 25 — Register for this nine-week English as a Second Language (ESL)

class. Classes conducted by Diane and Richard Goers and meet Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m.

A Night with the Walking Dead, 7 p.m. Feb. 25 — Are you a fan of AMC's *The Walking Dead*? We'll have an hour of discussion, trivia, snacks, and other fun activities related to your favorite zombie show! Sign up online at www.westlandlibrary.org/events, if you'd like to attend. Warning: There may be spoilers if you aren't caught up with the seasons.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 25 — Join us for a discussion of Samuel R. Delany's *Nova*. Due to the potential for profit, Lorq von Ray has little difficulty assembling a crew willing to fly with him through the core of a recently imploded sun to obtain seven tons of Illytron, the essential element for space travel in the 32nd century. What the crew doesn't know is that Lorq's quest is actually fueled by a revenge so consum-

ing that he'll stop at nothing to achieve it. In the grandest manner of speculative fiction, *Nova* is a wise and witty classic that casts a light on some of humanity's oldest truths and enduring myths.

What's An App?, 2 p.m. Feb. 26 — This class is a basic introduction to smart phones and tablets. Learn all about apps, what they're used for, and where to get them. Whether you have your own smart phone or tablet, or just want to learn more about them, this is the class for you. We will also discuss the differences between common devices, like iPads, Kindle Fire, and Android tablets. This is our Internet Special Topics course for February. Register in advance at the Reference Desk.

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

Randolph Elementary leaders spread the love

A shining glimmer of hope and goodness occurred to Kim Marlowe one day, nine years ago, in the most unlikely of places.

While sitting with her mother, who was receiving cancer treatments at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Marlowe knew a good idea was taking shape in her mind.

"I knew there had to be a way to make these brave patients know that others care — and put a smile on their face for a short moment during their tough treatments," Marlowe said.

So, she enlisted the help of her students at Randolph Elementary in Livonia, where she is a teacher. The first Valentine's Day goodie bags were collected, assembled and delivered to cancer patients at area hospitals — the effect on the patients was evident.

In fact, in 2012, Marlowe and her crew of volunteers received a letter of appreciation from a woman who was so touched by the gesture that she sent money so they could purchase candy items for more Valentine's Day bags. Sadly, that special patient passed away in 2013, but her husband carries on the love by volunteering with the group every year.

"We will never forget her words, telling us that teaching children to 'pay it forward does make a difference in the world.' We knew at that moment that we were doing something meaningful to help others," Marlowe said.

This year, the tradition continued with a record-breaking 1,300 Valentine's Day goodie bags delivered by Randolph student leaders, Student Lighthouse team leaders Kim Marlowe and Carla Walters, parents, school staff and also staff members from neighboring Plymouth-Canton Public



This Valentine's Day, Randolph students donated a record-breaking 1,300 goodie bags to patients at area hospitals.

Schools' Hulsing Elementary. And, yes, the special patient's husband was there, too. They delivered the bags to St. Joseph Mercy and St. Mary Mercy, in addition to a first-time stop at Providence Park in Novi.

Students spent weeks collecting candy and hot cocoa to add to the bags, and spent lunch and recess time to assemble them.

"Every bag was made with love and concern for those who are living with cancer and going through one of the

most difficult times in their life," Marlowe said. "This one small token of love can change a person's whole outlook for the giver and the recipient alike."

Randolph Elementary, a Leader in Me school, takes the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and applies them to children. The Valentine's Day bags project, along with another charitable project this year called Pennies for Pasta — which raised \$1,277 for the Children's Leukemia and Lymphoma

Society — show that students can make a difference when they work together.

"Randolph believes in the benefits of teaching the rewards and importance of giving back to the community for our students. We believe in the need to take care and support those who need our help. These are essential life lessons," Marlowe said. "With the huge success of these two endeavors, we know that there is so much good in the world and that Randolph has proven we can make a difference."

Become a hero by giving blood during Red Cross Month in March

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

Red Cross Month is dedicated to the everyday heroes who support the Red Cross mission by giving blood, volunteering their time, learning lifesaving skills or making a financial contribution.

The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes in communities across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide, about 43 of which are in the local Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O

negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Wayne County are:

» Canton — 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. March 10, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive.

» Garden City — 12:54:5 p.m. March 11, Schoolcraft College Radcliff Campus, 1751 Radcliff.

» Livonia — 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. March 8, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail; 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 8, St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison; and 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 9, Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

» Plymouth — 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. March 1, Our

Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial.

American Red Cross has a Blood Donation Center at 36650 Five

Mile, Livonia. It's open from 12:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Individuals who are 17

years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Seniors enjoy dancing, socializing at party

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is about more than chocolates and flowers, Cupid and hearts. It's also the time to tear up the dance floor with the rumba, tango, waltz, cha cha and more at the Costick Center's annual Valentine Party in Farmington Hills.

Some 130 seniors — many dressed in sparkling red or bright pink, in keeping with the holiday theme — turned out for the party, which included lunch, entertainment by North Farmington High's Northern Lights, a 50/50 raffle and, of course, dancing to the tunes of the Mike Wolverton Band.

"It's fantastic," said Terry Bee of Belleville, a professional dance teacher who attended the event with his valentine, Marne Britcher of Canton.

Britcher said she, too, was having a wonderful afternoon. "Awesome dance floor, awesome people, everybody is so friendly, awesome food — I say it's a 10 out of 10," she said.

Carol Plotnick of Southfield also gave the event rave reviews. "It's just fun. And I love dancing. It's good for you and it felt good," she said, taking a break after "cutting a rug" with Edwin Olepa moments earlier.

Olepa traveled from Dearborn Heights for the dance. "I like the band, the people — everybody's very sociable," he said.

Just before spotting Plotnick, the 83-year-old said he was "still looking" for a dance partner — noting that he's partial to Mexican tunes and polka music.

Some, like Karen Carter of Farmington Hills, were content to just sit back and watch others hit the dance floor. "I come out to the Costick Center all the time," she said. "It's a chance to get out, enjoy the rest of the community and have fun."

The dance, she said, was a great reason to "take myself out for Valentine's Day."

"And it's wonderful — taking myself out and being catered to at the same time," Carter said, smiling.

Sister Mary Jane Kleindorfer, 85, a resident of Sisters of Mercy next door to the Costick Center, didn't need a partner to enjoy the music and didn't let her walker slow her down, either. Grinning widely, she boogied to the beat, leaving no doubt that nuns can dance, too.

"I'm having a lot of fun. I love line dancing," she said.

White Lake resident Joanna Folland, 68, and her date, Russell Vanderbilt of Westland, 71, couldn't agree on who was the better dancer — each saying the other was tops.

"She's really good — a lot better than I am," Vanderbilt said.



Russell Vanderbilt of Westland and his valentine, Joanna Folland of White Lake, give each other credit for being the better dancer.



Livonia resident Don Rodde with Erika Jahr of Commerce Township.



Ron Sherman of Westland twirls Terry Swierb, a Plymouth resident.

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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 currently enrolling for classes for 3- and 4-year-old children. Enroll now and save half off the enrollment fee, a \$25 value. 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.

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: motherhubbardnurseryschool.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 Songsters 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.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Location: Holy Trinity Tiny Tots, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Holy Trinity Tiny Tots offers a quality preschool program with basic Christian values and teachings. Call for more information or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tinytotspreschoollivonia.

Contact: 734-463-0211, ext. 208; www.tinytotslivonia.org.

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 *Ideas 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.

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Time/date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

Location: St. Raphael Activities building, 31530 Merriman, Garden City.

Details: Tickets are \$8 and include dessert, coffee, Blarney bags, and table and door prizes for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's for its annual Shamrock Shuffle card. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, pop, ships and water will be available for purchase.

Details: For more information, call 734-427-1533 or 734-422-8465.

FAMILY FEUD

Time/date: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford, Garden City.

Details: Get a team of five together or join one at New Life's fourth annual Family Feud fundraiser. Pastor Chris Smothers will be the game show host. Cost

is \$10 per person. There will be food concessions available.

Contact: For more information, call the church at 734-326-7000.

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.

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2015 ASPHALT PAVING PROGRAM CONTRACT 15-A

Sealed proposals for the 2015 ASPHALT PAVING PROGRAM: **Contract 15-A**, will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., Local Time, on Tuesday, March 10, 2015** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **9:30 am on Thursday, February 26, 2015. Bids will not be accepted from those bidders who do not attend.**

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The rehabilitation or reconstruction of designated City streets. Work includes removing, cold milling, or pulverization of the existing Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement surface or overlaying existing concrete surface, placing new aggregate base and HMA surface, minor drainage improvements, driveway restoration, surface restoration, and maintenance of traffic.

The approximate quantities for some of the major items of work for this project are as follows:

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HMA Base Crushing and Shaping, Modified	9,400 Syd
HMA, 13A	9,400 Ton
Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6 inch	2,400 Syd
Surface Restoration, Seeding	7,300 Syd

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.govbids.com/scripts/mitn/Public/home1.asp

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID - 2015 Asphalt Paving Program: CONTRACT 15-A" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope (i.e. residential street paving) in the State of Michigan and where each year totaled more than \$1,000,000 in construction work.

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

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Opening a Roth IRA can be a teachable event for grandchild

At a recent meeting, one of my clients asked how he can help his grandchildren. The first thing I recommended was a 529 Plan to save for their college education.

His grandchildren are ages 15 and 16. He explained that college was not an issue, because their parents are taking care of that. I then asked him if his



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

grandchildren work. He said both had part-time jobs, so I recommended that he consider a Roth IRA for the grandchildren.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that children cannot have IRAs. To open an IRA is an issue of earned income, not age. Earned income is income from your labor. Typically, if you receive a W-2, you have earned income. Therefore, since both his grandchildren have worked, they are eligible for a Roth IRA.

I believe a Roth IRA is a great way to help grandchildren. First, the money grows tax-free. Just think how much that money can be worth 50 years down the road. Remember, it's not timing the market, it's time in the market that will make you successful.

Another advantage of opening a Roth IRA for a grandchild is that hopefully it will teach the importance of investing money.

I told my client it's not sufficient to just open the account. He also has to take some time to educate his grandchildren. I suggested he have his grandchildren get involved in selecting the investments and teach them the importance of investing.

For those thinking about doing something for a grandchild, if that grandchild worked in 2014 it is not too late to open a Roth IRA for 2014. In fact, anyone can still open a Roth IRA for 2014. You have until April 15 to do so.

For 2014, the Roth IRA limit is \$5,500. As long as the grandchild has earned at least \$5,500, you can put the full amount away. However, if your grandchild earned less than that, then that would be the maximum contribution. In other words, if through a part-time job your grandchild earned \$3,000, the maximum Roth IRA contribution would be \$3,000.

Not all IRA custodians will open an IRA for a child, but many will. Companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, TD Ameritrade and Charles Schwab all allow you to open an IRA for a minor.

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

Read between the retail headlines

The trending retail news is the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by RadioShack. The 94-year-old retailer of electronic ollo — computers and cellphone accessories to batteries and solar panels — and long a staple of strip centers and shopping malls across the country, surprised financial and retail analysts that it kept the lights on as long as it did amid incessant competition from more relevant merchants and online options.

General Wireless, a subsidiary of investment firm Standard General, RadioShack's largest shareholder, is expected to acquire up to 2400 of RadioShack's 4000 stores and will work with Sprint to open in-store shops for the mobile communications company. The remaining stores will be shuttered in the coming weeks.

Red ink, brought about by changing consumer tastes and shopping habits, is plaguing other retailers as well, including better women's apparel brand Cache,



Ed Nakfoor
GUEST COLUMNIST

which operates 218 boutiques across the country and three weeks ago also filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Macy's, JC Penney and other merchants, including familiar names and newer entrants to the retail scene — C. Wonder and Kate Spade Saturday — recently announced store closures, corporate restructuring and a cessation of operations.

Let the hand wringing for retail begin.

Not so fast

This is hardly a period of hand wringing. In fact, it's a time of opportunity for retail. Quite literally, as one door closes, another opens behind, which will be a new concept or another location for a brand savvy enough to capture the spirit of the times.

Retail, like all business, evolves. And retailers of all sizes are open-

ing stores and pleasing Wall Street. Target, despite its missteps in Canada, plans to add 15 stores this year, including its new TargetExpress and CityTarget formats.

In the days leading up to RadioShack's announcement, there were rumblings Amazon may takeover some leases as the e-commerce giant looks to open storefronts (mini warehouses, of sorts) to sell electronics, among other products, and where customers can exchange items or pick-up an online order. Amazon operated several seasonal stores during the recent holiday season, blurring the line between online and traditional retail operations.

L Brands, parent company of Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works, reported two weeks ago an increase in comparable stores sales for January and the fourth quarter. The January figure — seven percent — was greater than the 1.9 percent predicted by financial analysts.

Locally, popular fast-

fashion retailer H & M, which plans to add hundreds of stores across the globe this year, will open a 19,000-square-foot location at Laurel Park Place in Livonia this fall, and outdoor sporting goods retailer Field & Stream will unveil its first Michigan store next month in a former Circuit City at Oakland Mall.

Having confidence

This growth is happening at a time when consumers are more relaxed about opening their wallets. As reported late last month in *Women's Wear Daily*, the Consumer Confidence Index rose to 102.9 from 93.1 in December, the highest since August 2007.

For business operators like Samantha Kelman this is good news as she and her mother, Karen Kelman, opened last week Cycle & Row, their boutique fitness studio in West Bloomfield offering group rowing and indoor cycling classes. Kelman, a native Detroiter, was living in New York City for four years where she worked in corporate

marketing. Always athletically- and entrepreneurial-minded, and wanting to open a business with her mother Samantha and her fiancé Jeff, Friedman relocated to Birmingham last August. She said they're excited to be part of such an energetic business community, especially one with a collaborative and assured attitude.

When we spoke, she also remarked — as did I — on the crowded restaurants and busy stores around town, signs that such dour phrases as "tough economy" or "wary consumers" will, I hope, be mothballed.

Samantha is certain Cycle & Row will provide clients a workout they can't live without. And business in metro Detroit is that much stronger with such confident entrepreneurs and, more importantly, patrons willing to support them.

Ed Nakfoor is a Birmingham-based retail and public relations consultant. Contact him at edwardnakfoor@gmail.com.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

New officers

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2015 Chamber Board of Directors.

Serving as president is Pastor Dave Furno of St. John's Lutheran Church, with Ken Miller of S.T.E.P. as vice-president and Bob Pugh of Jack Demmer Ford as treasurer.

Servings as directors are Anna Duba of Maple Manor of Wayne, John Hale of Bits 'n Pieces, Don Nicholson of Don Nicholson Enterprises, Stan Shelton of J&S Portrait America, Richard Smith of the Estate Preservation Agency and Maria Trinidad / Lobo Tire.

The chamber's first Coffee Connection will be 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Wayne Tim Hortons on Michigan Avenue. Bring business cards and things to pass out to promote your business. Meet the board and other local business owners and management people.

Save the date for the chamber's first ever "Meet your leaders" luncheon, which is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Wayne Tree Manor. The chamber will be host a meet and greet from 11:30 a.m. to noon, fol-

lowed by lunch. Mayor James Hawley, the Wayne City Manager and Chamber President Pastor Dave Furno will talk about the future of business in Wayne, starting at 12:20 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For reservations, email Director@WayneChamber.net or call 734-721-0100.

New retirement option

Thrivent Financial is now offering a new retirement planning option called a Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract (QLAC). This offering can provide a solution for those who are worried about outliving their retirement funding. Thrivent is one of the first organizations to offer this new option, which is available due to recent tax law changes.

Thrivent's Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract is available as an option in conjunction with the organization's deferred income annuity. The QLAC endorsement allows members to designate a portion of their IRA assets into a deferred income annuity for guaranteed income at a later age.

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minimum distributions at age 70 1/2. With the QLAC, as long as product requirements are met, members can instead delay those distributions and begin to take them as late as age 85. Essentially, this allows individuals who are confident that they can manage their existing assets through a certain age to set aside funds for a larger guaranteed income stream to begin later.

"Helping people look at their overall retirement strategy is what I do on a day-to-day basis,"

said Jay Kempf, a financial representative with Thrivent in Plymouth. "QLAC is one more way for me to help people create retirement income streams."

Thrivent Financial is represented in the Plymouth area by the Huron Valley Group with offices at 217 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call 734-455-9272.

Gubernatorial appointment

Gov. Rick Snyder has announced the appointments of Wanda Travis of

Westland and Diana Madrox of Lansing and the reappointments of Robin Bennet, of Canton, Sara Grivetti, of Midland and Rebecca Parten of Dearborn to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

The 15-member council works to ensure statewide representation of residents with disabilities.

Appointees will serve three-year terms that will expire Dec. 31, 2017. Appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Strive for balance in your life

Here's something to ponder on this chilly evening: the difference between "stability" and "balance."

Sometimes phrases like "I need stability in my life" get tossed around as if stability is a state we can achieve. When in reality, life equals change and therefore in our lives, stability simply doesn't exist. So instead of seeking stability: Strive for balance.

Even amidst instability, we can achieve balance. I once heard Dr. Ed Catmull, President and Co-Founder of Pixar Animation Studios, talk about the vital importance of embracing change in order to achieve success.

Dr. Catmull cautioned us against resisting change or being afraid to let go of what we have, because changing and letting go are necessary elements of progress. He said, "When we grab onto what we have, that is when we fail."

Let's make the most of the changes this week brings — and have a



Clarity Patton Newhouse
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sunny day!
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OUR VIEWS

Governor signs bill to hold down FOIA costs

Government officials should serve public

Gov. Rick Snyder, in passing sweeping changes to state FOIA laws, recently reminded government officials that they work for the public, not the other way around.

FOIA is a great tool for so-called "average Joes."

When dealing with a reluctant official unwilling to hand out information about the functioning of government, it is the FOIA that spells out what information should be available to the general public and how it should be turned over.

Reporters love the FOIA, yes, and they use it with some frequency, but it's the average citizen who needs and uses it most.

State lawmakers recently passed a reform bill intended to hold down the price of requesting information from governments and make it easier to access. Sponsored by then-state Rep. and now-Sen. Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, and recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, the changes go into effect July 1.

The law says government agencies cannot charge more than 10 cents per page for standard office-size copies. Don't be misled. There can be additional charges for pages bigger than 8½-by-11-inch paper or 8½-by-14-inch paper. And there can still be labor charges for compiling the information.

But it does say that "a public body shall utilize the most economical means available for making copies of public records."

The law also allows requesters to take an agency to court if they believe the price is exorbitant. And it provides for discounts if the agency is late responding to a request. Further, it increases the penalties if a court concludes the public body "arbitrarily and capriciously" charged an unreasonable fee or violated the FOIA by refusing or delaying release of public records.

Signing the bills, Snyder issued a statement to remind government workers that they "are working on behalf of our residents, who should not be discouraged from learning about how that government is serving them."

Most government officials don't need that reminder. At least locally, most government officials are willing and ready to give residents the information they need to understand how their government works.

But there are times — and yes, locally, too — when residents do have a difficult time getting information out of an official. And, yes, it is an all-too-common ploy of reluctant government officials to run up the costs involved if they don't want to hand out information.

This bill makes significant steps forward for Michigan residents in holding down the costs they incur when seeking out information from government.

Various government agencies previously had wildly varying prices for copies of government documents. You pay 10 cents for copies at the library, but when you deal with some government agencies, you may pay much more. Some offices have charged \$5 for a single sheet of paper.

Keep in mind, the information that is compiled in order to run city hall, the township or the state, has already been paid for by you, the taxpayer, so there is no doubt that you, the taxpayer, should be able to access it. The exceptions are already well laid out in the law.

This reform won't smooth out every problem with the current FOIA — it won't close every loophole nor convince every reluctant government official to be more forthcoming — but it is a significant step forward. And it should help hold down your costs.



Government openness in Lansing and everywhere is key.

GUEST COLUMN

Don't stress over change to SAT

The Michigan Department of Education rang in the new year with an announcement that impacts many college-bound students. After nine years of offering the ACT as part of the Michigan Merit Exam, Michigan will require public high school juniors to take the SAT as part of the MME, starting in the 2015-16 school year.

While many school administrators are wondering what this means to their school's curriculum, many more 10th-graders are wondering what this means to their college plans, since standardized test scores can play a big role in a college application. As more information becomes available about this important change, here are some key ideas for students and parents to consider:

» Michigan colleges accept both SAT and ACT scores. Parents may remember a time when most Michigan colleges required all applicants to take the ACT. Those days are long gone; all Michigan colleges that require standardized testing for their admissions process, typically, are happy to accept either the SAT or the ACT.

» Both tests are also welcome at almost all colleges in the United States. It used to be that some colleges on the East and West coasts would only accept SAT scores, but this also isn't the case anymore. Every college in the United States that recruits nationally will take results from either test — and many no longer require any test scores at all.



Gretchen Parks
GUEST COLUMNIST

» Students should take both the SAT and the ACT at least once by the end of their junior year. Each test measures student knowledge differently, so it's important for students to make sure they're taking the test they are most comfortable with. The best way to do that is to take each test once and then take the test they're most comfortable with a second time. Ideally, this first round of testing should be done by the end of the junior year, if applying to competitive colleges. Counselors have given this advice for years and it's still a good idea, even with the change in the MME.

» The best way to prepare for either test is by doing strong work in the classroom. Each test asks different questions, but the best way to be "test ready" is to do the reading, studying, questioning and thinking that leads to strong learning and good grades. This involves much more than just memorizing answers for a test and forgetting them once the exam is over. Good students are deep thinkers and take the time to understand the "why" behind the facts they're learning.

» Test prep resources for the SAT and ACT are readily available and often free. Students wanting to know what each test

will look like can take advantage of free test prep materials available on the College Board and ACT websites. In addition, free test preparation and sample tests can be found on the Khan Academy website, as well as the Learning Express Hub of the Michigan eLibrary. Your school counselor knows of other test prep resources; be sure to ask about them.

» Your SAT scores on the MME aren't automatically sent to any college. All scores on the MME are sent to your high school, but the only way a college will see your scores is if you ask the College Board to send them. All Michigan colleges requiring test scores will give you the choice of sending only your best scores as part of your application. A few colleges outside of Michigan ask for all of your test scores, but they almost always consider only your best scores. It is important, therefore, to give the MME your best effort, but one shouldn't worry if the scores aren't everything you would hope they would be.

It's easy to be nervous about this change in the MME and it's understandable why students want to get strong test scores. Doing strong work in classes and working closely with your school counselor are the best ways to make sure you'll be test ready and prepared to make the most out of college.

Gretchen Parks is a college counselor and president of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling.

LETTERS

Public transportation needed

Some 50,000,000 Americans are dependent on food pantries. One in seven. Dependent.

Recently here in Michigan, an American hero walked 21 miles a day to work. He walked. Someone noticed him, struck up a friendship and now he has a brand new Ford Taurus. He will need to pay insurance, maintain it and buy gas.

I am glad he has the car. Don't get me wrong. There are at least 100,000 people in this area without cars for work. Include students and families, the handicapped and others who are looking at a solid 300,000 people whose lives would be improved by mobility outside their neighborhood.

Public transportation in this area is sparse. When friends come from Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle or Houston they have asked me how these people get around. I say, "They don't." Then we laugh our cosmopolitan laughs and they ask, "No, seriously."

Then I tell them I am serious and we don't laugh anymore

because they know what I know.

The people who don't have access to public transportation are going to be trapped in poverty. Some local politicians don't work to provide public, scheduled transportation because of greed, hatred, racism but most all ignorance. Some don't do it because they are lazy. Some don't do it because they are not aware that this region is a national laughingstock.

What communities like that do not seem to comprehend is that the people who could use public transportation make their pizzas, work in the mall, at nursing homes, hospitals and are from all backgrounds.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Supports ballot proposal

The Michigan Townships Association supports the May 5 transportation funding ballot proposal and will encourage its members to do the same.

MTA's Executive Committee believes a funding increase is in the best interest of townships and the state as a whole. Townships already spend more than \$186 million a year on roads and

bridges even though they aren't required to do so by law.

Quality roads are a critical driver for Michigan's economic prosperity and for the safety of our residents. MTA plans to work with other organizations in the coming months to actively support this proposal and ensure its approval.

Linda Preston
2015 MTA President
Pokagon Township Supervisor

Big business government

Gov. Snyder recently said: "It is about recognizing that you are a human, you are a person and should be treated that way." He didn't think so four years ago? Just figured that out? When Republicans "streamline" government programs it will always mean cuts for the poor and middle class — unless they are streamlining for the benefit of the wealthy or corporations.

Watch for more slick presentations and backhanded changes that do no one, except the comfortable, much good! Government of big business, by big business, and for big business.

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

GUEST COLUMN

Should Black History Month still exist?

Should Black History Month still exist? The short answer is no.

You may be surprised that an African-American woman would say such a thing, but let me explain. I believe that Black History Month should no longer exist because I believe that black history should not be limited to one month out of the year. Simply put, black history is American history. Therefore, black history should be fully integrated into American history. When this is done, there would not be a need for a nationally celebrated Black History Month.

I don't believe we are there yet as a country.

Unfortunately, there are millions of Americans who are unaware of the brilliant past and present African Americans who have changed the complexity of this great nation with their bravery and intellect, but they should be aware. It seems that all many Americans may know about black history is slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and now President Barack Obama. It is clear to me that black history is so much more.

Black history is American history. Learning about proud African Americans — from Sojourner Truth, an abolitionist and women's rights activist, to Lewis



Eboney R. Hughes
GUEST COLUMNIST

Latimer, an inventor who many argue invented the modern day light bulb, to Benjamin Banneker, a brilliant scientist, mathematician and astronomer who invented America's first clock and whose discussion of relativity predates Albert Einstein theory of relativity — is essential to learning the truth about our American culture. All are important Americans who we should all know about. These are not just African-American heroes; they are American heroes.

There are so many contributions from African-American doctors and lawyers to scientists and researchers who have helped elevate this great country to where it is today and many of us know nothing about them. That is an American tragedy in and of itself. American history needs to be more diverse to include all of its contributors, in all areas of history. This is neither a black issue nor a white issue, this is an American issue. Americans need to know about the history of their country's people. When we are limited in our knowledge of history, we are

ignorant of the potential of our great country.

Black History Month should not be singled out one time a year; it's too important for just one month. Black history should be taught in our schools for every American to learn. While things are changing and black history is slowly being integrated in some of our history books and being taught in public schools across America, there is still a disconnect.

Unfortunately, our schools are still teaching lessons of Thomas Edison's invention of electricity without discussing Latimer, as well as lessons about Susan B. Anthony without teaching lessons about Truth. And there is no way we as Americans should discuss Einstein, without discussing Banneker.

If there is truly going to be an integration of black history into our American history, then and only then should Black History Month no longer exist. But until that day arrives, there is definitely still a need.

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MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING DISTRICTS

Local mat stars advance to regional round

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The first step toward a state wrestling title was conquered by several local high school wrestling standouts at individual district tournaments held throughout the state on Saturday.

The top four placers in each of the 14 weight classes advanced to this weekend's regional round.

The bulk of the local mat stars competed at Westland John Glenn High School, which served as a regional springboard for 19 athletes for one of the three public Livonia high schools or the host Rockets.

Led by freshman sensation Mike Mars, who won the 103-pound crown and improved to 44-1 with a 6-0 decision over Detroit Catholic Central's Stone Moscovic, John Glenn carved out six spots in the regionals.

Also advancing for the Rockets are 135-pound Brad Speen (26-21), 171-pound Logan Beau-doin (25-20), 215-pound Nate Irvine (35-12), 125-pound cham-



Livonia Churchill's Baker Hadwan, pictured during last month's Observerland tournament, was a 215-pound champion at Saturday's Division 1 tournament hosted by Westland John Glenn.

pion Chase Spanos (37-5) and Beneteau, who is 40-11 at 130 pounds.

Six Livonia Franklin grapplers extended their season by

at least one Saturday, including weight-class champion Nathan Atienza, who upended Canton's Ty Jasman, 8-2, in the 140-pound final. Atienza improved his rec-

ord to 43-2.

Others moving on for the Patriots are 171-pounder Mitchell Retting (36-16), 103-pounder Antonio Herrera (29-11), 112-pounder Johnny DiPonio (27-14), 125-pounder Adam Ross (29-18) and 130-pounder Nick Robertson, who improved to 41-12 following a 11-7 decision over John Glenn's Payton Beneteau in their class's third-fourth-place match.

Two of the Livonia Churchill wrestlers who earned regional berths won their respective weight class: 215-pounder Baker Hadwan, who improved to 41-6 after upending Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Ali Beydoun in the final, 9-2; and 145-pounder Zac Leck, who moved to 30-9 following a 3-1 verdict over Northville's Chris Koumariotis.

Also placing in the top four for the Chargers were Chase Gardner (40-10), who took third at 152; Jake Mercieca (39-10), who placed fourth at 285; and Josh Mussen (34-8), who was

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KLAA boys hoops playoff

Three local boys high school basketball teams qualified for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's playoffs, which begin Friday at KLAA South Division schools.

Livonia Stevenson (6-9 overall, 4-6 in divisional play), the No. 4 seed in the Central, will play at the South's No. 1 seed Canton. Westland John Glenn (8-8, 7-3) will host Northville (11-5, 6-4) and Livonia Churchill (11-5, 7-3) will host Novi (11-5, 7-3).

Salem (13-3, 9-1), the Central Division's No. 1 seed, will travel to Plymouth (11-5, 6-4). All games are scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.

MU guard earns honor

Madonna University freshman guard Lindsey Hernden (Romeo) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week after scoring a career-high 28 points on 10-of-17 shooting in an 80-58 win over University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The 5-foot-6 Hernden hit 7 of 11 three-pointers in the win as the 25th-ranked Crusaders improved to 17-9 overall and 16-4 in the WHAC. She also had 19 points, six rebounds and two assists in an 85-69 road win Feb. 11 at Aquinas College.

For the week Hernden averaged 19 points, six rebounds and two assists per game while shooting 60.7 percent from the floor and going 10-of-18 from behind the 3-point line.

The award is the fifth time this season a Crusader has been honored as junior Michele Hayes (Southfield-Lathrup) was tabbed on Dec. 8, Jan. 5 and Jan. 19, while senior Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) was selected on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12.

Pitching camp

On Saturday, Feb. 28 from noon to 4 p.m., MercyElite Sports Performance will offer a special middle school baseball pitching camp at its training facility located at 13245 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia.

MercyElite provides sport-specific training, physical therapy and performance training, and is part of St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

The pitching camp includes a pre-camp individual screening with a video analysis, movement assessment and an individualized training plan. On the day of camp, athletes will be introduced to the "task" of throwing and the natural development of throwing mechanics, appropriate warm-up exercises, arm care and training for improved conditioning, accuracy and velocity.

To register for the pitching camp, call 734-655-8240.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SIGNING

Hayter lovin' his chance to play for Olivet

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Easton Hayter had to scale a mountain-sized obstacle on his path to playing college football, but the Garden City senior ultimately moved it like he would an undersized defensive tackle.

On Thursday, Feb. 12, Hayter officially signed a letter of intent to play Division 3 football for Olivet College.

What made the ceremony special for Hayter, his parents Jason and Samantha, Garden City football coach Scott Murray and the several Cougar teammates who attended the signing was that the 6-foot-4, 290-pound offensive tackle earned a shot at the next level while playing just one season at the varsity level.

After playing junior-varsity football for the Cougars his sophomore season and putting in a full off-season of workouts, Hayter suffered a season-ending knee injury a few days before practices for the 2013 season were about to kick off.

Undaunted, he followed a successful rehabilitation process from a dislocated knee with a stellar 2014 season, drawing the attention of members of the Olivet coaching staff, whom he initially met during a prospect camp hosted by Toledo University.

"I like that the campus is small and the offensive line coach, who I met at Toledo, is

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Garden City senior Easton Hayter is pictured with his parents Jason (standing, right) and Samantha, and Garden City football coach Scott Murray after he signed a letter of intent to play football at Olivet College beginning in the fall.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

GRAND FINALE FOR SPARTANS



Pictured (from left) are Livonia Stevenson senior basketball players Maggie Law, Arryn Dochenetz, Danielle Marzec and Oly Nwankwo. Team manager Erin Rothwell was also recognized during Senior Night.

Stevenson sends four seniors out in style

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls basketball team authored the perfect "Senior Night" script Tuesday night against visiting Livonia Franklin.

With 5:29 left and the feisty Patriots clinging to a 48-47 lead, it appeared the cross-town rivalry encounter was going to be a page-turning thriller.

However, fueled by one of the four senior honorees - Arryn Dochenetz - the Spartans closed the night with a 17-2 run to slam the book shut on a 64-50 triumph.

Stevenson improved to 6-11 while Franklin slipped to 3-14.

Sophomore guard Diane Senkowski's two free throws at the 4:55 mark gave Stevenson the lead for good, 49-48.

Following an and-one lay-up by junior Amanda Schultz, who drained the ensuing free throw, Dochenetz sandwiched a top-of-the-key triple and an offensive put-back around a Brienne Maas three, and after a break-away layup by Dochenetz, the Spartans lead had ballooned to 62-50 with 2:30 left.

"I played my heart out, like it was our last game," said Dochenetz, who finished with a team-high 18 points. "We weren't getting back on defense in the first half and No. 11 for them (Sarah Cramton) is really good and she did a good job of cutting in front of our face.

"Offensively, we were more patient in the second half, which opened up more shots for us. It feels good to win tonight because we had kind of a long losing streak. This will get our confidence up heading into districts."

The Spartans other three seniors - Danielle Marzec, Maggie Law and Oly Nwankwo - also played well in spurts.

Cramton was phenomenal for Franklin before fouling out with 3:06 left. She accounted for 20 points and 11 rebounds after not scoring in the first quarter.

Franklin seniors Erin McNally (nine points, 12 rebounds) and Tayonna Tate (13 points, 10 boards) also played well for the Patriots.

"We weren't extending enough on defense after we got the lead there and they hit two or three threes, which really gave them momentum and a confidence boost," said Franklin head coach Jim Milican. "They changed up their press, too, at the end and forced us into a few turnovers."

"Sarah obviously played a great game and Erin McNally played really well, especially in the first half when she had four big baskets."

Maas, who was recently promoted from the Spartans' junior-varsity team, but her aggressiveness energized Stevenson's late defensive surge.

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Hernden propels MU women's cagers to 80-58 win

Madonna men outscore U-M Dearborn, 66-57

Lindsey Hernden scored a career-high 28 points Saturday as the 25th-ranked Madonna University women's basketball team pulled away from a 34-all halftime deadlock to beat visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn, 80-58.

Hernden, a 5-foot-6 freshman guard from Romeo, also made 7-of-11 shots from beyond the arc and grabbed eight rebounds as the second-place Crusaders improved to 17-9 overall and 16-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Junior guard Michele Hayes chipped in with 12 points and six assists, while sophomore forward Justice Dean (Garden City) finished with nine points and six boards.

WHAC Player of the Week Jalissa Williams paced the Wolves (4-24, 2-18) with 27 points and 10 rebounds, while Marisa Suave added 10 points.

MU shot 29-of-71 from the floor (40.8 percent), including 11-of-26 from three-point range. The Crusaders were 11-of-16 from the foul line.

UM-Dearborn was 20-of-60 from the field (33.3 percent) and 16-of-19 from the foul line (84.2 percent). The Wolves were outrebounded, 48-39.

The Crusaders return to WHAC action beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

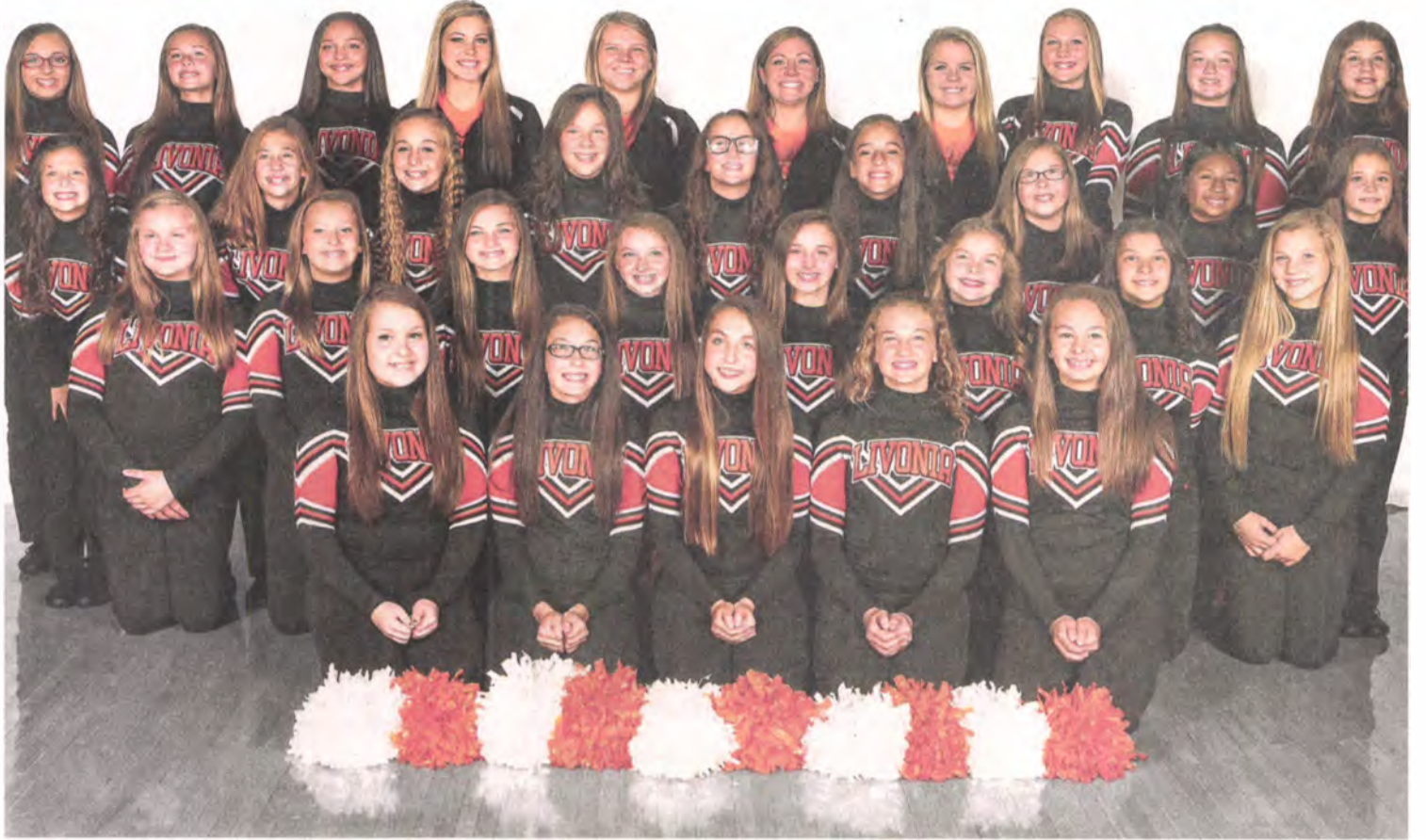
MADONNA (MEN) 66, UM-DEARBORN 57: Red shirt freshman forward Chris Dierker (Salem) scored a team-high 14 points, while Zak Lewis and Khalil Malone each added 12 to give Madonna University (13-15, 9-11) a WHAC men's basketball victory Saturday over visiting UM-Dearborn (10-18, 6-14).

The seventh-place Crusaders, who led 35-26 at intermission, made only 39.7 percent of its shots from the floor (23-of-58) and 50 percent from the foul line (7-of-14), but outrebounded the Wolves 42-34.

Jamie Strickland led UM-Dearborn with 18 points, while Brandon Cole chipped in with nine.

The Wolves shot 28-of-60 from the floor (46.7 percent), but only 2-of-7 from the free throw stripe. MU returns to conference play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Livonia middle school pom team captures state title



The Livonia Middle School pom team, which is made up of girls from all three of the city's middle and upper-elementary schools, won the MAPP state championship Feb. 8 at Michigan State University. The team out-performed nine other teams from across Michigan. Pictured are (front row from left) Emily Kelly, Caroline Kaniowski, Lexis Cholette, Brooke Gietzen and Shelby Pelc, (second row from left) Meghan Kelly, Maddie Dawson, Mariah Kincer, Amanda Towler, Halena Harris, Allison Garpow, Ana Dunnigan, Maddie Lee, (third row from left) Emily Mitchell, Sydney Castillenti, Renea Olczak, Isabel Longoria, Isabella Abate, Angie Yanez, Sarah Lamb, Zoe Zagar, Alison Gwidz, (back row from left) Sydney Babcock, Amelia Glen, Rachel Parrelly coach Alexa Kaipio, coach Allison Estes, coach Andrea Shook, coach Michaela Harter, Rylee Binkiewicz, Sammie Zawisza and Claire Partington

Canton doubles up Franklin, 62-31, in boys basketball

Churchill upends Wayne Memorial

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin sophomore point guard Johnny Cantrell was a ray of sunshine in Friday night's 62-31 loss at Canton.

Cantrell netted a team-high 14 points and drained a pair of three-point shots, but the rest of the Patriots had a hard time finding the bottom of the net.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 0-16 overall and capped their division mark at 0-10.

Canton clinched first place in the division with the "Senior Night" triumph.

The Patriots battled the Chiefs hard in the first and fourth quarters, when they were outscored by a combined score of just 25-18, however, Canton but the pedal to the metal in the middle two frames, out-performing Franklin, 37-13.

Nick Curtis scored five points for Franklin, which was bolstered by Charles Keith's three rebound/two-steal effort.

Joe Chinavare yanked down a team-high four rebounds for Franklin, which

made nine of 19 free-throw attempts and nine of 37 field-goal tries.

Chargers prevail

Jalen Davis scored 15 points and Brett Bonarek added 13 to lift Livonia Churchill to a 62-51 victory over Wayne Memorial Friday night.

Jon Hovermale also had a solid night for the Chargers, contributing 10 points and five rebounds.

Marques Stokes paced the Zebras with 14 points. Trevon Woods added 12.

The Chargers improved to 11-5 overall and 7-3 in the KLAA South while Wayne slipped to 4-12 and 2-8, re-

spectively.

HVL falls

Taylor Baptist Park defeated visiting Huron Valley Lutheran, 64-41, Tuesday night. Austin Bell led the Hawks with 26 points. Anthony Kaminski scored 23 for TBP.

Lutheran NW upends Warriors

Lutheran Northwest defeated Lutheran Westland, 51-43, Tuesday night. Luke Smith and Zach Burk both scored 12 points for the Warriors while Zach Anger added 11. Smith also grabbed eight rebounds and blocked two shots.

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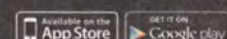


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Livonia Red gymnasts edge Milford/Lakeland

It turned out that even the slightest maneuver mattered during the Livonia Red gymnastics team's meet last week against Milford/Lakeland.

Powered by a strong performance on the vault, Red edged Milford/Lakeland, 133.80-133.525.

Leading the winners' 36.60-point effort on the vault were Olivia Dillon, who scored a 9.3, Megan Waters (9.2) and Olivia Ryktarsyk, who dialed up a

9.1. Mikaela Hille also stepped up on the vault, earning a score of 9.0.

Mackenzie Boorman was Red's top performer on the uneven bars, impressing the judges to the tune of an 8.20. Ryktarsyk was next best at 8.05.

Dillon led Red on the balance beam with an 8.15 followed by Alysha Burd's 8.05, before the winners tallied five

8-plus scores on the floor exercise competition. Dillon was the pace-setter at 8.425, followed by Boorman and Ryktarsyk, both of whom racked up scores of 8.40. Waters and Sydney Grenier both scored 8.225 in the event.

Milford/Lakeland's best score for the night was Miranda Nederveld's 9.15 on the beam.

—By Ed Wright



Livonia Red's Alysha Burd is pictured competing on the balance beam during a meet earlier this season.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Crusaders' softball aspirations elevated

MU returns top-notch pitcher in Crampton

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Weather permitting, of course, the Madonna University women's softball team will open its 2015 season this Friday in Pulaski, Tenn. with higher expectations than a year ago.

The Crusaders are eager to get going after finishing 34-10 in 2014, which included a runner-up finish to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champion Davenport University (with a 15-3 mark). MU was also knocked out by the WHAC champions, 8-6, in the postseason tourney.

So the goal now is to leapfrog the conference favorite Panthers and earn a trip to the NAIA National Tournament.

Jerry Abraham, in his second stint as MU coach, remains optimistic thanks to the return of senior Bree Crampton (Anchor Bay), the All-Region and WHAC Pitcher of the Year who posted a 20-7 record with a 1.85 earned run average.

The right-hander struck out 225 in 162.1 innings and will be backed up once again by sophomore right-hander Erin Combs, who went 13-3 with a 3.67 ERA in 112 innings.

The Crusaders should also have a stellar double-play combination with junior Emma Cook (Marysville) returning at short and sophomore

"I think we have a little more speed on the bases. One of our biggest strengths is our chemistry right now going into our season."

JERRY ABRAHAM, MU SOFTBALL COACH

Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) back at second.

Cook, an All-WHAC and All-Region selection, led the Crusaders with a .429 batting average and a team-high 54 hits, while Salloum, an honorable mention All-WHAC pick, hit .314 with 30 RBI.

"I hoping we're very strong defensively and with pitching," Abraham said. "We have experience on the mound, of course, with Bree (Crampton) and Erin (Combs) getting better with a year's experience. Mikey (Kish) is tough at the catching position. We're very strong up the middle with our shortstop (Nicky Salloum) and second base (Emma Cook). The question mark right now is at third base."

Kish, a junior from Allen Park, takes over behind the plate for the graduated Kristen Drabek, who hit .327 en route to All-WHAC honors. Kish, who played in the outfield last year hitting .343, will be backed up by junior Hayley Wallace (Davison) and sophomore Breanna Keethler (Flat Rock).

Senior Kasey Trierwiler (Grand Ledge), who hit .318 last year as an outfielder, will get a crack at the third base

position along with sophomores Morgan Thompson (Port Huron Northern) and Bri Giordano (Plymouth).

Replacing four-time All-WHAC first baseman Erin Mayes, who hit .386 with eight homers and 39 RBI, will be Abraham's biggest challenge. (Mayes was the school's all-time home run leader.)

Sophomore Kayla Rebain (Plymouth), who batted .333, is scheduled to take over after playing last season in the outfield.

"I like the way we've been hitting inside, but who knows?" the MU coach said. "We lost some power with Erin (Mayes), of course, and (Kaitlyn) Keuvelaar (.336 as the designated player). But I think we're going to be a team that makes good contact and gets on base. I think we have a little more speed on the bases. One of our biggest strengths is our chemistry right now going into our season."

Senior returnee Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) will start in center field, while sophomore Morgan Kaiser (Flat Rock) gets the initial nod in left.

Sophomore Bria DeBono (Lapeer West) and freshman Julia Cavagnini (Churchill)

will also earn strong looks in the outfield. Two freshman, Mallory Daschke (Novi) and junior Jillian Kraatz (Allen Park Inter-City Baptist), are vying for playing time as well.

Freshman Paige Montague, a left-hander from Clio, and Erika Randall, a right-hander from Livonia Stevenson, will provide bullpen depth.

"We're working hard and we're well balanced, and we've got a lot of depth," Abraham said. "We got 20 players that can all play, so we'll see. We have a tough tournament this weekend. What I've tried to do is beef up the schedule in the preseason. We play in Tennessee this weekend and they're all good teams. We go (March 13-14) to Campbellsville (Ky.) and we'll see Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), which is ranked No. 4 in the country. We've tried to get a competitive February and March."

The Crusaders, who will also play Feb. 27 through March 5 in Florida, are scheduled to open their WHAC season Saturday, March 28 with a double-header at UM-Dearborn.

That's weather permitting, of course.

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Abraham Crampton

Blazers' Hayward goes wild in 9-4 win

Sophomore notches three goals, four assists

Katie Hayward turned in a Gretzky-like performance Saturday with seven points to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 9-4 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 victory over Northville at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

The sophomore forward finished with three goals and four assists as the Blazers improved to 13-4 overall and 13-4 in Division 1.

Sydney Pilut and Cristina Rotondo contributed two goals apiece as Ladywood jumped out to a 3-0 first-period advantage.

Other offensive standouts for the Blazers included Jackie Kristofik, one goal and one assist; Colleen Lynch and Devon Kelly, one goal apiece; Cecilia Werner; and Kylie Doyle and MiKayla Pearson, one assist each.

Grace Healey scored twice for Northville (3-13-1, 2-13-1), while Megan Kerr and Moe Hackett each had a goal and assist. Emily Comben assisted on three of the four goals, while Kendall Murray also drew an assist.

Ladywood goaltender Samantha Erickson made 25 saves, while Annette Taylor stopped 8-of-13 and Isobel Bush 11-of-14 for the Mustangs.

NORTHVILLE 3, HURON-SKYLINE 3: Adira Cohen stood out in goal with 41 saves as Ann Arbor Huron-Skyline (1-13-1, 1-13-1) fought to a Michigan Metro crossover with the host Mustangs (3-13-1, 2-13-1) in a game played at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Northville, which outshot Huron-Skyline 44-22, got goals from Emily Comben (from Kendall Murray); Megan Kerr (from Sierra Watkins and Murray); and Lauren Masse (from Moe Hackett and Grace Healey).

Northville goalie Isobel Bush stopped 19-of-22 shots as the Mustangs.

Amelia Maninga, Georgia Plagens and Hannah Bradburn scored goals for Huron-Skyline, while assists went to Alona Henig, Emily Letke and Megan Taylor.

HAYTER

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very nice, very easy-going," said Hayter. "Their criminal justice program is very good, too, and that's what I wanted to major in. Just about everyone on the football team is a criminal justice major."

Hayter wasn't able to play youth football due to size limitations, so his first shot at the gridiron came his sophomore season at GC. After getting acclimated for a season against peers who had years of experience under their chin strap, Hayter was primed for a big junior season until he suffered the knee injury on the day before the team would be strapping on pads for the first time in the summer of 2013.

"So my senior year, I basically had to start learning all over again from kids who had more experience, so I had to step up, I guess you could say," Hayter said.

To gain some exposure he missed out on by not playing his junior year, Hayter attended several camps last summer, including the one hosted by Toledo.

"Olivet's offensive line coach worked with me a lot on my technique and footwork at the camp," Hayter said. "Once I made my visit there, I liked it right away. I'm really looking forward to the experience of playing college football."

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Crusaders open baseball season in Tennessee

Madonna splits doubleheader games

The Madonna University baseball team is off to a 2-2 start after launching its 2015 season over the weekend in Dayton, Tenn.

On Friday, MU got a pair of complete-game shutouts from starting pitchers Adam Prasad and Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson) en route to a double-header sweep of winless Shawnee State (Ohio), 2-0 and 4-0.

But it was a different outcome on Saturday as host Bryan College (Tenn.) took a

pair against the Crusaders, 10-3 and 9-0.

Cody Rhinehart went 3-for-4 with an RBI and pitcher L.J. Rowden pitched a complete-game eight-hitter as Bryan (10-1) rolled in the opener.

Losing pitcher Evan Piechocka (Livonia Stevenson), the MU starter, was roughed up for five earned runs on six hits in 2½ innings.

Shane Dokey went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Matt Deaneu also had two hits for the

Crusaders.

In the nightcap, Bryan starter Kenny Knudsen pitched a one-hit gem striking out 12 and walking only three.

John Lauro collected the lone hit for MU, while sophomore left-hander Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin), who gave up three earned runs on four hits in three innings, took the loss.

Prashad threw a four-hitter, striking out seven and walking only one in the season opener Friday against Shawnee State. Cole Rize homered and Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) scored on a balk for MU's only

runs.

In the nightcap, Kanitra went all seven innings as well throwing a four-hitter. He struck out three and walked only one.

Mike Tibbits knocked in a pair of runs, while Mitch Hudevagner and Ryan Lambrecht each contributed an RBI.

The loss dropped Shawnee State to 0-6.

MU is scheduled to return to action Friday through Sunday in Marian, Ill. to face St. Francis (Ill.) and Roosevelt (Ill.) in a four-game weekend set.

WRESTLING

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second at 112.

Two Livonia Stevenson grapplers turned in regional-qualifying performances: Connor Vaughan (31-4), who placed second at 171; and Brad Scott (36-5), who was third at 189.

Southgate Anderson district

Two Wayne Memorial wrestlers proved to be regional-worthy: 160-pound Jamon Higgins (34-11) placed third as did 189-pound Alex James, who improved to 35-13.

Higgins decisioned Temperance-Bedford's Kyle Kahut, 12-11, in the third-fourth match while James outlasted Ann Arbor Pioneer's Frederick Ortiz, 3-2.

Division 2 at Warren Lincoln

In a brutally-tough tournament loaded with state-ranked programs, Redford Union managed to push just one wrestler - Tavian Groves - on to the regionals.

Groves placed fourth in the 145-pound weight class after getting pinned by Warren Woods-Tower's Demetris Reid in the third-fourth tilt.



Pictured are the six Livonia Franklin wrestlers who advanced to Saturday's Division 1 individual regional tournament.

Division 4 at Clinton

Led by 215-pound champion Thomas Krueger, four Lutheran Westland athletes managed to earn regional berths. Krueger improved to 40-5 with his second-round pin of Clinton's Austin Popp.

The Warriors also advanced another 215-pounder, Nic Glinn, who will take a 16-7 mark into Saturday's regional competition.

Lutheran Westland's Manny Rankin (119 pounds) and Andy Faith (125) both placed fourth. Rankin's record is 29-16 while Faith's ledger stands at 30-17.

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Belmore excelling at Albion



ALBION COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Livonia Stevenson graduate Parker Belmore had one of the best performances by a freshman at last weekend's Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Swimming & Diving Championships. Belmore churned out a personal-best 200 freestyle time of 1:41.29 to help Albion win the 800 free relay. His 45.92 100 freestyle split time helped the Britons win the 400 free relay and set a new Holland Aquatic Center pool record of 3:02.40. He was also runner-up to teammate Sebastian Tostado in the 200 individual medley (1:53.50), third in the 100 backstroke (51.64) and fourth in the 100 butterfly (52.02).

Two Rockets launching careers at University of Findlay

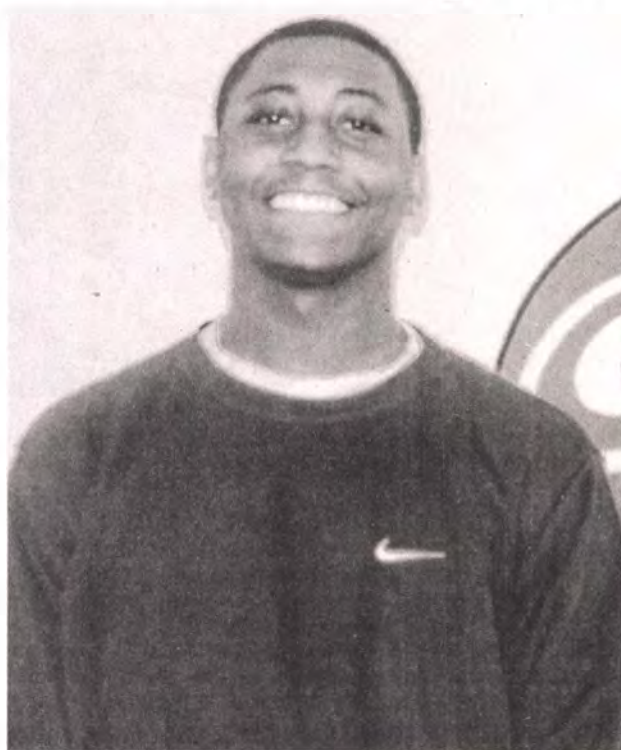
By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The University of Findlay (Ohio) football program will be partially propelled by a pair of Rockets beginning in the fall after Westland John Glenn standouts Javaughn Burns and Tyrikh Hunter signed letters of intent on Feb. 4 (National Signing Day) to play for the Oilers.

Burns, a 6-foot-2, 200-pound tight end/defensive end, and Hunter, a 5-10, 170-pound defensive back, join a class of 57 high school players (six of whom are from Michigan) who have committed to Findlay, a Division 2 school that competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"After meeting some of the players and talking to the coaches, it seems like a real family-oriented program," said Hunter, who registered 75 tackles and three interceptions during his senior season at John Glenn. "The coaches told me I could come in right away and compete for a spot. If I end up redshirting my first year, which a lot of guys do, that would be OK too because it would give me a chance to get bigger and stronger."

Several schools were in the hunt for Hunter,



Javaughn Burns, a two-way standout at Westland John Glenn, will take his gridiron skills to the University of Findlay (Ohio) in the fall.



Following a stellar senior season at John Glenn, all-conference defensive back Tyrikh Hunter signed to play football for the University of Findlay.

After playing pick-up football in his backyard as a youngster, Burns' first organized experience came in middle school while playing for the Westland Comets.

He admits it didn't start out well, but he kept playing thanks in large part to a Comets assistant coach.

"I didn't like the running part, the conditioning," he said, smiling. "We were running around the track after one practice and I was ready to quit, but one of the coaches - Coach Al - came up to me and said, 'Don't quit, I'll run with you,' so I stuck with it and after a while the conditioning didn't bother me."

In addition to Coach Al, Burns credits his parents and friends for the success he has experienced in football and in life.

Burns' academic ambitions at Findlay include earning a pre-med degree before ultimately becoming a cardiologist.

"I had an enlarged heart when I was young, so I want to help people who have heart problems," he said. "I'm fine now. I have to get an EKG every year, but I feel really good."

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including Tiffin, Trine, Adrian and Saginaw Valley State University.

"I liked the recruiting process," Hunter said. "I would get texts and e-mails from coaches just about every day. They'd check up on you and see how you were doing."

Hunter, who is aiming toward earning a degree in either business administration or criminal

justice, said he likes the bonding qualities football provides.

"I love how you have to come together as a team to reach your No. 1 goal, which is winning," he said. "It carries over to other parts of your life."

Burns found the recruiting process compelling as well. "It was interesting,"

he said. "Schools would e-mail you and ask if you wanted to visit, then you had to decide which schools to visit," said Burns, who also received interest from Heidelberg University, Adrian and Tiffin. "I chose Findlay because I like the coaches and the atmosphere down there."

Burns was an impact player on both sides of

the ball for the Rockets. Among his favorite high school football memories is an amazing comeback he played a role in his sophomore season.

"Our JV team was losing to our rival Canton 17-0 at halftime," he recalled. "We came back and won 47-35, so we scored 47 points in one half. I'll never forget that one."

Rocket Barthwell sets sights on D2 Iowa school - Chadron State

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

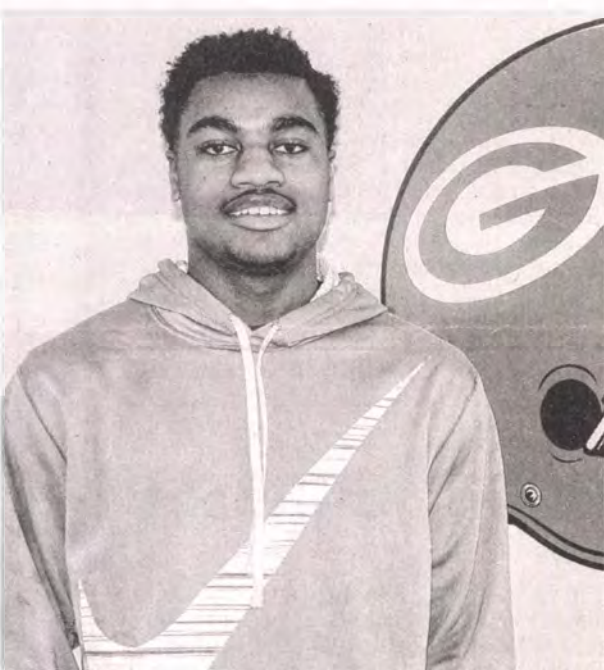
DeAndre Barthwell's first visit to Nebraska's Chadron State College won't come until Spring Break, but the talented Westland John Glenn defensive back/receiver knows enough about the Division 2 school to commit to its incredibly successful football program for the next four years.

On Feb. 4, Barthwell signed a letter of intent to play at the next level for the Eagles, who count current NFL star Danny Woodhead among their alumni.

"I'm going to miss my friends and my family, but it's a good school and a good football program," Barthwell said about his college choice. "I have a good relationship with the defensive backs coach and the head coach."

Barthwell has loved everything about football since he started playing in elementary school for the Southfield Ravens.

"I wanted to play when I was even younger, but my parents wanted me to wait until I was 9 or 10," said Barthwell, smiling. "I've always been kind of naturally aggressive, so the con-



Westland John Glenn's DeAndre Barthwell signed a letter of intent to play college football for Chadron (Neb.) State College.

tact and the tackling never bothered me."

Barthwell said he has been told that he'll have a good opportunity to make a fast impact at Chadron, where he is leaning toward pursuing a communications-related degree.

"The coaches told me I'll have an equal opportunity to match up with

the other DB's and see where I stand," he said. "They've made the playoffs the past several years, so it's a good team."

In addition to shining on the football field for the Rockets, Barthwell also plays for John Glenn's basketball team.

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John Glenn's Brown sold on Northwood University

By Ed Wright
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Westland John Glenn linebacker Andre Brown's varsity high school football debut as a junior was like few others in 2013.

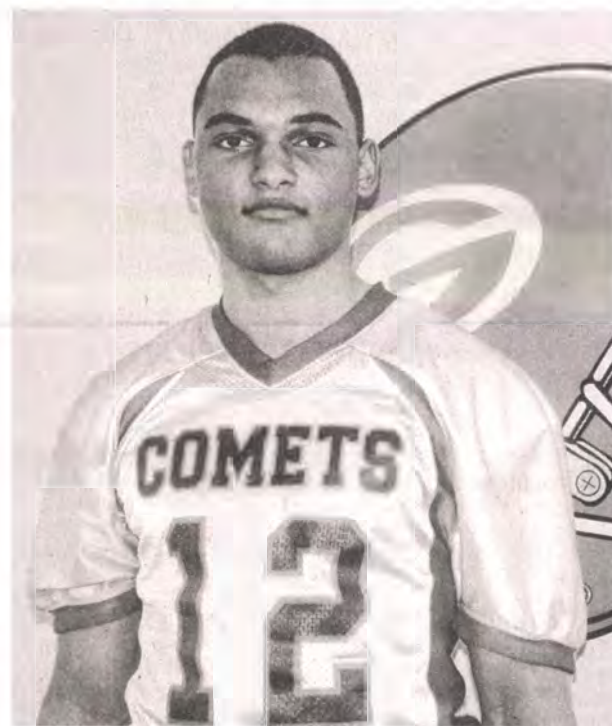
"I had two pick sixes in my first game against Farmington," he said, when asked about his career highlights. "Our team going to the playoffs was my No. 1 highlight, but individually, I'll always remember returning those interceptions for touchdowns."

Brown, who is 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, didn't add to his pick-six resume during the ensuing 19 games of his prep gridiron career, but the hard-hitting, reliable defender did evolve into one of the area's best linebackers.

On Feb. 4, Brown signed a letter of intent to play college football for Northwood University, a Division 2 school located in Midland.

St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., and Saginaw Valley State University also showed interest in Brown.

"The things I liked best about Northwood



John Glenn senior Andre Brown recently signed a letter of intent to play college football for Northwood University.

were the education it offers and the coaching staff," said Brown, who plans to focus his studies on finance and marketing. "The recruiting process was a little stressful because you're deciding where you're going to spend the next four years of your life,

but it was exciting too."

Brown said he enjoyed the camaraderie that football offers.

"It's like a family, a brotherhood," he said. "I enjoy the bond you have with your teammates and the teamwork it involves if you're going to succeed."

SENIORS

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Junior guard Brooke D'Arcy scored nine points for Stevenson - all on triples - while junior forward Amanda Schultz added 11 and Senkowski chipped in with nine points and seven rebounds - five offensive.

"We've lost three or four games recently in which we had a late lead or were close, but the girls hung in there tonight and closed it out," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman. "We switched up our offense against their 1-3-1 zone a little bit at the end. We overloaded one side which opened up some shots for us. We played smarter defensively down the stretch as well."

Chargers corral Mustangs

Few girls basketball teams in the area are hotter than Livonia Churchill, which extended its winning streak to five

with Tuesday night's 44-38 victory over Northville in a first-round KLAAs Kensington Conference playoff game.

Churchill improved to 12-5 and earned a berth in Thursday's conference semifinal contest at Plymouth.

Northville slipped to 11-7.

The Chargers' leader on Tuesday was senior Alivia Kondrath, who scored 17 points, including a pivotal three-point basket to open the third quarter that seemed to spark her team, which trailed 16-10 at the half.

"We came out really flat in the first half; we looked like a different team than the one that had won the four previous games," said Churchill head coach Matt McCowan. "When Alivia made that shot it seemed to give us a boost of confidence that carried over for the rest of the game."

The Chargers, who had never won a game in the KLAAs playoffs prior to Tuesday, led 24-23 heading into the fourth quarter before Kondrath

(4-for-4) and Molly Pummill (2-for-2) drained critical free throws down the stretch.

The Mustangs handled the Chargers by 20 points in the two teams' first encounter this season.

Natalie Spala tossed in 15 points for the winners, who made 6 of 8 free throws.

Hawks soar against Thurston

Huron Valley Lutheran rolled to a 21-0 lead Tuesday night against Redford Thurston before putting the wraps on a 47-28 victory.

The Hawks are now 11-5 heading into Thursday's game against neighborly rival Lutheran Westland.

Sam Golchuk led the winners with 14 points. Jessie Strauch and Taylor Rae both added eight points.

Sydney Taylor paced the Eagles with nine points. Ivory Mamo added seven.

"We came out and played a great first quarter," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We



Livonia Franklin's Erin McNally is pressured by Stevenson's Jessica Schoenfeldt Tuesday night.

were aggressive in our press, we played good team defense, and shot the ball really well in the first quarter.

"Overall, I was pleased with how we shot tonight [41 percent from the floor]. We still have some things to clean up

in the offensive set as we finish up the regular season."

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Lawyers: Have real estate documents reviewed right from start, avoid headaches

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Having a lawyer review your paperwork when buying a home is smart.

"That's the key is having a lawyer review everything before you sign a purchase agreement," said Steve Bernstein, a lawyer with more than 40 years of practice based in Farmington Hills. "I don't think most people realize that."

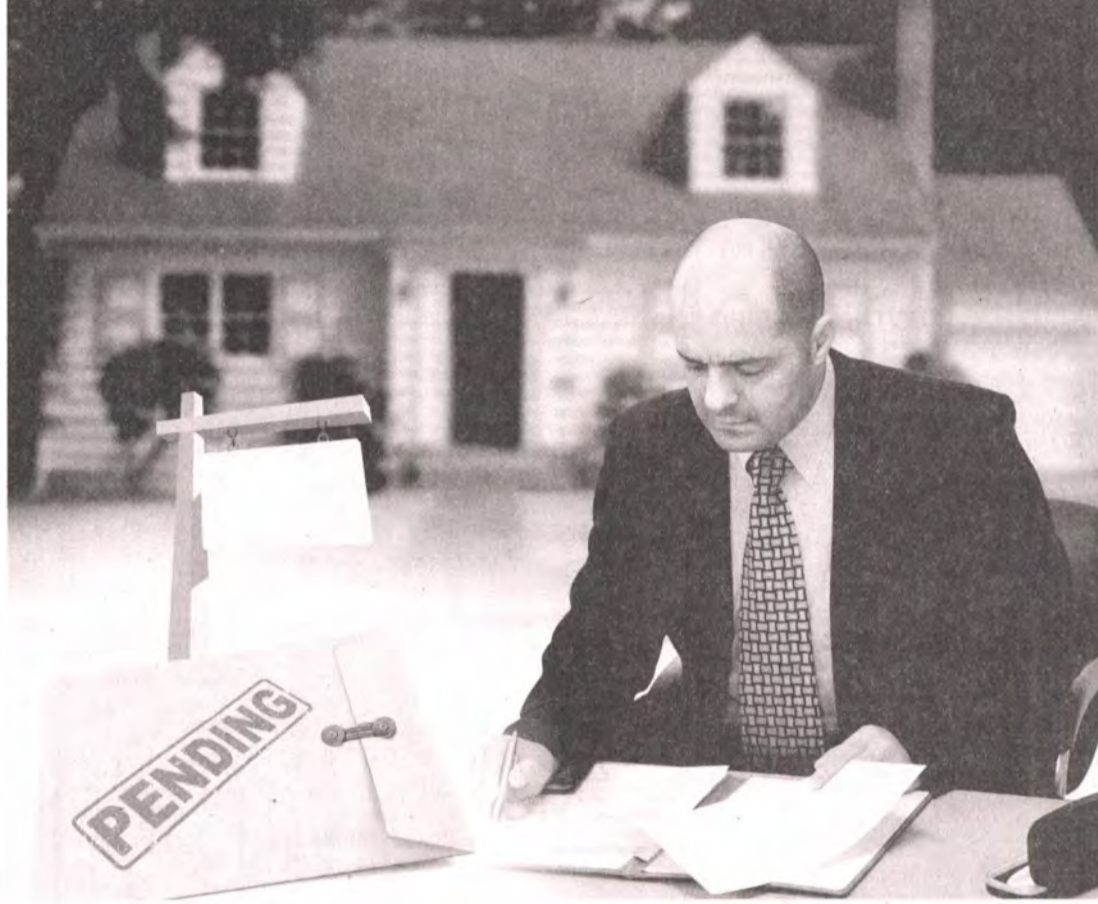
Keego Harbor resident Bernstein gets calls from people who've already signed a purchase agreement and have experienced difficulties. "That's the point when I can give them the most help," he said of clients before they sign the purchase agreement.

The purchase agreement is a binding contract, Bernstein explained, and particularly crucial for a large transaction like buying a home. He noted those buying a business for comparable money would likely hire a lawyer.

It's prudent to ask a lawyer about his or her credentials and experience, he said, and if they handle real estate transactions. "I never mind that question, as a matter of fact I welcome it," he said. "It's really just like going to the doctor. You don't want a foot doctor working on your heart."

Bernstein worked part time for a title company while still in law school. He noted problems that can arise if no lawyer has reviewed the purchase agreement, such as with the condition of the house, title issues or others.

"We could have saved the time and expense of clearing



these things up" earlier, Bernstein said. "You're spending a very significant amount of money."

Livonia-based attorney Sue Carlson, in practice 35 years, agreed that having an attorney review real estate transactions is wise.

"It's a major contract you're entering," said Canton resident Carlson. "There are ramifications for saying 'I'm backing out of this deal.'"

She noted real estate agents often fill out forms; an

attorney can provide for contingencies, which Carlson said are especially key for buyers and in some cases sellers.

"There are all kinds of possibilities," she said. "It should be reviewed." An attorney can draft an addendum as needed "and be aware of any problems that will come up before the closing."

Carlson often attends closings to represent her client. "Every time I go to the closing, there's at least one new form," she said. She too wel-

comes general questions from prospective clients on her background.

"Every case is different," said Carlson of real estate purchases. "It's a lot of money."

She said with homes selling more rapidly now an attorney can help with negotiating. She finds cold feet at the closing the big problem. "That's when everything hits the fan," she said.

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Common-area gun ban raises constitutional issues

Q: We are talking about banning guns in common areas of the condominium. Do you think that is a good idea?

A: That is a loaded question, no pun intended. Obviously, people need to be able to protect themselves on the common areas, but you also do not want vigilantes policing the common areas with guns. Then there becomes the question of the right to bear arms and how it is to be interpreted as it relates to a condominium association. There is no clear cut answer at this point in time, but it is the kind of discussion that the Board of Directors and its legal counsel should have to determine whether a specific policy is necessary or whether the existing documents in any way cover the issue.

Q: I am trying to sell my property for about \$250,000 and have a prospective purchaser, but he only wants to put \$5,000 down with various contingencies. What do you think?

A: I think that that is not a good deal for you because if the buyer defaults, the \$5,000 does not inflict sufficient financial pain on the purchaser if he really wants to opt out of the deal for no legal or reasonable reason. I would try to get at least 15 to 20 percent down in a given situation to make any purchaser think twice before they walk away from a deal irrespective of what the contingencies are.



Robert Meisner

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 22-26, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32200 Arlington Dr	\$334,000
16964 Beechwood Ave	\$277,000
15811 Birwood Ave	\$250,000
18105 Buckingham Ave	\$215,000
32576 Robinhood Dr	\$630,000
15925 W 14 Mile Rd	\$145,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30765 River Crossing St	\$353,000
BIRMINGHAM	
853 Chapin Ave	\$623,000
1158 Cole St	\$248,000
1268 Davis Ave	\$289,000
360 E Frank St	\$363,000
1392 E Melton Rd	\$362,000
621 Fairfax St	\$630,000
1616 Graefield Rd	\$132,000
1779 Graefield Rd	\$130,000
359 Harmon St	\$420,000
557 Henrietta St	\$170,000
557 Henrietta St	\$330,000
1709 Holland St	\$174,000
1656 Humphrey Ave	\$735,000
621 Larchlea Dr	\$620,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 53	\$225,000
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit 63	\$300,000
2534 Pembroke Rd	\$262,000
1470 Pilgrim Ave	\$650,000
892 Smith Ave	\$652,000
559 Southfield Rd	\$400,000
1058 Wakefield St	\$355,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
7340 Chula Vista Ln	\$1,270,000
3644 Darcy Dr	\$390,000
101 Endicott Rd	\$535,000
608 Rolling Rock Rd	\$235,000
1829 Stonycroft Ln	\$214,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # G2	\$82,000
2060 W Valley Rd	\$700,000
571 Woodway Ct	\$463,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	

1658 Brandywine Dr	\$359,000
4539 Cherokee Ln	\$520,000
3422 Chickering Ln	\$313,000
369 Concord Pl	\$76,000
4324 Derry Rd	\$220,000
437 Fox Hills Dr N	\$93,000
3925 Mount Vernon Dr	\$380,000
2772 Plum Brook Dr	\$260,000
5876 Raven Rd	\$343,000
1727 S Hill Blvd	\$177,000
3303 Squirrel Rd	\$473,000
915 Tartan Trl	\$422,000
3070 Westman Ct	\$530,000
753 Woodchester Dr	\$575,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 81	\$130,000
2215 Tottenham Rd	\$1,200,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
8484 Cascade St	\$258,000
1117 Island Dr	\$315,000
2035 Jason Dr	\$239,000
3365 Ledgewood Ct W	\$438,000
3736 Loch Bend Dr	\$440,000
1664 Trace Hollow Dr	\$300,000
FARMINGTON	
33204 Flanders St	\$177,000
34000 Glenview Dr	\$150,000
22491 Hawthorne St	\$103,000
22978 Mayfield Ave	\$165,000
21131 Meadowlark St	\$115,000
35810 Smithfield Rd	\$260,000
35550 Tall Pine Rd	\$210,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
28216 Bayberry Rd	\$197,000
34436 Beechwood St	\$212,000
31050 Berryhill St	\$242,000
27875 Berrywood Ln Unit 81	\$78,000
21617 Collingham Ave	\$42,000
21617 Collingham Ave	\$63,000
34040 Cotswold St	\$255,000
31124 Country Way	\$150,000
28137 David St	\$136,000
23635 E Newell Cir	\$222,000
36450 Edinborough Ct	\$490,000
34610 Fendt St	\$113,000
21697 Flanders St	\$196,000
21954 Flanders St	\$140,000
30499 Fox Club Dr	\$350,000
36273 Fredericksburg Rd	\$254,000

23595 Glenbrook Dr	\$185,000
33601 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
31705 Junction St	\$15,000
30251 Kimberly Ct	\$289,000
22043 Malden St	\$134,000
29628 Middlebelt Rd Unit 2703	\$87,000
23956 Noble Dr	\$200,000
22189 River Pines Dr	\$215,000
28695 Rollcrest Rd	\$175,000
21793 S Brandon St	\$160,000
23015 Tuck Rd	\$120,000
22086 Tulane Ave	\$104,000
29961 Valley Side Dr	\$238,000
36049 W Lyman Rd	\$160,000
24491 Westmoreland Dr	\$150,000
25318 Wyckshire Rd	\$232,000
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26039 German Mill Rd	\$548,000
32831 Haverford Rd	\$281,000
HIGHLAND	
1286 Glen Ct	\$400,000
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3753 Lido	\$150,000
3965 Loch Dr	\$207,000
2601 Westwind Dr	\$240,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18131 Meadowood Ave	\$155,000
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832 Ridgeside Dr	\$205,000
1795 Ring O Kerry	\$198,000
397 Stone Wood Ct	\$346,000
653 Sweetbriar	\$160,000
1122 Tennyson Dr	\$367,000
220 Woodbine Dr	\$88,000
656 Woodsdale Dr	\$197,000
NORTHVILLE	
22457 Cyprus Dr	\$447,000
20921 Napier Dr	\$260,000
22556 Simcheck	\$285,000
NOVI	
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 4022	\$185,000
27614 Albert St	\$329,000
41381 Belden Cir	\$171,000
27667 Belgrave Pl	\$306,000
41825 Borchard Dr	\$200,000
22260 Brockshire St	\$525,000
22284 Brockshire St	\$450,000
50757 Calvert Isle Dr	\$694,000

28544 Carlton Way Dr	\$200,000
22643 Cranbrooke Dr	\$133,000
27553 Cromwell Rd	\$326,000
1405 E Lake Dr	\$400,000
47790 Edinborough Ln	\$450,000
23269 Ennshore	\$313,000
24882 Highlands Dr	\$195,000
23559 Highmeadow Dr	\$304,000
25874 Island Lake Dr	\$560,000
27086 Maxwell Ct	\$276,000
51303 Mayfair Ter	\$324,000
43455 Mclean Ct	\$480,000
24850 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$604,000
49626 Timber Trl	\$475,000
21717 Victoria Rd	\$373,000
23699 Willowbrook	\$205,000
22608 Woolsey	\$96,000
SOUTH LAKE	
1158 Cartwright Ct	\$345,000
1047 Crestwood Ct	\$263,000
26340 Daria Cir W	\$355,000
61009 Evergreen Ct	\$200,000
137 N Reese St	\$135,000
61384 Saddlecreek Dr	\$362,000
333 Winchester St	\$162,000
343 Winchester St	\$197,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28511 Brentwood St	\$46,000
29656 Brentwood St	\$146,000
23430 Evergreen Rd	\$95,000
24273 Evergreen Rd	\$44,000
25175 Farmbrook Rd	\$210,000
19420 Hickory Leaf St	\$105,000
28500 Inkster Dr	\$181,000
17160 Melrose St	\$128,000
26295 Oakcrest Rd	\$90,000
19638 Raleigh Cir N	\$55,000
29988 Rambling Rd	\$160,000
28437 Red Leaf Ln	\$47,000
19315 Red Maple Ct	\$203,000
29117 Southgate Dr	\$95,000
20535 Westhampton Ave	\$80,000
WHITE LAKE	
9150 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$187,000
9543 Mandon Rd	\$263,000
8839 Newport Dr	\$365,000
568 Rumson Ct	\$357,000
430 S Williams Lake Rd	\$120,000
9197 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$235,000
340 View Dr	\$358,000

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1959 Briarfield St	\$173,000
45000 Brunswick Dr	\$250,000
4104 Elizabeth Ave	\$134,000
383 Elmington Ct	\$420,000
50299 Hancock Ct	\$475,000
42727 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$92,000
43676 Lotus Dr	\$196,000
51182 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$226,000
768 Sorel Dr	\$202,000
1946 Wentworth Dr	\$250,000
GARDEN CITY	
29804 Bridge St	\$75,000
540 Cardwell St	\$40,000

28640 Florence St	\$102,000
6548 Harrison St	\$67,000
6151 Inkster Rd	\$60,000
28917 Leona St	\$119,000
LIVONIA	
29811 Eight Mile Rd	\$125,000
34625 Eight Mile Rd	\$135,000
16825 Canterbury St	\$200,000
33732 Cindy St	\$175,000
38453 Elsie St	\$148,000
18837 Fairway St	\$234,000
18733 Floral St	\$125,000
20317 Fremont St	\$138,000
31542 Grove Dr	\$146,000
31221 Hathaway St	\$146,000
32711 Hees St	\$153,000
29228 Jacquelyn Dr	\$130,000
9750 Knolson St	\$163,000
20410 Louise St	\$174,000
37883 Mallory Dr	\$215,000
20520 Meadowview St	\$223,000

20339 Melvin St	\$75,000
11284 Middlebelt Rd	\$50,000
14150 Richfield St	\$223,000
9906 Westmore St	\$130,000
NORTHVILLE	
16117 Oakwood Ct	\$450,000
17871 Stonebrook Dr	\$825,000
PLYMOUTH	
725 Auburn St	\$299,000
8858 Ball St	\$320,000
46133 Barrington Rd	\$220,000
44691 Jodi Ct	\$184,000
14590 N Haggerty Rd	\$295,000
260 Parkview Dr	\$166,000
45125 Riveredge Dr	\$331,000
11162 Terry St	\$181,000
50857 Weston Dr	\$410,000
1046 York St	\$234,000
REDFORD	
18303 Indian	\$43,000
9591 Wormer	\$64,000

WAYNE	
4521 Carnegie St	\$6,000
37510 Knoll Dr	\$126,000
WESTLAND	
33955 Avondale St	\$183,000
37538 Colonial Dr	\$60,000
6811 Emily Ct	\$103,000
7426 Harrison St	\$40,000
7426 Harrison St	\$43,000
7477 Lathers St	\$80,000
1425 Lillian St	\$105,000
30607 Louise St	\$134,000
29258 Manchester St	\$29,000
7692 Rivergate Dr	\$90,000
1565 S Linville Ave	\$50,000
292 S Marie St	\$117,000
39336 Surrey Heights Ct	\$121,000
1366 Windham St	\$67,000
7320 Woodview St	\$43,000

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4 Sensible
8 Mr. Moto remark (2 wds.)
12 Opposite of cheer
13 RR employee
14 Psyche
15 Loudness unit
16 Dazzled
18 Go with
20 Lauper's "— Bop"
21 Reply to a ques.
22 Eurasian mountains
26 Printer's option
28 Gorbys' realm
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32 Paul Anka's "— Beso"
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35 Malt beverage

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36 Kind of prof.
37 Jingle, e.g.
38 Trellis climbers
40 Dues payer, for short
41 Dripping
43 Trinket stealer
46 "Kubla Khan" penner
50 Grill, maybe
51 State firmly
52 Vanna's boss, once
53 Maiden-name indicator
54 Art colony town
55 To be, to Brutus
56 Lubber's eye

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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7 Son of Aphrodite
8 Lou Grant portrayer
9 Coal scuttler
10 Haul into court

11 Like a centenarian
17 Lieutenant under Kirk
19 Thunder Bay prov.
23 Squire around
24 Anecdotal knowledge
25 Take a dip
26 Cold feet
27 Nobel Prize city
28 Cousins of "um"
29 Stockholm carrier
30 Former JFK arrival
33 Surgical beam
37 Fasten down a tent
39 Big pitchers
40 Prince Arn's bride
42 Measure speed
43 Business VIPs
44 Palm reader's opener (2 wds.)
45 Really skimps
46 Vet patient
47 Caviar
48 August kid, maybe
49 — Moines

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		1	2		8	5		3
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

8	6	2	4	9	1	3	8	2
4	9	1	2	6	8	5	3	7
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RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 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.



Charles Jackson talks about creationism Feb. 22-24 in Livonia.

five-week series
Contact: goodmourningministry.net or St. Michael's at 734-261-1455

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 23-25
Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Charles Jackson, director of campus ministry for Creation Truth Foundation, and founder of Points of Origins Ministries, will talk about creationism. Topics include: How To Talk to Unbelievers About Creation, Sunday morning; The Truth About Dinosaurs, Sunday evening; Evolution: An Unnatural Selection, Monday; The Origin of Life, Tuesday; Can a Christian Believe in the Big Bang?, Wednesday. Free
Contact: 734-464-6722

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@crossroad-snow.org

LENTEEN SERVICES

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

LENTEEN SERVICES

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

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

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1 and 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3
Location: St. Genevieve, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Open house for pre-school 3- and 4-year-olds and kindergarten is Sunday. The first 30 families will receive a free copy of Pete the Cat. Preschool and kindergarten-eighth grade open house is Tuesday. A scholastic book fair will coincide with both open house events
Contact: 734-425-4420

VBS PREVIEW

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7
Location: Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Publisher exhibits, four sessions of 28 workshops, curriculum displays, lessons and demonstrations, along with eight tables of used Christian books, CDs DVDs, and children's materials. Morning refreshments and lunch included. Register by Feb. 20 and pay \$35. Registration by Feb. 27 is \$45, at the door, \$55. Students, teen through college, pay \$20. Visit icaonline.org
Contact: 248-557-5526

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

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

SINGLES

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

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

SUPPORT

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

Connection Church

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

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: 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.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-464-1223
St. Michael Lutheran Church

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, Northville
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 for additional information

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 for additional information

Passages. View Online www.hometownlife.com. How to reach us: 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.middeathnotices.com. Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.



THUERNAU, JOYCE MARIE (STOUT)
Passed away February 13, 2015 at the age of 71 after a short illness. She was born August 26, 1943 in Fremont, Ohio to William and Marian Stout. She was a 1961 graduate of Green Springs, Ohio High School. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Judy Harrah. Loving wife of Alan, they were married 52 years. Proud mother of Douglas and daughter-in-law Susan, loving grandmother of Ashley and Scott Thuernau. She is also survived by her brother Kenneth Stout, nieces and nephews Christina Joiner, Melissa Yates, Jeff Stout and Dani Huether. Joyce was the manager at Coffee Beanery in Westland and formerly managed a Dunkin Donuts in Plymouth. She was a 25 year resident of Plymouth and a member of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. Her favorite activity was spending time with her grandchildren. She loved her knitting friends, loved meeting people, autumn leaves, pets and giraffes. Joyce is deeply loved and will be dearly missed by many. A Memorial Service was held at Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorials in her name may be made to the zoo of your choice.

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TRAPP, WALTER G.
Angels surrounded Walter G. Trapp and took him away so he could see God on this glorious day of February 16, 2015. Walter was born on July 26, 1932 in Grass Lake, Michigan to Walter J. and Lillian (Nickel) Trapp He married his beloved wife, Donna Jean Carter, on January 18, 1964. God blessed them with a loving family of two children: Eric (Carrie) Trapp of Northville and Philip (Stephanie) Trapp of Grand Ledge; six grandchildren: Allison Trapp, Megan Trapp, Sarah Trapp, Ben Trapp, Austin Lee, and Isabel Lee; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family. Walter served in the Korean War as an Airman in the Security Services and worked for Cadillac Motor Car Company for 37 years. He attended St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church where he devoted his life to serving the Lord. Walter was an avid sports fan, coaching his sons in baseball and cheering for his favorite team the Detroit Tigers. Viewing at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home on Friday, February 20 from 3-8 PM. Funeral Services will be at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth on Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 AM. Interment at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, 35667 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wellspring Lutheran Services or St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School. To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com

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DRUMS, FIFES TAKE THE STAGE AT FREEZER JAM IN LIVONIA

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Freezer Jam will heat up the auditorium at Stevenson High School this weekend in Livonia.

Drums, fifes, pipes and color guards will take the stage Saturday, Feb. 21, for this 20th annual concert and conference that draws together fife and drum corps from throughout the Midwest. They'll gather for classes during the day and will perform both individually and in an all-group jam session during the evening concert.

Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps presents the event, which kicks off the group's performance season.

"I hope the audience will come away with a little bit of the history that we are trying to continue. And that they'll come away with an appreciation for what young kids are doing today," said Jim Predhomme, Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps musical director. "During a parade, you get to hear one song as a group marches by. Here, each will get eight to 10 minutes on stage. The audience will get to hear a lot of music. They'll see different styles of corps, of music."

"One thing that's fun that will happen at freezer jam is that whenever you get fife and drum corps together, usually there is an impromptu jam session. Someone starts a song and everyone joins in."

The concert is from 3-6 p.m. and will include the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps along with visiting corps, and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$15 each, available at freezerjam.org. Stevenson High School is at 33500 Six Mile.

Emily Markey, a fife who will serve as the Plymouth Corps' drum major this year, said fife and drum corps differ in dress, and performance style. At least one of the vis-



Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps marches into Comerica Park last year.

iting groups includes bagpipers.

"Before each corps goes on stage a brief bio is read, explaining what their uniform represents and who they represent from the past and what area they're from," said Markey, a high school senior in her last year with the Plymouth group.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, open to ages 12-18, represents George Washington's personal guard. Its 45 musicians wear replicas of guard uniforms when they perform at parades, festivals

or on the concert stage.

"That's 10 pounds of wool. Exact replicas," Markey said. "You get used to it. My first year was bad, now it's nothing to me to be in uniform in hot weather. We drink a lot of water."

Learning the fife

Markey played tuba and violin in middle school, and added fife to her musical resume after the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps visited her school.

She joined the Corps, looking forward to traveling with



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps performs on tour last year.

the group, performing extensively throughout the summer and meeting new people.

"It's much different than what I played in band and orchestra," she said. "It's more difficult music, at more of a collegiate level. And we memorize all of our music. We learn five to six songs every year. You learn to read notes faster."

Most beginning fifers learn to play the instrument after they join the group. They practice weekly and take lessons from one of the Corps' five instructors from October through January, in preparation for the annual Freezer Jam in February.

"The fife's not in any school band. And even if they've played music for a few years, they are starting over on a new instrument," said Predhomme, who played drums when he joined the group as a student in 1978. He later taught drums before becoming the Corps musical director. "That's a unique challenge. It's not something that mom or dad just has around the house the kids can pick up."

New fingering, handling

Although the fife may sound similar to a flute or piccolo, its finger pattern is similar to that of an alto saxophone.

Percussionists also learn to

make adjustments when they play snare drum in the group. They handle their sticks with a "traditional left hand grip," holding the left hand in a "side-ways" position.

"Our drums are not modern drums with high tension. It's all rope tension. You don't get the same bounce that you would off a modern drum. It takes a lot more work."

Predhomme described the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps' repertoire as historical, with a contemporary flair.

"The musical arrangements we play are not entirely period accurate of the music of 200 years ago. They do have some modern elements. We play *Yankee Doodle* but we might play it different in some ways."

"There are two schools in the fife and drum community. Some focus on reproducing the music exactly of the day and the others add a modern spirit to it. We blend the old with the modern and focus more on entertaining than re-enacting."

For more about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, visit its Facebook page. Preview or buy the Corps' songs at itunes.apple.com. Check out videos of the Corps at YouTube.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
Wild Winter Weekend: Ice cream and hot cocoa will be available for purchase at a discount. Event includes animal arts and crafts, face painting, animal enrichment activities, talks by the zoo's expert keepers and a winter safari scavenger hunt, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7-8, at the Ford Education Center. Free with zoo admission
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS

DIRTY SHOW

Time/Date: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21
Location: Russell Industrial Center, 1600 Clay Ave. Detroit
Details: Exhibit of erotic art. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$45 seated, \$75 VIP
Contact: dirtyshow.org

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through Feb. 28
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Artwork and essays on Martin Luther King Jr., by students in the P-CEP Arts Academy
Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillage-theater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through Feb. 27
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Ninth annual Member Exhibition features more than 70 works of art in all media.

Coming up: "The mystery lesson," paintings by Kate Paul, March 6-28
Contact: 248-344-0497

CALL FOR ENTRIES

REEL MICHIGAN FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: Entry deadline is April 17; film festival screening is June 20
Location: Screening at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville

Details: The Festival is accepting Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes. Entry form is

available at northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/

Contact: reelmichigan@gmail.com

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: Submission deadline is March 21; art show reception is Sunday, April 19

Location: Art will be displayed at Westland Library meeting room, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

Details: The club seeks original art work, including oils, watercolors, acrylic, pastels, collage, photo art, pottery and more. Submit up to three entries for \$30; \$5 for each additional piece. Submit photos for judging on CD or flash drive. Download an entry form at threecitiesartclub.org.

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Adam Hunter; tickets are \$12 for show only or \$25 for show and a dinner on Thursday; \$16 for show or \$29 for show and dinner, Friday-Sunday
Open mic: Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

Contact: 734-261-0555; catchthefunny.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 19-20, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21

Location: Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

Details: Orny Adams; tickets \$10 Thursday, \$20 Friday-Saturday
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

FILM

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Feb. 27
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: Free showing of Charlie Chaplin's classic film, *Modern Times*, for seniors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Groups of 15 or more can reserve a free bus by calling 313-833-1292

Contact: 313-833-7900

MAPLE THEATRE

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

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



MICHAEL HACALA

See Jill Jack, Friday, Feb. 27, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

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

Contact: 248-750-1030

MICHIGAN THEATER

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

Location: 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

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

Contact: ticketwatch.com

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 21-22

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Penguins of Madagascar*; admission \$3

Coming up: *The Imitation Game*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 and March 5, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 1

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 21

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

Details: *Victor Victoria*; \$5

Coming up: *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, 8 p.m. March 6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 7; vintage fashion market, 1-9 p.m. Saturday

Contact: 313-898-1481



SUBMITTED

Agent Maxwell Smart, played by Christopher Glutting of Livonia, makes a call on his shoe phone while Agent 99, played by Leanne Young of South Lyon, tries to get his attention. Spotlight Players stages "Get Smart" for two weekends, beginning Feb. 20, in Canton.

HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Fundraiser: A Night FOR the Museum, doors open at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Golden Fox, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, west of Plymouth. Tickets are \$75 per person, available at the Museum or online at plymouthhistory.org. Deadline for purchase is March 4

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

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

Location: Plymouth Community Arts

Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: \$5 at the door.
Contact: BFSpresident@aol.com

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. show, Saturday, March 7

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

Details: Performances by Fang Shubo, the Canton Philharmonic choir, the March Wind Choir, the Michigan Chinese Choir, Yangtze Melody Group, the Spring Group, Desert Island Band and Shangarila Band. The celebration will include a Chinese fashion show, tai chi, and dancers from Ann-Hua Chinese School, New Century Chinese group, Hua-Chin Northville Dance Group and Chinese Dance Star featuring a Tai dance by Thomas Davis, a University of Michigan student. \$2 at the door

Contact: 734-394-5300; CantonVillageTheater.org

GREATER DETROIT JAZZ SOCIETY

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Feb. 21

Location: Shield's of Southfield, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield

Details: Ray Heitger's Cakewalkin' Jazz Band of Toledo; \$10

Contact: GreaterDetroitJazzSociety.com

TOKEN LOUNGE

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., concert starts 7:30 p.m., March 4

Location: 28949 Joy Road, Westland

Details: English rock band Uriaiah Heap performs, with special guests, The Jagged Edge and Victor Perraino's Kingdom Come. Tickets \$30 and \$35 through TokenLounge.com

Contact: 734-513-5030



SUBMITTED
Pearled Sorghum
Tangy Pear Salad

ENJOY GLUTEN-FREE SORGHUM IN BAKED GOODS, SALADS

An ancient grain with roots that trace back as far as 8,000 B.C., sorghum is experiencing a resurgence as demand for non-GMO and gluten-free food grows.

Sorghum is an excellent substitute for those with Celiac disease or gluten intolerance, and can be used to make both leavened and unleavened breads, various fermented and unfermented beverages and can be steamed, popped, flaked or consumed as a whole grain or syrup.

"Sorghum is light in color, has a pleasing texture and tastes similar to wheat, which

makes it perfect for use in gluten-free baking," said Carol Fenster, gluten-free expert and cookbook author.

Sorghum also provides iron, calcium, potassium, as well as polycosinol, which research has shown to lower serum cholesterol and may improve heart health.

Contrary to the perception that some grains lead to a spike in blood sugar, research has indicated that sorghum offers slow digestibility and a lower glycemic index. Foods with a lower glycemic index are believed to increase satiety, which means people feel fuller longer, aiding

with weight management.

White, food grade sorghum can be milled directly into whole grain flour to produce foods such as cookies, cakes, breads, pizza dough, pastas, cereals and more. Whole grain sorghum is also a healthy addition to salads. Sorghum's natural attributes make it possible to enjoy deliciously healthful and gluten-free versions of some of America's favorite foods.

For more recipes and tips for cooking with sorghum, visit www.HealthySorghum.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



THIN & CRISPY SORGHUM PIZZA CRUST

Contributed by Nu Life Market

1 cup white whole grain sorghum flour
½ cup potato starch
4 teaspoons gluten-free baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
2 teaspoons sugar
2 teaspoons xanthan gum
½ cup shortening
¾ cup rice milk
Olive oil
Garlic powder or granules

Whisk dry ingredients together. Cut shortening into flour mix until crumbly. Add rice milk and mix until dough forms sticky ball. Knead on floured surface and continue to work dough, adding flour if necessary. Dough is ready when it no longer sticks to your hand. Roll into ball and flatten onto ungreased pizza pan. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with garlic powder. Gently roll edges over to form ridge. Bake for 12 minutes at 450°F. Top with your favorite toppings and bake for additional 10-15 minutes.

MUSHROOM AND GARLIC PEARLED SORGHUM

Contributed by Nu Life Market

½ cup of Nu Life Market Pearled Sorghum Grain
2 cups vegetable stock
½ onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup mushrooms, quartered
3-4 asparagus shoots
½ cup thyme, chopped

Bring sorghum and veggie stock to a boil and simmer for approximately 50 minutes.

In small skillet, over medium heat saute onion, garlic and mushrooms until tender. Add to cooked sorghum. Garnish with steamed asparagus shoots and fresh thyme. Serve.

GLUTEN-FREE SUGAR COOKIES

Developed by Amy Perry for the United Sorghum Checkoff Program

1½ cups sorghum flour
¾ cup cornstarch
½ cup soy flour
1 ½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup butter
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
4 teaspoons milk

Whisk flours, cornstarch, baking powder and salt together, set aside. Thoroughly cream butter, sugar and vanilla. Add egg, beat till light and fluffy, stir in milk, blend in dry ingredients. Chill about 1 hour. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough into balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 7 minutes. Remove immediately from cookie sheet, cool on wire racks before frosting.

PEARLED SORGHUM TANGY PEAR SALAD

Contributed by Nu Life Market

Salad:
½ cup cooked pearled sorghum grain
8 cups prepared mixed baby greens
1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced
½ cup dried cranberries
Toppings:
2 red Anjou pears, halved vertically and thinly sliced
Dressing:
Favorite dressing or balsamic vinaigrette

To cook sorghum, a ratio of one part sorghum to four parts water should be used. In appropriate size saucepan, add water and heat until boiling. Add sorghum and allow to simmer on medium heat, stirring occasionally, for approximately 45 minutes or until desired tenderness.

Once cooked, drain water from pan and rinse cooked grain. Allow cooked sorghum to cool completely before adding to salad, to avoid wilted lettuce.

Toss together cooked sorghum, baby mixed greens, onion and dried cranberries in large bowl.

To serve, place desired amount of tossed lettuce mixture onto salad plate, adorn with 5 pear slices and drizzle with desired amount of dressing.

CITY BITES

Free classes

Livonia — ABC Warehouse wants to help take the pressure out of preparing weekday dinners by offering home chefs a class in pressure cooking, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at 30280 Plymouth Road. The class is part of a cooking — and tasting — series offered free on Monday through April 13 at the Livonia store. Other sessions are vegetarian dishes, March 2; cheesecakes, March 9; Caribbean cuisine, March 16; brunch fare, March 23; and salads & dressings, April 13. No pre-registration is required. The classes repeat on Tuesday at ABC Warehouse's Troy location, on Wednesday at

its Lakeside store, and on Thursday in Novi at 43606 W Oaks Drive. For more information, call the Livonia store at 734-266-6150 and the Novi store at 248-348-2988.

Four-class series

Canton — Chef Paul Penney offers a four-part demonstration and lecture, "Back to Basics in the Kitchen," beginning Feb. 24 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. His first session will focus on cleaning out and restocking the pantry for easier meal preparation and planning. Other topics are soup stock, March 25; braising and roasting meat, April 29; preparing grains and veggies, May 27. Classes run

from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost for the February class is \$20 for Canton residents; \$25 for nonresidents. The remaining three classes cost \$25 each for Canton residents; \$30 each for nonresidents. Samples and handouts will be available at each class. For more information or to register, visit CantonFun.org or call 734-394-5460.

Fish fries

Redford — St. Robert Belarmine Men's Club is gearing up for its annual Lenten Fish Fry Fridays. The group will serve deep fried or baked cod dinner with three side dishes, beverage and dinner roll (\$9, adults; \$4.75, children under 12) 4-7 p.m. every Friday of

Lent, beginning Feb. 20, at the church, located at West Chicago and Inkster roads. Other menu items will include a weekly special for \$10.50; soup and salad bar, \$8.75; mac and cheese with three sides and a beverage, \$7.25; pizza with salad or fries and a beverage, \$6.24; and cheese pizza by the slice, \$2. Seniors, 60 and over, get a \$1 discount on all dinners. Drive-through service is available — enter on Westfield behind the gym. Call the church at 313-937-1500 for more information.

Livonia — St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish also offers a fish fry, 5-7 p.m. every Friday through March 27, at the church, 29015, Jamison.

Seniors early bird special starts at 4:30 p.m. Weekly seafood special is \$10. Dinner prices are \$9, adults; \$8, seniors; \$7, early bird special; \$6, children, 12 and under. The menu includes fried white cod or seasoned baked cod and fried fish nuggets. Other meal items include soup, potato, green beans, mac and cheese, cheese pizza, salad, coleslaw, rolls, punch and coffee. Call 734-427-5220 for more information.

Does your church offer a Friday fish fry during lent? Send the details to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.