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Westland water rates to increase 6.7 percent

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland residents can expect to pay average of \$10.21 more per bill for their water effective July 1. That amounts to a 6.67 percent overall increase in water and sewer rates, including a \$1 per bill increase most homeowners will see for the fixed

rate charge added by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Detroit is expected to approve an 11.3 percent increase for suburban communities, a bit over the 10 percent increase Westland factored into the local rates. "We've been consistent with the Detroit increases in the last few years. We break it

down over five years but council only has one-year approvals on the rates," said Westland Finance Director Steve Smith. "Last year, was the lowest increase we had seen in the last seven years. This year will be higher." The increases from Detroit are only one factor in setting the city's water and sewer rates, Smith said. Another is

sewer charges from Wayne County. "We have people costs. Detroit rates might have a 10 percent increase but our people costs don't go up 10 percent - maybe up 1 or 2 percent," said Smith. "It balances with the Detroit increases." In recent years, water usage has dropped, Smith said, due to factors, such as people

conserving water to reduce their water bills or people who have moved out of state. Since there are certain fixed operating costs for DWSD, communities now receive a fixed rate charge. That's something residents currently pay at \$27 per month and will increase \$1

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Principal Jacqueline Mojeske said she felt "contained" as St. Damian students used more than five rolls of Duct Tape to stick her to the wall.

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Students jump at chance to tape principal to the wall

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Principal Jacqueline Mojeske got to be a stuck up Monday as students at St. Damian School used more than five rolls of Duct Tape to fasten her to the wall of the school gymnasium. "I'm happy to do this, but is this the way you treat me after I gave you two extra days off?" asked Mojeske when the students were done. "I don't know about this." Mojeske covered her arms with plastic bags and leaned against the wall as preschoolers through eighth-graders layered on strips of tape. The

sticky affair was the end result of a Jump for the Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. As an incentive Mojeske had agreed to allow them to tape her to the wall, if they raised \$1,000. The amount was \$2,713 as of Monday. "When we set the number we didn't want to set the goal too high," said Mojeske. "The last day or two, they only had \$600, so I sent out an email. The donations started coming in. I'm very proud of them. They did a fantastic job." The event was organized by the

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Although it may look like Principal Jacqueline Mojeske was abandoned by staff and students, it's not long before she is free.

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W-W's legal firms agree to hold line on fees

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There will be no change in legal representation for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The school board has approved an administrative recommendation to continue to use four law firms to handle its legal matters. The decision comes a month after the board, during its organizational meeting,



Harmala

declined to make the designations due to an increase in fees by its general counsel, Clark Hill. Its other firms — Lusk and Albertson, Thrun and Kelley Cawthorne — had not increased fees. After discussions with school officials, the firms have agreed to maintain their

2014 rates for 2015 and are willing to discuss going to a January-to-January rate renewal cycle, according to School Superintendent Michele Harmala. Noting that "all of the firms know we use multiple firms, all know they are one firm among a group of firms at our disposal," she told the board that "having multiple firms serves as a check and balance for cost containment. In other words, they all want to do

business with us and are concerned that we are satisfied with both their services and their fees." As the general counsel, Clark Hill has handled the brunt of the district's legal work. Kelley Cawthorne handles governmental and legislative affairs; Lusk and Albertson handles special education matters, student discipline and board policy; and Thrun

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Faulty wiring blamed for fire that killed elderly Westland couple

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Faulty wiring is being blamed for a fire that killed an elderly Westland couple in their home early Sunday. "Firefighters found the front door open and the victims were right inside," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy. "They were just overcome with smoke by that point." The victims were a married couple, both were age 83. Their names weren't released. They received emergency medical assistance but neither could be revived. Both were transported to Garden City Hospital where they were pronounced dead. A passerby reported the fire about 3:45 a.m. on the ranch-style house on Fremont, in a neighborhood west of Middlebelt south of Joy. On Sunday, Reddy said it was clear that the fire had started in the basement - support walls were needed due to the first floor collapsing. Later, Wayne-Westland Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said electrical issues, specifically faulty wiring in recessed lighting in the basement ceiling, had

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WAYNE-WESTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT The basement stairs at a home on Fremont, where an elderly Westland couple died in a fire early Sunday.



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handles elections as needed.

"Each of these firms is a quality firm, and each firm has attorneys with expertise that will serve us well," she said. "Rather than have a singular firm handle all of our cases, we believe it is better to have multiple firms so we can select a particular firm and attorney based on the case we are dealing with."

Harmala added that the district has the option of selecting an attorney that is "most effective and cost effective."

"Selecting an attorney with just the least-expensive hourly rate actually may end

up costing more, if that attorney is not as effective in that area," she said.

Madison thanked Harmala for the time she took in working on a new proposal, adding that "I like the idea that we have flexibility."

In response to board President Thomas Buckalew's question about a length of service contract, Harmala said there are no written contracts. The district communicates with the firms regularly to do a review of prices on an annual basis.

"These are not long-term contracts," she said. "We could stop using a firm tomorrow as long as they are finished with cases."

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Norwayne WinterFest Jamboree set for Saturday

It's time for the annual Norwayne WinterFest Jamboree and the good news is, it's indoors. The Norwayne Community Citizens Council

is hosting the event noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Dorsey Center.

There will be crafts for the kids and a turkey lunch with all the fixings.

For adults there's the Parents Cafe - "Dump the Junk. Make peace with the past and prevent the impact of your future!"

The event is free. For more information, call Hank Johnson at 734-334-0042.

WATER

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July 1.

"The fixed rates go up each year. In the Finance Department, we get a lot of calls on the fixed rates," said Smith. "Detroit is doing more fixed rate costs - a lot of their costs are fixed. If they don't sell enough water, they can't cover the fixed costs."

To help address that and other water rates-related questions, residents can check out videos on the DWSD

Outreach Operation Clean Water YouTube Channel.

The latest video explains how using less water does not lower the fixed costs to supply it. Other video topics include the real cost for a gallon of municipal water, how to reduce your water bill and why rates keep going up.

With the upcoming citywide water meter replacement program, Smith said the city hopes to shrink the amount of water loss - water the city receives wholesale from Detroit but is unable to bill to a customer.

Accurate new meters are expected to address part of that problem.

"The (current) meters are 20 years old and at the end of their useful life. The meter replacement hasn't started yet; it will be a two-year program," said Smith. "Another thing that contributes to water loss is fire, what the fire departments uses and water main breaks."

In recent years, the council has worked to improve the financial condition of the water-sewer fund, which recently completed repayment of loans from the

general fund. That has mean passing along rate increases to customers from Detroit and enough to fund system maintenance and capital outlay.

"We want to make sure we stay ahead of the curve and not behind it," said Westland Council President James Godbout. "Past councils didn't want to pass it (rate increases) along. That's what got us into trouble."

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school's Honor Society and staged with the help of share time physical education teacher Peggy Herrick who had done Jump for the Heart events in the Livonia Public Schools.

Prior to the mid-winter break and over the course of two days, students used physical education class to do four different jump rope challenges - timed jumping, free style, long style and with a partner. They had a choice of using a wand, jump rope or Hula Hoop to do their individual jumping. Students had to move for 30 seconds with each challenge.

"This was the first time we did this and the enthusiasm was great," said teacher Kim Rourke. "The National Honor Society decided to do one as a large community service project for the school." They learned about



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St. Damian students smashed their fundraising goal and earned the right to duct tape Principal Jacqueline Majeske to the wall of the gymnasium.

the heart and shared the information with family and friends while using social media to collect pledges. In return, they received rubber ducks, T-shirts and other items as they reached different donation levels. Each duck reward came with information about being heart healthy.

There also was a 'duck pond' in the cafeteria, and when students turned in pledges, paper ducks were added to the pond.

The fundraiser had a theme of "It takes a Heart to be a Hero," and students wrote the names of their heroes that were put up on the gym wall. There wasn't one child who didn't have a heart hero, Rourke said.

"Some of the students earned five different ducks," said Rourke who is thrilled with the response. "We had no clue as to how it would go over, especially a week after our annual auction."

By the time the students did their jumping, the fundraising had topped \$1,000 and Rourke



SUE MASON

Chad Sims of Livonia and Christopher Russelburg of Garden City get help from physical education teacher Peggy Herrick with long style rope jumping.

was certain that they would reach \$2,000. The final amount was "fantabulous," she told the students.

The taping started with preschoolers and was nearing the seventh- and eighth-graders when Rourke ran out of tape. However, eighth-grade teacher Karen Eldred and office manager Melanie Bratt arrived in the

nick of time with four more rolls of tape, retrieved from the storage room.

"We don't mess around," said Eldred. "How do you know how much you need," said Rourke. "I guess I should have Googled it."

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FIRE

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caused the fire.

"The investigation is ongoing but we traced it from the electrical box to the recessed lighting," Eggers said. "The fire burned up and through."

Firefighters eliminated possible other causes,

he said, like space heater or a dropped cigarette, since the couple were both smokers.

The person who reported the fire opened the front door, which was unlocked, but couldn't enter due to the heat and smoke, Eggers said, which also prevented him from seeing the couple.

"They were approxi-

mately three feet from the door. When we ventilated the house, we could see them," Eggers said. "It's amazing that they made it that far."

The home is owned by the couple's granddaughter.

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LAWMAKERS: BRING BACK SCHOOL BAKE SALES

Schools would be allowed to host traditional fundraisers such as bake sales if legislation introduced by Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Rep. Pat Somerville becomes law.

The legislators introduced Senate Bill 139 and House Bill 4202 to direct the Michigan Department of Education to return the decision-making authority back to schools with regard to the types of food they sell at fundraisers.

Colbeck, R-Canton, and Somerville, R-New Boston, believe the department went too far with its recent ban on non-approved food sales

and its actions have hurt the ability of schools to provide extracurricular and social activities for students, according to a press release.

A new federal law that went into effect this past fall as part of First Lady Michelle Obama's plan to make school food healthier allows the MDE to dictate the number of "non-compliant" fundraisers schools may hold during school hours on school property. A non-compliant fundraiser is the sale of any food not on the federally approved "Smart Snack" list. Most of the foods traditionally sold to raise money for school activ-

ities, such as baked goods, are not on the approved list.

The MDE decided to allow zero non-compliant fundraisers across the board, severely limiting the ability of students to raise money for school trips, sports teams and other organizations, the press release said. In essence, Colbeck and Somerville said, this has meant the end of almost all food sales for fundraising events.

The latest measure directs the MDE to allow schools to hold up to three non-compliant fundraisers per week and puts the control back into the hands of the

schools, parents and administrators.

"I have heard from students, parents, teachers and principals about how this new policy is hurting their school's extracurricular activities," Colbeck said. "A Cub Scout came up to me at a recent event in my district to tell me how he was not able to sell brownies at his school to raise money for his troop. This policy is not only hurting our schools, but it's also hurting non-profit organizations like the Cub Scouts and is an example of pure government overreach that needs to be addressed."

"This is common-



FILE PHOTO

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is among those supporting a return of school bake sales.

sense legislation," Somerville said. "These decisions should be decided at the local level and not by the federal and state government. This legislation ends an overreach by our state Department

of Education."

SB 139 is expected to be considered March 3 in the Senate Committee on Education and HB 4202 has been sent to the House Committee on Education.

Kids are in AWE with new technology at Westland library

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There is no doubt kids are using technology at a young age, so Westland's William P. Faust Library has added some new options in the children's department.

That includes an iPad Station limited to use by kids 2-12 years old.

"It's been very popular," said Andy Schuck, head of Youth Services. "We have more education apps. We gathered them from other libraries that have used it."

All ages of children have been using the two iPads for games that include matching letters, numbers and other skills.

"Sometimes we even see an adult sit down with the kids. We wanted to make sure there was not just entertainment value but some education," said Schuck.

When his son, who is 3, visits the library, Schuck



LEANNE ROGERS

Engrossed in playing Minecraft on an iPad, Shania Jennings, 9, couldn't really answer questions about how she liked the new iPad Station at the William P. Faust Public Library.

said that he also uses an iPad.

"It's skills kids need exposure to - where else can they get it?" said Schuck. "Here we have a safe environment for that to happen."

Very popular

The iPads, which are have thick case and are secured to the station, have been popular since they arrived in Decem-

ber. There were 235 uses in December, 375 uses in January.

"That's significant, especially with two of them (iPads). That's close to what we get for gaming competitions," said Schuck, adding there are still non-electronic things like puzzles available to help develop gross motor skills.

Also new at the library



LEANNE ROGERS

Andy Schuck, head of Youth Services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, shows off the new AWE Early Literacy Station.

is the AWE Early Literacy Station, which has more than 70 preloaded educational software programs including *Kid Pix 3D*, *Dora the Explorer*, *Math Doodles* and *Sesame Street* titles. Programs are offered in English, bilingual French and Spanish.

"It covers all seven Common Core Curriculum areas. It has popular

games like *SpongeBob* typing, *Arthur* and the *Berenstain Bears*," said Schuck.

The Early Literacy Station is standalone computer that doesn't require Internet connection to operate making it safe for youngsters to use on their own.

"We encourage parents to sit with the kids, the same as we do with

the iPads," said Schuck. "The kids get more out of it with a parent, especially the younger kids. We have headphones so they can play and listen together."

Some of the programs begin with a narrative to get the kids involved, Schuck said.

"It's a nice way to get the kids involved. It sucks them in and tricks them into learning," he said. "The computers are kid-friendly and eye-catching. The mouse is kid-sized."

Aimed at children 2-8 years old, the two Early Literacy Stations were purchased with help from the Friends of the Westland Library and the Westland Rotary Club. The stations were used by youngsters 200 times each in December and January.

"These are things people can't afford on their own. It's nice that we are able to make them available," said Schuck.

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Looking for a way to feel healthy while enjoying tasty food with nutrients and enzymes intact? Chef Carolyn Simon will offer ideas on a new way of eating while satisfying the needs of your body during a free program at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

A personal chef who discovered that eating

fresh fruits, vegetables and seeds gave her more energy and better health, Simon will demonstrate how to use raw foods to make appetizers, main dishes and desserts. All of the foods that she prepares will be available to taste and recipes will be available.

Simon prepares meals and distributes them to a church in

Detroit, shelters, soup kitchens and food pantries. She also has a food manufacturing business making crackers for sale in some stores and cooking foods for a variety of venues.

This program is presented by the Friends of the Livonia Library. For questions, call 734-466-2495.

Schoolcraft offers class on meditation

As part of their Personal Enrichment Wellness program, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education is offering a four-week class, "Present Moment Meditation: A Path to Inner Peace" beginning 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 9.

The class provides simple tools that help reduce stress, relax the body, quiet the mind, and ways to stay present and peaceful throughout the

day. "We live in challenging times so it's important to find ways to release stress," said Kathy Henning, founder of Present Moment Meditation. "But finding time to relax and unwind often falls to the bottom of our 'to-do' list. As a result, this takes a toll on our health, happiness, inner peace, and for many, their ability to get a good night's sleep."

Class includes two meditations, a short reading and discussion relating to meditation and stress reduction. The class is for ages 18 and older. Chairs are provided.

The cost is \$59, or \$47.20 for seniors. For more information and to register, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd.

Underground Railroad presentation opens Nankin Mills historical series

Wayne County Parks is offering a series of 90-minute local history presentations on select Saturdays throughout the year. For ages 12 and up, all programs are held 1-2:30 p.m. at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

"Learning is a lifelong process and it is important that we continue to exercise our brains," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "Wayne County Parks offers a variety of educational programs and I hope residents take advantage of these fun learning opportunities."

The series kicks off Saturday, Feb. 28, with a program in the Underground Railroad in Michigan. Local Underground Railroad history and the key role Michigan played in the "Flight to Freedom" will be presented along with the fascinating lore from this important era.

Also scheduled are: » **Native American History Part I: Prehistoric Era** on Saturday, March 7. The story of the earliest days of human history in North America will be presented, including some of the earliest cultures in Michigan: the Copper Culture and Hopewell mound build-



CARA STEGLER

International Memorial to the Underground Railroad in Detroit commemorates the escape of fugitive slaves to Canada.

» **Native American History Part II: Historic Era** Saturday, April 18. The tribal cultures we are most familiar with today arrived in the Great Lakes after the Hopewell Culture disappeared. Learn about the many tribes that settled in the Great Lakes and how they lived.

» **First Settlement Families of Nankin Township**, Saturday, June 20. Local settlers Marcus Swift and William Osband brought their families to wilds of Michigan in 1825. They became prominent figures in the formation of Nankin Township, building the first schools,

churches, anti-slavery societies and homes. Their lives are a fascinating story of perseverance in the face of many hardships, as well as an inspiration.

» **French Fur Trading**, Saturday, Aug. 29. The French arrived in the Great Lakes as early as the 1500s. Learn about their influence here and why Michigan was significant in the fur trade.

» **Henry Ford's Village Industries**, Saturday, Sept. 12. As part of his "Village Industry Project," Henry Ford developed 20 different sites along rivers in southeastern Michigan. Nankin Mills was the first site purchased in 1918 for this "decentralization of industry" concept. Learn about this fascinating piece of Ford History, including a visit to the Ford exhibit in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

The program fee is \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents and \$3 for out-of-county residents. Advance registration and prepayment is required. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, SECTIONS 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, and 46-1(49)d OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO AMEND THE RATES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That paragraph (a) of the portion of Section 46-1(48) of the Westland City Code entitled "Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

a. Water consumption charges (Section 102-91)

"(1) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any fraction thereof.....\$4.30"

"(2) Effective with the first billing on or after July 1, 2015, a fee will be charged to every water and/or sewer account that receives water and/or sewer service from the City of Westland. This fee will be based on the size of the meter installed:

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Charge
5/8	28.00
3/4	28.00
1	28.00
1 1/2	67.00
2	135.00
3	175.00
4	260.00
6	775.00
8	1,500.00
10	3,000.00

Section 2. That paragraph (c) of the portion of Section 46-1(49)c of the Westland City Code entitled "Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)" shall be amended to provide as follows:

c. Sewage disposal rates (Section 102-124)

"(1) Per 1,000 gallons per quarter or any part thereof.....\$5.54"

Section 3. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

EILEEN DEHART-SCHOOFF
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND
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.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Eileen DeHart, CMC
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CITY OF LIVONIA
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2015

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2015 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 3, 2015 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2015. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session	Second Session
Tuesday March 3, 2015	Monday March 9, 2015
Thursday March 5, 2015	Tuesday March 10, 2015
Friday March 6, 2015	Thursday March 12, 2015
	Friday March 13, 2015
	Monday March 16, 2015

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2015.

CLASS	RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Note: Appointments for the Board of Review may be made beginning Monday, February 23, 2015 by calling the Assessor's Office at 734.466.2220.

Linda Gosselin, Assessor
Susan A. Hoff, City Clerk

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Could auxiliary heat source have caused fire?

Children were among four fire deaths in a house in Hamtramck on Feb. 17 of this year. The fire was so intense when firefighters arrived at about 1:50 a.m. that they couldn't reach the victims in time. The firefighters entered, but had to turn back due to the intense heat confronting them. Any fire death is a tragedy, but even more so when children are involved. While fire officials investigate the fire to determine an exact cause, let me speculate about some of the reasons for these possible deaths. I speculate only so that we can keep our families safer in these cold months ahead.



Shadd Whitehead

One possible reason could have been using auxiliary sources of heat during the cold weather. Face it; our furnaces have trouble keeping up with a normal winter in Michigan, let alone what we have recently experienced. Some of our furnaces aren't running at 100 percent efficiency, and maybe have not been inspected, or had their filters changed or parts replaced as they should have.

Sometimes, people feel the need to help their furnaces out. Electric space heaters are useful for this purpose, when used properly. This means that you have inspected the unit, only run it with a responsible adult awake and alert in the room. It also means that you have it out of the normal travel paths to avoid accidentally knocking it over and all combustible materials are kept three feet away from the unit. Fireplaces, with screens drawn to keep any sparks or embers inside, are another fairly safe way to add heat. Fireplaces need maintenance, so an annual inspection and/or cleaning should be on your maintenance

list. I have seen many unsafe ways to try to add heat to homes over the years. Sometimes a kitchen stove is used, a propane heater or even fires set in hopes. These are not safe, as I hope you have guessed by now. They can very easily lead to disaster. Many people think they are light sleepers and will wake to the sound or smell of fire. Research has proven this to be false, even among the lightest sleepers. The only way to get an early warning of a fire in a home while sleeping is by having working smoke alarms in the home. They should be installed on ceilings or high on

walls, tested monthly and the batteries should be changed annually. You should have a home fire escape plan that is practiced with the family so that everyone knows what to do if a smoke alarm sounds or fire breaks out. It can even be fun to talk and practice the plan together as a family. While the official cause has not been determined on the above mentioned fire, I hope that my speculations may cause you to make your home a safer place.

Shadd Whitehead is the chief of Livonia Fire & Rescue.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland man told police Feb. 18 that he has found his credit rating steadily declining due to a Verizon cell phone account fraudulently opened using his personal information. He said the account was opened in January 2013 and has an unpaid balance of \$1,528.

Break-in

On Feb., 18, a resident in the 8500 block of Ingram told police that he arrived home to find damage to the interior door frame on the back door. He said he had spent the previous night with his girlfriend, who stopped by at 7:30 a.m. to let out his dog.

Checking with his girlfriend, the resident said she saw the door was ajar but didn't notice damage. There was no sign anyone had been inside the house. Since his dog is at large in the home, he said an intruder might have been scared off.

Hit and run

A resident in the 35000 block of Fairchild told police that on Feb. 17 he found that overnight someone had hit his 2011 Ford Escape while it was parked on the street. The officer noted several scrapes and scuff marks on the vehicle.

Vandalism

On Feb. 22, a resident at the Hampton Court Apartments, 5700 E. Hampton Court, told police he was taking a shower about 11:30 a.m. when he heard glass breaking. He said he found two bedroom windows had been broken out.

Larceny

A Canton woman told police Feb. 19 that someone had stolen the license plate from her vehicle while she was working at Meijer, 3720 1 Warren Road.

- By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

A Westland woman visiting her friend Feb. 22 in the 29000 block of Marquette reported damage to her 1998 Mercury Mountaineer.

The woman said that she came to visit about 4 p.m. that day and when she went out to her vehicle about 11 p.m. she found damage to the driver's side mirror. There were also scratches on the paint and windows.

The car owner told police at she heard no unusual activity outside

during the hours she was at the home. She also indicated that she knew no one who would want to do this to her vehicle.

Suspended license

A police officer working road patrol about 3 p.m. Feb. 18 observed the driver of a 1999 Ford Contour disregard a red light at Middlebelt and Block.

When he stopped the 27-year-old Inkster woman, she said that she had a suspended license. She also had an expired license plate.

Upon further investigation, the officer found that the vehicle had an improper license plate that was registered to a 2003 SAAB. The driver said that her boyfriend had just purchased the vehicle.

The officer arrested the woman, transported her to the Garden City police station and released her with citations.

Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 25-year-old Detroit woman who was driving with a suspend-

ed license about 2:15 a.m. Feb. 21.

The officer observed that the driver on southbound Inkster Road turned left onto eastbound Ford with no headlights.

When the officer looked up the woman's driving record, he found that she has had a suspended license since Dec. 14, 2012, and had 10 suspensions.

-By Sue Buck

WAYNE COP CALLS

noticed a small window near a door had been broken.

Entering the home to get her dog, the resident said she immediately noticed the kitchen cabinet doors were open. She said that she and her husband had left home about 7 a.m.

Police said that it appeared the kitchen

and upstairs bedrooms had been entered. The suspect had reached in the window to unlock the door.

Hit and run

A resident in the 33000 block of Gerald told police Feb. 22 that someone had hit his Chevrolet Aveo while it was parked in the street

overnight.

Also on Feb. 22, a resident in the 4500 block of Randolph told police she arrived home to see that someone had hit her Lincoln MKX while it was parked in her driveway.

- By LeAnne Rogers

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These area students were among the more than 455 named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 Semester, with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

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Nathaniel Mularoni
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Bria Simons

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Economic development is 2015 priority in Westland

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Now that Westland's new city hall and Fire Station 1 are open, the city can start focusing on other projects that need attention, including Central City Parkway and the now-vacated Ford Road municipal property.

Those are among the projects topping the 2015 to-do list for Westland Mayor William Wild.

"We're still working in-house on the Central City Parkway project to see what it will be," Wild said. The section being looked at is between Warren and Ford roads.

After that, Wild said the city can look at redevelopment of the municipal property front along Ford.

"We have an RFP (Request for Proposals) for demolition of all three buildings," said Wild, referring to the former city hall, fire station and Bailey Center.

Part of the demolition project is asbestos analysis to determine the required asbestos-abatement plan that has to be in place before demolition begins.

A separate RFP is being prepared for the relocation of veterans memorials on the former city hall front lawn and one still remaining on the south side. The Bova VFW has already moved the memorial honoring Army Sgt. Refugio "Tom" Teran, a Westland resident missing in Vietnam for 32 years until his body was returned in 2002.

"We're just going to get an estimate for moving the monuments to the

(Westland) veterans memorial garden," Wild said.

» The city will continue working on the Ford Road 2020 program for improvements to the business district. Located at the southwest corner of Ford and Newburgh, Feister RV and Auto Sales has closed.

"Council will start seeing stuff on redevelopment of that site. It will be a huge shot in the arm for the whole Ford Road corridor," Wild said.

» Other economic development is expected on along Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, including the balance of the former Service Merchandise site. The north end of the property is where the new fire station is located.

"It used to be four acres. We would like to work with the owner of the adjoining property to see if there is potential for new development," Wild said. "Like medical use to diversify the area and bring jobs to help the Shop and Dine district."

Other changes in that area include the relocation of Bed, Bath & Beyond store from Central City Parkway to the south side of Warren Road just west of Target. A party supply store is also moving into that strip center.

» The city has spent a lot of time promoting the Shop and Dine District anchored by Westland Shopping Center.

Now the city's econom-

ic development team — Wild, Deputy Mayor Thelma Kubitskey and Economic Development Director Lori Fodale — will look at another area of the city.

"We are trying for a strategy for the north end of Westland, with the investment in the Shop and Dine District starting to take off," Wild said.

Areas likely to get attention are intersections, such as Warren Road and Merriman, Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail, and Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail.

The city now has control of the closed Hawthorne Valley restaurant and nine-hole golf course located on Merriman just north of Warren Road.

"We need to see how it fits into our strategy and see if we can spur development," Wild said.

"We're going to have stakeholder meetings with residents and business owners in the area."

The city has approved Commercial Redevelopment Districts in other areas, which may be of use at some of the commercial intersections in the north end of the city, Wild said.

» The city will continue revitalization efforts in the Norwayne community.

"One of the big things is the Westland Historical Park and creating the Eloise Museum," he said.

The Dorsey Center will also be relocating to the much larger former Jefferson Barns Elementary School.

» The city refinanced Taylor Towers, receiving \$9 million that was earmarked for capital im-

provements.

That will include upgrades to the police station. Wild said the city will also be looking at some of the older fire stations needing upgrades, along with the Westland Municipal Golf Course clubhouse.

» Westland will be starting the citywide water meter replacement shortly.

» Westland has hired Jessica Mistak as parks and recreation director. Wild noted the city has filled other positions, with Ramzi El-Gharib serving as the Department of Public Services director for Westland and Wayne, new DPS superintendent Doug Morton and a new budget director to begin work soon.

"I'm also working with the police chief to restructure the command staff to get more officers on the street," Wild said.

» Financially, Wild said the city is in a very good position, with a three-year budget process and a \$5 million fund balance — just under the 10-percent level recommended for a city with a \$59 million budget.

"We're going to continue to focus on capital improvement projects," he said. "The two big projects internally are legacy costs."

The city needs to improve funding for its pension plans, Wild said. Currently, the police-pensioners are 80 percent funded with the other pension plan at 50 percent funding.

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Westland parks to get attention in 2015

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Work on Central City and Tattan parks has wrapped up, so Westland's neighborhood parks could be getting a spruce up in 2015.

New Parks and Recreation Director Jessica Mistak is assessing the smaller parks around the city.

"When I first became mayor (in 2006) and closed Central City Park (due to contamination), we asked residents to use the neighborhood parks," Wild said. "We did upgrades in the parks, and it's time for a refresher. We will look at all the amenities and freshen them up with paint."

The city will also continue working to eliminate the blighted Gest Academy that is sitting abandoned next to Stottmeyer Park.

"We're working with the church (which owns the property)," Wild said.

One proposal was to get the building demolished and do a land swap with the People's Community Baptist Church, which owns the building. The church-owned property is within the park, and a swap could make the park property contiguous.

Westland continues to have an agreement with Wayne for a merged parks and recreation department. What that means going forward is unclear, as the Wayne council looks at options to solve a budget deficit, including the operations at the Wayne Community Center.

Wild recently met with Wayne City Manager David Murphy and Mayor James Hawley regarding parks and recreation.

"We are kind of in a holding pattern. We'll see what they could do, see their plan and figure out how the partnership would work," Wild said.

The merger followed an agreement to let residents of Westland or Wayne use facilities and programs in either community for resident rates. Once Westland closed the Bailey Center and outdoor pool, Westland residents were encouraged to join the Wayne Community Center as a means of increasing memberships there and reducing operating losses.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, March 13, at the Straight Farmhouse Museum, 6221 Merriman, Garden City.

The business group meets on the second Friday of each month. For more information, visit the alliance website at gcbiz48135.org or send an email to gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com.

Bowling fundraiser

Time to spare? Enjoy some bowling while helping the Westland Historic Village Park noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and include 2 games with shoes, pizza and pop. There also will be raffle prizes for adults and children. Tickets are available at 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill or by calling Ryan at 734-756-0769.

Spaghetti Dinners

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

In March, the center will hold its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 27.

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

» A Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction is planned for 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-11 and free for children age

3 and under.

For more information, call 734-427-3660.

Euchre Party

Garden City Gladiator 10U baseball team will hold a Euchre Party Saturday, Feb. 28, at Garden City Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford, Garden City.

Check-in starts at 7 p.m. 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

Project Graduation 2015 will hold a Croppin' for Cougars fundraiser 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Learn the latest techniques and hottest trends while cropping, creating and just plain 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.

To reserve your spot or for any questions, contact Heidi Witt at witt@gardencityschools.com or call 734-612-527.

Financial University

Dave Ramsey's Updated Financial Peace University will be offered Tuesday evenings from March 3 through April 28 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, in Garden City.

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.

For more information, call 734-793-1850 and ask for Shaun or Martha. For more information about the Financial Peace University, visit www.dav-eramsey.com.

Shamrock Shuffle

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will hold its annual Shamrock Shuffle card Party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the St. Raphael Activities building, 31530 Merriman, Garden City.

Tickets 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.

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

Trains of Wayne

The Wayne Historical Society will present "The Trains of Wayne," with local train historian Richard Andrews, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square.

Doors open at 7 p.m., come and visit the museum and join in the discussion all about the Wayne trains. There is no charge for this program and all are welcome.

Join the Wayne Historical Society and share the history. Membership dues are only \$10 per year.

Family Feud

New Life Church of Garden City will host its fourth annual Family Feud fundraiser at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at New Life, 33111 Ford, and Garden City.

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.

What's it worth?



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Do you have an old five-dollar bill around the house ??? Old coins, tokens or medals??? If you answer yes, then take them to the Wayne Coin Club's 54th annual Spring Coin Show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne. Club members will give a free appraisal on coins, currency, tokens, medals and other numismatic items. It also will raffle off 11 silver prizes with a drawing every half hour. The club is for young and old alike and meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland.

There will be food concessions available.

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

Red Wings tickets

Are you a Red Wing's fan? Would you like to win a suite for 20 people at Joe Louis Arena to see the Wings defeat the Hurricanes at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 7?

The Westland Rotary Club is offering you a chance to do just that and help your community at the same time. The suite also includes a \$500 Food Credit and Parking passes. It's your chance to see the last Red Wings game of the season in grand style!

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.

Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the

Westland Rotary Club. For more information, call Kristi at 313-300-7832 or Dick at 248-417-1858.

Trivia Night

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

Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m. Pre-register for \$20 per team (maximum of four persons). At the door the cost is \$30, if space available. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs and four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza from Marina's. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase.

There will be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are \$1 each, three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10) and prizes — mystery prizes,

\$100 for first place, \$80 for second place, \$60 for third place and \$20 for last place.

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

Spring Craft-Vendor Show

Garden City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 396 will hold a craft and vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, west of Beech Daily and north of West Chicago, Redford.

Admission is \$1. There will be food available and a bake sale. All proceeds will help local military and their families, including veterans. Table space is \$30 for an approximately 8 x10 space, with an 8-foot table and two chairs. Indicate on application if electricity is needed. If electricity is needed, there will be an additional \$5 charge.

Email deta-na@sbcglobal.net for more information and application or call 248-477-8594.

Italian American Club raises \$35,000 for charity



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Sandy and Robert Fox, state deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, dance to the sounds of '50s "doo-wop" music sung by the Optomystics.



SUBMITTED
Joe Neuman of Chelsea gets another scoop of macaroni and cheese from Compari's on the Park, while his dad Norm, looks on.

The Italian American Club of Livonia celebrated its 20th year of supporting the St. Louis Center in Chelsea by sponsoring another successful Culinary Extravaganza on Jan. 25.

The event netted about \$35,000 for the transportation program at the SLC, a residential care center for children and adults with developmental disabilities run by the Servants of Charity; a worldwide Catholic Order of Priests that originated in Como, Italy. About 250 people attended.

"We are grateful to our friends in the community who have embraced our mission of caring for people with special needs," said the Rev. Enzo Addari, SdC., a member of the Italian American Club of Livonia. Our supporters enrich the lives of our residents through their love, and allow us to provide them with a better quality of life."

Gary Deschenes of Foresters Financial Services - Livonia, was the recipient of the St. Louis Guanella Humanitarian Award, which honors a community member who gives tirelessly to others through spirituality, char-

ity, and selfless good works to make life better for their fellow human beings.

Deschenes donated the use of a treasure chest during the Culinary Extravaganza, and sought out grant funding opportunities for the SLC.

In addition, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Youth Organization, the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Livonia, Gleaners, the National Kidney Foundation, the Livonia Chamber, and Athletes with Disabilities.

Participating restaurants this year included: Aubree's Pizza of Northville, Bahama Breeze - Livonia, Claddagh Irish Pub - Livonia, Compari on the Park/Fiamma Grille - Plymouth, Food on Wood Mediterranean - Northville, Italian American Banquet Center - Livonia, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches - Livonia, La Bistecca - Plymouth, Little Bangkok Cuisine - Plymouth, Mexican Fiesta - Canton, Senate Restaurant - Northville, Station 885 - Plymouth, Volare Ristorante - Novi, Dunia Sweets - Livonia, Heritage Bakery - Livonia, Joe's Produce - Livonia, Kilwins Chocolates -



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Gary Deschenes of Foresters Financial Partners accepts the St. Louis Guanella Humanitarian Award, while (from left) Joe Yekulis, emcee; Mary Galasso, event chair, and Fr. Enzo Addari look on.

Plymouth, Mary Denning's Cake Shop - Westland, and Tuscan Cafe -

Northville. Wine Tasting was provided by Andy Abro of

Super Fine Wines in Canton. For more information

about St. Louis Center, visit www.stlouiscenter.org.

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Beware of online medical misinformation

Late last year, I broke the No. 1 rule of the Internet and consulted a popular online medical site. Last August, I found myself ill and despite rest, hydration and numerous visits to my general physician, I couldn't get back to full strength.

After a month of fevers, chills, headaches and malaise, I began to research my symptoms. It was all downhill from there. Based on my specific ailments and sharp pain in my abdomen, a popular medical website suggested I may have mononucleosis or a number of far more serious issues.

Armed with the quickest diagnosis the Internet could provide, I went back to the doctor and told the nurse I thought I had mononucleosis.



Jon Gunnells
TECH SAVVY

The nurse ran a spot test, which confirmed I had mononucleosis. But as anyone who has ever had mononucleosis knows, there is no antibiotic treatment for mono or other viral infections.

So I rested, drank lots of Gatorade, watched way too much football and waited for my headaches to go away and my energy to come back. Two months later – and a few more visits to the doctor's office – I had made no improvement.

That's when I decided to get a second opinion and found out

I didn't have mono – a diagnosis that was probably only made because I led the first doctor to it after visiting the website.

It was truly the perfect storm of events. The spot test showed positive because I had had mono during an otherwise terrific year of college. My physician never ordered a full blood test. And hey, I had consulted the web, it seemed plausible. Who was I to argue?

We could talk about how my physician was wrong, but this is a technology column. It's more fitting that we talk about the dangers of websites that aid and encourage self-diagnosis. While these sites provide information and tools to manage your health, they offer generic answers for complicat-

ed symptoms and can lead patients like myself to more issues.

If you tell a medical website you have a headache and lack of energy (such as I did), you may get results that indicate you either have a minor headache or that you are dying. I'm not exaggerating – do you know how many simple symptoms lead to an online diagnosis of cancer? It's staggering.

You can avoid a misdiagnosis and a lot of worry by simply not visiting sites that have "symptoms checkers." Instead, visit a medical professional where you can ask follow-up questions and receive reliable answers.

The problem of online misinformation spreads far beyond that of medical advice.

Web hoaxes, rumors and lies are all over the Internet because content creators simply do not care about accountability or spreading false information.

Unless you are gathering information from a trustworthy source such as a media company or an online encyclopedia, use common sense to determine if what you are reading might be false. And in the case of medical information, skip the Internet entirely and see a physician.

Take my advice – lots of people play doctor on the Internet.

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Aim for a portfolio that is balanced, diversified

There was a buzz last week on Wall Street when Warren Buffet, through his company Berkshire Hathaway, decided to sell and liquidate his position in Exxon Mobil and increase his ownership in Deere & Co.

As expected, the talking heads on the business shows started analyzing Buffet's move. It reminded me of all the analysis that occurred after the last play of the Super Bowl, where the so-called experts differed in their opinions. The same thing applied to the investment world on the Buffet move.

It is entertaining, but



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

what's important to investors is whether to react to a move by Buffet.

Buffet has been one of this country's great investors. His strategies and style have proven successful over the years. That said, there are a couple of things to keep in mind. First, when Buffet takes on a position, he is getting sweetheart deals you and I could never get. In addition, Buffet has made

mistakes. Recall, he just bought Exxon a year ago and, although it's hard to know for sure, it doesn't appear he made a profit.

I don't believe that it makes sense to do what Buffet does because his goals and objectives – and his risk tolerance level – may not be the same as yours.

Investors too often look to hit home runs when, in fact, they would be much better off hitting singles and doubles. Investing is not meant to be sexy and it's not meant to be hit or miss. When you swing for the fences, you're forgetting about your overall portfolio and strategy.

Investors can't afford to focus on just one slice of their portfolio. The concentration should be on the overall portfolio. If you want to take a small portion of your portfolio, maybe 5 percent, and try to hit home runs, that's one thing. However, the bulk of your portfolio has to be diversified, balanced and based upon individual goals and objectives.

As Buffet was selling his shares in Exxon Mobil, someone else was buying them. They each could have made the right moves based upon their individual goals and objectives.

Investors should avoid the

chatter. Trying to hit a home run by investing in the next Google is exciting, but for every Google there are 10,000 other companies that didn't make it.

My advice is focus on moving your portfolio forward. If you do that, you'll be much more successful than an investor who tries, and generally fails, to hit home runs.

Good luck.

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 a rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Ladies' Day Out

Designer Duds 'n' Infant Treasures Children's Boutique is holding a Ladies Day Out Vendor and Networking Event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the store, 815 N. Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, Westland.

Ladies' Day Out is for DDIT friends, family, associates and fellow mommies who don't "get out much" to stop in and grab a bite, meet new friends, shop, get a message or taste wine. Many vendors will have cash-and-carry items. In addition, there will be raffles. Designer Duds' Ladies Day

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This month's vendors include Tupperware with Leslie Hancock, YEVO with Cynthia Gleich, Origami Owl with Theresa Likert, It Works with Rebecca Tamm, Mary Kay with

Ellen DeFay, Juice Plus with Angie Wilson, Magazine Clutch Pursues by Marilyn Smith, Fabulous Files Plus with Noreen Hoban, Biotic Body Care with Maria Johnson, Vintage Inspired Clothing, SherryHour Clothing with Sherry Hour and more.

The cost to display/sell is

\$25 plus a raffle item. Reserve a space by calling 734-331-2519 with a credit card or PayPal (as a gift) to taylorlorskkt@gmail.com. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All vendors must supply their own table and chairs.

THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS BEGIN WITH TRUST.



Under New Leadership, Mass Mutual Southeast Michigan Seeks Growth Through Community Outreach

Southfield, Mich., Feb. 22, 2015 –When Colleen Schueneman took over full leadership of MassMutual Southeast Michigan last summer, she immediately set about building relationships with different segments of the community.

Schueneman, the new General Agent, and a growing staff of financial professionals are intent upon building meaningful connections, whether it's meeting with leaders of the Detroit Economic Club, local African-American organizations, or the Belle Isle Women's Committee.

"The fact is, you need to build trust in a community before you can start doing business there," Schueneman said. "We have been working very hard to get our feet firmly planted here."

"We are very excited to have Colleen at the helm of MassMutual Southeast Michigan," said John Vaccaro, Senior Vice President and Head of USIG Sales & Distribution for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual). "Colleen is an innovative and visionary thinker who will be a strong leader for her agency, as well as the larger community."

For Schueneman immersion in the community has been a winning strategy. When she became Managing Director at MetLife in Chicago, Schueneman quickly realized that the company was not adequately serving the large multicultural community in the area.

Schueneman reached out to top leaders in the African-American community, invited them to a meeting, and just listened. The leaders told her they felt that the company had no presence locally, and that their constituents weren't being adequately supported or educated about financial matters. Schueneman continued to hold meetings over the next several months to hear about what they wanted and needed. From those conversations, Schueneman

began to support various community groups, sponsored art and theater events, and backed educational events through the African-American Chamber of Commerce.

The goal was both to provide important support to the community and to recruit new African-American financial professionals.

Schueneman learned valuable lessons from that endeavor and is employing a similar approach to her leadership at MassMutual Southeast Michigan.

"We recognize that in general, the multicultural market is vastly underserved," Schueneman said. "Just as I did in the Chicago area, I am meeting with leaders in this community and just listening to what their needs are."

In her new position, Schueneman has spent considerable time meeting with leaders of the Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce.

"What came out loud and clear is that the community needs more education about basic financial planning, debt reduction, college funding, and the danger of overusing credit cards," she said. Schueneman is working to develop an educational series through the chamber on these topics.

In addition to multicultural groups, Schueneman also is reaching out to women and to Millennials. She has recently brought on five women for staff positions and another nine women as financial professionals. Schueneman has spoken at various women's organizations and events in hopes of recruiting more women.

"A lot of our top producers are women," she said. "The job is appealing to women because it offers a lot of flexibility and opportunities for development, growth and advancement."

Under Schueneman's leadership MassMutual Southeast Michigan also is reaching out to Millennials, both in terms of recruiting and to develop a younger clientele. She has spoken at college campuses and to alumni groups, and is using newer technologies, such as video conferencing and social media to reach this tech-savvy audience.

Overall, Schueneman is creating an innovative vision that brings MassMutual Southeast Michigan squarely into the 21st Century. She has created a one-stop shop at her agency, where clients can access an array of services under one roof.

She and her staff have also thrown themselves headlong into community service projects, including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Race for the Cure, and at Genesee Resources, a program that helps homeless women in the area. Schueneman also is active with The Make A Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, the Judson House, Jewish Vocational Services, Cal's Angels and WASCO Development of Girls, among other charities. Schueneman also serves on the Board of Trustees for the GAMA Foundation for Education and Research, where she develops research to educate future leaders in the financial services industry.

"I have been out and about in the community, building trust and rapport among people because that is the starting point," she said. "If you want to be engaged in the community, you also need to give back."

But for all the new relationships she is building, Schueneman's role as the new General Agent of MassMutual Southeast Michigan is a homecoming of sorts. A Michigan native, she has been in the financial services industry for nearly 30 years. Schueneman began her career as a financial services representative and has represented Prudential, Mutual of New York and MetLife, and headed her own firm before joining MassMutual. After spending 20 years in the Chicago area, Schueneman has returned to the area with her husband and three children. She is an avid golfer and sports enthusiast, and enjoys her time as a Fast Pitch softball coach.



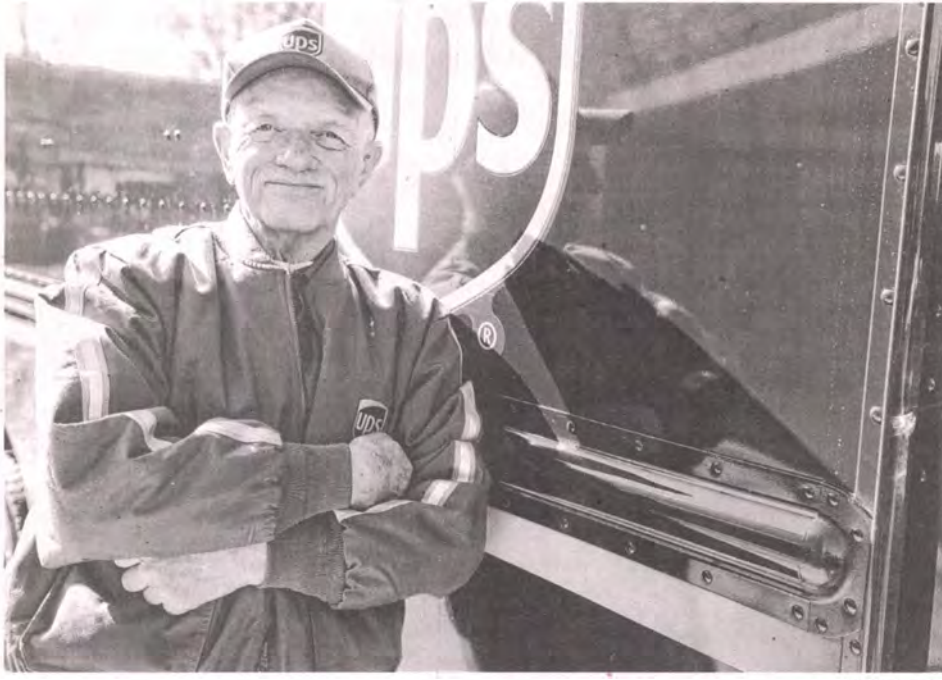
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Thomas Camp has driven a UPS truck for 52 years without having an accident.

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Livonia man still holds UPS safe-driving record

UPS recently inducted 57 elite drivers from Michigan into its worldwide Circle of Honor, an honorary organization that includes 7,878 active UPS drivers who have achieved 25 or more years of accident-free driving.

But they still have a lot more years to go to catch up to Thomas Camp of Livonia.

Globally, Camp is UPS' most seasoned Circle of Honor driver, with 52 years of driving without an accident.

Ronald McKnight of Bronx, N.Y., is next in line with 46 years of safe driving. Sixty-two others have logged at least 40

years without an accident.

Collectively the Circle of Honor drivers have racked up more than 5.3 billion safe miles during their careers. That's enough miles to travel to Mars and back 36 times.

"My thanks go to all of them for their dedication and focus, and for the countless lives they've saved," said Stefan Wilson, president, UPS Great Lakes District.

UPS's drivers log more than 3 billion miles a year and deliver more than 4 billion packages.

Founded in 1907, UPS issued its first driver handbook in 1917 and began recognizing safe

Collectively the Circle of Honor drivers have racked up more than 5.3 billion safe miles during their careers.

drivers in 1923. In 1928, UPS recognized its first five-year safe driver, Ray McCue, with UPS founder Jim Casey presenting him a gold and platinum watch. UPS formally established its safe driving honor program in 1928.

Elected officials: Major funding increase needed to fix roads

Complaining about bad roads in Michigan is about as ubiquitous as grousing about the weather.

How bad are they? The University of Michigan surveyed top elected and appointed officials in the state's 1,856 units of government on a wide range of road-related issues.

Fewer than one in five local leaders labeled their roads in good condition. The majority said their roads are in fair (57 percent) condition with nearly a quarter rating them as poor.

Jurisdictions with poor road conditions are also more likely to say that within the last five years they have resorted to grinding up paved roads that they can no longer afford to maintain, turning them back into dirt or gravel roads.

There is widespread agreement among local leaders that more state-level funding is needed just to maintain roads, let alone improve them. A strong majority (79 percent) said state-level funding needs to be increased by at least 50 percent to maintain roads.

"Our local leaders say Michigan's roads are not good today,

they're getting worse over time, and they will need a major increase in state funding to improve them," said Thomas Ivacko, administrator and program manager of the Ford School of Public Policy's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy.

"However, local leaders are split over how to raise the necessary funding, and less than half support increasing the state sales tax."

With more than 122,000 miles of public roads, Michigan has the ninth-largest public road system in the United States, according to state data. Insufficient funding is a primary reason for Michigan's declining road system. Michigan is 47th among states in highway spending per capita, according to 2013 data from the U.S. Census.

The poll, part of the Michigan Public Policy

Survey series at CLO-SUP, reports:

"The majority (52 percent) of local officials said their jurisdictions are mostly or only able to keep up with short-term fixes, such as filling potholes."

"Overall, 65 percent of local leaders said they would have significant problems improving roads and bridges within their jurisdictions, if the state does not significantly increase road funding."

"Local leaders were split when asked last fall on their support for a state sales tax increase. Support for an increase came from 43 percent of local leaders, while 38 percent opposed it. They may or may not feel differently about the more complicated plan set for a May 5 statewide vote."

The study, conducted Oct. 6-Dec. 11, 2014, involved surveys sent via hardcopy and the Internet to top elected and appointed officials in all counties, cities, villages and townships in Michigan. A total of 1,356 jurisdictions returned valid surveys, resulting in a 73 percent response rate. The survey had a margin of error of 1.4 percentage points.

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Steppin' Out In Style at Carson's Laurel Park benefits First Step

Carson's, Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi and First Step are partnering up to bring fashion, food and fun to Carson's Laurel Park Place in Livonia Sunday, March 22.

The annual "Steppin' Out In Style" event is a benefit for First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence. Proceeds from ticket sales will continue First Step's mission to aid victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault

through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention.

Guests will enjoy Carson's Trend Presentation and Style Workshops, which will feature spring fashion trends, complimentary beauty consultations and makeovers, exclusive private after-hours shopping, a raffle with many prizes and food from local eateries.

In addition, all attendees will receive a 25 percent off shopping

pass that includes designer brands and 15 percent off cosmetics and fragrances.

Tickets are available in advance for \$20 by visiting zontafarmingtonnovi.org or calling 248-496-9841. Guests can also register at the door for \$25.

Sponsorships are also available.

Carson's is at 17625 Newburgh at Six Mile, Livonia.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 4 2/17/15

Presiding: President Godbout
 Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrler, Reeves 26: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 2/2/15.
 - Adopt Budget Amendment 2015-05 General Fund, IT Dept., & Water & Sewer Fund: \$1,077,778.
 - Adopt Ord. 29-W-14-2, to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, & 46-1(49)d of the City Code to amend rates for Municipal Water & Sewer chgs.
 27: Adopted PILOT Resolution for Adams Senior Village.
 28: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. elevation change for Bed Bath & Beyond, 35565 Warren Rd. w/contingencies.
 29: Appr. checklist: \$2,478,371.93.
 Mtg. adj. at 7:55 p.m.
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.
 James Godbout
 Council President
 Tina M. Stanke, CMC
 Deputy City Clerk
 Publish: February 26, 2015

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN PURCHASE OF A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) AND A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIUM DUTY TYPE I AMBULANCES FOR THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan as owner and on behalf of the representatives of the Charter Township of Canton for their respective government entity as members of the Western Wayne Bid Consortium until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the office of the City Clerk, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 for the purchase by the two entities of a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) fire department ambulances.

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Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of ten percent (10%) 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. No electronic bids will be allowed.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. 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 "Fire Department Ambulances" and received by the City Clerk of the City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 on or before the time and date given above.

If a vendor is deemed to be the successful bidder after his response to this request for bids is reviewed by the Selection Committee, the vendor will supply a separate contract to be reviewed by each individual jurisdiction to be then approved and subsequently signed by each of the individual jurisdictions independently.

No bidder may withdraw, modify or otherwise change his proposal once the bids have been opened. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the individual jurisdictions. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Jack E. Kirksey
 Mayor, City of Livonia

Published: February 26, 2015

02-15-0034 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the second reading and adoption of amendments to Chapter 208.07 - Voting Precincts as described:

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 208.07 - VOTING PRECINCTS AS DESCRIBED:

Precinct No. 1. The first voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Hannan Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 31, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence north along the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road to the centerline of the Rouge River; thence easterly along the centerline of the Rouge River to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs north and south; thence south along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs north and south to the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12); thence easterly along the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12) to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence southerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road; thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the Point of Beginning.

Precinct No. 2. The second voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning on the southerly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Wayne Road, being in the southeast quarter of Section 32, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence northerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs east and west; thence easterly along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs east and west to the centerline of 2nd Street; thence south along the centerline of 2nd Street to the centerline of Forest Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Forest Avenue to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence south along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Glover Street; thence east along the centerline of Glover Street to the east line of vacated Carnegie Street; thence south along the east line of vacated Carnegie Street to the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road; thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the Point of Beginning.

Precinct No. 3. The third voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning on the northerly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Glenwood Road and Venoy Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 27, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence south along the centerline of Venoy Road to the centerline of Annapolis Street; thence west along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence north along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Forest Avenue; thence west along the centerline of Forest Avenue to the centerline of 2nd Street; thence north along the centerline of 2nd Street to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs east and west; thence westerly along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs east and west to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence northerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road; thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road to the Point of Beginning.

Precinct No. 4. The fourth voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Merriman Road, being in the southeast quarter of Section 34, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the east line of vacated Carnegie Street; thence north along the east line of vacated Carnegie Street to the centerline of Glover Street; thence west along the centerline of Glover Street to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence north along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Annapolis Street; thence east along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road; thence south along the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road to the Point of Beginning.

Precinct No. 5. The fifth voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning on the easterly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Annapolis Street and Merriman Road, being in the northeast quarter of Section 34, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence west along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the centerline of Venoy Road; thence north along the centerline of Venoy Road to the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the intersection of Glenwood Road and Venoy Road; thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, to the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road; thence south along the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road to the Point of Beginning.

Precinct No. 6. The sixth voting precinct shall include the following area:
 Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Glenwood Road and Hannan Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 30, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence southerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12); thence westerly along the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12) to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs north and south; thence north along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs north and south to the centerline of the Rouge River; thence westerly along the centerline of the Rouge River to the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road; thence north along the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road to the Point of Beginning.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
 Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller
 City Clerk

Adopted: February 17, 2015
 Published: February 26, 2015
 Effective: February 27, 2015



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This panoramic photo of the Livonia Symphony was assembled from five separate photographs.

Livonia Symphony to present 'Tribute to Sibelius'

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present "Tribute to Sibelius" at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius, the orchestra will perform *Finlandia* and the *Symphony No. 2 in D Major op 43*. Violin soloist

Ioana Galu will perform *Mozart Violin Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Major, k.207*. The concert is being sponsored by Livonia Town Hall. Tickets are available at the door, Livonia Civic Center Library or online at www.livoniasymphony.org.

Michigan National Guard adds cyber protection to duties

Michigan will host one of the first three cyber protection teams established by the National Guard, according to Army National Guard officials. Following an extensive application and review process, the locations selected for activation in fiscal year 2016 include a Michigan, Ohio, Indiana partnership group, a team from Georgia and a team from California.

"The selection of the Michigan National Guard as one of the first cyber protection teams is further evidence of Michigan's outstanding leadership in cyber security," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "Our talented guard members are continually developing innovative approaches to keep Michigan residents and businesses safe from these emerging kinds of threats. Being cyber-savvy also enhances Michigan's global marketability for training and research."

"The team will be an invaluable part of the force," said Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais, adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard and director of

the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "Protecting infrastructure from enemies that could potentially destroy water systems, take down electrical grids, disrupt fuel distribution, communication lines or transportation systems is as much a part of national security as any munitions battle ever was."

Specialized training

Cyber protection team members will begin their assignment with intensive specialized cyber training to qualify as Army Cyber Soldiers. The academically challenging cyber courses are four to 12 months in duration and are held in multiple locations across the country, adding another level of challenge to the program.

"The Army is actively developing a total force of elite, trained, trusted and disciplined cyber professionals. The Army National Guard's CPT stationing decision is another step in the right direction as we build and field the cyber force across the Total Army," said Lt. Gen. Edward

Cardon, commanding general of the U.S. Army Cyber Command at Fort Belvoir, Va. "Citizen soldiers are already an essential part of the Total Army, so these cyber professionals, many of whom bring private sector experience, will enhance the Army's cyberspace capabilities and capacities."

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, called the announcement "great news for Michigan," saying that it "demonstrates the unique role our state plays in ensuring the safety and security of our nation."

"Cyber threats have become increasingly more serious as we become more reliant on computers and the Internet," Stabenow said. "Just last week, I met with the leadership at all of our Michigan National Guard bases and this responsibility is clearly one of the urgent priorities and missions for our state. Cyber protection is critical to addressing threats to our men and women in uniform, as well as threats to our infrastructure and economy."



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"Run 2 Save Our Youth" takes place Saturday, June 6, with registration at Livonia City Hall. Proceeds from the run go directly toward substance use prevention activities in the Livonia community.

'Save Our Youth' run changes venues, moves to Livonia City Hall

The "Run 2 Save Our Youth," the annual 5K run/walk and 10K run, along with a Kids Fun Run and Family Expo, to benefit the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, is changing venues.

The run, sponsored by the coalition and the Livonia Police Department, takes place Saturday, June 6, with registration at Livonia City Hall. Also at city hall on race day, the event will feature a Family Fun Expo with food, live entertainment, kids' games (including a bounce house) and activities and chair massages.

In addition to the new venue, the times for the

event have shifted. Registration and packet-pickup begins at 7 a.m.; race time is 8:30 a.m. A free Kids Fun Run starts at 8 a.m.

Previously, the run had been held in Hines Park. Organizers, though, wanted the run to have a more "Livonia" feel.

The event will travel a certified course and be professionally timed. All paid participants get a T-shirt and awards will go to first-place finishers. All 10K finishers will also get a medal.

Registration is open online at Active.com or by printing a registration

form from the LSOY website (www.livonia-saveouryouth.org) and mailing it to Livonia Save Our Youth, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154.

Fees are \$15 (\$10 for students/seniors 60 and older) through May 31; \$25 for adults (\$15 for students/seniors 60 and older) from April 1 through May 22; and \$25 for adults (\$25 for students/seniors 60 and older) from May 23 through race day.

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OUR VIEW

Pool closing is step in right direction for Wayne



CITY OF WAYNE

The closing of the Wayne Community Center pool will help address a budget shortfall this year.

The Wayne City Council took a step toward reining in city spending last week by voting to close the Wayne Community Center's indoor pool as of Sunday.

It wasn't a popular decision, by any means. More than 2,000 people signed an online petition opposing the closure and even the council wasn't in total agreement. But it was a decision that needed to be made. The time for talking has long passed.

Decisions like closing the pool needed to be made months ago. Rather than dealing with the budget deficit at budget time last year, the council kicked the can down the road and allowed the shortfall to increase. With four months left in the current budget year, it has finally begun to make the tough decisions.

What is disconcerting is some residents' spin on what is happening. In postings on Facebook, one resident accused the council of using the "rec center like a bargaining chip." His take was that the city is using a strong-arm tactic to squeeze resi-

dents for more money. Another resident noted that it would be one thing to have the decision made by an emergency manager, but to have the council close the pool after "making no decisions on any issue ... makes absolutely no sense."

Wayne is caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. Residents have become accustomed to having a community that offers the best of everything. When property values were up, the city had the money to afford to offer well-maintained community, an ice rink and indoor pool and an adequate number of police officers and firefighters. But the city and its residents are suffering from aftermath of fiscal crisis of 2008. Foreclosures and property values that dropped like a rock in water have hurt them both. Residents are financially strapped and so is the city, but there hasn't been a willingness to give up that caviar lifestyle or find a way to pay for it.

There has been no sense of urgency until now. The council has known for more than a year this day of reckoning was coming, but rather than make decisions sooner rather than later it delayed action for further discussion.

The council will hold a study session Tuesday, March 17, to discuss options regarding the community center. It would be a good time for everyone concerned to answer the question as to whether the city needs to be in the recreation business. Should it be competing with a plethora of commercial fitness centers around the area? Should the city as a whole subsidize the roughly 0.04 percent of residents who use it?

Councilwoman Susan Rowe was correct in pointing out that the council can't keep putting a Band-Aid on the problem. The time for talking is over. The time to take action is now.

Become a hero by donating blood

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

According to a Nationwide Blood Collection and Utilization Survey Report by the Department of Health and Human Services, more than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada. In fact, someone needs blood every two seconds, and one in seven people entering a hospital need blood.

Although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate, less than 10 percent actually do each year. If all blood donors gave three times a year, blood shortages would be a rare event. If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

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.

March is Red Cross Month and it's a perfect time for people to uncover their inner hero and donate blood or platelets, volunteer their time or sign up to



A Red Cross volunteer prepares bags for the blood donations. There is always a critical need for blood.

organize a blood drive.

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 Dr.

Garden City - 12-5:45 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 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, 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.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). For more information, go to redcross.org or on Twitter at @RedCross.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Won't support millage

A couple of years ago, the Garden City Council made a big deal about getting a grant that paid for a couple firemen for two years. The dummies knew it was a two-year deal. They also knew that the budget could not afford an extra two employees.

At that time I wrote a letter to the *Observer* stating that instead of laying off the employees the city couldn't afford,

the council would keep them and hit us with a millage increase. Lo and behold, what do I see in the *Sunday Observer*? I was right. Now the council go so far as to say they will "hammer" us for the next few months, because, dag nab it, they want that millage increase, and they will get it, regardless of what the public wants.

We are looking at water increases. On the horizon is a millage for transportation that no one uses. Home values

are going up, and with it the amount of taxes the city will collect. Will it be as fast as they want? No, but deal with it.

So the council wants to give us a double hit, higher taxes based on increased assessment, plus a higher millage. No thanks. I will vote no.

Lastly, to any city employee who is thinking about applying for some time limited employment grant, please stick it where the sun don't shine. I will help. The taxpayers can't afford your "free" money, and the council is too dumb to "just say no."

Mark Czajka
Garden City

Efforts are refreshing

I was fascinated with your approach to teaching your young children

about the horrors of American slavery. It is a difficult subject to broach at any age and your honest efforts were refreshing. All aspects of U.S. history should be examined and designed to be "age appropriate."

I taught a class, entitled "Negro History" for 10 years beginning in 1969 at St. Mary's of Redford High in Detroit. At first, the student body was all white, but the neighborhood was beginning to be integrated.

The principal of our school funded a training class for me in Dayton, Ohio. At this conference, I had the pleasure of meeting the famous author James Baldwin and other wonderful speakers and trainers. I remember my excitement of having a meaningful discussion with

James Baldwin about his books.

Returning to Detroit, the class was offered to 11th-grade students. This course was one of the favorites that I taught throughout my stay at St. Mary's. One group of female students was lucky enough to visit Rosa Parks who had moved to Detroit. This was a wonderful experience for these young students to interview first hand an icon of the civil rights movement.

On a recent night, my wife and I took our 12-year-old granddaughter to see the movie *Selma*. She is a sixth-grader at Riley and this gave us an opportunity to discuss the history of race relations through our experiences and education. When she got home, she told her dad that "every

middle school student should see this movie!" She was very moved by this experience.

In summary, I so enjoyed your column and keep up the good work!

Tom Klisz
Livonia

Good parenting

I was impressed with your editorial about talking to your children about the issues of life like racism and sexual orientation. The answers as parents were thoughtful and true. You are right, we don't talk to our children (in my case grandchildren) as openly as we should about these issues.

Keep up the good parenting.

Peace,
Sally Pinchock
Plymouth

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Canton salon pampers teens of cancer-stricken families

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton salon pampered a small group of teen girls who often are so busy caring for a cancer-stricken parent that they have little time for themselves.

On a brutally cold February day, AllenMay Salon & Day Spa gave a warm welcome, facial massage and manicure to girls from Gilda's Club, a Royal Oak-based charity providing social and emotional support to families living with cancer.

"This was wonderful," said Megan Nikolich, Gilda's Club youth program manager. "Cancer affects the entire family. It shakes everything from the normal day-to-day routines to special circumstances. It was nice for these girls to take some time out and make sure they focus on themselves. This was a wonderful opportunity the salon gave us."

AllenMay Salon owner May Aranki, who runs the business with husband

Ali Farhat, said she approached Gilda's Club to give the teens a day spa outing - for free - as a show of support.

"Sometimes when a parent is sick, they are so limited in what they can do for their kids," Aranki said. "Sometimes it's good when you go into a spa or a salon and pamper yourself. We have to show compassion for each other. These girls got to feel pampered. We showed them love and care."

One girl had to cancel her plans to attend because "her mom was sick," Aranki said.

Gilda's Club, named after the late comedian and actress Gilda Radner, relies on volunteers to help provide support to people fighting cancer. It offers:

- » Support groups for people living with cancer, family members and cancer-specific topics dealing with young adults, women of color, breast cancer and multiple myeloma, among others.



ALLENMAY SALON & DAY SPA
Jessie and Allison, both 15, got some pampering during a free outing to AllenMay Salon & Day Spa in Canton.

- » Education lectures focusing on cancer-related issues.

- » Workshops such as yoga, beading, colored pencils, quilting, Gilda's Singers and a ukulele group, among others.

- » Children and teen-specific activities and groups, including teens battling cancer.

- » Bereavement support groups.

- » Social events and special occasions such as holiday parties.

Aranki said she offered the day spa outing to help "spread the message to young girls and women of every age that real beauty is inner beauty made visible."

Gilda's Club, inside a three-story house in Royal Oak, offers a non-residential, home-like setting for men, women, teens and younger children living with cancer, as well as their relatives and friends.

It's cost-free to participate; simply attend one of the new member meetings at 1 p.m. each Monday and 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Call beforehand at 248-577-0800. Nikolich said Gilda's Club is always looking for volunteers.

For more, go to www.gildasclubdetroit.org.

Firefighters Fill the Boot for MDA

For more than 60 years, firefighters have taken to the streets throughout the summer months, gathering donations in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's mission toward finding cures and treatments for neuromuscular diseases.

In 2014, more than 30 stations in Michigan participated in the Fill the Boot campaign. Generous support from firefighters and people of the community has helped make the Fill the Boot campaign one of MDA's most successful programs.

The national sponsor is the International Association of Fire Fighters and partner the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union. Since 1954, IAFF has raised more than \$500 million in support of the MDA's cause. In 2014, firefighters across Michigan brought in a combined total of \$234,126.03 for MDA.

Helping in the fundraising were Redford Township Local 1206, which raised \$9,360;

Western Wayne Fire Authority Local 1279; which raised \$18,050; Farmington Hills Local 2659, which raised \$1,125; and Plymouth Local 4146, which raised \$2,146.

Money raised by IAFF and MPFFU provides for research, health care services and day-to-day support, which include sending children affected by muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases to a week-long, barrier-free MDA summer camp.

Donations provide for three Detroit-area medical clinics and one summer camp. Local clinics and camps benefiting from the Fill the Boot campaign include Children's Hospital in Detroit, the Michigan Institute for Neuro-muscular Disorders in Farmington Hills and Camp Cavell in Lexington.

The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and the University of Toledo are all local contributors of research for muscular diseases.

State presidential primary moved to March

Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation setting the date of the Michigan presidential primary to March 8, 2016.

Senate Bills 44 and 45, sponsored by state Sen. David Robertson, move the statewide presidential primary from the fourth Tuesday in February to the second Tuesday in March going forward.

The bills also move the regular February election to the second Tuesday in March during years when Michigan holds a statewide presidential primary.

"Presidential primaries are an important part of our democratic process," Snyder said. "This legislation ensures

Michiganers can exercise their right to vote while ensuring no extra costs are incurred to our local governments to administer presidential primaries."

The bills put Michigan in line with the Republican National Committee's new rules for scheduling primary elections and caucuses. If Michi-

gan remained in violation with the new rules, the state's number of delegates could have been reduced by 80 percent.

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ROAD TO THE PALACE

Palatial efforts propel 10 to state finals

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The long months of demanding self-discipline and extraordinary work habits have paid off for several local wrestlers, who earned berths in next week's MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Punching a ticket to the Palace wasn't easy: wrestlers had to place among the top four in their respective weight class at Saturday's talent-saturated regional tournaments.

A trio of Livonia Franklin grapplers earned fourth-place or better finishes to advance to the biggest stage in high school wrestling: Adam "Mugsy" Ross, Nick Robertson and Nathan Atienza.

"We knew going in it was a tough region at certain weights," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "There were some kids in the blood round that you may see in the



Churchill's Chase Gardner will join teammate Baker Hadwan at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Championships next week.

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very well all year," said Chiola. "He lost the finals match to a kid he has beaten the two previous weekends and three times this year, but in the grand scheme of things it just puts him on the other side of the bracket. It doesn't change what he's accomplished or what he will accomplish. Sometimes it's tough seeing the same kid over and over again."

Robertson's achievement — he placed third at 130 pounds in Saline — was inspiring given that he missed out on completing his state-qualifying performance due to an injury. Robertson, who is now 45-13, will take a full head of steam to Auburn Hills after closing the regional tournament with a first-round pin of Belleville's Brian Papin.

"I was very excited for Nick," said Chiola. "He qualified last year, but an injury cost him the opportunity to

state finals." Atienza, a sophomore, will return to the Palace with a sterling 46-3 record after taking second in the Saline-hosted

D1 regional. Atienza dropped a 4-1 decision to Canton's Ty Jasman in the championship match.

"Nathan has been wrestling

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Susalla lauded

Garden City native Kelsey Susalla, a junior right-fielder for the University of Michigan softball team, was named the co-Big Ten Player of the Week in the wake of an incredible week of hitting at last weekend's Easton Bama Bash. Susalla shares the honor with University of Minnesota's Erica Meyer.

Susalla was named the Bama Bash Tournament MVP after hitting .412 (7-for-17) and helping the Wolverines earn a 5-0 record. She exploded for a 1.059 slugging percentage, with three doubles, a triple and two home runs.

Susalla opened the tournament with three consecutive two-hit games and seven RBI. She drove in the Wolverines' final three runs in its opening game against No. 3-ranked Alabama, an 8-2 win. She also recorded a three-run triple in the first inning of U-M's next game against Lipscomb.

It is Susalla's first Big Ten weekly honor and the third for the Wolverines this season.

Redford Little League registration

In-person registration for the Redford Little League will be held March 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Redford Community Center, located at 12121 Hemingway in Redford.

Those who can't attend the walk-up registrations can register online at RedfordLittleLeague.com.

The league offers opportunities for kids from 5 to 16 years old.

The RLL's boundaries for eligible players encompass all of Redford and a good portion of Livonia.

Families that register online will receive a Dick's Sporting Goods discount card.

SC adding baseball, softball

Schoolcraft College will be adding softball and baseball to its intercollegiate athletic program beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

The college will sponsor 12 varsity sports under the sanction of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The teams will compete at the Division III (non-athletic scholarship) level. Both teams will be scheduled to play against statewide community colleges that belong to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in the Spring term of 2016.

"With all of the local high schools in the area that offer softball and baseball to their students, it is a natural fit to offer them at Schoolcraft for those student-athletes who would like to continue their playing career while experiencing a rigorous, attainable and goal-oriented education," said Sid Fox, athletic director at Schoolcraft College.

Coaches interested in applying for the baseball and softball head-coaching positions should send their resume with references to Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu. For more information, call 734-462-4400, ext. 5324.

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL



Garden City senior basketball players (from left) Kelli McDaniel, Abby Joseph, Hannah Vera-Burgos, Rachel Spellman and Ashlynn Caviness were joined by their coaches (from left) Chris Griffith, Ted Fournier and Michele Tyree during a pre-game celebration Tuesday night.

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FOND FAREWELL

Garden City triumphant in 'Senior Night' showdown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The three were flying and the tears were flowing Tuesday night in the Garden City High School gymnasium, which could only mean one thing: The Cougars' girls basketball team was celebrating "Senior Night."

Visiting Dearborn threatened to rain on the Cougars' parade down the stretch when it sliced a 20-point halftime deficit to three, but Garden City connected on a series of clutch free throws in the final

minute to pull out a 47-42 victory and improve its record to 5-11.

The Cougars launched 23 triples in the first half alone, making seven, to set in motion what appeared to be a rollicking rout as they carried a 33-13 lead into the half.

"That was probably the best half of basketball we've played this season," observed Garden City head coach Michele Tyree. "We only had two turnovers in the first half. The second half was an example of

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Garden City senior Hannah Vera-Burgos makes a diving save in a sea of orange Tuesday night.

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KLAA BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Glenn girls pocket another championship

Rocket boys place third at league-wide event

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn girls bowling team's magical season became even more golden Saturday when the No. 1-ranked Rockets captured first place in the KLAA Championships.

The Rockets scattered 2,933 pins in the preliminary round to easily out-distance Brighton (2,674) and Lakeland (2,616). Wayne Memorial placed eighth

in total pins with 2,567.

In the head-to-head bracket action, John Glenn out-performed Wayne, 617-529, in a quarterfinal match before advancing to the championship round with a 389-303 triumph over Waterford Kettering.

The Rockets nipped Howell in the battle for first place.

Leading the charge for John Glenn was Julia Huren, whose high game of 242 was second only to Walled Lake Northern's Samantha Vader (244).

Rocket senior Jessica Pate, who signed to bowl for Concordia College on Tuesday, fired high games of 226 and 183.

Wayne's Christina O'Harris was one of a handful of bowlers to break the 200-pin barrier as she carved out a 203. Other standouts for the Rockets were Ashley Kolb (191) and Emily Dietz (187).

The Rockets will have their sights set on winning a Division 1 state championship over the next two weekends, beginning Friday and Saturday at the D1 regional hosted by Super Bowl in Canton.

John Glenn boys excel

The Westland John Glenn boys bowling team was second to none during the preliminary

round of the KLAA Championship tournament Saturday as it knocked down 3,149 pins to earn the No. 1 seed for the eight-team single-elimination bracket tournament.

Brighton was second with 3,137 pins. Wayne earned the fifth seed with a score of 3,112.

In the quarterfinal round of the bracket play, John Glenn buried eighth-seed Hartland, 381-312. The Rockets were then sidelined by eventual champion Canton, 415-335, in the semis.

The Chiefs upended Walled

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Chargers regain momentum against Cougars

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill steered back into victory lane Monday night with a 45-40 win over host South Lyon East. The Chargers improved to 13-6 heading into Thursday night's regular-season finale against visiting Brighton. East fell to 11-8.

Natalie Spala propelled the Chargers with 19 points. Alivia Kondrath and Anne Yost contributed 10 points each.

Peyton Jones and Central Michigan University-bound Gabbi Bird both scored 12 points for the Cougars.

SLE jumped to a 19-16 lead after one quarter in what appeared to be a points-fest. However, both teams' defense kicked it into high gear as Churchill owned a 24-21 lead at the half before the hosts rebounded to seize a short-lived 28-26 lead with eight minutes to play.

The Chargers sealed the win with exemplary shooting at the free-throw line, where they sank 12 of 14 attempts in the fourth quarter (and 13 of 19 overall).

Molly Pummill and Kondrath both buried critical free throws down the stretch, McCowan said.

Spartans rolling

Livonia Stevenson posted a pair of impressive victories over the past few days to improve its record to 8-11.

Last Thursday, the Spartans upended Wayne Memorial, 73-9. Audrey Staharr paced the winners with 14 points. Also providing solid offensive contributions were Oly Nwankwo (12 points) and Natasha Orr (10).

On Monday, the Spartans took care of Walled Lake Cen-



Senior guard Alivia Kondrath has been instrumental in Churchill's late-season success.

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tral, 56-17. Stevenson led 14-9 after one quarter and 32-14 at the half.

Staharr shined again with 10 points. Danielle Marzec added nine points while Mad-die Oshinski scored six. The Spartans made 4 of 10 free throws. The Vikings were just 1 for 7 from the stripe.

Warriors triumph

Lutheran Westland clinched at least a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division Monday night by trumping Macomb Christian, 49-29.

Bethany Hoehne paced the

winners with 16 points and five rebounds. Rachel Redde-man was also a force for LW, netting 11 points to go with 18 rebounds.

Sabrina Morrison registered six points, five assists and two steals for the Warriors, who made 21 of 63 field-goal attempts and 5 of 10 free-throw attempts.

Hawks clip South

Sam Golchuk scored 14 points to lead Huron Valley Lutheran to a 49-20 victory over Lutheran South on Friday night.

The win lifted the Hawks to

12-6 overall and 7-4 in the MIAC Red Division.

HVL never trailed after sprinting to a 12-1 first-quarter advantage. Junior Jenna Lovell scored eight points for HVL.

"It was a nice team effort tonight for us," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "We had a very balanced scoring attack."

Trojans trampled

Staneisha Chambers led the Clarenceville girls with six points Monday night in a 56-15 loss at Dearborn. A'sha Whittaker added five, Linda Hodzic and Alyssa Craigie two apiece.

Playing on the road for the second night in a row, the Clarenceville girls put up a hard fight and gave it their all with only six players Tuesday during a 50-16 loss at Edsel Ford, according to coach Kelsey Irwin.

A'sha Whittaker led the Lady Trojans with 11 points. Alyssa Craigie chipped in three and Linda Hodzic two. Clarenceville will honor its lone senior, Staneisha Chambers, when it plays host to Garden City at 6 p.m. Thursday.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Thurston wins thriller over Fordson, 60-58

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

D'eauntae Jackson did everything except drive the Redford Thurston boys basketball team's bus home from Dearborn Fordson Tuesday night.

The talented junior scored 14 points, including a running layup with two seconds left to give the Eagles a 60-58 victory over the Tractors.

Jackson also nabbed seven rebounds and swiped six steals.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 15-2. Fordson slipped to 11-5.

Trailing by one with nine seconds to play, a Fordson player split a pair of free throws to knot the contest at 58-all.

Following a time-out, the Eagles pushed the ball up the court and into the hands of Jackson, who found net on his clutch shot.

A half-court heave at the buzzer by Fordson missed the mark.

"It was an exciting game," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "I'm very proud of the kids. We were down 10 points at one point in the second half, but they kept fighting when things weren't going well. They showed a lot of perseverance."

Rickey Hudgens led Thurston with 20 points. The senior guard added five assists and three steals. Isaiah Crofford also shined for Thurston, registering 10 points and nine rebounds.

Mohamed Zahr paced the hosts with 23 points. Jonas Williams chipped in with 10.

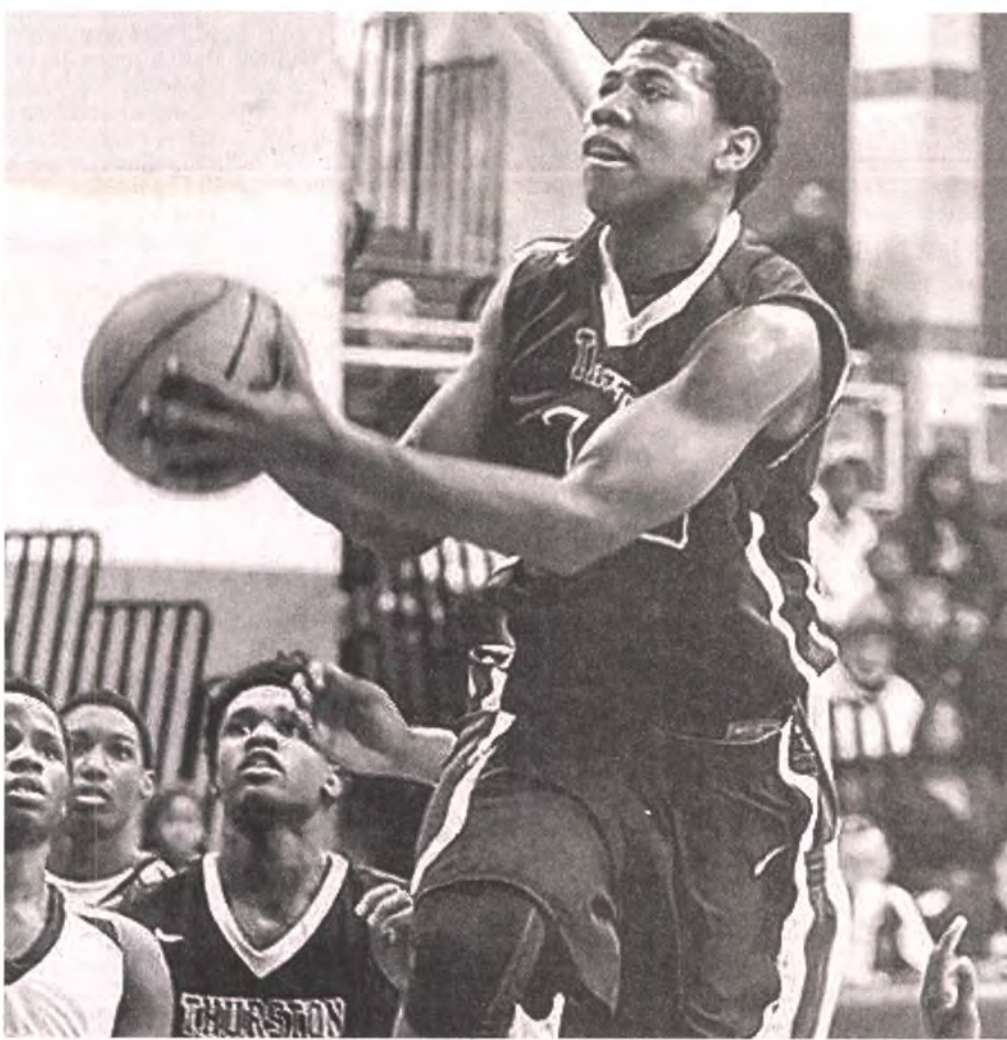
The Tractors led 28-27 at the half and 43-39 with eight minutes to play.

It's GC in OT

Dearborn High's boys basketball team couldn't contain Garden City's pair of Traveses Tuesday night.

In a tense and entertaining overtime contest, the Cougars rode a career night by Travis Kidd to a 74-68 extra-session triumph. GC improved to 7-9 with the win.

Kidd, a senior, was on the mark all night, scoring a career-high 27 points. He canned 10 of his 11 free-throw attempts and was 6-for-6 from the stripe in the four-minute OT when



Thurston's D'eauntae Jackson, pictured during a game earlier this season, hit a running layup with two seconds left to lift the Eagles over Fordson Tuesday night.

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the Cougars reeled off 14 points.

Travis Trigg netted 17 points for the winners while Joe Pummill registered 12, including a triple that gave the Cougars a momentary lead in the final minute of regulation and clutch trey in the OT.

Branden Grace also played well for the Cougars, scoring eight points.

Daoud Unis tallied 16 of his team-high 21 points in the first half for the Pioneers, who also received 20 points from Shane Moran.

The Cougars were stellar from the stripe all night, canning 21 of 30 attempts. "Travis Kidd had his best game as a varsity player," raved GC head coach Ron Pummill. "He went to the basket hard all night."

GC held an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter, but it quickly disappeared under a turnovers-inducing press executed the Fordson.

Pummill and a Fordson

player exchanged threes in the final minute of regulation. With nine seconds left, Trigg appeared to draw contact when he went hard to the hole, but no foul was called.

Kid scored the first bucket of overtime and Pummill hit a three and the Tractors were chasing the rest of the segment.

HVL triumphant

On Friday, Austin Bell scored 20 points to lead Huron Valley Lutheran to a 46-29 victory over Lutheran South. The Hawks upped their record to 6-11 overall and 4-8 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. South slipped to 2-13 and 0-10, respectively.

Warriors win

Luke Smith's double-double (15 points, 10 rebounds) propelled Lutheran Westland to a 70-45 victory over Macomb Christian Monday night.

The triumph improved

the Warriors to 9-7 overall and 7-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division. Macomb slipped to 4-10 and 1-9, respectively.

"It's a win and we'll take it," said LW head coach Jim Hoefl. "However, we were very unfocused tonight. We mixed and matched our lineup quite a bit. I think this attributed to our lack of continuity on the floor. "Regardless, our guys need to play much smarter in the next couple of weeks. We have some tough tests on our schedule leading up to districts. We need to stay focused."

Also delivering solid efforts for the winners were Zach Burk (14 points, seven rebounds, two steals) and Austin Olson, who contributed 11 points and three assists.

Jamin Stewart led Macomb with 11 points.

The Warriors continued their torrid free-throw shooting by swishing 16 of 20 attempts.

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a team that is still learning how to close out a win. But the girls did a great job of keeping their composure and pulling it out. I'm very proud of them."

What made the opening 16-minute performance so impressive was that Garden City - especially starting seniors Hannah Vera-Burgos, Rachel Spellman and Kelli McDaniel - had to regain their composure swiftly following an emotional pre-game ceremony that included the presentation of flowers to the night's five honorees (seniors Abby Joseph and Ashlynn Caviness were also recognized, although they couldn't play due to injuries).

"Myself and the other seniors were all very nervous and pretty emotional," said Vera-Burgos, who closed out her brilliant home career with 10 points. "With it being our last home game, we had to pull it together quickly and leave it all on the floor once the game started. Everyone played hard."

Was it difficult shifting into compete mode after going through a tears-filled pre-game ceremony, Spellman was asked.

"Not really," she said. "Once the game started, it felt like a normal game and we had to focus on the most important thing: winning."

"My hands were sweating and I had more butterflies than normal," McDaniel admitted, "but I thought we all came together and played well as a team."

The night was somewhat bittersweet given that Caviness (who missed the entire season due to a knee injury she suffered playing volleyball) and Joseph were forced to watch - although Joseph was inserted in the game for a few seconds during the second quarter so that she could receive a much-deserved final round of applause.

Following its season-long method of operations, Garden City's scoring ledger was incredibly balanced. Vera-Burgos and junior Amber Swisher both scored 10 points while Spellman added eight - six coming on back-to-back first-quarter triples - and Alea Montgomery and McDaniel both twined six.

Junior Lindsey Michalak tallied five points and five rebounds for the winners before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

Following a turnover-less first quarter, the Cougars committed just two miscues in the second stanza before getting flooded with 19 in the second half.

The ball-handling errors combined with a 12-for-29 showing at the free-throw line paved the comeback for the Pioneers, who cut their deficit to 38-27 with eight minutes to play and 41-38 at the 2:20 mark after Isabel Clark (14 points) buried a long three from the left wing.

Single free throws by McDaniel and Spellman pushed the Cougars' lead up to 43-38 with 2:03 left.

Dearborn inched closer, 43-39, with one free throw at the 1:38 mark, but Montgomery threaded a slick pass to McDaniel, who banked in a short jumper to extend the Cougars' lead to 45-39.

The Pioneers countered with another triple with 1:10 left, but they didn't score down the stretch.

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KLAA SOUTH SWIMMING & DIVING MEET

Local athletes make loud splash

Churchill's Burke sets meet record in diving

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Teams from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park dominated the top of the standings at this past weekend's KLAA South Division Meet at Westland John Glenn, but they didn't monopolize the highlight reel.

Several Livonia, Wayne and Westland swimmers also turned in stellar performances during the six-team event, which was won by Plymouth (672 points). Canton placed second with 520, followed by Wayne Memorial (370), Livonia Churchill (268), Livonia Franklin (245) and Westland John Glenn (169).

In the 1-meter diving competition held Friday, Churchill's Ethan Burke continued to shine as his 476.40 points in the final not only out-distanced runner-up Jordan Groves of Plymouth by more than 200 points, but also set a South Division record.

John Glenn diver Justin Wozniak also had a solid day, placing third with 267.55 points.

One of Franklin's best efforts in the meet unfolded in the 200-yard medley relay when the quartet of Ethan Nord-



Churchill's Kyle Reppenhagen is pictured during a meet earlier this season.

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strom, Ryan Cossin, Austin Taylor and Jacob Forgacs placed fourth in 1:51.52, just under 10 seconds behind first-place Plymouth.

Churchill's Kevin Taylor cut through the water like a knife in the 200 freestyle, placing second in 1:56.36 behind only Plymouth's Matt Weiner (1:55.92).

Franklin's Forgacs touched third in the 200 with a time of 1:57.39.

A pair of Livonia swimmers - Churchill's Kyle Reppenhagen and Franklin's Cossin - took third and fourth, respectively, in the 200 individual medley. Wayne's Blake Barber was sixth.

Zebra Noah Karson kicked off a stellar day in the 50 freestyle, which he won with a time of 22.79 seconds. Teammate Devin Gibson picked up fifth-place points for Wayne with a time of 24.10.

Klotz placed third in the 100 butterfly for

Franklin with a 58.59-second clocking.

Karson continued his dominance of the sprint freestyle races by taking the 100 in 50.58 seconds, just a hair ahead of Plymouth's Ryan Heinze (50.69).

Churchill's Taylor was the champion in the 500 freestyle, touching in 5:07.73 to beat Wildcat Nicholas Case by just under seven ticks. Forgacs was third for Franklin (5:26.30) while John Glenn's Jason Burcicki placed fourth in 5:33.61.

The foursome of Karson, Michael Gibson, Jacob Griffith and Devin Gibson finished second for Wayne in the 200 freestyle relay.

Reppenhagen (third in 1:06.89) and Cossin (fifth in 1:10.51) both sparked in the 100 breaststroke race.

Wayne's Ethan Drouillard took third in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 59.65. John Glenn's Cory Routen was seventh

in 1:04.25.

Plymouth capped its triumphant day by going 1-2 in the meet-ending 400 freestyle relay. The Zebra quartet of Karson, both Gibsons and Arthur Aigeltinger took fourth in 3:33.62, 10 seconds faster than fifth-place Franklin's foursome of Nordstrom, Klotz, Cossin and Forgacs.

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION MEET Feb. 20 and 21 at John Glenn
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 672 points; 2. Canton, 520; 3. Wayne Memorial, 370; 4. Livonia Churchill, 268; 5. Livonia Franklin, 245; 6. Westland John Glenn, 169.
1-METER DIVING: 1. Ethan Burke (C), 476.40 points; 2. Jordan Groves (P), 270.90; 3. Justin Wozniak (G), 267.55; 4. Patrick Holton (C), 249.05; 5. Calvin Rogers (P), 234.75; 6. Sean Linden (G), 233.25; 7. Kevin Tarta (C), 233.10; 8. Andrew Saltzman (C), 229.40.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Plymouth "A" (Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze, Michael Wischer), 1:41.9; 2. Plymouth "B", 1:44.70; 3. Canton "A", 1:49.33; 4. Franklin (Ethan Nordstrom, Ryan Cossin, Austin Klotz, Jacob Forgacs), 1:51.52; 5. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Jacob Griffith, Michael Gibson, Tye Moore), 1:53.69; 6. Canton "B", 1:57.95; 7. Churchill (Dylan Fetter, Kyle Reppenhagen, Tyler Opydycke, Jason Henzi), 2:00.63.

200-YARD FREESTYLE: 1. Matt Weiner (P), 1:55.92; 2. Kevin Taylor (C), 1:56.36; 3. Jacob Forgacs (LF), 1:57.39; 4. Derek Goderis (C), 1:59.93; 5. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 2:00.03; 6. Liam Deppong (C), 2:00.82; 7. Jason Burcicki (G), 2:01.04; 8. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 2:01.34.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1. Garrett Beauprez (P), 2:03.85; 2. Bronson Knowles (P), 2:08.43; 3. Daniel Mullen (C), 2:11.52; 4. Nicholas Case (P), 2:11.92; 5. Kyle Reppenhagen (L), 2:14.14; 6. Ryan Cossin (LF), 2:19.02; 7. Blake Barber (WM), 2:26.88; 8. Caleb Styles (C), 2:29.17.

50-YARD FREESTYLE: 1. Noah Karson (WM), 22.79; 2. Michael Wischer (P), 22.89; 3. Brandon Burger (P), 23.43; 4. Gerard Niemann (C), 23.55; 5. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.10; 6. Ethan Byrnes (P), 24.69; 7. Tye Moore (WM), 24.86; 8. Ta'Varus Lumpkin, 25.10.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Ben Yang (P), 55.40; 2. Tristen Shao (C), 57.65; 3. Austin Klotz (LF), 58.59; 4. Aniketh Visai (P), 59.56; 5. Richard Ling (C), 59.87; 6. Matt Weiner (P), 1:00.19; 7. Cole Malhoir (C), 1:01.80; 8. Caleb Moraw (C), 1:04.41.

100 FREESTYLE: 1. Noah Karson (WM), 50.58; 2. Ryan Heinze (P), 50.69; 3. Daniel Mullen (C), 51.00; 4. Gerard Niemann (C), 51.67; 5. Jack Boczar (P), 53.20; 6. Ethan Byrnes (P), 54.83; 7. Derek Goderis (C), 55.03; 8. Liam Deppong (C), 55.23.

500 FREESTYLE: 1. Kevin Taylor (C), 5:07.73; 2. Nicholas Case (P), 5:14.70; 3. Jacob Forgacs (LF), 5:26.30; 4. Jason Burcicki (G), 5:33.61; 5. Ethan Nordstrom (LF), 5:34.04; 6. Caleb Moraw (C), 5:42.43; 7. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 5:42.68; 8. Logan Kendall (P), 5:43.74.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1. Plymouth (Michael Wischer, Jack Boczar, Ryan Heinze, Brandon Burger), 1:31.35; 2. Wayne (Noah Karson, Michael Gibson, Jacob Griffith, Devin Gibson), 1:34.37; 3. Plymouth, 1:37.53; 4. Canton, 1:39.77; 5. Wayne, 1:40.40; 6. Churchill (Kyle Reppenhagen, Dash Dobar, Colin Dillon, Kevin Taylor), 1:42.09.

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Ben Yang (P), 56.48; 2. Tristen Shao (C), 59.57; 3. Ethan Drouillard (WM), 59.65; 4. Aniketh Visai (P), 1:00.19; 5. Kyle Amick (C), 1:01.76; 6. Keegan Kendall (P), 1:02.66; 7. Cory Routen (G), 1:04.25; 8. Cameron Zinn (P), 1:06.63.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Garrett Beauprez (P), 1:05.89; 2. Bronson Knowles (P), 1:05.93; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (L), 1:06.09; 4. Richard Ling (C), 1:08.86; 5. Ryan Cossin (LF), 1:10.51; 6. Andrew Liakos (P), 1:10.86; 7. Jack Boczar (P), 1:11.26; 8. Alec McCreddie (LF), 1:11.90.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1. Plymouth "A" (Michael Wischer, Ryan Heinze, Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez), 3:23.13; 2. Plymouth "B" (Matt Weiner, Nicholas Case, Aniketh Visai, Brandon Burger), 3:27.47; 3. Canton, 3:31.77; 4. Wayne (Noah Karson, Devin Gibson, Michael Gibson, Arthur Aigeltinger), 3:33.62; 5. Franklin (Ethan Nordstrom, Austin Klotz, Ryan Cossin, Jacob Forgacs), 3:43.90; 6. Canton, 3:48.82; 7. Wayne, 3:50.62; 8. Churchill, 3:56.61.

KLAA GYMNASTICS

Here come the Chiefs again

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Like majestic summer waves crashing the beach, the Canton Chiefs keep on rolling — drowning the competition with perennial gymnastics excellence.

The defending state champions aren't ready to towel off and call it a day just yet, either.

Not only did Canton (6-0) steamroll all comers at Saturday's KLAA Conference championship meet at Walled Lake Central, the Chiefs now look ahead with confidence at the unfolding postseason picture.

"It was another strong team performance with Katie Dickson's 9.05 on floor making a total of 13 nines for Canton in the championship meet," said veteran Chiefs head coach John Cunningham, whose team tallied a season-high 147.75 points, more than six points ahead of Howell (141.525).

In addition to Dickson, Allison Kunz took four first-place finishes. She tallied scores of 9.6 on vault, 9.65 on uneven parallel bars, 9.675 on floor exercise and 38.175 in all-around scoring.

Stephanie Cox's 9.5 on balance beam tied teammate Jana Hilditch, while Cox and Hilditch also tied on vault with 9.2 each, good for second behind Kunz.

Meanwhile, Hailey Hodgson registered three seconds (beam, 9.05; floor, 9.55; all-around, 36.075) and placed third on vault with a 9.2 score.

Cunningham pointed to "a strong start on bars and a super finish on vault" as key factors for Canton's sixth consecutive conference crown.

"Good preparation and a consistent focus made the girls relaxed and able to perform at their best," Cunningham added, continuing to emphasize the Chiefs will "need it (focus) to take regionals and then beat a strong Rockford/Sparta team at the MHSAA state meet." The regional will be

March 7 at Plymouth High School, the venue where the Chiefs won last year's regional and state titles.

Cunningham does not see his squad backing down from championship challengers anytime soon, either.

"(We) are definitely ready to repeat," he said. "Only Rockford/Sparta has outpointed us this year. While we were winning conferences with 147.75, they were winning theirs with 148.15. No one else in the state is close."

Last season's championship "wave" featured athletes such as Jocelyn Moraw, Maddie Toal and Ellie Bachman, but all have missed considerable time due to injuries. Two other stalwarts from 2014, Melissa Green and Erica Lucas, graduated.

Terrific trio

No worries, due to the emergence of Kunz, Hilditch and Dickson.

"Allison has been awesome, tying the floor record (97.775) and carrying the team with all-around scores above 38 all year," Cunningham said. "Jana Hilditch is our mighty mini sophomore with super tricks like double back dismounts, tucks on beam and Yurchenko vaults."

"She is finally scoring nines on every event and helps carry the team."

As for Dickson, he said she "might be our secret weapon as her tricks and routines are finally becoming what will be winning combinations."

Don't discount the skills demonstrated all season by Cox and Hodgson, the latter the 2014 Division 2 state champion on beam. "They continue to be team leaders, also scoring above 36 all-around, giving Canton more depth than any other team in the state," Cunningham said.

That depth soon will be tested yet again at the regional, but Cunningham knows what he'll be getting.

The Chiefs will keep on coming strong, just like those waves.

02-15-0033 Motion by Rowe, seconded by Damitio and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution for the second reading and adoption of amendments to Chapter 206 - Wards and Boundaries to establish six wards in the City as described on the attached legal description.

**CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO CHAPTER 206 - WARDS AND BOUNDARIES

Ward No. 1. The first voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Hannan Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 31, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence north along the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road to the centerline of the Rouge River; thence easterly along the centerline of the Rouge River to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs north and south; thence south along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs north and south to the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12); thence easterly along the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12) to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence southerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road; thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the Point of Beginning.

Ward No. 2. The second voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning on the southerly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Wayne Road, being in the southeast quarter of Section 32, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence northerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs east and west; thence easterly along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs east and west to the centerline of 2nd Street; thence south along the centerline of 2nd Street to the centerline of Forest Avenue; thence east along the centerline of Forest Avenue to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence south along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Glover Street; thence east along the centerline of Glover Street to the east line of vacated Carnegie Street; thence south along the east line of vacated Carnegie Street to the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road; thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the Point of Beginning.

Ward No. 3. The third voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning on the northerly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Glenwood Road and Venoy Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 27, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence south along the centerline of Venoy Road to the centerline of Annapolis Street; thence west along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence north along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Forest Avenue; thence west along the centerline of Forest Avenue to the centerline of 2nd Street; thence north along the centerline of 2nd Street to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs east and west; thence westerly along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs east and west to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence northerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road; thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road to the Point of Beginning.

Ward No. 4. The fourth voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Van Born Road and Merriman Road, being in the southeast quarter of Section 34, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence west along the southerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Van Born Road to the east line of vacated Carnegie Street; thence north along the east line of vacated Carnegie Street to the centerline of Glover Street; thence west along the centerline of Glover Street to the centerline of Carnegie Street; thence north along the centerline of Carnegie Street to the centerline of Annapolis Street; thence east along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road; thence south along the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road to the Point of Beginning.

Ward No. 5. The fifth voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning on the easterly line of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Annapolis Street and Merriman Road, being in the northeast quarter of Section 34, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence west along the centerline of Annapolis Street to the centerline of Venoy Road; thence north along the centerline of Venoy Road to the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the intersection of Glenwood Road and Venoy Road; thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, to the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road; thence south along the easterly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Merriman Road to the Point of Beginning.

Ward No. 6. The sixth voting ward shall include the following area:
Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the City of Wayne, at the intersection of Glenwood Road and Hannan Road, being in the southwest quarter of Section 30, Town Two South, Range Nine East, Wayne County, Michigan, and proceeding thence east along the northerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Glenwood Road to the centerline of Wayne Road; thence southerly along the centerline of Wayne Road to the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12); thence westerly along the centerline of west bound Michigan Avenue (US-12) to the centerline of a railroad right of way that runs north and south; thence north along the centerline of the railroad right of way that runs north and south to the centerline of the Rouge River; thence westerly along the centerline of the Rouge River to the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road; thence north along the westerly line of the City of Wayne, being the centerline of Hannan Road to the Point of Beginning.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller
City Clerk

Adopted: February 17, 2015
Published: February 26, 2015
Effective: February 27, 2015

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OHL HOCKEY

Whalers hook crucial victory

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There are dramatic wins and there are dramatic wins.

Saturday's 3-2 win for the Plymouth Whalers over Sarnia — on a goal by defenseman Sean Callaghan with five seconds to play in regulation — definitely falls into the latter category.

Plymouth badly needed the extra point as the race for the eighth and final OHL Western Conference playoff spot enters its final push.

"Huge win," Whalers

head coach Don Elland wrote in a text message. "Seems like we finally caught a break."

"I thought we outplayed Windsor the night before (a 2-1 loss). We outplayed Sarnia as well. We've been playing much better the last two weeks." Elland credited the line of Danny Vanderwiell, Francesco Vilardi and Connor Sills for "shutting their top line down. We need the same effort Thursday."

That's when the Whalers and Sting once again square off at Compuware. At 7 p.m. Saturday,

Plymouth will host Ottawa for the inaugural Pucks and Paws Night to benefit the Michigan Humane Society.

With just 12 games remaining in the regular season, Plymouth (20-32-2, 44 points) is seven points behind eighth-place Saginaw (24-30-2-1, 51 points) with a game in hand. Nestled between those teams is Windsor, with 49 points.

The Whalers, in their final season in Plymouth, are trying to extend the league-record for consecutive playoff seasons to 24.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 3, 2015	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday

Monday	March 09, 2015	9:00am -4:00pm
Tuesday	March 10, 2015	1:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday	March 11, 2015	1:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday	March 12, 2015	9:00am -4:00pm
Friday	March 13, 2015	9:00am -4:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Friday March 13, 2015.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 1.6% for 2015.

The 2015 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 4, 2015 and March 5, 2015 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ALLYSON BETTIS
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'Put a Freeze' on fires: Winter no time to forget fire safety basics

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are teaming up for the fourth year to promote their joint campaign, "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," which works to educate the public about potential fire hazards during the winter months.

Winter is the peak season for U.S. home fires; cooking and heating are the leading causes. In addition, candle, decoration, and Christmas tree fires peak in December. "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" provides awareness about these potential fire risks, along with advice and tips to avoid them.

"The colder months and holiday season bring a set of increased fire risks that can quickly turn a festive, wintry time of year into a tragic one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Working closely with USFA, our shared goal is to inform the public

about winter fire safety and provide educational resources for the fire service. With some increased awareness and basic safety precautions, people can ensure a fire-safe winter for their families and homes."

According to NFPA statistics, cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and injuries in the U.S., while heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths. These and other facts that underscore fire risks associated with the winter and holiday season will be addressed throughout the "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires" campaign.

"USFA is pleased to once again be partnering with NFPA to present this important information to the public," said Alexandra Furr, USFA's director of National Fire Programs. "Since we know the winter months provide more opportunities for home fires, it is even more

important for your family to make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, and inside and outside sleeping areas. If you don't have a family fire escape plan, take a few minutes to make one and then practice it. During the winter months, we find ourselves thinking about giving and being with family. Give your family the gift of fire safety. We can all take steps to be fire safe. Fire is Everyone's Fight™."

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit www.nfpa.org/winter and www.usfa.fema.gov/winter for an extensive list of resources.

About The United States Fire Administration (USFA)

As an entity of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of

USFA is to provide national leadership to foster a solid foundation for our fire and emergency services stakeholders in prevention, preparedness, and response. www.usfa.fema.gov

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Take fiduciary responsibilities seriously

Q: I am a director of a homeowner association and people keep telling me that I have a "fiduciary duty" to the association. What does that mean?

A: Fiduciary duty means that you have a higher standard of responsibility and care to the members of the association than would otherwise be the case if you were merely a member of the association. In effect, you must be loyal to the association and cannot serve your own particular interests as opposed to the best interests of the association. If called upon, you must make judgments based on sound business decisions employing those persons that can assist you in reaching the right decision for the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association.



Robert Meisner

Q: We have an easement running over our property that has been there for many years for utilities. We are trying to figure out how or what we can do to get rid of it. It is now imposing a nuisance on our property in terms of what is oozing from the ground.

A: Obviously, it is important for you to find out who owns the easement and to immediately notify them of the condition of the easement on your property. The easement holder has an obligation to ensure that the easement does not unreasonably interfere with your use and enjoyment of the property and, depending upon the circumstances, it may call for you to seek to eliminate the easement and/or to seek damages against the easement holder to the extent that your property and/or the value of same has been damaged.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
19312 Beverly Rd	\$290,000
16939 Buckingham Ave	\$199,000
17109 Kirkshire Ave	\$250,000
31293 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$405,000
19501 Wilshire Blvd	\$355,000
BIRMINGHAM	
2439 Buckingham Ave	\$214,000
1174 Davis Ave	\$278,000
1713 E 14 Mile Rd	\$66,000
732 Graefield Ct	\$129,000
2007 Hazel St	\$590,000
645 Henrietta St	\$560,000
1270 Lake Park Dr	\$680,000
946 N Adams Rd Unit 5	\$115,000
2684 Pembroke Rd	\$250,000
993 Suffield Ave	\$979,000
1387 Yosemite Blvd	\$350,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
730 E Valley Chase Rd	\$353,000
4415 Far Hill Dr	\$342,000
458 Fox Hills Dr N # 8	\$60,000
1149 Ivyglen Cir	\$395,000
1094 Park Place Ct	\$564,000
4115 Pomona Colony St	\$225,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
4787 Brafferton Dr	\$348,000
1958 Klingensmith Rd Unit 27	\$115,000
1237 Lone Pine Rd	\$420,000
2710 Pendleton Dr	\$248,000
2647 Rambling Way	\$245,000
1828 Squirrel Valley Dr	\$340,000
916 Tartan Trl	\$313,000
1280 Wagner Ave	\$35,000
681 Weybridge Dr	\$312,000
1269 Indian Mound Trl	\$1,007,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	

4645 Achilla St	\$144,000
341 Annapolis St	\$50,000
4148 Benstein Rd	\$265,000
4051 Cherry Garden Dr	\$120,000
3412 Circle Dr	\$740,000
3952 Dun Rovin Ct	\$235,000
3952 Dun Rovin Ct	\$268,000
9410 Garden Ter	\$110,000
8030 Greenlawn Ct	\$305,000
2025 Lakeshore Dr	\$340,000
8135 Mario St	\$54,000
911 N Commerce Rd	\$100,000
774 Polvadera St	\$269,000
4748 Ravinewood Dr	\$250,000
505 Sherbrooke St	\$230,000
4721 Sundew St	\$150,000
1600 Vanstone Dr	\$107,000
FARMINGTON	
36775 Brittany Hill Dr	\$218,000
23163 Farmington Rd	\$145,000
31759 Folkstone Dr	\$158,000
33234 Kingslane Ct # 9	\$68,000
32360 Marblehead Rd	\$126,000
23644 Power Rd	\$106,000
33607 Shiawasse St	\$280,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22549 Ashley St	\$140,000
21399 Averhill St	\$25,000
35973 Charter Crest Rd	\$252,000
29305 Earth Ln	\$110,000
29605 Fox Club Dr	\$270,000
27920 Gettysburg St	\$227,000
29550 Highmeadow Rd	\$240,000
29830 Highmeadow Rd	\$223,000
30931 Hunters Whip Ln	\$266,000
24477 Lakeland St	\$225,000
24050 Middlebelt Rd Unit 2	\$62,000
30961 Oak Valley Ct	\$275,000
31508 Orchard Crk	\$90,000
21007 Oxford Ave	\$72,000
25695 Pebble Ct	\$268,000
24880 Power Rd	\$218,000
21126 Prestwick	\$480,000
35363 Regency Ln	\$350,000

21650 River Ridge Trl	\$210,000
21690 River Ridge Trl	\$246,000
31654 Rocky Crst	\$210,000
20730 Saint Francis St	\$130,000
21020 Saint Francis St	\$150,000
38254 Saratoga Cir	\$170,000
28928 Scotten St	\$180,000
24133 Tana Ct	\$138,000
26577 Trillium Dr	\$160,000
35744 W 11 Mile Rd	\$150,000
35954 W 13 Mile Rd	\$161,000
34790 W Eight Mile Rd # 1	\$63,000
28948 W Nine Mile Rd	\$75,000
28126 Wildwood Trl	\$205,000
39123 Wilton Ct	\$347,000
HIGHLAND	
2964 Cloverdale	\$134,000
3027 Hillside Dr	\$186,000
3829 Taggett Lake Dr	\$225,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
27934 California Dr NE	\$125,000
MILFORD	
3122 Central Blvd	\$130,000
1381 Horseshoe Cir	\$267,000
1061 Old Milford Farms	\$550,000
NORTHVILLE	
732 Carpenter St	\$250,000
1212 Charleston Ct	\$154,000
543 Reed St	\$238,000
810 Springfield Dr	\$342,000
894 Yorktown Ct	\$163,000
NOVI	
45701 Balfour Ct	\$470,000
47559 Cheltenham Dr	\$550,000
23260 Cranbrooke Dr	\$180,000
41616 Hamlet Ln	\$185,000
148 Henning St	\$87,000
24691 Jamestowne Rd	\$305,000
25930 Junction	\$330,000
40497 Lenox Park Dr	\$283,000
23800 Meadowbrook Rd	\$153,000
44531 Midway Dr	\$359,000
43006 Sandstone Dr	\$310,000
41703 Steinbeck Gln	\$369,000

27412 Victoria Rd	\$207,000
49000 W Nine Mile Rd	\$213,000
216 Wainwright St	\$160,000
41774 Webster Ct	\$183,000
39433 Westminster Cir	\$288,000
24763 White Plains Dr	\$250,000
SOUTH LYON	
1056 Birchway Ct	\$316,000
54873 Brentwood Dr	\$359,000
61012 Evergreen Ct	\$200,000
61164 Greenwood Dr	\$79,000
24694 Padstone Dr	\$78,000
60665 S Lyon Trl	\$320,000
23495 Spy Glass Hl N	\$325,000
350 Stanford Ave	\$160,000
52366 Trailwood Dr	\$175,000
24876 Valleywood Dr	\$275,000
53643 Valleywood Dr	\$315,000
58532 Well Cross Ct	\$93,000
58629 Winnowing Cir S	\$98,000
58708 Winnowing Cir S	\$77,000
SOUTHFIELD	
20281 Alhambra Rd	\$118,000
21360 Andover Rd	\$210,000
21360 Andover Rd	\$193,000
23279 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$65,000
29156 Evergreen Rd	\$75,000
17624 Gateway Cir	\$87,000
28116 Glasgow Ct	\$47,000
30115 Greenfield Rd	\$35,000
20230 N Greenway St	\$180,000
17229 New Jersey St	\$130,000
27066 Selkirk St	\$162,000
5000 Town Ctr # 1302	\$56,000
WHITE LAKE	
1212 Clearwater St	\$350,000
1324 Clearwater St	\$273,000
540 Farnsworth Rd	\$57,000
8281 Fox Bay Dr	\$170,000
8352 Fox Bay Dr	\$167,000
11409 Lakehaven Dr	\$235,000
589 Rumson Ct	\$402,000
9310 Thornyside St	\$165,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-24, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
46394 Bartlett Dr	\$175,000
1466 Bayberry Park Cir	\$236,000
4119 Berkeley Ave	\$144,000
7691 Bercklan Dr	\$225,000
2470 Bramble Ct	\$275,000
2590 Brookfield St	\$184,000
3605 Brooklyn Dr	\$257,000
6641 Carlton Rd	\$282,000
1926 Cedar Valley Dr	\$162,000
213 Charterhouse Dr	\$180,000
802 Cherry Stone Dr	\$216,000
49831 Courtyard Ln	\$243,000
43905 Cranford Ave	\$198,000
1317 Dundee Dr	\$250,000
44159 Fair Oaks Dr	\$187,000
493 Fairfield Ct	\$323,000
1617 Glengarry Woods Ct	\$358,000
45681 Graystone Ln	\$160,000
7266 Green Meadow Ln	\$170,000
50230 Harding St	\$280,000
699 Highlands Dr	\$314,000
8647 Holly Dr	\$146,000
47411 Madison Rd	\$370,000
45429 N Stonewood Rd	\$160,000
8132 Orhan St	\$125,000
47515 Ormskirk Dr	\$125,000
4745 Pond Run	\$215,000
1617 Porteridge Ln	\$225,000
49592 Potomac Rd	\$250,000
44773 Ridgefield Rd	\$173,000
43884 Shiloh Ct	\$165,000
43874 Simsbury St	\$205,000
51084 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$245,000
47456 Stoneridge Blvd	\$280,000
7450 Sussex Dr	\$235,000
46496 Swanmere Dr	\$275,000
1767 Tradition Dr	\$470,000
45096 Turnberry Ct	\$270,000
39807 Wales St	\$180,000
7059 Weatherfield Way	\$305,000
6912 Willow Creek Dr	\$180,000
42429 Woodbridge Dr	\$188,000
2211 Woodmont Dr W	\$219,000
GARDEN CITY	

2033 Deering St	\$110,000
28536 James St	\$35,000
28449 Rosslyn Ave	\$64,000
29119 Rush St	\$42,000
30315 Rush St	\$96,000
LIVONIA	
9624 Auburndale St	\$186,000
14315 Barbara St	\$167,000
16189 Bell Creek Ct	\$250,000
32937 Brookside Cir	\$252,000
27903 Buckingham St	\$155,000
34024 Burton Ln	\$206,000
9042 Butwell St	\$195,000
15125 Country Club Dr	\$155,000
9840 Cranston St	\$177,000
39382 Donald St	\$205,000
28665 Dover St	\$119,000
20184 Ellen Dr	\$325,000
15050 Fairfield St	\$63,000
36132 Fairway Dr	\$43,000
18712 Fairway St	\$205,000
16737 Fitzgerald St	\$160,000
18623 Floral St	\$100,000
18325 Glastonbury Dr	\$325,000
18979 Glengarry Dr	\$305,000
31516 Grennada St	\$115,000
33024 Grennada St	\$150,000
34948 Grove Dr	\$245,000
10023 Hambleton St	\$165,000
13971 Hillcrest St	\$180,000
15123 Hix St	\$175,000
10004 Hubbard St	\$149,000
29008 Joy Rd	\$53,000
33050 Joy Rd	\$118,000
29746 Lamar Ln	\$136,000
35891 Lyndon St	\$261,000
19778 Merriman Rd	\$190,000
18180 Middlebelt Rd	\$103,000
31556 Middleboro St	\$198,000
35721 Minton St	\$165,000
37490 N Laurel Park Dr	\$135,000
80025 Nevada St	\$275,000
28326 Osmada St	\$155,000
17348 Pershing St	\$135,000
29709 Pickford St	\$84,000
18665 Purlingbrook St	\$155,000
19351 Rensellor St	\$81,000
14508 Richfield St	\$189,000
10685 Stark Rd	\$235,000
14416 Summerside St	\$155,000
30245 W Chicago St	\$132,000
35277 W Chicago St	\$180,000
20443 Wayne Rd	\$395,000

30940 Wentworth St	\$155,000
30747 Westfield St	\$85,000
19559 Whitby Dr	\$225,000
14365 Yale St	\$190,000
NORTHVILLE	
16967 Abby Cir	\$450,000
47670 Arbor Trl	\$400,000
47617 Blue Heron Ct	\$525,000
44973 Broadmoor Cir S	\$405,000
19701 Cardene Way	\$225,000
40610 Coachwood Cir	\$439,000
18272 Edenderry St	\$458,000
18290 Edenderry St	\$411,000
16569 Johnson Creek Dr	\$473,000
42528 Lake Success Dr	\$140,000
515 Linden Ct	\$721,000
16814 Lochmoor Cir W	\$390,000
19590 Northridge Dr	\$116,000
49045 Rainbow Ln S	\$440,000
735 Randolph St	\$130,000
42423 Ravina Ln	\$275,000
39823 Rockcrest Cir	\$170,000
44427 White Pine Cir E	\$514,000
44431 White Pine Cir W	\$470,000
PLYMOUTH	
13455 Andover Dr	\$305,000
12837 Beacon Hill Dr	\$425,000
11467 Cedar Ln	\$187,000
9495 Collins Dr	\$465,000
173 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$140,000
42405 Hammill Ln	\$47,000
1356 Sheridan St	\$420,000
1040 Sutherland St	\$445,000
41211 Wilcox Rd	\$270,000
41885 Wilcox Rd	\$51,000
8949 Woodberry Rd	\$315,000
REDFORD	
25525 Five Mile Rd	\$47,000
15841 Beech Daly Rd	\$40,000
11941 Eileen	\$48,000
9957 Hazelton	\$44,000
19990 Inkster Rd	\$63,000
25133 Keeler	\$60,000
11313 Lenore	\$77,000
15407 Leona Dr	\$58,000

15105 Lexington	\$96,000
9522 Lucerne	\$130,000
15630 Meadowbrook Rd	\$110,000
24864 Midland	\$56,000
11826 Nathalie	\$84,000
18803 Poinciana	\$17,000
11301 Rockland	\$49,000
11332 San Jose	\$61,000
25714 Schoolcraft	\$138,000
10003 Seminole	\$55,000
26216 Southwestern Hwy	\$38,000
26844 Student	\$88,000
10140 Tecumseh	\$69,000
17133 Wakenden	\$80,000
26032 Westfield	\$70,000
8857 Winston	\$75,000
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35158 Ash St	\$84,000
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Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Qualifications are:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must be 21 years of age.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have no criminal record.
- Applicant must possess a High School diploma and Associates degree from an accredited college or university.
- Must have successfully completed & possess proof of M.C.O.L.E.S. certification, or certification.
- Applicants will be req'd to pass a written and oral exam, personal background check, physical and psychological exam.
- \$52,551 starting pay.

Applications are available and returned completed to: Charter Township of Northville Human Resources Dept., 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 by Friday, March 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

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 - Documented record of success in a goal-oriented, highly accountable environment.
 - Ability to conduct a needs assessment, identify marketing and advertising solutions for clients, develop proposals and experience in delivering sales presentations.
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 - Experience with CRM technology, Salesforce.com preferred

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This notice is to inform our Bright House Networks customers of upcoming changes to their cable programming lineup.

From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with NHL Center Ice, NHL Network, and YouToo remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage of all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreement with Free2 expires on April 30, 2015 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

Bright House Networks will offer a free preview of EPX services starting on or before March 26, 2015 through March 29, 2015. Bright House Networks will also offer a free preview of Starz services starting on or before April 3, 2015 through April 6, 2015. Additionally, Bright House Networks will offer a free preview of HBO services starting on or before April 10, 2015 through April 12, 2015. These channels may contain PG, PG-13, TV-14, TVMA and R rated programs. To find out how to block these channels, and for more parental control information, visit brighthouse.com or call 1-866-976-EASY. Programming is subject to change. Not all services available in all areas. Restrictions may apply.

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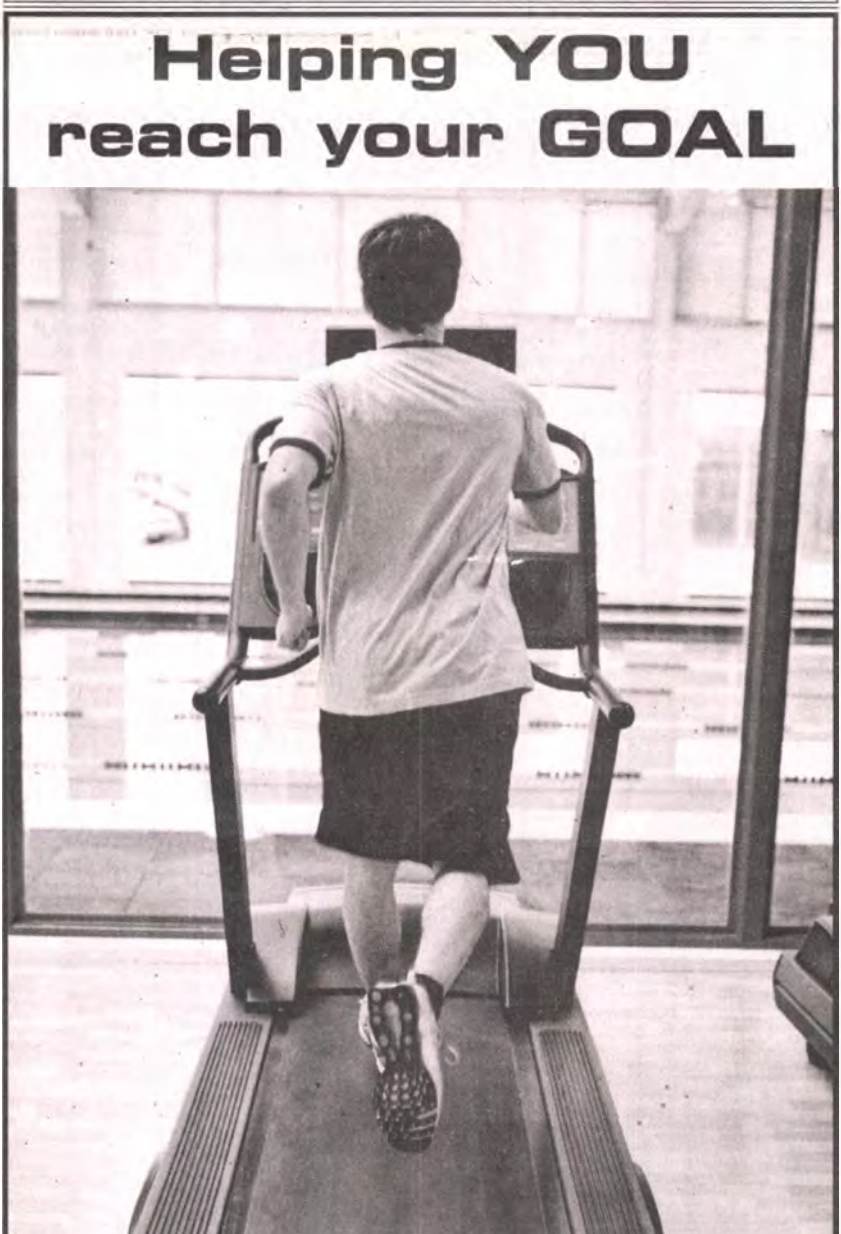
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FISH FRIES

Fish fries at local churches are under way. Here's a sampling:
 » Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington — 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 and March 27. Menu includes fried or baked cod dinners, \$9 adults, \$5, ages 6-12; shrimp dinner, \$10; crab cake dinner, \$12; macaroni and cheese dinner, \$4. Dinners include coleslaw, roll and fries or baked potato. Clam chowder, sweets and carry-out available. 248-474-5720
 » St. Damian Parish, 30055 Joy Road, Westland — 5-7 p.m. every Friday in March and April 3. The menu includes shrimp, \$9; pierogi, \$7; salmon, \$11; crab cakes, \$10; fried clams, \$8; seafood platter, \$9; and one-three-piece fish dinners, \$6-\$10. Fried cod is beer-battered and the haddock is baked with lemon butter and dill. All dinners include coleslaw, roll and drink.

A la carte side orders are mac and cheese and fries. Desserts and carry out available. 734-421-6130
 » St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish, 29015 Jamison, Livonia — 5-7 p.m. every Friday through March 27. 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. 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. 734-427-5220
 » St. Kenneth, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday through March 27 and 5-7 p.m. April 3. The menu includes crispy fried fish and fries, \$5 for adults and \$2 for children;

macaroni and cheese and green beans, \$3 for adults, \$2 for children; baked salmon with baked potato and green beans, \$6; baked tilapia with baked potato and green beans, \$6; fisherman's platter, \$6.50; shrimp basket with french fries, \$6.50. Dinners include salad, roll, beverage. Clam chowder and desserts also available. 734-420-0288
 » St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia — 4:30-7 p.m. Friday through March 27. All-you-can-eat menu includes fried or baked cod, coleslaw, green beans, mac and cheese, fries, roll and beverages. \$10, adults; \$5.50, kids, 3-11; seniors, \$8; carry-out, \$9. Kids, 3 and under, free. 734-261-1455
 » St. Robert Bellarmine, at West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford — 4-7 p.m. every Friday in Lent. The menu includes deep fried or baked cod dinners

with three side dishes, beverage and roll, \$9 for adults, \$4.75 for children under 12. Other menu items 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. 313-937-1500
 » St. Thomas the Apostle, at the former St. Raphael Church campus, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City — 4:30 p.m. until sold out, Friday through March 27 and 3 p.m. until sold out, April 3. Menu includes fish dinner, shrimp dinner, fish-shrimp combo, \$8.75 each; fish sandwich combo, \$7; cheese pizza, \$3 and \$4. Dinners include fries, coleslaw, roll, beverage. 734-427-1533

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY JEWISH STUDY

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield
Details: The Bet Midrash, (Jewish learning experience) will explore the theme "What Have You Learned So Far?" Rabbi Steven Rubenstein will use materials from Ask Big Questions, a project of the Hillel International Foundation for Jewish Life on Campus
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

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. \$6 at the door
Contact: cwm@crossroadsnow.org

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 Baraton, 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
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DALTON, VIRGINIA I.
 Simpsonville, S. Carolina formerly of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Age 92, passed away Monday, February 23, 2015 at home with her loving family by her side. Funeral 11 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Antioch Baptist Church, 6538 Rawsonville Road, Belleville. Burial follows in Hillside Cemetery. Visitation 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Stark Funeral Service and at the church 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday. Complete obituary and guest book at www.starkfuneral.com



DILES, BARBARA J. (NEE MacMILLAN)
 Avid supporter of musical arts in Michigan and Florida, Barbara Jo Diles passed away on February 16, 2015, at Tidewell Care Center, Lakewood Ranch, Florida, after bravely dealing with lung cancer for the past year. Her sister Carol, grandson David, and several friends were with Barbara as she quietly and peacefully left her earthly home to spend eternity with her son, David J. Ninowski. Born in Saginaw, Michigan, to Carl Donald and Betty Caroline (Barley) MacMillan, Barbara grew up in Ferndale, Michigan, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1956. Barbara received coursework in business management from Oakland University and art administration from Harvard University. An accomplished violinist and trained vocalist, Barbara's life was infused with musical arts - choral groups, symphony orchestras and opera organizations. In Detroit she was an original member of the Kenneth Jewell Choir, sang with the Rackham Choir, as a soloist at Kirk In The Hills Presbyterian Church Choir, many other local church choirs and was on the board of The Opera Organization. Her orchestral management affiliations were with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. Barbara was a board member and officer in many volunteer groups supporting the DSO and the BBSO.

When Barbara retired to Sarasota in 2013, she continued to sing full time with the Saint Boniface Episcopal Church choir that she joined several years ago as a "snowbird," and sang with the prestigious SCOLA choir this past year. She sang with the Sacra Musica Cantorum and with Gloria Musicae Choral group then became a board member in development. Barbara is survived by her sisters, Carol (Daniel) Barr and Donna (Greg) Lenar; grandsons David C. and Dane N. Ninowski, granddaughter Jennifer Ninowski and great-granddaughter Rylee Payne-Ninowski, and daughter-in-law Donna Ninowski; nephew Frederick R. (Diane) Barr and children Zoe, Sam and Isabelle, and niece Danielle E. (David) McGrath and children Georgia, Magnus and Violet McGrath; nephews Joel (Suzanne) Lenar and Jeremy (Marcy) Lenar and great niece Courtney (Philip) Zimmer; cousins Ann Superko, Sharon Levine, Hollis Beckwith, Bonnie Delavan, Nikki (Doug) Jaffe, and special dear friend Greg Pond. She was predeceased by her parents, son David Joseph Ninowski, and nephew Eric S. Barr. Her beloved Siamese, KoKo, passed away the same day that Barbara did, so as they lived 19 years together, so will they be together for eternity. A Memorial Service will be held February 28th, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint Boniface Episcopal Church, 5615 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key (Sarasota) FL. A Memorial Service will take place in Michigan on May 16th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kirk In The Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Barbara's family would like to thank her many friends for their continuing support, love and friendship. Sadly and sorely missed but grateful to have known her sunshine smile, sparkling personality, friendship and loyalty, and of course, her beautiful voice. Now she sings in the Heavenly Choir. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Saint Boniface Church or Kirk In The Hills music programs; to Gloria Musicae at gloriamusicae.org; the Sarasota Artists Series Concerts at artistseriesconcerts.org; Musica Sacra Cantorum at: SacraMusicaCantorum.org



HEILMANN, RUTH HEDWIG EB-ELING

87, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2015, at Carolina Specialty Hospital, Charlotte, NC. She was born on May 30, 1927 in Berlin, Germany. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gerhard Max Heilmann. Ruth and her husband immigrated from Germany in the 1950s. She was very dedicated to her family and was the driving force that kept everyone going. Ruth loved antiques and loved to travel. She attended Peninsula Baptist Church in Mooresville. Ruth is survived by her children, Michael G. Heilmann (Maureen) of Milford, MI, Dorothy O'Bara of Crane Hill, Alabama, and Andrew "Andy" Heilmann (Annette) of Mooresville, NC; grandchildren, Hans, Victoria, Lindsay, Dana, Grace, and Grant. Funeral services for Ruth will be on Monday, February 23, at 12:00 noon at Peninsula Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Robert Jackson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Community Baptist Church Cemetery, Langtree Rd., Mooresville. Memorials may be made to Fifth Street Ministries, P.O. Box 5217, Statesville, NC 28687 or Peninsula Baptist Church, 687 Brawley School Rd., Mooresville, NC 28117. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, NC, is serving the Heilmann family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.



HESELTINE, GERALD LEE

Age 87 of Howell, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 21, 2015. Born on April 15, 1927 in Detroit, the son of Harry and Mabel (Lee) Heseltine. Jerry was married in Indiana on April 18, 1946 to his childhood sweetheart Barbara Laing. She preceded him in death in May 2014 after 68 years of marriage. Jerry was a veteran of World War II, proudly serving in the U.S. Navy. He worked as the Midwest Regional Manager for a large paper company. Jerry loved his retirement at Houghton Lake and spending time with his neighbors. Jerry was a loving and supportive father, survived by his children, Gary Heseltine of Pflugerville, Texas, Donna (Chuck LeFebvre) Heseltine of Fowlerville, the late Jeff (Shirley) Heseltine of Lyon Township and Diane (Don) Maltby of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He was a proud and adoring grandfather of seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by his sister Gloria and brother, Harry Jr. Visitation will be Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 1-5 p.m. followed by Funeral Services at 5 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions are suggested to Residential Hospice. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



KING, JOHN MICHAEL

Age 47, February 21, 2015. Dear husband of Michelle. Loving daddy of Bella. Dear step-father of Brandon, Jordyn, and Olivia. Dearest son of Richard and Pamela. Brother of Kelly (Charlie) Dixon, Son-in-law of Gale (Bob) Mikedis and Gary Kohn. Brother-in-law of Michael (Joby) Kohn. Uncle of Shelby and Kennedy. Nephew of Pat (John) Hill, Mike and Carol Drain, Rob (Robin) Drain, Carolyn (Truman) Lamphere, Judy King, and Chuck Catlett. He leaves behind many more family and friends. Funeral services were held. Donations may be made to the family for a trust fund for John and Michelle's daughter Bella. www.santeifuneralhome.com



MITCHELL, JAMES RICHARD

August 9, 1929 - February 14, 2015. James R. Mitchell, 85, of Livonia, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on February 14. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Eunice; son Mark (Linda) Mitchell; daughter Lisa (Ed) Kadala; and two grandchildren, Anna and Ellie. Jim's love for the Lord and for his family guided his life and work as an architect and church organist. He studied the Word of God daily under the ministry of R.B. Thieme III of Berachah Church in Houston, TX. Always a gentleman, his kindness and silly sense of humor touched all who knew him. He enjoyed music, airplanes, dogs, walking, biking, and observing the wonders of nature. His attention to detail ensured meticulous care of things around the house. He honorably served his country as a Seaman in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. A Service with military honors will be held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. The Mitchell family would like to extend a special thank you to everyone at Brighton Gardens of Northville and Heart to Heart Hospice for their compassionate care. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



PERAMPLE, HARRIET A.

Age 83. February 9, 2015. Beloved wife of Jim Perample for 60 years. Loving mother of James Perample and David (Tracey) Perample. Cherished grandmother of Athena, Aiyana, Caleb and Cree. Celebration of Life Service 11 a.m. Saturday, February 28th at First United Methodist Church of Farmington 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. The family will receive guests 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Farmington Endowment Fund or Salem United Church of Christ. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com



PHILLIPS, DOROTHY MARIE (NEE BAUER)

Of Livonia and formerly Garden City passed away peacefully on February 16, 2015. She and her husband, George Archibald, were married 42 years at his passing. Dorothy spent many happy retirement years in Port Charlotte and Parrish, Florida before she returned to Michigan in 2007. She is survived by daughters Heidi, Debi and Marie; by grandchildren Wade, Meredyth, Jay and wife, Debbie; and by great-grandchildren Lauren, Gabriel, Maggie and Audrey. A private memorial is planned.



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Michigan Phil, church organist team up for 'Pipe Dreams' concert in Plymouth

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Marcia Van Oyen will put organ trumpet pipes to grand use Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Township.

Van Oyen, Ph.D., minister of music, worship & fine arts, will perform Rimsky-Korsakov's *Procession of the Nobles*, with the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra during its "Pipe Dreams" concert at the church.

"They asked me to do Saint-Saëns's *Symphony No. 3*," Van Oyen said. "(Director) Nan Washburn also had some other ideas. She came up with *Procession of the Nobles* by Rimsky-Korsakov, which wasn't written for organ. She had an arrangement for piano and I'm working from that score and adapting it for organ. We have horizontal trumpet pipes and she wanted to feature those. Given that we have those pipes, (the music) is a perfect fit. It's such a grand piece to add the depth and range of sound of the organ."

The concert is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township; 734-453-5280. The program will include *Procession of the Nobles* by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, *Carnival Overture* by Antonin Dvorák, performed with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, *Blue Shades* by Frank Tichell, professor of composition at the University of Southern California School of Music; and *Symphony No. 3* by Camille Saint-Saëns. A pre-concert talk will start at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 for students with ID. Visit michiganphil.org.

Van Oyen also will join the Orchestra on the Saint-Saëns symphony during the second half of the concert.

"There are four movements and the organ plays the second and last one. There's a famous huge C major chord on the organ," she said. "Every time I hear the (Saint-Saëns) organ symphony it blows me away. It makes me want to stand up and cheer and say I can do anything. I hope people will be inspired. I hope they are thrilled by the sound."

Some listeners may recall



Marcia Van Oyen will play the pipe organ with the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, Sunday, March 1, in Plymouth.

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an adaptation of the symphony that was used throughout the 1995 film, *Babe*.

"Any time there's a wonderful piece of classical music used in a movie, I applaud that. The movie, *Babe*, was the perfect choice," she said.

Pushing the envelope

Van Oyen performed with the Michigan Philharmonic two years ago and is thrilled to work with the group again. She marks her 10th year at First United Methodist, where she directs the Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, and one of the children's choirs, in addition to overseeing the church concert series and planning worship services.

"I'm proud of our Chancel Choir, the way they've grown musically — not just technically — but in understanding why they do what they do. We've really expanded the variety of music we do. This is a church that's known for having good music. I've pushed



The organ stops change the sound of the organ.

the envelope and expanded that."

Van Oyen, who is married and has a 13-year-old son, grew up in Connecticut, where she studied piano for 12 years, and began playing organ while at

Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

"I had an aunt who taught organ there who was my inspiration. She was my organ teacher. It was really wonderful. I realized there was so

much to learn and I was so fascinated by it all. The more I started to learn the more I wanted to know."

She earned master's and doctoral degrees in organ and church music from the University of Michigan. She also has written articles for pipe organ magazines, music reviews and a handbook to help churches select a pipe organ.

"I'm a real church organist at heart. I think as a church organist you have to be more versatile. You're accompanying a choir, playing at a wedding, a funeral. There is different music every week. I really like the variety."

She wishes she had more time to play the organ "for fun," but also enjoys the challenge of playing difficult music.

"There is a lot of music I'm able to sit down and play. It's nice to be faced with something I really need to practice."

Steve King concert benefits Canton arts partnership

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Fine arts supporters and music lovers will have two chances next week to see Steve King and the Dittilies perform live at fundraisers for the Canton Community.

Proceeds from the first event, "Old Time Rock-n-Roll" concert, 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, will go toward the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which is working to develop an arts center at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The second, 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, will help the Canton Community Foundation celebrate 25 years and will raise funds for Foundation grants. A portion of the Foundation's Project Give Gala proceeds also will go toward the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities for its Village Arts Factory arts center.

The Foundation fundraiser will include dinner, music by the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra, and dance music by Steve King and the Dittilies. Tickets are \$175 per person, available by visiting cantonfoundation.org or by contacting Beth Meade at 734-495-1200; bmeade@cantonfoundation.org.

The Partnership fundraiser will start with a welcome reception, 7-8 p.m., followed by the concert, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The reception will include single-serving sample appetizers from Antonio's Cucina Italiana, bd's Mongolian Grill, Hayden's Grill & Bar, and 502 Grill. Showroom of Elegance and Indigo Salon &



Steve King and the Dittilies will perform a concert March 6 for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton, and music for dancing March 7 for the Canton Community Foundation fundraiser at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

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Day Spa will offer reception "bonuses." Tickets are \$35 and include the reception and concert.

"The venues are so different. At The Henry Ford we try to focus on dance music. On Friday, at the Village Theater, we try to do more of a show. It's not focused on dance, even though people end up dancing at the Village Theater," King said. "I've never played an event where someone didn't get up and dance."

The rock and roll concert will include music from the 1940s to today. King and his band have played at the Partnership's annual winter fundraiser for the past few years.

Jill Engel, Partnership executive director, said more than half the concert tickets had been sold by the end of January.

"It's amazing, Steve King has such a following. People

come back to see him every year," she said. "The people who come to our event, some are Partnership supporters, but the majority are Steve King followers."

History, arts

King said he supports the Partnership's plan to create a destination arts center by renovating historic buildings on the 14-acre Cherry Hill site for art studios, classrooms, therapeutic art programs, galleries, a restaurant, and more.

"It's fabulous. Fantastic. To re-purpose is a win-win. I don't think we do enough of that. I look at Detroit and the mind-set is knock everything down and that's wrong," he said.

The Partnership bought the site in 2012. It includes a factory building and former dormitory opened by Henry Ford in 1944 and a newer, 50,000-square-foot industrial building.



A rendering of the renovated warehouse at the Village Arts Factory, a regional arts center planned in Canton.

The dormitory housed war veterans who worked in the factory making auto parts. The Cherry Hill plant was different from other Ford Village Industries because it employed veterans rather than off-season farmers as well as — unusual for that era — women.

In keeping with the site's history, the Partnership plans to offer services to veterans.

"We have a doctor who is interested in clinical therapy for veterans," Engel said, referring to the use of the dormitory building. "We'll offer veterans art program in other buildings."

The Partnership is focusing on grants and private help, both cash and in-kind services, to renovate the historical buildings over the next two years, along with parking and driveway improvements. The cost is approximately \$950,000.

Art, history, recreation

Eight wooded acres south of the building complex will be used for pedestrians and bicy-

clists. Engel said artists have suggested building gazebos along the paths for musical performances, and gardens that would include sculptures.

"There is a business looking to come into the Henry Ford factory, a local business that has been here 30 years — D&M (Art Studio). It would be great to give them more space. We're still having discussions on that," Engel said. "We're also in discussion with a potential food destination person. We're trying to nail down whether to lease space or sell him space."

Engel stressed that Village Arts Factory will be a regional center, drawing individuals from throughout southeastern Michigan.

"There are other art centers throughout Michigan, even some with warehouse facilities, but not with this history. This is Canton history, but it's also Henry Ford Detroit automotive history and it's U.S. history with World War II veterans."

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Fudgy Raspberry
Mug Brownie



BAKE OR MICROWAVE A QUICK, TASTY DESSERT IN A MUG

Need a little warming up after a day out in the cold and snow? Make a luscious cake or cookie in a mug in just minutes. Completely customizable, these treats are a delicious way for the whole family to stay warm this winter.

“What I love about these desserts is that they’re fun and easy to make, whether you’re whipping up a quick snack for the kids or treating yourself by cozying up on the couch with a little indulgence,” said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. “A ‘hug in a mug’ can come in many forms, from cookies and cakes to hot drinks topped

with homemade marshmallows or flavored whipped cream. Whichever you choose, these sweet, individual delights will chase your winter blues away.”

These handheld desserts can be made in the oven or microwave and tailored to please every palate. Simply add peppermint or raspberry extract to transform a fudgy brownie base or choose favorite candy pieces to personalize an oven-baked blondie flavored with cinnamon and vanilla extract

For more mug dessert recipes visit www.McCormick.com and check out McCormick Spice on Facebook and Pinterest.

FUDGY RASPBERRY MUG BROWNIE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 minutes
Serves: 2

3 tablespoons miniature chocolate chips
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon milk
¼ teaspoon raspberry extract

Microwave chocolate chips and butter in microwavable coffee mug on high 30 seconds or until melted. Stir. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Microwave on high 45 seconds to 1 minute or until center looks almost set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Note: For a Fudgy Peppermint Mug Brownie, replace Raspberry Extract with 1 teaspoon pure vanilla ¼ extract and ¼ teaspoon pure peppermint extract.
Caution: Mug may be hot. Use pot holders when removing from microwave.

Nutrition per serving: 278 calories, 14g total fat, 17mg cholesterol, 54mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 4g protein

RED VELVET MUG CAKE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 minutes
Serves: 2

Red Velvet Mug Cake:
2 tablespoons miniature chocolate chips
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons whipped cream cheese
2 tablespoons flour
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
½ teaspoon red food color
Cream Cheese Topping:
1 tablespoon whipped cream cheese
1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon milk

For the Mug Cake, microwave chocolate chips and butter in microwavable coffee mug on high 30 seconds or until melted. Stir. Add remaining ingredients; mix well.

Microwave on high 45 seconds to 1 minute or until center looks almost set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Meanwhile, for the Topping, mix cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until well blended. Stir in milk. Drizzle over mug cake.

Nutrition per serving: 279 calories, 15g total fat, 119mg cholesterol, 122mg sodium, 32g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 4g protein



CANDY BAR MUG BLONDIE

Add your favorite chopped-up candy bar to a rich blondie batter in this oven-baked treat. The melted candy combined with pure vanilla extract results in a warm, ooey-goey dessert

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves: 8

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons flour, divided
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 cup chopped candy bars
3 tablespoons butter, melted
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix ½ cup of the flour, cinnamon and baking powder in medium bowl. Set aside. Mix remaining 2 tablespoons flour in small bowl. Set aside. Mix butter and brown sugar in large bowl until well blended. Add egg yolk and vanilla; mix well. Add flour mixture; mix just until moistened. Shake chopped candy bars to remove excess flour. Stir into batter. Divide among four ovenproof 8-ounce coffee mugs. Place mugs on baking sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out almost clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. (Blondie may fall in center upon cooling.) Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Nutrition per serving: 238 calories, 10g total fat, 36mg cholesterol, 114mg sodium, 34g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 3g protein

PUMPKIN MUG COOKIE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 minutes
Serves: 2

1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon miniature chocolate chips
1 tablespoon canned pumpkin
1 egg yolk
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice blend

Microwave butter in microwavable coffee mug on high 30 seconds or until melted. Stir. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Microwave on high 45 seconds to 1 minute or until center looks almost set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Nutrition per serving: 206 calories, 10g total fat, 107mg cholesterol, 53mg sodium, 26g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 3g protein



MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE "CUP" CAKES WITH COCOA WHIPPED CREAM

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 8

Mexican Hot Chocolate "Cup" Cakes:

1 cup flour
1 cup granulated sugar, grated
6 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder, divided
2 tablespoons baking powder
2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Chile Pepper, Ancho
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup milk
½ cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Organic Vanilla Extract, Pure Madagascar
1 cup boiling water
Cocoa Whipped Cream:
¼ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
½ teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Organic Vanilla Extract, Pure Madagascar

For the cakes, preheat oven to 350°F. Generously spray 8 (6-ounce) oven proof coffee cups or ramekins with no stick cooking spray with flour or grease and flour cups. Place on large baking sheet. Mix flour, ½ cup of the granulated sugar, 4 tablespoons of the cocoa powder, baking powder, ancho chile pepper, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Stir in milk, oil and vanilla. Batter will be stiff. Spoon evenly into prepared cups. Mix remaining ½ cup granulated sugar and 2 tablespoons cocoa powder in small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over batter. Spoon 2 tablespoons boiling water into each cup. Do not stir. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until tops are dry to the touch. Cool cups slightly on wire rack.

For the Cocoa Whipped Cream, beat cream and confectioners' sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until soft peaks form. Add cocoa powder and vanilla; beat until stiff peaks form. Serve cakes in coffee cups while still warm. Dollop with Cocoa Whipped Cream. Sprinkle with additional cinnamon, if desired.

Nutrition per serving: 328 calories, 16g total fat, 32mg cholesterol, 191mg sodium, 43g carbohydrates, 2g fiber, 3g protein