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HalloWayne case ends in mistrial

Event organizer faced identity theft charge

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A mistrial has been declared in the trial of a Wayne man facing a felony charge stemming from the HalloWayne event.

Christopher Sanders, 46, was charged with a single count of identity theft. Five other charges, including larceny by conversion, embezzlement as an agent or trustee and embezzlement from a nonprofit charitable organization, had been dismissed at the preliminary examination.

The jury trial had started Monday before Wayne County

Circuit Court Judge Alexis Glendening. The case went to the jury Tuesday but the mistrial was declared after the jury reported being deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict on Wednesday.

Sanders, who operates the nonprofit Destination Wayne, which sponsored HalloWayne, submitted written comments in response to the mistrial.

"I can only say that is indeed a humbling experience to have my freedom in the hands of 12 strangers who know me only through the evidence and arguments submitted during the trial," Sanders wrote. "I continue to assert my innocence in this matter and can now only wait and see what the city and the prosecutor decide to do next."

The charges that were filed against Sanders centered on a \$1,000 check that was deposited into his personal bank account. A complaint had been filed by an entrant into the 2013 HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest, which offered a \$1,000 prize that was never awarded.

The check was written to Mike Spence, who had testified he was offered the money by Sanders if he claimed to be the winner of the 2013 HalloWayne pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Destination Wayne and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Spence testified he never entered the pumpkin carving contest and didn't claim to have won.

Sanders deposited the check, payable to Spence, into

his personal bank account.

Thanking people for their support during what he called a long and grueling experience, Sanders said waiting for the trial "was psychologically exhausting and physically disruptive to my life."

It wasn't yet known if the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would be refileing the charge and taking the case to trial again.

"To be faced with the entire court procedure again is distressing but I remain confident that ultimately I will be exonerated by an impartial jury made aware of all the facts in this situation," he said.

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Westland man takes plea deal in murder

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Westland man will spend at least 27 years in prison for shooting a 76-year-old Plymouth Township man to death last October.

Andrew J. Nutt, 22, pleaded guilty Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court to one charge each of second-degree murder and using a gun during a felony in the killing of Kenneth LaBita, who was found Oct. 27 in his house on Gilbert, east of Haggerty. He had been shot in the back of the head.

Nutt's accomplice, Miriah N. Pisarski, 20, of Wayne pleaded guilty to a charge of being an accessory after the fact and another of larceny of firearms.

A plea agreement with the county prosecutor's

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Nutt



Pisarski



LaBita



Roosevelt Elementary third-grader Aniyah Mimms gives her name to Lois Vanstipdonk.

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Wayne Rotary gives 3rd-graders gift of words

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Third-graders at Roosevelt Elementary School in Wayne got a step up in their education, thanks to the Wayne Rotary Club.

Members of the club were at the school Tuesday to distribute dictionaries to the youngsters, continuing a tradition that started more than nine years ago.

"This is your own personal dictionary; take it to your desk and look for a word you like," Rotarian David Carpenter said. "We're here today to help you achieve your goals in literacy. We want you to be able to read, write and communicate with each other."

The Rotarians spent the month of February visiting third-grade classrooms at Roosevelt, Taft-Galloway, Hoover, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Mary schools in Wayne and Schweitzer in



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See ROTARY, Page A2 The student's name is written on a name plate in each dictionary.

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Wayne Library reviews: 'Fifth Gospel,' 'Food' are good reads

» *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell
Set in the early 2000s, as an ailing Pope John Paul II nears the end of his tenure, a mysterious exhibit is under construction at Vatican Museums. Shortly before opening, its curator is found murdered at the site of a suspicious meeting just outside Rome. The same night, a stranger breaks into the home of the curator's research partner and expert Gospel teacher, Father Alex Andreou, a Greek Catholic priest with a 5-year-old son. Father Alex, concerned for his family's safety, resolves to begin his own investigation when papal authorities are unable to locate suspects.



This story is what can easily be called an intellectual thriller. While rich with Biblical history and textual scholarship, it is also a gripping and suspenseful story driven by complex and compelling characters. It has been compared to Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, although its development and pace are much calmer and more grounded in reality.

Most modern "Biblical mysteries" tend to focus on the personage of Jesus Christ. *The Fifth Gospel* is instead a rich mystery based in church history and politics, ancient rivalries and the centuries-old schism between Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christianity. But it is also a heartfelt account of love, loss, forgiveness, redemption and sacrifice.

I highly recommend

this book to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation. Look for it on shelves starting March 3.

» *Food: A Love Story* by Jim Gaffigan

Fast food, steak, cheese, Hot Pockets and maybe even the occasional salad. Comedian and author Jim Gaffigan has made a career based on his views regarding American food and American eating. He is known in particular for his perspective on Hot Pockets, to the point where people sing the jingle to him in airports.

In his second book — his first book, a humorous discussion of parenting titled *Dad Is Fat* was published in 2013 — Gaffigan displays his truly genuine affection for foods from all over the country. It is fitting that this book be titled *A Love Story*, because that is precisely the way the author describes his complex love affair with pizza and bacon, and just about everything else that is bad for you.

The veteran comedian clearly displays why his popularity has become so widespread. A topic like food and the enjoyment of food is something that just about everyone can relate to. Gaffigan is entirely (and hilariously) honest about how his love of food has shaped his life, and the lives of his family. And for every one of the many dishes he admits to adore, such as bacon ("the candy of meat"), there seem to be just as many that are the exact opposite.

His list of unacceptable food items runs from shellfish ("bugs that swim") to vegetables ("a cucumber is just a pickle before it started

drinking") and especially to his disdain for kale ("kale is a super food ... and its special power is tasting bad."). Gaffigan manages to serve up some solidly enjoyable comedy that is witty and surprising, as well as clean without becoming overly saccharine.

This book is on shelves now.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Story

Time, 2 p.m. Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 — Multi-age story time for the whole family. Join us for stories, rhymes, movement, and crafts intended to engage children and caregivers of all ages. An adult caregiver must remain with the child during the entire program. Approximately 30 minutes long. Sign up begins two weeks prior to event at the youth reference desk.

Parents-in-Action, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 — Parent and child workshops presented by Starfish Family Services. To register contact Starfish at 313-937-2458 or email starfish-elc@sfish.org.

Wayne Metropolitan

Free Tax Assistance, Tuesday, March 24 and 31, during regular library hours — Could you use an extra \$2,000 in your tax return this year? Could you use a little help making sense of all those tax forms? Then sign up for Wayne Metropolitan's free tax service assistance at the Wayne Public Library.

Wayne Metropolitan is a community action agency whose mission is to empower lower income people and strengthen communities. This year they will be offering free tax service to households with annual income below \$50,000. These sessions will be held for all who qualify at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S Wayne Road, Wayne. Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are served first.

"Michigan Road Trips" with Ron Rademacher, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 — Join published author Ron Rademacher for a presentation on sites of natural beauty, fascinating towns, out of the way attractions, and historic points of interest, all within easy driving distance. Presented by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Information Central was compiled by Steve McGladdery, library co-director. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

ROTARY

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Westland to present students with their very own dictionary, the *Macmillan Dictionary for Children*. In all, they distributed some 275 dictionaries.

Last year Rotary Clubs throughout the nation gave out 41,976 dictionaries to third-graders. The 392-page book Wayne students received has photographs, illustrations and maps, as well as word histories, spelling notes and cultural- and gender-inclusive definitions.

According to teacher Cynthia Mitchell, the dictionary provides her students with "another resource."

"I've found that a lot of students don't have books or computers at home," she said. "This offers the opportunity for them to conduct research on unique words and expand their vocabulary. It's like a mini encyclopedia."

"I didn't tell them about the dictionaries, I just told them they were getting a gift they would treasure," she added.

Rotarian John Van-Stipdonk points to club member Nate Weiser in getting the distribution started in 2006. Weiser had read an article in the Rotary magazine about a club in Cali-



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Student Alivia Potter gives her name to Superintendent Michele Harmala, who is helping the Rotarians enter names in the dictionaries.

fornia that had been doing the project. He presented the idea to the Wayne club and it was approved.

Carpenter told the students about Rotary and the organization's many goals. Among the goal are literacy, clean water, health, economic development and peace and conflict resolution. But the organization's "major, major goal" is the eradication of polio worldwide, and students received a book explaining the disease and what is being done to rid the world of it.

"We're an eclectic organization, we do a little bit of everything to make the world a better place," he said. "With polio, we're down to three countries: Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. We may almost be there in Nigeria. It had six cases last year."

Joining the Rotarians in distributing the dictionaries were Principal Jennifer Keatts who introduced her "boss," School Superintendent Michele Harmala, who took a turn at writing the students' names on the dictionaries' name plates.

"She's the big leader," said Keatts who quizzed students about what a superintendent does. "I like her definition. While I'm the principal of this school, she's the principal of all the schools."

In leaving the classroom, Carpenter urged students to continue learning.

"Literacy is extremely important to us," he said. "All of you should be lifelong learners."

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STORE

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moving from one spot to another in Westland," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said. "There are several businesses already interested in the spot next to Best Buy."

But Fodale noted that for the last three years she, Mayor William Wild and Council President James Godbout have attended the annual conventions of the International Council of Shopping Centers. The city aggressively markets itself to retailers and other businesses, she

said. "We meet with chain anchor stores and smaller retailers who would not consider Westridge," Fodale said. "We secured a second anchor store, and now we will see five or six new stores potentially in that strip center."

The city is working to get a sporting goods store to move into the space being vacated by Bed, Bath & Beyond, Fodale said, to replace the nearby Dick's Sporting Goods, which opened a new store in Livonia.

"There are a lot of factors in a business deciding to move into a city. Like a craft store — Hobby Lobby in Canton is too close (for a Westland store)," Fodale said. "They look at median household income. We have been consistent and aggressive marketing the city."

In 2014, Fodale said those marketing efforts paid off with three new stores at Westland Shopping Center: Charming Charlie, Ulta and Shoe Carnival.

Since Best Buy is such a popular retailer, city officials expect the adjoining building will be attractive to other retailers after Bed, Bath & Beyond moves.

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office calls for a prison sentence for Nutt of between 25 years and 60 years for the murder charge, plus two years for the gun charge, according to Maria Miller, spokeswoman for Prosecutor Kym Worthy. Pisarski's sentencing agreement was for between two and five years, Miller said.

In exchange for the guilty pleas, other charges — first-degree murder, felony murder and larceny of firearms against Nutt, plus a felony murder charge against Pisarski — were dismissed.

The two had been scheduled for a jury trial that was to start Monday. Pisarski is scheduled to be sentenced Thurs-

day, March 12, by Judge Mark Slavens, while Nutt is to be sentenced by Slavens the next day. Both remain in custody.

LaBita, who had grown up in the area and lived in the house on Gilbert for more than 40 years, was retired from Dunn Steel. He collected guns and was a motorcycle buff. His wife Myrtle died in 2012 and their daughter, Sherry Ann LaBita, died in 2008.

Nutt and Pisarski, who was described at the time as Nutt's girlfriend, were arrested days after LaBita was found. The killing took place Oct. 24, a Friday. Police said cash and guns were stolen from LaBita's home; almost \$4,000 in cash was recovered from Nutt's home, but Police Chief Tom Tiderington said Friday that none of the guns have been found, though police

have executed search warrants in Detroit.

Tiderington credited cooperation between several police agencies and the prosecutor's office for the relatively quick resolution of the case.

During a November preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, both Nutt's father, Timothy S. Nutt, and older brother, Timothy J. Nutt, testified that Nutt had confessed to them that he shot LaBita.

"He went over to Kenny's and he was supposed to buy a gun or something from him and it went bad and he shot him," the father said, adding he told his son to "take it to his grave."

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Powerlifter who survived cancer is raising funds

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Almost six years to the day he was diagnosed with a rare type of bone cancer, Cory Allen of Livonia will compete in a powerlifting championship to raise money for childhood cancer research.

The 26-year-old plans to lift a combined 1,550 pounds at the APF Michigan State Powerlifting Championships in Grand Rapids on March 28.

He'll be competing with a cadaver bone and a metal rod in his right thigh, from where doctors removed a pop-cannized tumor.

Allen hopes to spare others the heartache and pain of childhood cancer, which also claimed the life of his cousin.

"After seeing the heartache and pain my family endured, I would not wish that type of pain on anyone," he said. "I wanted to give back in the one way I knew I could — the gym."

Always a fitness buff, Allen used to work out with his cousin, Brett Johnston, 25, who also happened to be his best friend. Then in February 2009, Johnston was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare soft-tissue cancer that affects fewer than 350 Americans a year.

The aggressive disease had already spread to Johnston's lungs, and he died on March 5, a day and a month after his diagnosis.

Unbelievably, while tending to his ill cousin, Allen felt a lump in his thigh. It turned out to be Ewing sarcoma, an even rarer rare soft-tissue cancer that affects 250 children and young adults in the United States each year.

Cousin is role model

Allen said his cousin gave him the strength and courage to fight the Ewing sarcoma, which had not yet spread. "He never showed weakness," Allen said.

Allen endured nine months of chemotherapy, a few blood transfusions, a major surgery and lots of physical therapy. In January, he celebrated five years of being in remission.

The 2006 Churchill High grad, who works as an IT developer for Urban Science in Detroit, will compete in the raw



Scott Johnston and Cory Allen started Cancerteas.com as a way to encourage and financially assist "cancer warriors."

division of three lifts: squat, bench and deadlift. The raw division means he won't use any equipment to help him lift. "Just me and the weights," he said.

He's asking people to donate from 1 cent to \$1 or more per pound of weight he lifts, 100 percent of which he'll donate to the Aflac Cancer Center. Donations can be made online at click4kids.kintera.org/powerlifting4kidscancerresearch.

Allen said he chose the Aflac Cancer Center because his wife, Brynn, is an Aflac agent and because of the good things he's heard about the Aflac Cancer Center, one of the largest pediatric cancer and blood disorders centers in the United States. To learn more, see www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyev97LIL2A.

Allen believes he has a chance to beat the state records in his 198-pound weight class. He has been lifting close to the state records at Body Rocks in Livonia, where he has been training with fellow contestants Nick Gout and Dan Chynoweth. The trio calls themselves the Gorilla Crew.

But he said having people donate for childhood cancer research will push him harder. "Sometimes in the gym, you want to set goals; this is another

way to keep motivated and in the process another avenue to help people."

Allen and another cousin, Brett's brother Scott, started an online company in 2013 called CancerTees.com that donates a portion of its sales to "cancer warriors." The company sells clothing with encouraging sayings like "Cancer fears me," "Survivor" and "Real men wear pink."

Allen started the company in an effort to give back. He and his cousin got the idea for the company after his family and friends had T-shirts made up to show their support, following his cancer diagnosis.

Allen has created a Facebook page where donors can keep track of his powerlifting progress and win free T-shirts for donating: www.facebook.com/Powerlifting4KidsCancerResearch.

Allen set an initial goal of raising \$1,000 for the Aflac Cancer Center. As of Friday, he had raised \$690. "I hope that you can join me by donating to this cause, so that we can help rid this world of this terrible disease," he wrote on the donation page.

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Cory Allen believes he has a chance to beat the state records in his 198-pound weight class.



A family photo of Cory Allen (right) and his best friend and cousin Brett Johnston kept Allen encouraged during his cancer fight. Brett, who died of the disease, "never showed weakness," Allen said.

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John Glenn High students learn, grow with leadership training

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Princess Felix and Alissa Draper are both 17-year-old seniors at Westland John Glenn High School. They're in the Interact Club at Glenn, and last November they went to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards training at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Draper described being separated at RYLA into groups "and making sure everyone wins in the end."

"We learned how to work with other groups and other people that aren't the same," she said.

She was pleased there were no cliques and common goals.

The young women are in Interact, the high school arm of Rotary, with the Westland Rotary sponsoring their group. Felix and Draper shared their experiences at a Feb. 26 Westland Rotary luncheon at Joy Manor.

"I really like working

with people," said Felix, who will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to major in neuroscience and biochemistry with a psychology minor. She'd like to be a psychiatrist and open a shelter for male domestic violence victims.

Both young women are in the National Honor Society and on Student Council. Felix got involved in a lot of clubs, including early in high school with Bright Futures, an Eastern Michigan University program where she was able to learn leadership building.

She's now working with Marshall Upper Elementary School students on math, including algebraic problems.

"I learn from them, they learn from me," Felix said.

About RYLA, she said, "I learned a lot from it, leadership-wise. RYLA was fun."

Draper recalled being nervous and shy when starting ninth-grade at Glenn. She joined Stu-



Princess Felix (left) and Alissa Draper, John Glenn High School seniors, spoke Feb. 26 at Westland Rotary.

dent Council, which helped, as well as Interact, which she joined as a junior.

The Glenn Interact students last year collected about 2,000 books for needy people.

"It was just really amazing to see our school work together," Draper said. This year, Glenn Interact teens plan to collect school supplies

and possibly books again as well.

Draper will be in the U.S. Navy after graduation.

"I want to do something in medicine," she said, such as working as a medical missionary and sharing her faith. "I don't know what God has planned."

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STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Rachel Rodriguez of Garden City has received her bachelor of science degree in environmental studies and sustainability from Northern Michigan University. Rodriguez graduated summa cum laude at the December commencement.

Ameer Nandanapu of Westland graduated from the University of Central Missouri Dec. 12 with a master of science degree. Over 1,000 students met their graduation requirements and were eligible to participate in the ceremonies.

Four Westland residents have received degrees from Walsh College. Participating in the Dec. 13 commencement were: Tami Arble, bachelor of accountancy degree; Kathleen Raymond, bachelor of accountancy degree; Ryan Cox, dual master of business administration and master of science in finance degrees; and Jeannine Lyons, master of management degree.

Lori Osborne of Garden City was named to the fall 2014 Dean's List at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Michigan Technological University honored the achievements of nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate students at its midyear Commencement on Dec. 20, including Westland resident Annette Perkowski.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in scientific and technical communication and a certificate in media. She is a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia.

Grand Valley State University has announced the names of students placed on the Dean's List for the Fall

2014 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade-point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Named to the list were Cody J. Fields of Garden City, Luke C. Holmes of Wayne, and Jamie V. Brda, Caitlin L. Carey, Faris H. El-Kildani, Eric M. Grudnicki, Nhu Q. Nguyen, Ashley A. Nowicki, Dallas M. Rohraff, Chelsea P. Romanczuk, Rosalie M. Rowland, Courtney R. Schaber, Matthew S. Sinclair and Sabrina L. Sweeney, all of Westland.

Northern Michigan University announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Qualifying with a grade-point average of 3.25-3.99 were Andrea Bilak and Rachel Rodriguez of Garden City, Mary Porta of Wayne and Emily Wilson of Westland.

Two Wayne residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. Named to the list were Andrew Barber, a senior majoring in criminal justice, and Michael Davis, a senior with an individualized major.

To be named to the Dean's List, Culver-Stockton College requires students earn between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade-point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours, with no grade lower than a C.

Jessica Drife of Garden City and Kira Leach of Wayne have been named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the 2014 Fall Term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

W-W educator honored for work with technology

A technology interventionist with Wayne-Westland Community Schools has been recognized by the Michigan Association for Computer Users.

Jillian Johnson was named a runner-up for the MACUL's Technology-Using Educator award. The award is one of six that MACUL is presenting at its annual conference March 18-20 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The other awards include



Jillian Johnson

Award and Frank Miracola 21Things Educational Excellence Award.

The awards recognize and honor MACUL members who demonstrate

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outstanding achievement in the use of technology to improve education. MACUL will honor the educators during its annual conference on March 18-20 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The award winners will receive gifts presented by representatives from several education technology companies. In addition, all winners will be nominated by MACUL for recognition by the

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'Pirates' take trophy in Cardboard Boat Races

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A trio of "pirates" — Livonia resident Valerie Newland Skowronek, along with her son and grandson — won last Sunday's Cardboard Boat Races at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The first-time contestants beat out 27 other cardboard boats in the annual race across and down the 25-yard lap pool.

"We really worked well together as a team," Skowronek said about her son, Jacob Skowronek, 12, and grandson Jesse Newland, 12. "We had really good ideas. It seemed like everything was clicking."

Skowronek said they were the last ones to get

there — she didn't know they could check in earlier. "Though we were late, before we knew it, people were looking at what we were doing."

She said other contestants were using measuring tools and T-squares, but they concentrated on constructing a rowboat-shaped vessel with lots of duct tape on the bottom to keep it water tight. "Some of those dads were really intense," she said. "We were just having a good ole time."

Amy Walker, recreation supervisor for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department, said the event is designed to be fun. The rules are few: each team — and there is no limit on the number of



From left, Andrew Pahnke of Farmington, Alex Pahnke of Farmington and Brody Burgess of Livonia are out of the race after their boat, Flash Destiny, turned over.

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members — has two hours to build a boat from cardboard, plus three rolls of duct tape donated by the Wolverine

Sports and Conservation Club. "They can't use any other materials to add structure to it," she said. But they can use measuring and cutting tools, markers and other items from home for constructing and decorating their boats. Teams are formed by families, Scout troops and sports teams.

"Every year we see something different, a new design," Walker said. "Sometimes we have engineers that plan it out," she said, adding they calculate weight distribution and the like. "And sometimes those are the first to sink."

Others may be good-looking, but they can't float or be paddled. But it's all in good fun. "That's the important part," she said. "We enjoy the camaraderie and the



Overall winner Valerie Newland Skowronek with her two crew members, son Jacob Skowronek, left, and grandson Jesse Newland, both 12.



Competing in the Cardboard Boat Races was a family affair for the Burmeisters, aka, the Epic Sailors, who won Heat 3.

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friendly competition." Skowronek agreed: "Arrrrrr — it was all about having fun and winning and that's what we did."

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'Biggest Loser' contestant rolls out new program

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

In 2012, Buddy Shuh started a journey to healthier life as a contestant on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. He left the show with fellow contestant Mark Cornelison two weeks before it ended, but the lessons learned have stayed with him.

And it's those lessons that the Wayne resident is sharing in his third installment of Buddy Up, an eight-week health and fitness program that starts with a kickoff weekend March 13-15.

"The goal isn't to get a permanent weight loss by a certain date, it's to get healthy," Shuh said. "It's about wanting permanent change and the things you want to do, like enjoying food and exercise."

Buddy Up will be held 9:30-11:15 a.m. each Saturday, starting in March, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. There will be registration at 9:30 a.m. Participants can weigh in weekly as a form of accountability, but it's not mandatory.

The Saturday morning program will have two 30-minute sessions. Shuh will speak about nutrition and the mental aspects of getting healthy, with professional trainers and exercise instructors handling the 30-minute workout.

The first two years Buddy Up was free of charge, but this year there is a one-time \$20 registration fee, payable at check-in. The fee covers the official program binder and a T-shirt.

Registration can be done online at healthypassport.cityofwestland.com/buddy-up-program. Online registration runs through Tuesday, March 10. Walk-up registration will be accepted at the March 13 kickoff and at the classes March 14 and March 21.

Inspirational evening

According to Shuh, the kickoff evening will feature



Wayne resident Buddy Shuh is sharing what he learned on "The Biggest Loser" with his upcoming Buddy Up fitness program.

inspirational stories and participants will be organized into teams. Shuh has some 20 Buddy Up veterans who will serve as team captains. Unlike *The Biggest Loser*, in which teams competed against each other, the Buddy Up teams will serve as a support group for members.

"The captains are putting together eight weeks of menus, 42 days of menus and grocery lists," Shuh said. "They'll hand their teams a potential meal plan and say, 'Here it is.' These are real people, not trainers."

He stressed that the work being done by the captains "has to pass the 'Buddy test.'" Participants will have a caloric intake of 2,000 calories a day, which will be adjusted for weight.

"It has to be doable for life," he said. "I make a spinach shake and my kids like it, so it's doable. I want people to find what they love to do and do it."

Saturday, March 14, will be the first class, which will feature two 30-minute segments. Shuh will speak about nutrition and mental aspects of

weight loss and "present what influenced my life while I was on the show."

The second segment will be exercise with different instructors in programs like jazzercise, Zumba and yoga. With one spot to fill, he plans to talk to the folks at the Norwayne Boxing Club about joining.

"They are people who do exercise in the community, so people can go to their places and do it individually or in groups," he said.

Each week, there will be food samplings. Participants also will be given exercise challenges by their captains. Those could be walking 20 miles in one week or trying a new exercise. The goal is to find what you love to do and do it with a group.

Sunday, March 15, will be a day of inspiration. No matter what faith, participants are invited to join Shuh for an inspirational service at Merge Community Church, which meets in the auditorium of John Glenn High School at 10:30 a.m. The church was created with the merger of Journey Community Church, which Shuh belonged to, and Ekklesia Church.

Attendance is optional, but Shuh will have fitness expert Peter Nielsen as speaker at the service. An author, TV and radio show host and former Mr. Universe, Nielsen will talk about the direct connection that physical training has to minds, emotions and spirits and how being spiritually fit builds and strengthens the very core of who people are and enables them to become what they were designed to be.

Shuh also has lined up fellow *Biggest Loser* contest Mark Cornelius to speak at the church May 3. The ending of the program also coincides with the North Bros. Ford 5K in mid-May. Program participants are strongly encouraged to register for and participate in the race.

Healthy Passport

Shuh launched his Buddy Up program with the city of Westland in 2013. He estimates that more than 800 people started the program, which had average attendance of 200-250 each week. Many participants are repeating the program and, with just promotion on social media, 100 people have already signed up.

Buddy Up has been the cornerstone of Westland Mayor William Wild's Healthy Passport program. In announcing the program, which he called "wildly popular," Wild noted that, "not only does it provide a fun way to maintain an active lifestyle throughout the winter, but it does so through an individual who truly knows first-hand how living a healthy lifestyle can change an individual's life."

Shuh stresses that Buddy Up isn't *The Biggest Loser*, where contestants exercise six hours a day and lose two pounds a day. A more reasonable weight loss is two pounds a week.

Shuh has stayed in touch with his fellow *Biggest Loser* contestants. They have put together a support group to counsel each other and are looking at having a reunion in Pennsylvania in September. As a minister, he has performed two weddings and three baptisms for his fellow contestants. He also went to California last month to see the finale of this year's show and to show his wife and three children where he lived all those months.

"The show puts you in extreme circumstances; what your body goes through is excruciating," he said. "They say it's like being called to active duty. Buddy Up is a journey to living healthy."

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PTSA Council hosts event with state lawmakers

The Livonia PTSA Council will host a meet and greet with state lawmakers at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Livonia Franklin High School.

Refreshments will be provided by the Franklin

High School Patriot Inn. The event is open to the public and there is no fee to attend, but attendees are asked to RSVP by March 15.

All lawmakers representing at least a portion

of the Livonia Public Schools district are expected to attend, including State Sens. Patrick Colbeck (District 7) and Hoon-Yung Hopgood (District 6) and state Reps. Laura Cox (District 19), Julie Plawecki (Dis-

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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

At the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the Redford Township Board of Trustees will have the 2nd reading of the following proposed ordinance amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 339
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 82-1 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHO FAILS TO HAVE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FOR THE VEHICLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

This proposed ordinance can be reviewed in its entirety online at www.redfordtp.com or at the Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Devin J. Adams
 City Controller

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MAPS is a valuable tool to combat drug abuse and is an example of government surveillance that is in the best interest of the community.

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Retired teacher to appear on Science Channel to discuss UFO phenomena

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Harry Willnus knows all too well that eyebrows will rise when he talks about unidentified flying objects, but that doesn't stop the retired social studies teacher from continuing his 60-year quest to see the issue become accepted by the mainstream population.

"UFO sightings are reported every day around the world and in every country around the world," said the Salem resident and former president of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the world's largest investigative body looking into the UFO phenomena.

Willnus, like other UFO enthusiasts ask, "Are we alone in the universe?"

That question will be the focus of his appearance on the Science Channel's show *Close Encounters*. Now in its second season, Willnus will appear on an upcoming episode scheduled to air at 10 p.m. March 10. Willnus will share his vast knowledge about the highly publicized March 1966 reported UFO sighting in Dexter. He'll be on the show again, at 10 p.m. March 31, talking about a reported sighting in Exeter, N.H.

In the March 20, 1966, Dexter case a group of people, including police officers, reported seeing an object turn from a

"The evidence is, overwhelmingly, there is a UFO phenomenon that we don't understand at this time."

HARRY WILLNUS,
UFO enthusiast

blue green to a brilliant red to a yellow coloring. It rose 500 feet and returned to the ground, one man said.

Trying to investigate further, the officers said they went out to the far edge of the wooded area and also saw a brilliant light appear and then disappear. The officers said when they returned to their patrol vehicle, a group of people had gathered and reported seeing something similar. These witnesses said the object departed in a western direction at a high rate of speed.

A UFO investigator, Willnus sat in the living room of his home and retold other stories of what he believes are extraterrestrial visits. Like a sighting by WJR reporter Marc Avery on Feb. 10, 1978. Avery was on his way to the airport on Interstate 275 when he and his wife saw two lights hovering over their car "for 30, 40, 50 seconds." He called the radio station and spoke on air, describing the aircraft

with Warren Pierce. Willnus has the report recorded on his smart phone.

The citing was never debunked, Willnus said. In fact, two men, who were walking in the Meriman Road and Michigan Avenue area later reported they saw a similar aircraft about five minutes before Avery's report.

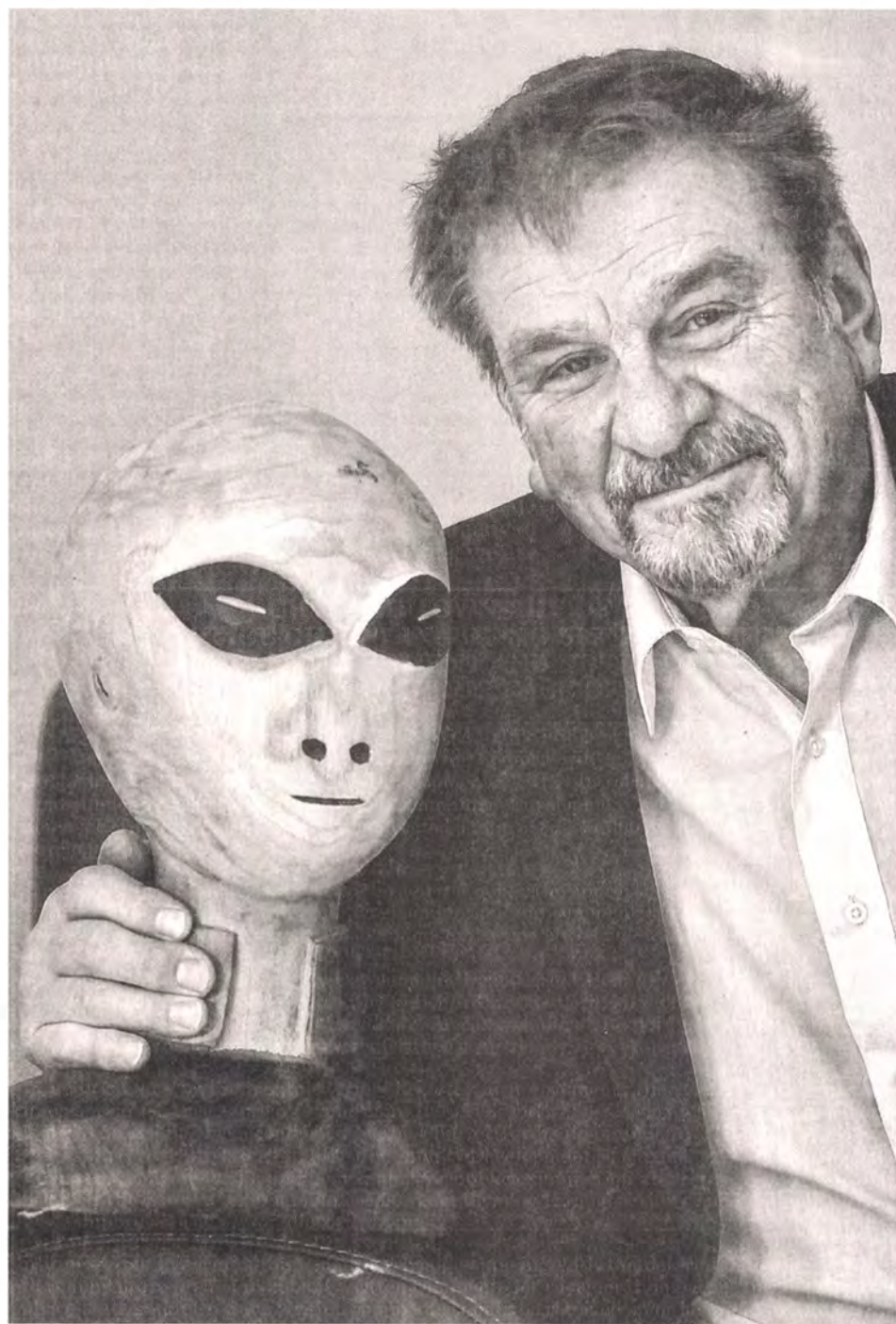
The U.S. Air Force investigated UFO sightings from 1947 to 1969, in Project Blue Book, which consisted of 12,618 accounts spanning nearly 130,000 pages, Willnus said. The project was discontinued, however, after a committee formed at the request of President Gerald Ford concluded UFOs weren't a threat to national security.

Sightings on the rise

Sightings have doubled in the last couple of years, Willnus said.

"This major increase shows there's something going on," he said. "It's driving the interest in the number one question: 'Are we alone?' Are there other intelligences out there?"

"After studying UFOs, it becomes obvious we are not alone," Willnus continued. "I base that on the fact that there are 200 sightings every day around the world. There's pictures, photos and movies. It's not a hoax when these crafts can



Harry Willnus sits near a wooden carving of an extraterrestrial being he displays in his Salem Township home.

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disappear before our eyes. Or fly at over 1,000 miles an hour and make a right angle turn — or, stop on a dime."

Willnus also refers to a case involving former Novi resident Nancy Tremaine, who had described being abducted by a UFO off Orchard Drive near Meadowbrook Road in the 1960s. Former Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole, who spoke to the *Novi News* last year at age 93, didn't see the UFO, but he was on duty at the police station the night the incident occurred.

BeGole said an off-duty officer told dispatch he saw a strange object overhead and police dispatch took multiple calls from people who said they also saw a strange object in the sky.

If you ask your 10 best

friends if they ever had a UFO experience, Willnus said, 10 percent would say, "yes."

"But, people get laughed at once they say that," Willnus said. "And then they say, 'I'm not going to share that again.'"

Not always out of this world

He does note, however, that 90 percent of reported UFOs can be explained by something other than an extraterrestrial visit. The "UFO" might actually be a blimp, a flock of birds flying at night or even the planet, Venus, because it's the closest to Earth and moves quickly.

"The other 10 percent, we're not sure what they are," Willnus added. "I think a good many of those are that we are

being visited by intelligent life off the planet Earth. Look at the evidence. The evidence is, overwhelmingly, there is a UFO phenomenon that we don't understand at this time.

"I'm getting up there and I want this story to break before I pass," he said. "Some people in the U.S. government are aware we are being visited. This is a cosmic Watergate where there is a cover-up keeping this from people. The best thing that could happen is if governments, including the United States, would come out and say, 'The UFO phenomenon is real and don't panic, because they don't appear to be here to harm us.'"

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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
TREASURER-CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No 1-15. A request to rezone the easterly 12 acres of this parcel to Light Industrial (M-1) and keeping the 2 acres fronting Inkster Road C-2.

Part of the SW ¼ of SEC 30, T.01S., R.10E REDFORD TWP, WC, MI, described as follows: Beginning at a point distant N 00D 00M 09S E 1,021.35 FT along the W line of said SEC 30 and N 88D 58M 46S E 60.01 FT from the SW corner of said SEC 30 to the Point of Beginning; TH N 00D 00M 09S E 50.02 FT along the E ROW line of Inkster RD; TH N 88D 58M 46S E 210.03 FT; TH N 00D 00M 09SE 701.44 FT; TH S 89D 51M 41S E 189.67 FT; TH N 00D 08M 19S E 100.52 FT; TH N 88D 46 M 29S E 148.52 FT; TH S 00D 06M 28S W 1.92 FT; TH N 89D 01M 30S E 273.13 FT to a point on the W ROW line of San Jose St; TH S 00D 08M 19S W 845.85 FT along said ROW Line; TH S 89D 01M 30S W 272.67 FT; TH S 00D 06M 28S W .94 FT; TH S 88D 58M 47S W 546.92 FT to the Point of Beginning. Said description contains 508,966 SQ FT or 11.68 Acres, more or less.

Property more commonly known as 12100 Inkster Rd.
(parcel #79 039 99 0004 706)

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business March 5, 2015 to be considered.

**David Allen, Secretary
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford**

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On March 17, 2015 the Charter Township of Redford will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended. The 2015-2016 Action Plan allocated a total of \$1,117,000 toward eligible community development activities.

The Township has made available to the general public the approved CDBG Action Plan 2015-2016. A copy was made available for examination and comment during a 30-day comment period. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240
- Redford Township Website, www.redfordtwp.com

In addition, an Environmental Review Record which documents the relative environmental information for these projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required has been conducted by the Charter Township of Redford. This Environmental Review Record (ERR) is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and available on the Township website at www.redfordtwp.com.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the determination, or wishing to comment are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Township to the above-stated address. Such written comments should be received on or before March 16, 2015. All such comments so received will be considered and the Township will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative actions on the projects within the document prior to March 16, 2015.

The Charter Township of Redford will undertake the projects described above with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Redford and Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, in her official capacity as Supervisor of Redford Township, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and actions; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect on this certification is that upon its approval, the Charter Township of Redford may use Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Charter Township of Redford's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Redford; (b) the Charter Township of Redford has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 W. Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ, Supervisor
MICHAEL D. DENNIS, Community Development Director
Charter Township of Redford
15145 Beech Daly
Redford, MI 48239**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

ST. VALENTINE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 3:45-6 p.m. Thursday, March 5.
Location: St. Valentine Catholic School, 25875 Hope St., Redford
Details: St. Valentine Catholic School offers faith-based educational excellence for preschool through eighth grade. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and learn how St. Valentine can help your child.
Contact: 313-533-7149; www.stvalentineschool.com.

COMIC BOOK, CARD, COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Time/date: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7.
Location: Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford.
Details: More than 30 tables. Guests include actor/inventor Ron Baraton, a local actor who has appeared in *Oz the Great and Powerful* and *Ides of March* with George Clooney and the TV show *Detroit 187*. Admission is \$2. Age 10 and under are free. Concessions available until 2 p.m. The admission fee will be donated to the Methodist Children's Home.
Contact: 734-258-5026.

MICHIGAN CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

Time/date: Saturday, March 7.
Location: Laurel Park Place mall, Livonia.
Details: Michigan artist, crafters, designers and micro-enterprises are invited to sell their products including jewelry, beauty products, hats, gifts, ceramics, t-shirts and more at the Michigan Crafters Marketplace. Tables spaces are available for \$75 each for up to 100 vendors.
Contact: www.MichiganCraftersMarketplace.com.

MINERAL AND LAPIDARY AUCTION

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8.
Location: VistaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.
Details: Sponsored by the Roamin Club, the event includes hourly silent and verbal auctions for crystals, fossils, slabs,

cutting rough and more; special auctions for children, hourly door prizes and daily grand prizes. Free admission and parking. Auction benefits the Roamin Club Endowment Fund and Tom Williams Scholarship at Schoolcraft.
Contact: 248-348-5093; 248-981-9673.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.
Location: Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland.
Details: Willow Creek Coop Preschool has classes for 4-year-olds, 3-year-olds and 2-year-olds for the 2015-16 school year.
Contact: 734-326-0078.

LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club in Livonia, will hold its general meeting followed by a club favorite, pizza and bingo. Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. New members are always welcome.
Contact: livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

Time/date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.
Location: St. Raphael Activities building, 31530 Merriman, Garden City.
Details: Tickets are \$8 and include dessert, coffee, Blarney bags and table and door prizes for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for its annual Shamrock Shuffle card. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, pop, chips and water will be available for purchase.
Details: For more information, call 734-427-1533 or 734-422-8465.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.
Location: Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.
Details: See great 3D images, and learn how to make your

own 3D pictures. Meetings include a 3D program, refreshment break, and a competition among members. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The highlight of the meeting will be the premiere of "Ireland in 3D," a program about the recent travels of the Irish band Blackthorn around the Emerald Isle, by one of its members. A 3D image competition will conclude the evening's events. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome.
Contact: www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

BOATING SAFETY

Time/date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 12 to May 7.
Location: Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: Eight-week course approved by National Association of Boating Law Administrator. Includes boat handling, seamanship, radio procedure, trailering and legal requirements. Meets Michigan jet ski requirements. Certificate based upon completion. Minimum age: 13 years without parent. Cost is \$45.
Contact: Larry Dunn, dunnlarry@att.net; 313-529-8453.

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Time/date: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15.
Location: Covenant Community Church 25800 Student Street, Redford.
Details: The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present a concert featuring the works of German masters. Admission is free.
Contact: 313-384-7204.

ALFRED NOBLE AND THE PANAMA CANAL

Time/date: 2 p.m. Monday, March 16.
Location: Judge Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.
Details: The Livonia Historical Society will present "Livonia's Alfred Noble and the Centenary of the Panama Canal." The speaker is Joe Neussendorfer, who has been writing and reporting on construction-engineering-planning-architecture news and history for the past 40 years and received the Boger Award for Outstanding Construction Journalism in the United States. The public is

welcome and there is no charge to attend.

Contact: 734-591-6845; 734-464-0450.

FAMILY FEUD

Time/date: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21.
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford, Garden City.
Details: Get a team of five together or join one at New Life's fourth annual Family Feud fundraiser. Pastor Chris Smothers will be the game show host. Cost is \$10 per person. There will be food concessions available.
Contact: 734-326-7000.

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Time/date: 6-11 p.m. Friday, March 27
Location: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: Benefit for Cure HHT, an organization dedicated to finding a cure for HHT disease, a genetic blood vessel disorder. Tickets, \$150 each, include open bar, dinner and dancing.
Contact: http://curehht.org/get-involved/fundraising/hht-fundraising/

Citizens for Peace to celebrate International Women's Day

Local peace activists Kim Bergier and Laura Dewey will share their journey as peacemakers at the 7 p.m. March 10 meeting of Citizens for Peace, which is celebrating International Women's Day. The meeting will take place at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

Bergier attended the Woodstock residential school in India as a child. She recently returned for a class reunion. She will share the colorful pictures of her experiences in India.

Bergier is co-founder of the Michigan

Stop the Nuclear Bombs Campaign. She has dedicated her life to creating a more peaceful world.

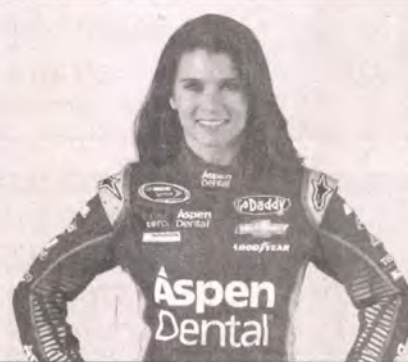
Dewey is the leader of the Detroit branch of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom. It is the oldest women's peace group and will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Dewey will share the important influence WILPF has had in its 100-year history.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

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Strategies for covering income shortfalls

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my mid-60s and have been divorced for five years. Alimony and my part-time job cover my living expenses. My alimony ends later this year. How should I cover my shortfall? My employer says I can work full-time and that would more than cover my living expenses. I could begin to draw down on my IRA. I currently have about \$300,000 in my IRA. However, other than my IRA I have very little other money. I could take my IRA and convert it into a life annuity. A life annuity, working part-time and Social



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Security should leave me in good shape. What should I do?

A: I love the idea that you have focused on options available to you. I wish more people would do that. It's great that you have options.

In reviewing your options, I recommend you remain working. Doing so gives you the greatest flexibility in the future. The fact that you don't mind working and the money in your IRA

will continue to grow, is a win-win for you. Another benefit is there will be fewer years that you will need money from your portfolio thus assuring you won't run out of money.

My least favorite option is to take your IRA money and buy a lifetime annuity. It's not that I'm totally against lifetime annuities, because in certain situations they fit a need. However, it is a mistake to take your entire portfolio and annuitize it. This gives you little flexibility down the road.

Once you take a lifetime annuity you no longer have use of the principal. And one should not

use his or her entire portfolio — only a portion of it.

It is a mistake for any investor to irrevocably tie up his or her money. In a world that is constantly changing, having flexibility with money allows one to adapt. If all your money is coming from Social Security and

a lifetime annuity, it offers little flexibility and little opportunity to change.

As we live longer and costs rise, more people should look for opportunities to continue their careers for as long as possible. After all, working a few more years may be the difference

between a comfortable retirement and one that leaves you struggling. Good luck.

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

Wild Wings take on Red Wings alum March 20

Westland Mayor William Wild, along with his Westland Wild Wings, are once again preparing to lace up their skates for the sixth annual Red Wings Alumni Charity Hockey game.

The event will be held on ice Friday, March 20 at Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the game begins at 7 p.m.

"This annual event draws more than 800 spectators and has raised thousands of dollars to benefit improvements to the Mike Modano Ice arena," said Wild, who hopes the home team might see their first win this year.

This event has turned into one of the community's most anticipated events. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, children under age 3 are free.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Mayor's office, Mike Modano Ice Arena and Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road.

Tickets can also be purchased at <http://westland.ticketleap.com/hockeynight/>. Seating is limited.

There are many fun-filled activities planned for the event, including



Westland Mayor William Wild will lead the Wild Wings in the annual Red Wings Alumni charity game.

"score-o" and "chuck-a-puck." There will also be several raffles.

For more information, go to www.cityofwestland.com

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Chargers triumphant on 'Senior Night'

A highlight-reel goal by senior Dylan Smith on "Senior Night" ignited Livonia Churchill's 5-3 victory over West Bloomfield Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The triumph improved the Chargers' record to 8-12-3.

Smith's goal, which helped the hosts establish a 2-1 lead after the first period, was assisted by Dan Hudy and Joe Wozniak. Josh Friend, who was assisted by Justin O'Brien, also added a first-period net-finder for the Chargers.

Justin Reinholtz tipped in a laser off the stick of Smith to account for the Chargers' lone goal of the second period, which ended with the two teams knotted at 3-3. Nolan



The Churchill hockey team's seniors and their parents were honored prior to Wednesday's game.

CHRIS GUDDECK

Cioch also picked up a helper on the play.

The game-winner was registered by Parker Hodges, who was assisted by Wozniak.

Cioch added an empty-netter with under a minute to play

to add ice the win.

Drew Warnecke scored twice for West Bloomfield, which received 32 saves at the other end by goalie Anthony Crews.

In addition to Smith, the

other Churchill seniors honored Wednesday were O'Brien, Kent Peterson, Luke Justice, Hudy, Reinholtz, Hodges and Grant Klimkiewicz.

GC football meeting

The Garden City High School Cougar Football Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 11, in Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

The new staff will be on hand to meet and mingle. All football parents are encouraged to attend.

Several new items are available for the 2015 season and will be on display at this meeting. Jerseys, along with other items, will be for sale. Visit gccougar-country.com for more information.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

DENIED!

Plymouth repels Churchill's late charge to win Kensington crown

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

The third time was much more than the charm for Plymouth's boys basketball team Friday night - it was a monumental piece of school history.

After losing two regular-season battles against Livonia Churchill, the Wildcats claimed the first boys hoops title since Plymouth opened in 2002 by blanking the host Chargers over the final 1:21 in a 56-49 victory in the KLAA Kensington Conference championship game.

Plymouth advances to Thursday's KLAA Association title showdown against the winner of Saturday's Walled Lake Central-Walled Lake Western clash.

Although the Wildcats (14-5) never trailed in the second half, they were never in a position to feel overly comfortable either, especially when Churchill's Joan Andoni nailed a fade-away jumper with 81 seconds left to pull the hosts to within 51-49.

Plymouth countered, however, with possibly the sequence of the night when senior Randall Aikens secured the ensu-

ing in-bounds pass and streaked down the left side of the court until he laid in a soft left-handed lay-up to give his team a 53-49 advantage.

Churchill's Jon Hovermale missed a well-defended, eight-foot runner at the other end, Plymouth's Deji Adebisi snatched the rebound and fired a half-court pass to Josh Reynolds, whose break-away finger-roll with 34 ticks left gave the 'Cats an insurmountable six-point cushion.

Plymouth's co-scoring leaders with 15 points each - Adebisi and Reynolds - starred at opposite ends of the game. Adebisi scored eight of his team's 15 first-quarter points while Reynolds served the role of closer as he netted nine in the final eight minutes.

Andoni, who attended Plymouth's Central Middle School with Adebisi before his family moved to Livonia, paced the Chargers with 22 points.

Plymouth's break-out season has been the result of teamwork and unselfishness, Adebisi emphasized.

"Our saying from the beginning of the season has been 'We

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Plymouth's Randall Aikens skies to defend a shot by Churchill's Jon Hovermale Friday night.

ED WRIGHT

MU cagers lose

Talk about red-hot. Nationally-ranked University of Northwestern Ohio (No. 16 NAIA Division II) nailed 15 three-pointers and shot 54.5 percent from the field Thursday night en route to a 91-65 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal victory over visiting Madonna University.

The second-seeded Racers, who improved to 25-6 overall, jumped out to a 53-18 halftime lead by hitting 22-of-38 from the floor (57.9 percent). And for the game, Northwestern Ohio connected on 15-of-24 triples to advance to Saturday's WHAC semifinal at home against third seed Cornerstone.

Four of five Northwestern Ohio starters scored in double figures led by Aaron Cross, who tallied a game-high 22 points. Zair Anderson added 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Ed Jenkins and Lawrence Jackson chipped in with 18 and 14 points, respectively. Josh Scott also dished out 11 assists.

The Racers outrebounded MU, 43-29. Senior guard Shaun Duncan (Detroit Pershing/Macomb CC) scored a team-high 16 points for the seventh-seeded Crusaders, who ended their season at 14-17 overall.

Sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone (Waterford Mott), named All-WHAC honorable mention, chipped in with 13 points, while senior forward Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon), also playing his final game, added 12. Freshman red shirt forward Chris Dierker (Salem) came off the bench to score nine.

Schmitz earned Academic All-WHAC honors and was also named to the Champions of Character team. Junior guard Zak Lewis (Petoskey) made Academic All-WHAC as well.

FOOTBALL

GC woman set to tackle full-contact football

53-year-old will join Detroit Pride in IWFL

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Marcie Friegerio's mom asked a reasonable question last week after she found out her 53-year-old daughter had joined a football team.

"I played flag football in high school, so my mom asked me, 'What color are your flags going to be?'" recounted Garden City's Friegerio. "I smiled and said,

'Mom, there aren't any flags this time around.'"

On Feb. 21, Friegerio officially joined the first-year Detroit Pride, a full-tackle women's football team that plays in the Independent Women's Football League. The Pride will compete in the IWFL's Midwest Division that includes the Pittsburgh Passion and the Toledo Reign.

After seeing a feature story highlighting the Pride on one of the local television stations, Friegerio attended a tryout the next day and took to the sport like a bee to honey.

"At the first tryout, we did some agility stuff and some running," she said. "At our first practice with pads, they told us to get on the line, so I got in my stance and looked up and there was another woman who was quite a bit bigger than me. I thought, 'Sweet Jesus, I'm going to get hurt!' But I actually held my own. I have some battle scars already, but it's fun. I love the adrenaline rush."

Friegerio is no stranger to contact sports. For the past 12

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Garden City resident Marcie Friegerio is a member of the Detroit Pride full-tackle football team.

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COLLEGE SOCCER SIGNING

GC soccer star taking MVP skills to IPFW

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Beginning this summer, Lindsay Yankasky may be the swiftest, smoothest-moving Mastodon to ever make tracks across a soccer pitch.

On Feb. 20 at Garden City High School, the Cougars' four-year varsity soccer standout signed a letter of intent to play her favorite sport at Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne University, which is located in Fort Wayne, Ind.

A standout club player for the Novi Jaguars, Yankasky chose the Mastodons over several other college programs that pursued her, including Bowling Green, Siena Heights and Indi-

ana State.

Yankasky verbally committed to IPFW last February.

"I like everything about the school," said Yankasky, a three-year all-WWAC performer and two-year captain for Garden City. "They offer a very good science program, and I want to study physical therapy, I have family within 10 to 15 minutes of the campus, and I like the living conditions they offer. Plus, the school has a good soccer program."

Yankasky was instrumental in leading Garden City to WWAC and Division 1 district championships last spring. A high-energy mid-fielder who can score and distribute equally well, she will be

hard to replace once her four-year high school tenure runs out in June.

"I can't think of a student that has meant more to the soccer program Garden City High School, and one that is as deserving as she is for the scholarship at IPFW," said Garden City head soccer coach Jeff Szyplula. "It has been an honor to be able to coach Lindsay at Garden City and I am excited for her last season playing soccer here."

A brilliant student and athlete, Yankasky's pitch accolades would over-stuff a normal-sized soccer net. She is a three-time all-district honoree, all-regional selection as a junior and she helped the Jags win a State Cup title in 2012.



Garden City senior Lindsay Yankasky recently signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne.

IPFW head coach Jason Burr said on the team's website that he looks forward to the pace Yankasky can bring to the Mastodons as - potentially - an outside back beginning in 2015.

But first she is anticipating a stellar senior season for Garden City when the Cougars' season kicks off in late-March.

"I would love to be able to defend our conference and district

titles," she said. "I think we have the talent to do it."

Yankasky is the daughter of Donald and Pamela, and the younger sister of Brianna.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Madonna women cruise in WHAC playoff opener

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Even with two key starters nursing injuries, the Madonna University women's basketball wouldn't be tested in Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal.

Indiana Tech, which had lost twice to the Crusaders during the regular season, 84-65 and 88-62 (just five days earlier), provided little resistance as third-seed MU rolled to a 70-56 victory.

WHAC Player of the Year Michele Hayes (Inkster/Southfield-Lathrup), played just five first-half minutes while nursing a lower body injury.

Meanwhile, freshman guard Lindsey Hernden also tweaked her leg and only appeared five min-

utes during the second half after playing all 20 in the opening half. She finished with nine points.

The win sets up a semifinal showdown Saturday night on the road against second-seed Siena Heights (24-6), which is ranked No. 21 in the latest NAIA Division II Coaches Poll.

MU won the two previous meetings 63-56 and 71-59.

"We got to get healthy by Saturday, it's our biggest game of the year obviously," MU coach Carl Graves said. "But our bench stepped up, a lot of kids played minutes that they don't normally get and they made the most out of them, so we were able to get a big lead and finish out a really good team in Indiana Tech. And now we're



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Madonna University senior Rachel Melcher (with ball) now ranks fifth all-time on the career scoring list with.

looking forward."

Hayes, the transfer from Oakland University, came into the game averaging 20.6 points per

game. She was held out as a precautionary measure after the Crusaders built a commanding 39-20 halftime advantage.

"She's a tough kid and she wanted to play, but we didn't see the need to put her through that," Graves said of his 5-foot-6 junior point-guard. "Obviously Saturday what we're really focused on, so we want her 100 percent healthy for Saturday. We'll get her worked out in practice and make sure she's ready to go. She could have played (more) today, but we just thought better of it and had her sit today."

Picking up the scoring slack was sophomore Justice Dean, who scored all 14 of her team-high points in the opening half. The Garden City High

grad went 4-for-6 from three-point range.

Fifth-year senior forward Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) nearly reached a triple-double adding 11 points to go along with a game-high 12 rebounds and eight assists in what was her final home appearance as a Crusader.

Melcher currently ranks fifth on MU's all-time scoring list with 1,429 points as she surpassed Sarah Thomson's 1,425 (2002-2006).

Melcher is also a two-time academic All-American.

"Rachel is special and I'm not sure how we're going to fill that," Graves said.

Hayes top player

Hayes was named WHAC Player of the Year

and earned first-team All-Conference honors along with Melcher.

Both Hayes and freshman guard Hernden (Romeo) were named to the all-newcomer squad, while Dean, Melcher, Dominique Mosby (Farmington Hills Mercy), Haley Stempien (Dearborn Divine Child) and Molly Knoph (Livonia Stevenson) earned all-WHAC Academic honors.

Freshman Kacy Robinson (Clarkston) was named to the Champions of Character team, a honor that goes to player who best represents the WHAC's core values initiative of integrity, leadership, respect, responsibility and servant leadership.

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Katie Hayward scored two goals in Livonia Ladywood's 3-2 double-overtime victory over Farmington Hills Mercy Sunday.

PREP HOCKEY

Blazers earn Catholic League title, 3-2

Sophomore Katie Hayward scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner with 3:23 left in the second overtime to give Livonia Ladywood a 3-2 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy in the Catholic League girls hockey

championship Sunday at Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep.

Hayward sent the game into OT with a third-period goal from Jackie Kristofik and Jill Jacobs, while Sydney Malek scored in the opening period for the

Blazers (14-4) off an assist from Mikayla Pearson.

Ladywood goaltender Michaela Warner made 20 saves.

Katy Kouvaris and Caitlin Somerville split time in goal for the Marlins (13-3-1).

FOOTBALL

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years, she has served as a kick-boxing instructor at the PKSA Karate School in Garden City.

"I like to stay active," she said, smiling. "I tried soccer a few years ago, but I have asthma and the non-stop running wasn't good. With football, there's a break between every play, which is perfect for me."

Based on the team's preliminary practices, Friegerio said she is slated to play linebacker, a position that stays to her

passion for contact.

"Our practices are full-out football," she said. "They're full pads, full power."

In preparation for its season-opening game April 25 at Detroit Cass Tech High School, the Pride meet three or four nights a week for practices, some of which run as late as 9:30-11:30 p.m.

The Pride practices at D1 in West Bloomfield, Plymouth Crossfit and at an indoor facility located next to the now-deflated Pontiac Silverdome.

"We're going to be playing against teams from Maine, Philadelphia and possibly Montreal,"

she said, her voice laced with excitement. "I'm really looking forward to it."

Friegerio said most of the team's players are in their 20s.

"I'm probably the oldest, but there are a few in their mid- to late 40s," she said.

As of Thursday, the Pride's roster ran 37 players deep - well short of the 55 the team's owners are hoping to assemble.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team should go to www.detroitpridefootball.com.

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PREP HOCKEY

Stevenson players shine in 6-0 'Senior Night' win

By Ed Wright
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Livonia Stevenson senior goalie Andrew Rozenbaum delivered the perfect performance during Wednesday's "Senior Night" game against visiting Dearborn Divine Child: a 16-save shutout that helped propel the Spartans to a 6-0 victory.

All eight of the Spartans final-year players contributed to the high-caliber win, including Vince Glenn, who scored two goals and assisted on another; Stephen Olschanski, who added one goal and two assists; Alex DeFlorio (assist), Randy Maples (assist) and Mick Sinclair, who scored his team's middle goal in its three-goal first period.

Also playing well for the winners were seniors Andrew Nowak, Josh Denomie and Alex Hunt, all of whom were recognized during a pre-game

ceremony. Stevenson outshot the Falcons, 41-16.

"We played a pretty solid hockey game from start to finish," noted Stevenson head coach David Mitchell. "Our guys had some extra emotion and jump due to it being senior night."

"I could not be happier for, or prouder, of this group of seniors. It was a very close group that has left its mark on the Stevenson hockey program. They have helped develop and evolve the culture and have left this program better than when they came into it and that is awesome."

"It was great to see Andrew Rozenbaum get the shut-out after the career he has had, and wonderful to see so many seniors on the score sheet. I just want to make sure they know how thankful all of the coaches are for what they have done for this team and this

program. It's just a special, special group, and we wish them nothing but the best in the future."

Following a scoreless opening 15 minutes, Glenn broke the ice with a net-finder that was assisted by Nate Sudek and Alec Allen.

Ninety seconds later, Sinclair scored from DeFlorio and Maples. The Spartans seized total control of the contest with just two ticks left in the opening stanza when Glenn scored again (from Sudek and Olschanski).

The only goal in the defense-dominated second stanza came off the blade of Allen, who was assisted by Olschanski and Sudek.

Ben Kowalske (from Shane Leonard and Adam Olson) and Olschanski closed the scoring with third-period lamp-lighters. Sudek and Glenn assisted.

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Stevenson senior Alex Hunt wins a face-off during a game earlier this season.

ED WRIGHT

KLAA SEMIFINAL BASKETBALL

Churchill's late run leads to conference title game berth

Hovermale, Davis lead Chargers to victory

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

More gritty than flashy, and more balanced than star-powered, Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team did nothing Wednesday night that would earn it a spot in ESPN's Top 10 Plays - but the Chargers did more than enough to punch a ticket to Friday's KLAA Kensington Conference championship game.

Trailing 58-56 with under four minutes to play against host Livonia Stevenson, the Chargers manufactured an 8-0 run to seize the momentum for good in a 66-61 victory in a semifinal game played before a spirited crowd.

Churchill will take its 13-5 record into Friday's 7 p.m. home title game against Plymouth, which upended Westland John Glenn on Wednesday night.

Stevenson, which dropped to 8-10, will play the Rockets on Friday.

Churchill's Dayton Davis tied the game at 58-all with a short jumper at the 3:30 mark. Junior guard Joan Andoni then carved through the Spartans' defense with back-to-back layup-producing drives less than a minute apart to make it 62-58.

With the Chargers' defense clamping down at the other end - Stevenson managed just one field goal over the final 3:49 - senior point guard Jalen Davis stretched his team's advantage to 64-58 with a pair of free throws with 49.6 seconds remaining.

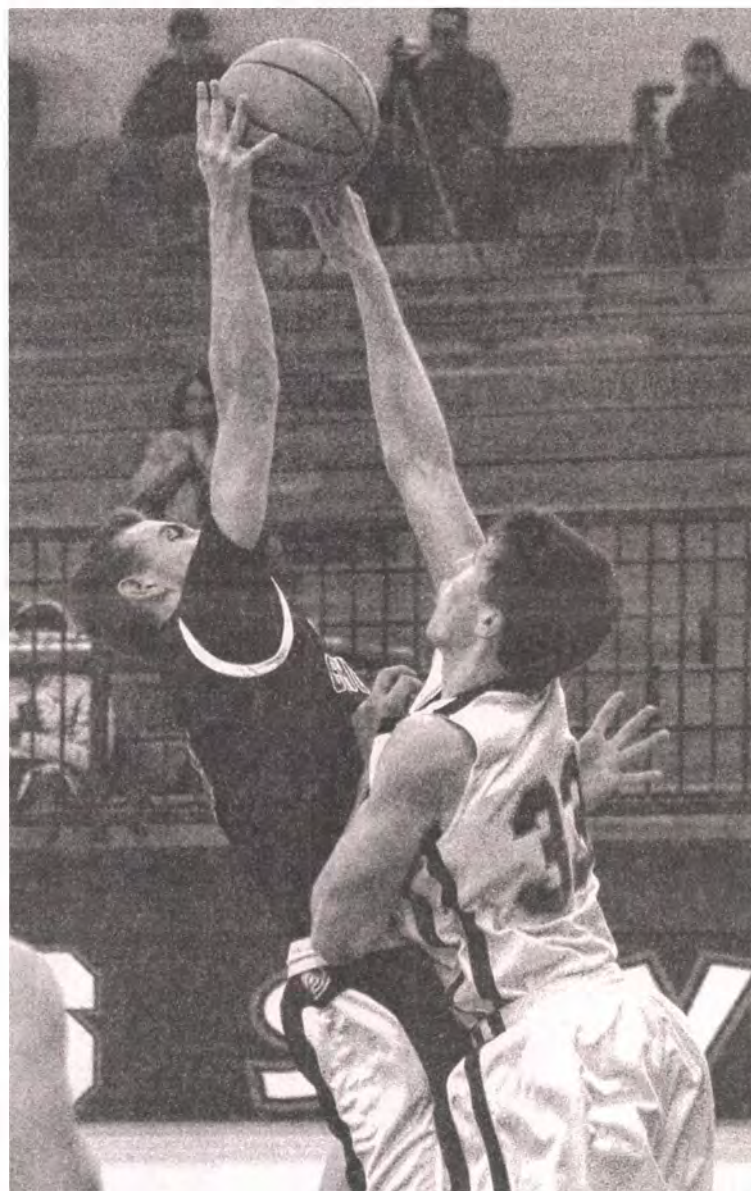
"We played together and we played great defense at the end," said Andoni, who finished with a team-high 17 points. "Playing good defense is all that matters because we know we can score."

Jalen Davis was the winners' catalyst, netting 12 points and six assists. He buried back-to-back three-point shots - one at the end of the third quarter and the other to open the fourth - to turn a 48-46 deficit into a 52-48 lead.

"I think of myself as a pass-first guy who likes to get the ball to our scorers, but if the shot's there, I feel confident that I can make it," said Davis. "The thing I like best about our team is that we have different guys who can lead us each game. One night it might be Joan, the next night the other Jon [Hovermale], or Dayton, or me."

Stevenson, which advanced to the semifinal contest with an eye-popping victory over No. 1 seed Canton, sprinted to a quick 12-4 lead thanks to an eight-points-in-four-minutes explosion from senior Jacob Dollar, who finished with a team-high 17 points.

But the Chargers countered with an 18-2 spurt



Churchill's Jon Hovermale and Stevenson's Jacob Dollar stretch for a rebound during Wednesday's Kensington Conference semifinal game.

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Stevenson's Gino D'Agostino defends a Jalen Davis drive during Wednesday's 66-61 Churchill victory.

ED WRIGHT

to carry a 23-17 lead into the second quarter.

"I liked our energy at the beginning of the game and our ball movement was outstanding," said Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt. "Our goal was to get to the rim and not settle for threes and J.D. [Dollar] was very aggressive doing that."

"We seemed to lose our focus a little bit in the second half; we weren't mentally locked in like we were in the

first half."

Hovermale, who found net on five of his seven shots, and Dayton Davis contributed 11 points each for the Chargers, while Shakur Lockett, Brian Alsobrooks and Brett Bonarek all added five. Alsobrooks also grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

Prior to last week, the Chargers hadn't won a conference post-season game since 2010 when they captured the KLAA's Association crown.

"We've talked this season about how we've established ourselves as a solid program, a tournament team every year," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "Before the season, we said, 'Let's do something else. The kids have bought into this and really put it together the past couple of games against a really good Novi team and Stevenson, which came in as probably the hottest team in the conference. I'm very proud of these guys.'"

Noah Campbell scored 14 points for the Spartans, including a coast-to-coast bucket that gave his team its final lead of the night, 57-56, with 4:30 to play.

Gino D'Agostino also provided a spark for Stevenson, scoring nine points while playing sticky defense at the other end.

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Clarenceville seniors shine on their special night

Senior night lived up to its name as John Hogan, James Hill, Kamari Dooley, Elijah Bean, Jake Kubiak and Jermell Johnson played their final regular-season home game Tuesday for Livonia Clarenceville.

Each one played an important role in the Trojans' 60-57 victory over visiting Macomb Lutheran North.

Patriots battle hard in loss

Livonia Franklin played toe-to-toe with Hartland for close to a half before eventually succumbing, 53-31, in a KLAA cross-over boys basketball game played Wednesday night.

The setback dropped the Patriots to 0-18.

Mark Mettie, Joe Chinavare and Johnny Cantrell all scored six points for the Patriots, who were bolstered on the boards by Justin Gasaway (five rebounds). Cantrell chipped in with three steals.

HVL wins big

Led by a balanced scoring attack, Huron Valley Lutheran upended Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, 52-19, Thursday night.

Austin Bell (16 points) and Nick Doletzky (15 points) paced the Hawks' winning attack. HVL improved its record to 7-12.

Eagles conquer Trenton

Junior point guard Brandon Marshall netted 23 points - most the result of five three-point makes - to lead Redford Thurston to a 75-28

victory over visiting Trenton on Thursday night.

Marshall drained all four of his two-point tries and half of his 10 treys.

Marquie'l Thomas was also red-hot from beyond the arc for Thurston as he canned 5 of 8 triple tries to finish with 17 points. Isiah Crofford compiled 13 points and six rebounds for the winners.

Thurston's high-octane offense was running on all cylinders in the first quarter when it racked up a 26-10 lead. The Eagles expanded their margin to 46-14 at the half and 66-23 after three quarters.

Bad third costs Cougars

Dearborn Edsel Ford outscored Garden City 22-8 in the third quarter on the way to a 63-50 WWAC cross-over game Friday night. The loss dropped the Cougars to 7-10.

GC owned a precarious 27-26 lead at the half before the ensuing eight minutes eroded its chance at a confidence-building victory.

Travis Trigg topped a balanced Cougars scoring ledger with 11 points. Robbie Moyers added 10, Travis Kidd twined nine and Joe Pummill added eight. Kidd led the Cougars with seven rebounds, one more than Trigg. Moyers dished out six assists.

Stevenson thrashed

Mike Edwards scored 20 points to lead Westland John Glenn to a 79-52 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson. Jacob Cremen led the Spartans with eight points.

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before me," the 6-foot-4, 205-pound senior forward said. "The biggest key tonight - and for the whole season, really - is that all 13 guys sold out for each other."

"Looking around right now, seeing everybody smiling, knowing all of our hard work paid off ... it feels amazing. This is one of the best feelings I've ever had."

Plymouth fifth-year head coach Mike Soukup echoed Adebisi's sentiment moments after he embraced his wife and young daughter with victory hugs.

"Honestly, I'm so happy right now, I'm numb," said Soukup, his voice tinted with his usual post-game hoarseness. "This probably won't set in until tomorrow."

"Before the season started, myself and my assistant coaches (Ryan Ballard, Jon Schneider and Carl Sumpter) felt this could be a special team, but we had some disappointing stretches early on and we didn't do as well as we thought we were going to do."

"The turn-around game was when we beat Canton on a buzzer-beater. Tonight, we made enough plays to keep

them at bay. It was nerve-racking, for sure."

With Hovermale lighting the fuse, the Chargers bolted to an 8-0 lead in the opening three minutes and it appeared Churchill was on the way to its first Kensington crown since 2010.

However, the Wildcats regrouped quickly and finished the quarter strong, taking a 15-13 lead on a buzzer-beating dunk by Adebisi.

Plymouth led 23-21 at the half, but Hovermale knotted it up just over a minute into the third quarter with an aggressive drive through traffic.

Back-to-back buckets by Plymouth super-sub Pete Carravalleh - the second an old-fashioned three-point play - put the 'Cats up 28-23 and they would never trail again.

"We battled and battled all night, but we just missed too many shots," said Churchill head coach Jim Solak. "A lot of our misses were due to their defense. They played good, old-fashioned, lockdown man-to-man defense. When you miss three, four, five or six shots in a row against a team that is playing as well as Plymouth is right now, they're going to make you pay."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Redford Union closes with a strong victory

Invigorated by a supportive crowd – which included members of the school's boys basketball program – the Redford Union girls basketball team registered an inspiring 39-35 "Senior Night" victory over Dearborn Fordson on Tuesday night.

"It was a loud, fantastic crowd – they were our sixth man tonight," said RU head coach Scott Purdy. "The varsity basketball team turned out to support us for 'Senior Night' and their presence really helped us."

Fittingly, the team's top senior, Renee Reed, sparked on the special night as she scored 17 points. Sophomore Shae Smith also played well as she contributed 10 points. Cashmiere Jones was the Panthers' top distributor, picking up eight assists.

"I'm so proud of this team," Purdy said. "Their work ethic is off the charts. This was a good win against a very good Fordson team."

Warriors lose game, win title

Even though it lost to Parkway Christian in a 47-45 barn-burner Friday night, the Lutheran Westland girls basketball team won its first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship since 1998.

"I can't talk enough about the heart, passion and effort my girls give every game," said Warriors head coach Sandi Wade. "It was a great game and I'm so proud of my girls. We played hard the entire game, knowing whatever happened this game we were still conference champs."

"Both teams played with so much heart, passion and hustle. It was back and forth all game. It was so intense and neither team was going to back down."

Sabrina Morrison's layup with 44 seconds tied the game, but Parkway scored the final two points at the free-throw line with 3.7 seconds left.



Redford Union's Shae Smith drives to the basket during a game earlier this season.

Bethany Hoehne's long three-point shot just before the buzzer rolled out.

Patriots prevail

Playing in her final regular-season home game, senior Sarah Cramton scored 19 points to lead Livonia Franklin to a 39-32 victory over Walled Lake Central Thursday night. Senior Erin McNally tallied eight points for the winners, who closed with a 4-16 record.

Ten of Cramton's points came in the fourth quarter when the Patriots outscored the Vikings 14-8 after clinging to a 25-24 leading after three stanzas.

"We were down five with about six minutes to go, so we switched from a 2-3 zone defense to a press, and we were able to force some turnovers and get some easy baskets off it," said Franklin head coach Jim Milican.

The Patriots pounded the boards relentlessly. Cramton led all rebounders with nine. McNally and Tyonna Tate both pulled down eight cars.

Franklin returns to

action Wednesday in the Class A district tournament hosted by Livonia Stevenson. The Patriots will play the winner of Monday's Garden City-Redford Thurston contest at 7 p.m.

Stevenson nudged

Pinckney survived a valiant Livonia Stevenson effort in overtime Thursday night, edging the Spartans 35-34, in a KLAAs cross-over game.

Arryn Dochenetz led the Spartans with 11 points. Shay Herbert paced the Pirates with seven.

Pinckney led 14-11 at the half and 26-19 with eight minutes to play, but Stevenson forced the extra session with an 11-4 burst in the final quarter.

Stevenson made 7 of 13 free-throw attempts.

Hawks close strong

Huron Valley Lutheran capped a stellar regular season Thursday night with a 51-39 victory over Calvary Christian.

The Hawks will carry a 14-6 record into next week's Class D district tournament.

Sam Golchuk spear-

headed the Hawks' big night with 15 points. Ashley Setian (13) and Julie St. John (11) also played well for the winners.

Sarah Burgler stole the show for Calvary with 15 points.

The Hawks soared to a 7-2 first-quarter lead before gradually pulling out to a 21-17 halftime advantage and 39-25 edge with eight minutes to play.

Both teams struggled from the stripe as HVL made just 5 of 13 free throws and Calvary connected on 4 of 12 tries.

"We struggled on both ends of the court tonight, but still found a way to finish," said HVL head coach Kris Ruth. "Ashley Setian played a really great fourth quarter, scoring nine points."

"We did not shoot the ball well tonight and most of those shots were in the paint."

Cougars trounce Trojans

Sharing was the word of the night Wednesday for Garden City, which upended host Clarenceville, 53-14, in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference cross-over game.

The Cougars improved to 6-12 overall while Clarenceville slipped to 0-18.

One of the highlights of the contest for the winners was a school record-breaking 11-assist performance from senior point guard Rachel Spellman, who also contributed six points.

Junior guard Amber Swisher was on fire from long range for GC as she chalked up a team-high 17 points thanks to 5-for-8 shooting from beyond the three-point arc.

Alyssa Craigie led Clarenceville with eight points. Staneisha Chamber added four.

Aleea Montgomery grabbed nine rebounds for GC.

On Friday, the Cougars won their fifth game in the past seven by streaking past host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 44-33, in a make-up game from Feb. 20.

Michalak delivered another double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds – both team highs. Hannah Vera-Burgos was in a zone from behind the three-point line as she swished four triples and finished with 14 points.

McDaniel and Swisher both added six points.

Noelle Hamid led Crestwood with nine points.

The Cougars drained 14 of 19 free-throw attempts. Michalak was 11-for-13 from the stripe.

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A member of the GCYAA Thunder's 5th/6th-grade team dribbles up court during Thursday night's playoff game at United Christian School in Garden City.

YOUTH SPORTS

GCYAA league helps basketball dreams come true

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Sheard Westbrook couldn't help but smile Thursday night as he observed the Garden City Youth Athletic Association's 5th/6th-grade playoff game unfolding in the United Christian School gymnasium.

A huge hoops fan for as long as he can remember, Westbrook is the commissioner of the newly-formed GCYAA basketball league, which was formed last fall after a similar program offered by the Garden City Parks & Recreation Department was closed following the 2012-13 season.

"I love it," Westbrook said, gesturing toward the high-octane action on the court. "To see these kids out here, having fun, learning the game and getting excited about playing, it makes all the work that goes into it worthwhile."

The father of three sons, Westbrook stepped up and took the reins of the program when a search for a commis-

sioner came up empty.

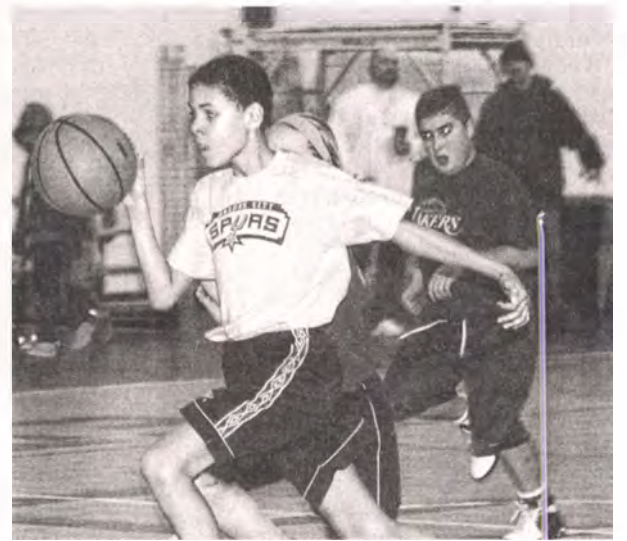
"Originally, I was just going to coach, but then when they couldn't find anyone to run it, I decided to give it a shot," he said. "It's the first year, and we started a little late, so there have been ups and downs, like with anything, but it's been fun, too. We've received a lot more positive feedback from parents than negative feedback."

With the inaugural season winding down – championship games in the league's three age divisions are scheduled to tip off next week – plans for next season are already picking up steam, Westbrook said.

"Each team only got in about five practices before the season started this year," he noted. "I'd like to see that increased because it's at the practices that the kids really learn how to play the game."

The cost per player is \$90 for the third/fourth-grade league and \$100 for the two older age groups.

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A member of the GCYAA Spurs 5th/6th-grade team leads a fast-break.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE 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.

Session	Day	Date	Time
First Session	Tuesday	March 3, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	Thursday	March 5, 2015	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Friday	March 6, 2015	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Second Session	Monday	March 9, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	March 10, 2015	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Thursday	March 12, 2015	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Friday	March 13, 2015	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Monday	March 16, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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Notice of Public Auction Thursday, March 12, 2015 At or After 10:00 am 1-800-Mini Storage of Redford 15440 Telegraph, Redford Mi 48239

1203	Keith Jones	3411	Alma Collins
1403	Charles Douglas	3507	DeAndre Witherspoon
1404	Sandra Smith	3522	Steven Taylor
1808	Cordell White Jr	3624	Lois Garrett
2006	Natalie Davis	3625	Marcie Roszko
2008	Tuniesia Nelson	3712	Ellis Currie
2016	John Harrison	3715	Michelle Render
2017	Eleanor Smith	3721	Andre Akram
2103	Charlene Johnson	3826	Gladys Huddleston
2217	Kenneth Moody	3827	John Weiss
2527	Starletta Banks	3901	Starletta Banks
2636	Ward Jacqueline	4338	Michael Tucker
3020	Mark Lewis		

Goods are to be sold to satisfy landlord lien. All goods will be sold to highest bidder for cash. 1-800-Mini Storage reserves the right to reject anybids and reserves the right to bid on unsold units. Contents include but are not limited to furniture, appliances, household goods, clothing, boxes & more.

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Wayne will meet in the Conference Room at City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 12, 2015	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 16, 2015	Monday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Commercial/Industrial
		1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Residential
March 17, 2015	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Poverty/Residential
		1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Residential
March 19, 2015	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Wrap Up
			NO NEW APPTS

Your 2015 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the last week of February 2015. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2015 Capped Value Formula is 1.6. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 13 of 2014 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Petition to Board of Review Form 618 (Former number L-4035). The Petition Form approved by the State Tax Commission is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search for Forms [618] (GO). Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with original signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

If you desire an appointment, please call the Finance Department at 734-722-2000 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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Time flies when juggling baby, housework, career

Mom is tired. It's almost 8 p.m. and little girl is fast asleep. Mom has tried to move her from the co-sleeper to the pack-n-play or the crib, but little girl is not having it. I think she likes the feel of being in a big, cushy bed, all cozy and wrapped up. She has her own sleeping space, but from her vantage point the whole bed belongs to her — at least until she falls asleep and Mama puts her in the crib.



Sarah Davies

THEN THERE
WERE TWO

Mom has just enough time to change into her PJs after her first day back to work, at a new career she had been eyeing for years. She worked hard to get there, but leaving again to go back to work when little girl is only four months old is heart-aching. She tries to decide if a shower, *The Bachelor*, or a glass of wine is best fitting to celebrate day one on the job, but she settles for a cuddle with baby and a little computer time.

Forever housework

The house has already become chaos. There is never an empty sink, with always one or more bottles and a handful of dishes to be cleaned. Mom tries hard to get the dishes done and the house cleaned and keep baby fed and entertained, but sometimes baby girl limits household tasks to five minutes at a time, leaving something ALWAYS undone. She can't even crawl, but has so much stuff it's unreal. There are literally boxes of clothes she has grown out of, stacked against the walls. One day, Mom will find the time to sort through them and sell or donate them.

There's ice on the steps out front. Mom found out it was slippery, and thought about finding the time to shovel the ice away, but today didn't stand a chance. She could go out now, after 8 p.m. when it's below zero outside, but instead she opts to stay in where it's warm and attempt to get other household chores done. The steps will stay slippery tonight.

Trash pickup is Friday. Sometimes Mom makes it out in time, but there certainly are weeks where the trash doesn't make it to the curb in time, or when the moment Mom brings the cans back up to the garage, she realizes she didn't empty any of the cans inside. When it's laundry day, which feels like every day, Mama does her best to get the clothes washed, dried, folded and put away. Most of the time we make it through washing and drying, but folding can take days sometimes and putting away doesn't even happen every time. But I see nothing wrong with taking clean clothes directly out of the laundry basket and putting them on. If you can keep the momentum up, you might even get away with giving up your dresser!

Feeling exhausted

I laugh at some moms who, four months after their first baby is born, are walking six miles a day and are down less than their before-baby weight. I have no idea how they do it. I am mostly always exhausted, trying to decide between 20 things that need to get done and 20 more minutes of sleep.

I'm juggling a new career while trying to stay on top of my daughter's upbringing and keeping my house in good shape, while also maintaining friendships and getting rest when needed. I may not have it all together; I may forget things or leave the house in a half-way organized, chaotic mess. But I will pick spending one moment cuddling my daughter over washing some silverware any day. The only advice that stays consistent is "treasure these moments, they go so fast."

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single motherhood.



Barb McGraw (left), Ninette Soares, Eleanor Smith, Gene Tatro and Carl Linlbauer rehearse "The Upper Room" at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Livonia church revamps Passion play into trilogy, one-man show

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Parishioners at St. Priscilla Catholic Church will bring the Easter story alive March 7 without putting its central character on stage.

A Passion Trilogy, a nontraditional Passion play in three vignettes, tells an account of Jesus Christ's betrayal, death and resurrection through the eyes of bystanders, friends and an investigative reporter, using contemporary language and even some humor.

"The thing I really like is how Jesus is mentioned in the pieces but we don't have the character of Jesus in it. He is the subject that binds everything together, but it's how we all react to what is happening. It's all the people around him ... exploring their characters, how they react to the events that are unfolding," said Patsy Girns, one of the 26 parishioners in the play and its costumer. "The characters are at times comedic, there is a quirkiness about some of the characters. There is some lightheartedness about it, with a serious overtone about what's going on.

"I just think that's a unique way of looking at it. It's an awesome piece to work with."

Betrayal, the first vignette, looks at Judas after Jesus' arrest and considers what might have driven him to suicide. In *The Upper Room*, women who served at the Last Supper, talk about Jesus as they clear the table and then react to the news of his crucifixion. The final part, *The Empty Tomb*, considers alternatives to resurrection as an investigative reporter for the Jerusalem Star interviews witnesses in the hopes of uncovering a hoax. A printed copy of the 12-page newspaper, with stories of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion, a point-counterpoint editorial, sports pages, letters to the editor column, advertisements and other features, will be available to attendees.

A Passion Trilogy is at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Admission is free, although free will offerings will be accepted.

John Dzwonkowski, director of religious education at St. Priscilla, wrote the play and presents it under the auspices of Scripture on Stage, the movie and drama ministry he founded 20 years ago.

"If people have been away from the study of Jesus, from prayer or from their church for awhile, I might request they stop in, take a look at this," he said. "It's much more theater, but it tells a very good story in a very human way about the stuff that you thought was only pious. It's actually a very human story."

One-man show

Dzwonkowski also will perform a two-act, 90-minute, one-man show, *An Evening with Simon Peter*, 6:30 p.m. Friday,



Patsy Girns measures fabric for a cape at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia. Girns is making costumes as well as acting in an upcoming theatrical production.



John Dzwonkowski, director of religious education at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, reads the Jerusalem Star, a spoof newspaper with stories and advertisements from the first century. The paper will be offered free to attendees at the church's upcoming theatrical production, "A Passion Trilogy."

March 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Priscilla. Free will offerings will be collected at both events.

In the one-man show, Dzwonkowski portrays the apostle Peter, who recalls the life of his good friend, Jesus. Dzwonkowski first performed the piece 20 years ago and has continued to tweak the script and his performance throughout the years.

"The first program I ever did was awful. I looked like Santa Claus. I had this beard and wig on. I couldn't remember the script. Two weeks later, I did it for St. Mary's in Wayne and I was OK," said Dzwonkowski, who enjoys walking through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, 58-page script in hand, as he memorizes revisions in his monologue.

"I change it every year. I constantly research it and now for the last 10 years I've gotten standing ovations. I'm so gratified. I listen to what people respond to. If something falls flat, I adjust it."

Adjustments have included adding personal experiences into the script. A portion of Peter's monologue about soldiers and the panicked apostles mirrors Dzwonkowski's own reaction during a mission trip to El Salvador while he was studying for the priesthood with the Maryknoll Fathers. He spent 18 months in the politically volatile country during the late 1970s.

"There was a state of siege going on," he said. "One guy, a Maryknoll priest, had been shot down. I remember sleeping for two weeks in my tennis shoes. I was a good runner. I thought I could out-dis-

tance anybody. If I went four miles, which I could do, I could get to the nun's convent and find some help."

He remembers waking up in a panic one night to the sound of soldiers outside the church.

"I had my shoes on and the pastor woke up. We both came out of our bedrooms. They stopped in front of our place and we thought, well, this is it. And then they continued on. They were on patrol."

At seminary

The one-man show originally was planned as part of a master's degree project with two other seminarians.

"It didn't pan out, but I always kept it in the back of my mind."

Dzwonkowski left seminary studies to marry and raise a family — he has two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren — and eventually started his own writing and editing business. He began combining his love of theater — he performed in an "off-off-Broadway" production of *Godspell* during seminary — with his faith and created Scripture on Stage Ministries.

"There are many people for whom Scripture as it is written isn't relevant. It doesn't go deep enough into the person of the historical Jesus," he said.

He hopes his trilogy and one-man play will help "bring Jesus alive" for the audience. He also plans to write a series of vignettes this Christmas for the stage.

Visit St. Priscilla's website at saint-priscilla.org; 248-476-4700

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Chris Lipinski, a Master Gardener, environmental consultant and co-chair of the Birds, Bees & Butterflies Committee, will talk about

raising bees for pollination, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Lipinski also will identify the native plants that attract friendly pollinators, Mason bees. Visitors are welcome; livoniagardenclub.org

Northville, Novi

Ed Blondin, a Master Gardener with horticultural training from Michigan State University, will talk about Persian gardens, 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, in Media Forum Room 198C, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft, at 10 Mile, Novi. Blondin will be the guest

speaker at the monthly meeting of the Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The No-No's), which will start with a social mixer at 6:30 p.m. Park in the staff parking lot and enter via door 43. Visitors pay \$5; gardenersnorthville-novi.org

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POLISH DANCERS PRESENT DEBUTANTES AT ANNUAL BALL

The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers recently held its debutante ball. The Plymouth-based Polish folk dance school holds classes at Madonna University in Livonia for students in pre-school through high school. It presents its high school graduates at a formal and elegant presentation ball to family and friends each year. The debutantes this year wore white flowing dresses and the escorts were outfitted in tuxedos and white gloves. The students danced to classical music, including a Polonaise, which is a welcoming dance used to open all formal occasions in Poland, and a lively yet graceful waltz.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Debutantes at the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers ball are Hanna Grove (seated left), escorted by Darek Hausz; Kristen Karwan, escorted by Mateus Pelic; Emily Fradette, escorted by Andrew Pietrzak; Kailyn Delonis, escorted by Robert Hausz; Alexis Dolecki, escorted by Dewid Dechnik. Female dancers in the back row are assistant choreographer, Marie Stawasz (left) Katie Grytzelius, Krystyna Kitlinski, Elena Wioncek, Olivia Dunn, Kimberly Beier, Rachel Dudek and choreographer Natalia Jedruszko.



Debutantes and their escorts have fun dancing the night away.

The ball is a modern tradition based on coming out parties that Polish nobility held for their young daughters and sons. After the presentations and dinner, guests were entertained by the Coachmen, a local dance

band that plays a variety of music, from polkas to modern tunes. The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers is celebrating its 35th year. Dancers perform at the Liberty Fest in Canton, the Plymouth Fall Festival, and at other local events. For information about joining the group, or to have the Polish Centennial dancers at an event, contact Barb Martin at barbjm52@hotmail.com.

BIRTH



SUBMITTED

Julia Nicolette Kramer

JULIA NICOLETTE KRAMER

Julia Nicolette Kramer was born Jan. 21, 2015, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. She joins her parents, Joel and Katie Kramer, and sister, Madeline Rose, 3, at home in Livonia. Proud grandparents are Katherine and Richard Brown of Livonia and Dennis and Diane Kramer of Troy.

GARDEN

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Mushroom hunters

Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club offers a seminar by Timothy James of the University of Michigan on fungal diversity and taxonomy, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty, Farmington. A potluck starts at 1:15 p.m., followed by the lecture. The public is welcome. For more information, call Phil Tedeschi at 734-355-0359.

Holiday Nature Preserve

Celebrate spring with a guided walk noon Saturday, March 21, starting at the preserve's Hix entrance on Hix Road, north of Warren Road, in Westland. Free.

Educational conference

Tickets are available for the Master Gardener of Oakland County third annual Educational Garden Conference, "Gardening and All That Jazz - Innovation and Sustainability For Your Garden." Early bird tickets are \$70, \$80 after March 14. The event runs 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 25 at the Oakland Schools Conference Center, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. It will include a garden market, presentations by Will Allen, CEO of Growing Power; Matthew Benson, photographer, writer and organic farmer; and Kerry Ann Mendez, who teaches low-maintenance perennial gardening. Pay online or download a form for mailing. Visit mgsoc.org.

YOLLES

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University of Michigan. With suicide being the second leading cause of death in college, the Initiative was established to help fund the Wolverine Support Network which is run by trained student facilitators and offers peer-to-peer support groups across campus. "George and I became friends during freshman orientation. He was always the life of the party," said Charlton, a junior at U-M. "We started the Wolverine Network so that everyone would have the ability to come to an environment where they felt safe." More than 200 students have met each week in small group settings since the program started. "Our first goal is to start the conversation and shatter the stigma of mental illness," said Aikens, whose two children have suffered from depression. "No one should be ashamed or suffer alone." To donate to the Wolverine Support Network, go to www.umichw-sn.org.

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

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BARTON, HENRY (SCOTT) R.

January 2, 1929 - February 22, 2015. U.S. Veteran. Age 86 of Farmington Hills, MI. Beloved son of Margaret and Henry. Scott was raised with his sister Isabelle in Hillside, New Jersey. Married to Grace Caroline in 1949, and fathered four children: Bruce, Joyce, Henry, and Heather. Served two tours of duty in the Navy during the Korean War. Studied at Seton Hall and Lawrence Institute of Technology. Career took him to Detroit in 1960, later becoming an engineer at Ford Motor Company. Active in the St. Andrews Society, the Masonic Temple Farmington Lodge and YMCA. A grandfather of four; Moria, Rose, Leah, and Ken, whom he enjoyed immensely and embarked on many an adventure to Tiger Stadium, Cedar Point, New Jersey and Thanksgiving Day parades. A true Scotsman. So proud of his parents and his Scottish heritage. Scott was endowed with a keen intelligence, quick wit and sense of humor. Always the life of the party. He loved books and crossword puzzles, the New York Times in particular. Later in his career he embraced computers and Internet fearlessly. A world of knowledge at his fingertips. Scott will always be remembered and cherished for his even keel thru life's turbulent waters. Our stoic Rock of Gibraltar. By the way, yes, Scott was a klutz. But no. We will not honor his wish to place "oops!" on his tombstone as he requested! After an eight year battle, Scott succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease. Ta-Ta the noo. Pop! Tribute/Memorial Donations to Alzheimer's Association http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp



BURTON, MARGARET M.

Progressed peacefully, surrounded by family, on December 18, 2014. She made her home in Floyd, Virginia with her youngest, son Michael and his son, Rhone, who she helped raise. She was in the loving care of her daughter, Peggy in Arizona at the time of her death. Born in 1931 (Dearborn) to Norman and Alice Durocher, she graduated from Fordson High in 1949 and married Leo Burton, her high school sweetheart, in 1950. The couple welcomed six children providing a nurturing and loving household. Marge is survived by her children, Steve (Kelly), Terry (Diane), Ann Harmon (Dave), Peggy Streetman (James), and Michael; and her sisters, Doris Esper and Rita Grignon; grandchildren, Christine Sudut, Lindsay Sudut, David Burton, Mathew Burton, Derrick Burton, Jillian Burton, Jessica Burton, and Rhone Burton. She leaves many friends, inspired and influenced through the happiness she brought to their lives. Marge left joy in everyone's heart with her infectious smile, enthusiasm and accepting spirit. Marge was happiest in her gardens. She created many in her life including a beautiful space in the mountains of SW Virginia she tended well into her 80s. A memorial celebration will be held on May 31, 2015 at Whispering Pines in Pinckney. The family invites all who wish to celebrate Marge's life to RSVP to mikeburton745@gmail.com or to express condolences to the family.



DUKE, MICHELE THERESE

Born November 22, 1953. Died at Serenity House Hospice in Santa Barbara, California with a harpist playing at her side February 16, 2015. Michele was born in Birmingham, Michigan to Norman and Lee Duke. She attended Seaholm High School and then went on to complete nursing school at Oakland Community College. She became a registered nurse and worked in Oncology and Orthopedics at St. Joseph Hospital for several years. She then followed her passion and changed gears and opened a high end clothing store (Brava) in downtown Birmingham with her mother. They operated their store for many years with automotive, celebrity and sports clientele. Upon her diagnosis with cancer, she and her mother moved from Michigan to California to be with family. Michele loved; her Catholic faith, cooking, gardening, and animals (especially her dog Gigi). Michele is survived by her mother Lee, brother Darryl (Marlene), brother Dorian (Debbie), niece Colleen (Antwain); nephews, Kelly (Cheryl), Justin (Angie), Brandon (Allison), Chris, Aaron. Step sister Marianne; step brothers, Tim (Robin), Ron (Patsy), Bill and Dan (Diane). Michele is preceded in death by her father Norm Duke and step father Richard Hallagan. The family would like to thank Beaumont Hospital Rose Cancer Center and Serenity House Hospice in Santa Barbara, CA.



HENNESSEY, Virginia Brophy "Sissy"

Passed away on February 16, 2015 at the age of 91 in Vero Beach, Florida, with family at her side. Sissy was born Virginia Katherine Ward on September 2, 1923, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Harry T. Ward Sr. and Virginia K. Smith. When Sissy was young the family moved to Detroit where she graduated from Cooley High School. She went on to Michigan State University, graduated with a degree in Social Work and later taught Home Economics at Columbus Elementary School in Detroit. Sissy married Rex L. Brophy in 1948 and they shared 52 years of loving marriage before his death in February of 2000. Sissy and Rex resided in Grosse Pointe Shores for many years, and later in Grosse Pointe Farms. In the 1970's they discovered the allure of John's Island. For years they spent part of every winter there enjoying golf and the company of many wonderful friends. Sissy and Rex moved to John's Island permanently in the late 1990's. After Rex died, Sissy met the second love of her life, Matthew Joseph Hennessey. Sissy and Matt shared a love of world travel and a wonderful marriage for 10 years before Matt's death in 2011. Sissy enjoyed skiing, golf, travel and especially people. She nurtured many life-long friendships. Known for her warmth, caring attention to friends, sharp wit and easy sense of humor, Sissy was loved for the manner in which she lit up a room. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Detroit Golf Club, the Otsego Ski Club, the John's Island Golf Club and the Bent Pine Golf Club. Sissy was a devoted wife, sister, aunt and great-aunt to her extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Harry T. Ward Jr. and husbands Rex Brophy and Matt Hennessey. Sissy is survived by sister-in-law Carol Ward; brother and sister-in-law, James and Margaret Brophy; seven nieces and nephews; and 16 great nieces and nephews. Services were held in Vero Beach on Friday. A private funeral Mass with the family will be celebrated later. Donations in Sissy's memory may be sent to Holy Cross Catholic Church, 500 Iris Ln., Vero Beach, FL 32963. Arrangements are under the direction of Strunk Funeral Home, Vero Beach. A guestbook is available online at www.strunkfuneralhome.com



PROVENCHER, REAL "RAY"

Age 91, was gathered into God's arms on Thursday, February 26, 2015 after a short, valiant battle with cancer. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. Real is survived by his daughters, Melodie and Robin Provencher; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Sarlauskas. He is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; and his daughter, Mary "Connie". Real was born on September 17, 1923 in Canada. He arrived in Michigan with his family while still a baby and grew up in Detroit with his five sisters and brothers, all who preceded him in death. He was drafted into the army in 1943. While in the army, during WWII, he became a naturalized citizen. Upon returning to civilian life, he was a successful businessman, owning his own construction business for over 55 years. Ray was a great family man and a loving father. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched. The family will celebrate his life on Saturday, March 7, 2015 with visitation from 1-8 p.m. and a memorial ceremony with military honors at 7:00 p.m. at the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home located at 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia MI. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com.



COOPER, MADELYN

Madelyn was born on November 9th, 2009 and was granted her angel wings on February 12th, 2015. Jesus called her home to heal her body and give her peace. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Madelyn had touched throughout her short, yet very memorable life. She is now with her sister Sophia. With such a giant heart-warming smile, she taught us the importance of humility and dignity. Madelyn was the daughter of MSgt Jason and Carolyn (Kos) Cooper of Westland MI. She is survived by her siblings, Bethany and Chris Rogers, Timothy, Haley, Samantha, and Maxwell. She is also survived by her grandparents William and Louise Caram, and Terry Cooper. She joined her grandparents, Ray and Lynn Kos in heaven. Like her sister, Madelyn also gave us a lifetime of love during her short time on earth. We were blessed to have had so much wonderful time with her.



DUNBAR, JANE AUTUMN (LEWIS)

82, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully February 18, 2015. Preceded in death by her parents, Annette and Richard Lewis of Massapequa, New York. Survived by loving husband, Russell Raymond Dunbar; daughters, Autumn Elizabeth (John) Sousanis, Amy Louise (Owen) Busch, and Antonia Saint (Obed Cepeda) Dunbar; and ten grandchildren. Jane grew up in Brooklyn and Massapequa, NY, earned her BA from Pratt Institute and ME from Columbia University. An art teacher for 13 years in Detroit before establishing her family in Farmington Hills, where she was delighted to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a mother. A wonderful mother, natural teacher, passionate supporter of the arts and music, and co-founder of a graphic design business with Russell. We will dearly miss our Janie. A true creative spirit and artist, Jane was always creating, from painting, drawing, and designing the yearly Christmas card, to canning, baking, calligraphy, and crochet. Jane always showed an interest in others and was fond of presenting both friends and strangers with seashells inscribed with inspirational words or drawings that she would carefully pen. She received a lifetime recognition award from the Michigan State Fair in 2008. She also enjoyed swimming at the Farmington Hills YMCA, operating a booth at the Pontiac Flea Market, and working with children at the Farmington Hills KinderCare and Woodcreek Elementary School. A Memorial Service in Jane's honor will be held at the Grand Court, 36550 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI on March 7 from 3-4 p.m. with a musical prelude at 2 p.m. performed by the Chelsea Quartet.

BLENMAN, ELIZABETH "BETTY"

February 26, 2015 at 99 years of age. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills she had resided at Canterbury on the lake, Waterford for the past 19 years. Betty is survived by two nieces; Margie Nichols of Minnesota and Nancy Roll of Rochester Hills; two nephews; Martin Cole of MN and Frank Blenman of Florida and two grandnephews; Andrew Cole and Adam Cole. She is preceded in death by her sister in law Margaret Cole of MN. Betty graduated from the University of Minnesota where she was a member of Kappa Delta Society. She was a longtime member of Chapter AW of the PEO Sisterhood, Member of the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a life member of the American Association of University Women and a member of the first Presbyterian Church of Birmingham since 1947. In addition to her club activities, Betty enjoyed playing bridge, reading and visiting with friends. Clarence and Betty enjoyed travel and made many trips around the world. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to COATS FUNERAL HOME-WATERFORD. To send a condolence visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com

BOWDEN, PATRICIA BIEN

Of Bloomfield Hills died on February 24. Patricia was the beloved wife of the late George Bowden, and infant daughter Pam. She was a loving mother to Trish (Rick) Worden, Jeff, Lynne (Patrick) Quigley and Rick. Proud grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of eight. Patricia was a native Michigander, she met George while they were both working at Hudson's in Detroit. Patricia was an active member of the Village Women's Club. Her appreciation of living life and wonderful spirit were loved by all.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



KASELITZ, DOUGLAS C.

A prominent real estate developer and a highly regarded numismatist passed away January 19; he was 68 years old. Devoted husband of 44 years to Karen. Beloved father of Melissa and Alana; father-in-law to Ryan and Rebekah. He was also an adoring grandfather to Emma, Jack, and Jude; loving brother, great brother-in-law, remarkable business partner, proud uncle, and wonderful friend to many. He was strong, warm, passionate, funny, and very generous of his knowledge and time. He enjoyed being outdoors, traveling and spending hours with those he laughed with and lived for. While we mourn his loss, it has been a privilege to be a part of his well-lived life. Memorial Services to celebrate Doug's life will be held at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI, April 11 at 11:00 a.m.



May you find comfort in family and friends

Farmington spa gives massages to parents at Children's Hospital

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Brandi Ellis knows what it's like to care for an ailing family member.

"My father got a much-needed kidney transplant. I was at the hospital every other day. We've been doing that through December and January," she said "In February it lightened up and we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. He takes over 60 pills a day. I'm putting his medication together and he takes shots throughout the day. My mom is in the process of having a knee replacement, at the end of March."

Even while juggling family health issues, two children under age 3 and a business, Ellis knew she wanted to give back to the community.

The Southfield resident and owner of Bellis Therapeutic Spa in downtown Farmington, figured massage was the perfect vehicle to help others and

she knew exactly who needed her stress-relief services.

"I can sympathize with parents," said Ellis, who offered to give free chair massages and facials to parents of youngsters at Children's Hospital of Michigan. She and three staff members worked with more than 30 parents and grandparents Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit hospital.

"It was really nice. Those parents felt so special," she said, adding that the hospital also provided refreshments and gift bags for the parents. "They were so friendly and excited for us to come out with our services."

"There were two (parents) who said they had been at the hospital for a couple months. They were really in need of stress relief. One lady had her child in surgery," Ellis said. "And she was sitting there with her daughter in a stroller. They (hospital staff) held the baby while the mother went in and got a massage."



Brandi Ellis at her spa in downtown Farmington.

For some, it was their first massage. One woman said she had been sleeping on a cot at the hospital for three days after her daughter was admitted for complications with Crohn's disease.

"It was my first time having

a massage and facial. They both were great," she said.

Hands-on business

Ellis, who has a master's degree in organizational management, took a massage class while in college for fun. She

said it changed her life, compelling her to take additional classes, to become a licensed esthetician and massage therapist and to open her own business.

"A lot of time, business owners don't know how to do the services. I work right with my staff," she said.

She said the name of her company reflects the idea that spa services are therapeutic and can be part of a lifestyle change.

"One hour of massage is equal to seven hours of sleep," she said.

Ellis hopes to work with Children's Hospital of Michigan again, possibly at the winter holidays.

In the meantime, she hopes to find a service project in Farmington, in addition to the free chair massages the spa provides during Founders Festival.

For more about Bellis Spa, visit bellisspa.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Blood drive

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

» Garden City Hospital will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Classrooms 1-4 in the Allen Breakie Medical Office Building, located on the hospital campus, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call 734-458-4259 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Breastfeeding clinic

Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, offers a class for new moms who need assistance nursing their babies, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, March 9. Partici-

pants will get a chance to examine various products and supplies. Cost is \$35. Register for Breastfeeding Basics at 248-888-2500 or botsford.org/forms/payment/maternity/index.html.

Breather's Club

The free, educational resource and support system for anyone touched by COPD, runs 6-7:30 p.m. March 3 in the Oakwood Cardiac Rehab Center, 22060 Beech, Dearborn. For more information, call Darlene Lingenfelter, 313-562-4132.

Childbirth Class

Learn about the stages of labor, managing discomfort, relaxation and breathing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-Section deliveries and more, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at Botsford

Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$75. Register by phone, 248-888-2500, or online, www.botsford.org/forms/payment/maternity/index.html.

Diabetes management

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

with the library at 313-531-5960, Ext. 103.

Mental health

Botsford Hospital's new support group, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, will meet 7-9 p.m. March 5 — and will continue meeting the first and third Thursday of the month — in Classroom A/B, Zieger Building, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. The free NAMI Metro Connection Support Group is for people living with mental illness. They can learn from each others' experiences, share coping strategies and offer encouragement and understanding. A trained volunteer facilitates. The open format allows participants to feel some degree of anonymity and to participate as much as they are comfortable. Questions? Call Nikki at 248-752-3381.

Nutrition class

» Learn tips to identify how much you should eat and how to tame bad habits, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Led by a dietitian from Botsford Hospital. Cost is \$5. Register by calling or visiting the Guest Service Counter at the store. 248-427-7400.

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

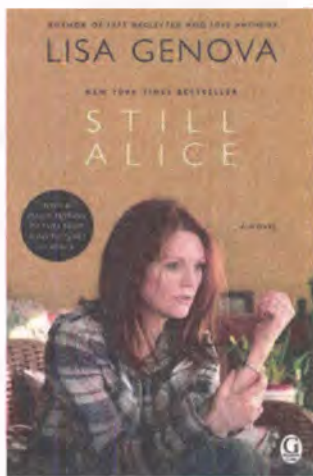
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