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Board OKs security guard for library

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland's William P. Faust Public Library now has a security guard working in the building.

Responding to a request from the library staff, the Westland Library Board recently approved hiring a security guard.

"We don't know how it will

work until he (the security guard) gets here. We have a unique facility. There are over 1,000 a people a day in the library," Westland Library President Mark Neal said. "He'll be seated at times, but his job will be to move around the library."

Library staff, with the support of Library Director Sheila Collins, had sought a security guard after dealing with a

variety of issues in recent months. Those reported issues included a drug overdose in a restroom, a drunken man who had disrobed in the men's room, a group-home client who became violent and attacked his caregiver and a woman who flashed an open mic night audience that included children.

Another reported incident involved a youth walking along

the library driveway when he was approached by a man who tried to get him inside a gray van. A Westland man was also arrested for allegedly looking at child pornography on one of the library's public use computers.

"With a security guard, the staff won't always have to wait for the police to arrive," Neal said. "The security guard would have the ability to take

immediate action on things."

In the short-term, the library is using a security guard hired under a contract through the city. Following a hostage-taking incident at city hall in 2013, the city made some security improvements to the old building on Ford, including a security guard stationed in the lobby.

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They're No. 1!



Members of the Wayne Memorial boys bowling team use their index fingers to tell people where they stand in the Michigan high school bowling world after they placed first at Friday's MHSAA Division 1 team state championship tournament in Sterling Heights. The Zebras went from unheralded (they were 12-6 during the regular season) to history-makers in just a few short weeks when they became the school's first athletics state champion in more than 30 years. See story on page B1.

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New building going up at former location of Marvaso's

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The remains of Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick are gone, and a new building is under construction on the site.

Along with a 9,000-square-foot space replacing the 12,000-square-foot restaurant, the entire Westland Plaza is getting a new facade.

The Westland Council recently approved the revised site plan to allow demolition of the frontage of the entire complex on the northwest corner of Wayne Road and Hunter. The new facade would be a combination of brick stone and EIFS, an Exterior Insulation and Finish System.

The new space on the Marvaso's site includes an adjoining plaza with flag poles and a memorial bench honoring Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, who died fighting the May 8, 2013, fire that destroyed the restaurant.

Just short of the two-year anniversary of Woehlke's death, the criminal investigation remains open. Once the fire was ruled an arson — making Woehlke's death a homicide — the investigation was taken over by the Michigan State Police.

The report on the fire and Woehlke's death also remains open at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Woehlke's cause of death was smoke and soot inhalation.

A Dearborn resident, Woehlke, 29, left behind a wife and young daughter. He was the first Wayne-Westland fire-

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Vigil held for woman killed in pedestrian accident

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A candlelight vigil to remember Marcia Japowicz, who was killed crossing Wayne Road, was held Tuesday at the Westland Taco Bell where she worked.

Japowicz, 53, had worked at the Taco Bell on Wayne Road south of Palmer for about nine years and over 20 years for

different locations of the fast food chain. She was walking to work from her home on Schley Monday night when she was hit by what police report was likely multiple vehicles.

"She was a little on the delayed side. She was very sweet, she never missed work or was late — usually she was early," said her niece Stephanie London. "She always had a smile on her face. She was always

happy."

Single without children, Japowicz had lived with another niece, Phyllis McLeod, for nearly 10 years. They shared a home on Schley directly across Wayne Road from the Taco Bell where Japowicz worked.

"She was always so dependable. We just finally got her to take a vacation," London said. "We went up to Tip Up Town (in Houghton Lake). I'm so

grateful that we went."

Westland Police are continuing to investigate but report that Japowicz was crossing Wayne Road about 8:15 p.m. when she stopped in the left turn lane. An 83-year-old woman, heading for the Kentucky Fried Chicken immediately south of Taco Bell, pulled into the turn lane knocking Japow-

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Wayne's Mental Health Court honors first graduating class

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wearing the traditional mortar board and gowns, the five members of the first graduating class from the Wayne 29th District Court Mental Health Court received certificates last week honoring their completion of the program.

Instead of facing jail or other penalties for misdemeanor offenses, all five graduates were referred instead to the Mental Health Court for treatment and counseling. In many cases, that treatment also addresses alcohol or drug abuse.

"A symptom of mental illness is poor judgment. When you break the law, there are punishments," said Carol DiGiuseppe, chief operating officer for Hegira Services, the mental health services provider.

"I'm not saying there shouldn't be consequences. Punishment has little value to the mentally ill. But intervention with treatment gives an opportunity to change." DiGiuseppe made a point of not wishing the graduates good luck.

"Your success is not dependent on luck. You make good decisions, rely on your support system and keep your eyes on your future goals," she said. Graduates shared their experiences, struggles and the support received through the program, as well from their family and friends.

The graduates received congratulations and words of encouragement from speakers, including 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack, who had regularly scheduled meetings with the participants.

Started in October 2013 by Mack, the Mental Health Court takes referrals from other communities. It's the only program in the area that serves misdemeanors. A Mental Health Court for people facing felony charges is headed by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Kenny, who attended the graduation.

The Mental Health Court aims to get treatment for the mentally ill and help them to better lives but also break a cycle of untreated mentally ill people ending up in jail.

Guest speaker Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon noted that the Wayne County Jail has 2,200 prisoners on any given day — 75 percent of them needing mental health treatment. Many of those prisoners needing treatment get arrested more than once, he said.

"We had a person who was jailed 59 times since 2002. That won't be you, by embracing your treatment," Napoleon told the graduates. "You have got to decide to stick to it. All of you here have someone who had been a cheerleader for you."

It's important that the graduates continue to stay involved in their treatment programs moving forward in their lives, he said.

"You must care about yourself and moving forward. Life is filled with goals. Goals without a game plan is just a dream," Napoleon said.

Noting the caring and support coming from speakers at the graduation, Napoleon commented that much of that caring was coming from Mack, who worked closely with participants, issuing violations or rewards as needed.

"This is not an easy program. They (participants) have to overcome a lot," said Mack, who was visibly moved by graduate speeches. "I know this success will spur you on to greater success."

Currently, the Mental Health Court has 24 participants coming from referred from courts, including Westland, Taylor, Allen Park and Plymouth-Canton. One person was even referred from the court in Mason in Ingham County. The woman was residing in Detroit.

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VIGIL

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icized into oncoming traffic in the northbound lanes.

Noting this was the fourth pedestrian fatality in Westland during the past year — all crossing at night, not using crosswalks and wearing dark clothing — Westland Police urged residents to follow traffic laws and use the crosswalks.

"The nearest crosswalk is either at Palmer or Glenwood, so that's why she wasn't using one. I know people have asked," London said.

The 83-year-old woman stopped at the accident scene, but Westland Police are looking for information on the drivers of northbound vehicles that struck Japowicz.

"How do you not know you hit someone? It's not that they could have done anything to not hit her," London said. "But how do you not stop? That's what makes us angry. It wasn't their fault, there was no reason not to stop, but they could have some human dignity."

London has organized a Go Fund Me page to help pay for funeral and other expenses for her aunt. Arrangements are still pending. For more information, visit www.gofundme.com/oerlx8.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call the Westland Police Traffic Bureau at 734-722-9600.

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Marcia Japowicz (left) with her niece Phyllis McLeod. Japowicz was fatally injured in an accident while crossing Wayne Road Monday night.

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fighter killed in the line of duty.

With the criminal investigation still open, restaurant owner George Marvaso and his family have been left waiting for a resolution.

"In two years, we never got anything from the insurance. Finding it was arson killed us," Marvaso said. "I'm not involved (in rebuilding by the landlord). I'm hoping to rebuild, but if we ever get insurance (payment), it will be eaten up by attorney fees and debt."

Because of the financial situation, Marvaso said it is unlikely he will be able to open another restaurant.



A building to replace the former Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick is under construction. The entire Westland Plaza will be getting new facades, along with a memorial to fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke.

"There is nothing on the table. I have 100 employees still calling and family responsibilities," he said. "They did search warrants at my home and took equipment. That hurt us forever."

A six-month investigation was done by both Marvaso's and the landlord's insurance companies. "It affected our whole lives. It costs money to reopen. As of now, probably because of the way all the insurance (investigation) was done, it probably won't happen," Marvaso said.

Due to ongoing financial trouble, Marvaso, 72, and his wife Mary, 68, are living in a rental condominium from which they are being threatened with eviction. Marvaso recently completed treatment for cancer, as did his daughter.

"That turned out very good. My daughter and I are both good to go. We are blessed," Marvaso said.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up to benefit the Marvasos, raising \$1,370 in a month.

"Go Fund Me is helping. People are being great," Marvaso said.

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SECURITY

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At the new city hall on Warren Road, the city continues to use a security guard, who also functions as a greeter, answering questions and directing visitors to the appropriate department.

"We'll use that company — all the employees are former professional police officers. It's a pool to draw from," Neal said.

The library plans to put security guard services out to bid in time for the next fiscal year,

which begins July 1.

Despite a lot of media attention over the security guard request, Neal said he hasn't heard from anyone concerned about their safety at the library.

"One of the things that wasn't clearly stated was that the incidents occurred over two to three months," Neal said. "We will look at the kind of things that happen and see if we will benefit from a security guard. I think overall, the building will just be more secure."

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» A Westland woman told police March 6 that she attempted to file her federal and state income tax returns but was notified by the IRS that a return had already been filed using her name and Social Security number.

» On March 4, Westland woman told police she had also received a rejection letter in response to filing her income tax returns. She said the IRS reported someone already filed using her name and personal information.

Missing check

» On March 6, a Westland woman told police that she was in the process of helping her mother move to a new resi-

dence in November and had her mail forwarded. The mother, who is blind, partially disabled and has other health issues, receives a monthly pension check of \$480.

The check was never received in November, the woman said, and eventually it was found that someone had cashed the check.

» A resident at Holiday Park Cooperative in the 34000 block of Fountain Boulevard told police March 5 that she had not received an \$87 refund check from Comcast. The check was reported to have been sent Nov. 26 and would take four to six weeks to arrive.

When she checked with Comcast on Jan. 7, the resident said she was told the check had already been cashed. She said

she has no idea who took the check.

» A Westland woman told police March 8 that she discovered five unauthorized transactions on her debit/credit card from March 2-6. The transactions totaled \$224 at Speedway gas stations in Redford and Eastpointe.

The resident said she didn't know who could have obtained her card numbers.

Larceny

A Ypsilanti woman told police March 6 that someone had stolen her credit card while she was at Fire Mountain restaurant, 34615 Warren Road, March 1. She said that while at the restaurant, she discovered she had lost her wallet.

Checking back with the restaurant staff over a week, she said she was told the wallet had been found behind a trash can in the men's room by the cleaning crew.

When she retrieved her wallet, the woman said the debit card was missing. Two fraudulent charges were on her account, she said, totaling nearly \$83. The charges were at gas stations in Detroit and Redford.

Larceny

A resident at the Birch Hill Apartments, 324 S. Hubbard, told police March 3 that overnight someone had stolen the battery from her 2000 Jeep Cherokee. She said the battery cables had been cut. The vehicle had been left unlocked, she

added.

Vandalism

An employee at Michigan Truck Parts, 38658 Ford, told police March 4 that someone had driven a truck into a rolling steel gate on the east side of the building. The gate had bent upper and lower supports. Individual rungs also were bent. The damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Surveillance footage showed a man in an older pickup truck get out of his truck, walk to the gate and then, after getting back into the truck, driving into the gate and damaging it. The truck backed out of sight on the roadway, then returned about two minutes later, slowing but not stopping.

By LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A resident of Park Hill Apartments, 33045 Park Hill, told police March 7 that someone had stolen her 1998 Dodge Ram pickup truck three days earlier. She said she hadn't filed a police report immediately because she hoped the truck would be returned.

The resident said the truck had been taken three times in the past and had always been returned. She had the keys and told police the vehicle had been left locked.

Suspicious circumstance

On March 7, a resident in the 4500 block of Carnegie told police she arrived home to find a window open and a light, normally kept on, had been turned off. She said she lost the key to the house and was leaving a window unlocked to get inside while wait-

ing for a new key from the landlord.

Nothing was reported missing from the house.

Vandalism

A resident in the 36000 block of Greenbush told police March 3 that someone egged his house and vehicles. He said it was the second time it had happened in two weeks.

Larceny from a vehicle

On March 3, a resident told police that someone had stolen unspecified paperwork from her vehicle while it was parked at Westchester Towers, 35800 E. Michigan Ave.

Larceny from a vehicle

A license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 35000 block of East Michigan Avenue on March 7.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

She was able to provide the cell phone numbers for both men but only the first name of one man.

Fraud

A 57-year-old resident in the 1400 block of Ralph reported March 10 that someone fraudulently opened seven accounts with T-Mobile using his personal information.

The accounts were opened in the state of Washington.

Property damage

An agitated 28-year-old resident who lives in the

8700 block of Helen was so upset that he was being transported for treatment at Garden City Hospital at 11:30 a.m. March 7 that he did damage in the police car he was riding.

The man, who was handcuffed in the back seat, thrashed about and rammed his head against the bio shield and kicked at the rear window. He managed to pull the deck lights out from their respective housing units. Wires also were torn from the housing.

His mother had petitioned for his care.

Theft

A man who finished a card game of Ya-Gi-Oh at Pandemonium, located at 6033 Middlebelt, said that when he returned from going to the bathroom about 4:30 p.m. March 7, the lime green deck that was in his backpack was missing.

An employee who reviewed the video could find no evidence of who took the deck because there were a lot of people present at that time for a tournament.

By Sue Buck

Stolen license

A 30-year-old Garden City woman who lives in the 29000 block of Windsor reported the theft of her driver's license from her purse as well as the theft of the title to her 2004 Chevy Malibu just after midnight March 5.

She said that the title had been placed in a book that was in her bedroom. The woman is in the process of moving, and two men she had been introduced to by a mutual friend had helped with the moving process.

Local recruits working toward Michigan State Police careers

Eighty-five prospective troopers reported this week to the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing for the first day of the 128th Trooper Recruit School.

For the next 21 weeks, between wake-up at 5 a.m. and lights-out at 10 p.m., the recruits will receive training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics,

patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

"The start of a new recruit school is an exciting time for the department," Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP, stated in a release. "It is our hope these recruits will successfully meet and

exceed the challenges they will face during these next few months and come July, we will welcome each of them to the ranks of the Michigan State Police."

Local recruits include Christopher Proctor of Canton, Thomas Markey of Farmington Hills, Tyler Cotter of Livonia, Andrew Tower of South Lyon, Nicholas Talbot of White Lake

and Austin Wonfor of Wixom.

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Mother of 2 in need of diabetes alert dog

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Angela Gunsell of Livonia may not look sick, but she is living with a silent killer that can take her life at any time.

The 35-year-old mother of two kindergartners has Type 1 diabetes and hypoglycemia unawareness, which means she doesn't know when her blood glucose is dropping and can lose consciousness without warning.

"People see me and I look perfectly healthy; I wish I were perfectly healthy," she said.

Gunsell has passed out when with her children, 5-year-old twins Hailey and Daniel, are the only ones home. "They know the routine: Grab the juice, grab the phone, grab Daddy if he's home, grab the (blood glucose) meter. They know how to use the meter at age 5."

Gunsell's mother, who lives a mile away, is usually able to get to her daughter's house in time to help if Gunsell's husband, Dan, is at work. But the family doesn't want to take any chances. "Until they're old enough, I can only teach them so much," she said of her children.

Gunsell's family has

organized a bowling event March 21 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia to raise money for her to get a diabetes alert dog trained to recognize when her blood glucose level is going lower than 90 or higher than 160, notify her, and, if need be, get help.

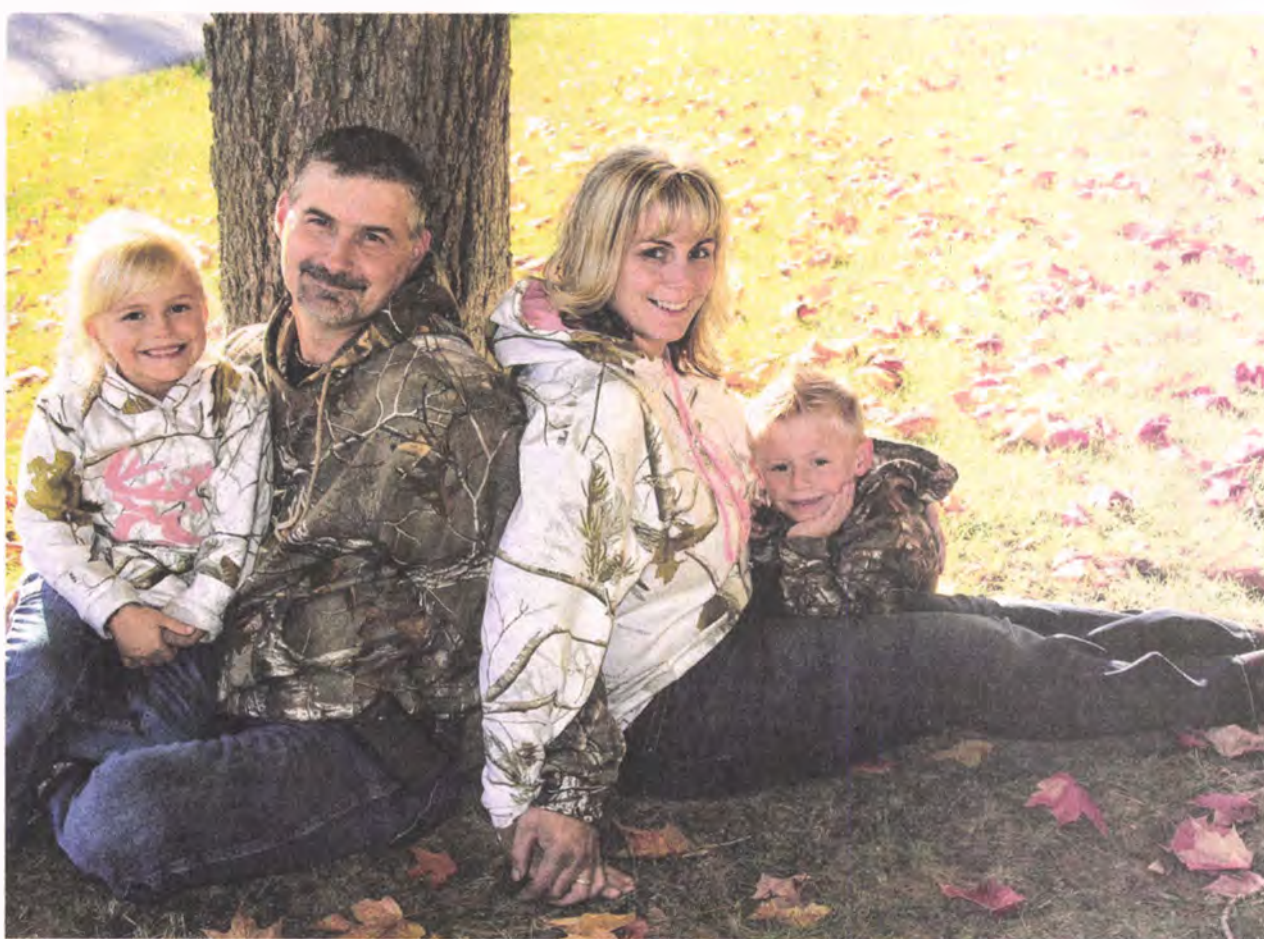
"He or she will alert me by a nudge or a paw to the leg. Some dogs do a circle, then sit. It just depends on how the dog wants to alert you," Gunsell said, adding the dog will also be trained to fetch her meter and food or juice from the cupboard.

If Gunsell needs medical attention, the dog will also be able to press a button on a device that dials 9-1-1 and starts a pre-recording in Gunsell's voice saying, "I'm a Type I diabetic. I need help."

The dog costs \$15,000. So far, they have \$2,000.

Paradise Dog Training in Fenton will begin training a dog once she makes a 50-percent deposit.

Their health insurance covers most of their medical bills, but it won't cover a diabetes alert dog, Gunsell said. Angela Gungell works for Cunningham Glass Co. in Livonia, and Dan Gungell works as an autobody



Angela Gungell has passed out when her husband Dan has been at work and her children, 5-year-old twins Hailey and Daniel, are the only ones home to help her.

tech for Complete Auto Restorations in Livonia.

Tickets to the bowling fundraiser are \$20 for adults, \$15 for kids 10 and under. They include

two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. For more information, call Gungell at 734-262-2232 or Starla Drews, Gungell's soon-to-be sister in

law, at 734-812-0189.

Checks may also be made payable and mailed to Paradise Dog Training, P.O. Box 335 Fenton, MI 48430. Put Angie Gungell's name on the memo line.

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Survey asks for citizen views on funding state's transportation system

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and its partner organization MAC, the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, have launched a survey to gather residents' perceptions and attitudes on current road conditions and the May 5, 2015 special election, which will

primarily increase funding for Michigan's roads.

Citizens are asked to take a quick survey to provide their view on road conditions and the ballot proposal.

"Funding for Michigan roads is a very important issue," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG Executive Director and

MAC President. "We are interested to see the results of this survey."

Residents can visit SEMCOG's website at www.semco.org for more information related to road funding and the May 5 election.

This survey is powered by Cobalt Community Research, a Michigan-

based 501c3 nonprofit research coalition with a mission to provide research and educational tools that help schools, local governments and other nonprofit member organizations thrive as changes emerge in the economic, demographic and social landscape.

SEMCOG is the only

organization in southeast Michigan that brings together all governments to solve regional challenges and enhance the quality of life for the region.

The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC), a nonprofit public/private partnership, is the only group that brings

business, labor, government and education leaders together to build consensus and seek solutions to regional issues. It promotes regional cooperation and dialogue, and it advances policies and programs that enhance Southeast Michigan's economic vitality and quality of life.

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Gordon Chevrolet hosts auction to benefit school

Going once, going twice, going three times! Later this month, Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City will host an auction event to benefit Plymouth-Canton's Smith Elementary School, with money raised going toward classroom enrichment tools, field trips, assemblies and technology.

This is Smith's 20th annual auction, but the second year in a row that Gordon Chevrolet's general manager, Susan Ianni, is playing host to the school's fundraiser at her Ford Road dealership. The partnership between cars and classrooms came about when Dana Jones, the school's principal, approached Ianni to provide matching funds for Smith's Make-A-Wish charity drive.

While at the school to present her check, Ianni fell in love with the kids and the educational envi-

ronment provided by the teachers and administrators there.

"The school needed space for their fundraiser and I was happy to open up our showroom to them," Ianni said. "Helping kids to have the things they need to learn and grow, what could be better?"

The auction will be held 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$25 at the door and include appetizers and a cash bar. The adults-only evening will include both silent and live auctions and a card pull. Bidders can check out items for auction in advance by visiting www.smithsilentauction.com.

"The school's auction committee does such an amazing job with decor," Ianni said. "Our dealership becomes a gala event space for the evening. It's definitely Gordon Chevrolet's Cinderella moment of the year."



Gordon Chevrolet General Manager Susan Ianni (second from left) poses with Smith Elementary students and staff who held a mustache day for Make-A-Wish.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Prom Dress Closet

Angels Above Baby Gowns and the Rainbow Girls of Wayne Assembly No. 72 will host a Prom Dress Closet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday April 11, at the Wayne Masonic Temple No. 112, 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Gently used dresses will be available for anyone in need, free of charge. Organizers are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cleaning cost incurred in preparation for the Prom Dress Closet. The donation will go to Angels Above Baby Gowns to defray the costs involved in creating the angel gowns made for families experiencing infant loss.

The gowns are made from wedding gowns and lots of white threads, rolls of ribbon and trims are used for embellishment. Donations of wedding gowns also will be accepted at the event.

For more information, call Dawn Lafferty at 734-421-2322.

Bowling fundraiser

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

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for chil-

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

Trains of Wayne

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

Doors open at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this program and all are welcome.

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

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12, and spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh. For more

information, call 734-419-2020.

Business Alliance

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

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

Youth Assistance

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and March 28 and April 18, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland.

"Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and free prizes.

For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

Family Feud

New Life Church of

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

Get a team of five together or join one. Pastor Chris Smothers will be the game show host. The cost is \$10 per person. There will be food concessions available.

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

Easter activities

The Westland Area Jaycees will hold their annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

A pancake breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. Following breakfast, there will be indoor crafts and complimentary photos with the Easter Bunny. Outdoor Easter Egg Hunts, grouped by age for children 2-12, will start at 11 a.m. During the event, there will be a DJ, cake walk, face painting, fire trucks and more.

Dress for the weather as this is a rain or shine event. Tickets are \$2 for children ages 2-12 and \$1 for adults and children over age 12.

» The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold an "EGG" Stravaganza from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March

28, at the church at 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

There will be snacks, crafts, Bible stories, songs and egg dying. Bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs. The event is for children ages kindergarten through fifth-grade.

For more information, call the church at 734-722-4672 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Thursdays.

Soccer sign-ups

Westland Free Methodist Church presents Upward Soccer, a fun, fair, and competitive soccer league for kids ages 4 through sixth-grade.

Practices start the first week of April and the first game is April 18. The cost is \$65 per child. For more information or to register, call 737-728-2600 or visit www.livesarechanging.com.

The church is at 1421 Venoy, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland.

Google workshop

People in Wayne are looking for what downtown businesses offer — and they're looking online. That's why Wayne Main Street is teaming up with Google to host a free workshop to help businesses get online and on the map. The Let's Put Wayne on the Map! Workshop will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the

Wayne Fire Station, 3300 S. Wayne Road, south of Glenwood

Reaching local customers on the web is easy and free, and it helps more people connect with businesses that make Wayne Wayne. To reserve a spot, call 734-629-6822 or email director@downtownwayne.org.

Red Wings tickets

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

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

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

Proceeds will go to the Wayne/Westland Salvation Army, Westland Rotary Scholarships and Charities and the Westland Rotary Club. For more information, call Kristi at 313-300-7832 or Dick at 248-417-1858.

DIA unveils 'Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo' exhibition

The Detroit Institute of Art's much hyped "Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit" exhibition kicks off Sunday, March 15. The married couple only spent one year in Detroit, between 1932 and 1933, yet

it was a highly important period for both artists in their careers.

This was when Rivera created his most famous work in the Rivera Court of the DIA — the Detroit Industry fresco cycle. These murals consist of 27 panels depicting Detroit's modern industrial culture in terms of manufacturing, science and technology alongside Detroit's indigenous peoples.

Kahlo, on the other hand, produced some of her most notable work during this time. While in Detroit, she suffered a miscarriage and the loss of her mother back in Mexico. Her paintings were much smaller in scale but expressed the emotional and physical pain she was going through.

These were the beginnings of Kahlo developing her own personal artistic style and identity. *Henry Ford Hospital* shows her lying in a hospital bed after the mis-



A portion of Rivera's mural at the DIA.

carriage while *Self-Portrait on the Borderline between Mexico and the United States* is a combination of Ford's Rouge plant, Mexican ruins and Kahlo in a pink dress holding a Mexican flag.

In celebration of the exhibit, the DIA is hosting lectures on the artists, the Michigan Opera Theatre is performing *Frida*, an opera about Kahlo's tragic life, and several Detroit Mexican restaurants are featuring a special menu inspired by the foods Rivera and Kahlo ate. The exhibition will run March 15-July 12.

If that isn't enough, the Westland Public Library has several biographical books and DVDs on Rivera and Kahlo for adults and children. Other books focus more on the paint-

ings of each artist, including *Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit*, a catalog of the current exhibition by one of the curators.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Events
Magic: The Gathering Card, 6-8 p.m. March 12, Grades 7-12 (or ages 12-18) — We'll have a round-robin tournament (with booster packs for prizes) as well as free play. Bring a standard deck to play in the tournament.

ESL (English as a Second Language) Class, 9:30-11:15 a.m. March 13 — Join us and practice your English skills in a

classroom setting with a conversation emphasis. This is a nine-session class.

Movie and Dinner, 6 p.m. March 13 — What's better than dinner with friends? Well, dinner and a movie with friends, of course. Dinner tonight is from Gold Chopsticks. Price is \$10 and must be paid for in advance by Thursday, March 12. For those enjoying dinner and a movie, the library will open at 6 p.m. For those only coming for the movie, the doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Tonight's movie, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, tells "the adventures of Gustave H, a legendary concierge at a famous hotel from the fictional Republic of Zubrowka between the first and second World Wars, and lobby boy Zero Moustafa who becomes his most trusted friend" (IMDB). Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis.

Adult Literacy Tutor Training, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14 — This is the first of three training sessions for those interested in helping an adult read as part of the Westland Library Adult Literacy Program. The training is a total of 15 hours and costs \$25 for a tutor training textbook. Snacks will be provided in the morning; however, you will be responsible for bringing your own lunch or picking up

something during the one-hour lunch break. If you cannot attend all 15 hours, there will be make-up options available, but you must be able to attend at least 10 hours of total training. Call the library at 734-326-6123 and ask for Liz, if you are interested in this great volunteer opportunity.

The Minecraft Club, 4 p.m. March 17, kids 12 years and under — Join us as we play Minecraft on the Westland Library's multi-player server. If you don't have your own login but want to play, still come; we'll get you started. We'll also have a fun Minecraft craft for you to do. Because this game is rated E10, players under age 10 will be required to have a permission slip completed by a parent on the day of the event. Registration required. Register for this program online at westlandlibrary.org/kids/ events or at the Youth Services Desk or by calling 734-326-6123.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. March 18, grades 5 and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed; however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. March 18 — In *The Girls of Atomic*

City, author Denise Kieran traces the story of the unsung World War II workers in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, through interviews with dozens of surviving women and other Oak Ridge residents. A limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2 p.m. March 19 — Do you have an eReader or tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions.

Open Mic, 7 p.m. March 19 — Let your muse run wild, coffee-house-style, with singer-songwriter Dave Boulette as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome.

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

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

VAAL offers spring art classes

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will begin offering spring classes March 16.

Professional instructor Edee Joppich will teach her traditional watercolor classes while Marj Chellstorp offers guidance in whatever medium students prefer, giving new approaches for them to incorporate; and Audrey DiMarco-Terry helps put an end to "painters block" with her mixed media class.

In April and May, classes include an evening drawing class with courtroom artist Carole Kabri. A follow-up photography class with Allen Brooks will focus on how to make the most of your camera including Brooks' secrets to posing, composition and creating landscape photographs.

Lin Baum brings a relaxed approach to portrait drawing and painting in students' chosen medium. In May, Janis Madias returns with an opportunity for artists to



VAAL student Pat Becker works on a project.

learn more about collage.

Many workshops are being offered, too. Paint a model and black panther with Joppich. In April her Flowers that Bloom in the Spring workshop is returning. There's a two-day lettering workshop with calligrapher Jennifer Helner and a monoprint work-

shop with Laura Whites Host.

Making another tripper from Grand Rapids, metal artist Jim Markle will be offering a two-day workshop. An oil texture workshop with Janet Bndziela, and paper mache with Janis Madias will round out the semester.



VAAL student Deana Salhaney.

Like to paint on your own? Every Thursday, artists meet to work on their own projects, enjoy camaraderie and learn together in Open Studio.

For the latest VAAL news and class information, visit www.vaalart.org or call 734-838-1204. The VAAL classroom is at 37653 Five Mile Road, at Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

Pedestrian injured in hit-and-run accident in Redford

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

A 53-year-old man was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident at about 1:20 a.m. Saturday on Grand River in Redford.

The victim, a pedestrian, was struck by a vehicle on westbound Grand River east of Beech Daly, but the driver of the car drove off.

The pedestrian, a resident of Detroit, was transported to an area hospital with serious, but not life-threatening, injuries.

From vehicle parts at the scene and the victim's statements, the vehicle has been identified as a silver Toyota,

possibly a 2006 or 2007 Corolla or Camry.

The vehicle is missing the right-side rear-view mirror and part of the bumper on the right front corner. There may be damage to the right front hood and/or windshield.

The vehicle appears to have a turn-signal light built into the front side of the side-view mirror, based on the parts left at the scene.

Anyone with information regarding this accident or the vehicle is asked to contact Redford Police at 313-387-2551 or email dgregg@redfordpd.org

The name of the victim is not being released at this time.

Coin lot lady



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Nikki Hood of Livonia is the "coin lot lady" during coin auction at Back to the Past Comics and Collectibles in Redford. Hood shows the coin lots to an online audience on Proxibid.com and to in-store bidders March 7 as 333 lots of coin currency, tokens, medals and other numismatic items were auctioned. Back to the Past will have another coin auction at 11 a.m. March 28 and a comic book auction at 6 p.m. the same day.

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All talks will be in the Church, with a reception immediately following in the School Cafeteria. Childcare is available by reservation, which may be made at www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome!

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TSA's Jennifer Trussell (from left), recording secretary, and Frank Vaslo, chairman, accept a check from Judy Caldwell and Erin Crandall of the DaVita Dialysis Center.

The Senior Alliance receives donation from DaVita Dialysis Center

The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1C (TSA) has gotten some financial help from DaVita Dialysis Center of Westland.

On Feb. 26, DaVita staff members Erin Crandall and Judy Caldwell presented Frank Vaslo, chairman of TSA's Board of Directors, with a \$1,000 donation to support the agency's program efforts, including the Holiday Meals Program. The money was raised by DaVita through staff donations.

"We are very grateful to receive this support from DaVita," said Bob Brown, executive director of TSA. "It will go toward helping our Holiday Meals Program and assisting those members of our community in need."

TSA's Holiday Meals Program provides a warm home-delivered meal to older adults in need on four of the days the regular Meals on Wheels Program does not operate: Easter, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many of the meal recipients do not have any family or caregiver contacts on those holidays.

Donations to the Holiday Meals Program can be made through PayPal by visiting www.aaalc.org and clicking on the "Support Holiday Meals on Wheels" link or by contacting Jennifer Trussell at 734-727-2011.

TSA is a nonprofit agency formed in 1980 and designated by the State of Michigan as the Area Agency on Aging

for the communities of southern and western Wayne County. TSA's mission is to empower people with needs by providing available services so they can live with dignity in the community they choose.

A leading provider of dialysis services in the United States, DaVita treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita Kidney Care strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services.

The Westland centers is at 36588 Ford at Central City Parkway. For more information, call 866-544-6741.

IRS tax scams: Don't be a victim

Every year during tax season, the IRS comes up with a dirty dozen tax scams. It is important to be aware of these scams because, if you are subject to one, it could be costly.

One of the scams used by the IRS includes taking advantage of fax credits to which you're not entitled. You will be denied the credit, and you will have to repay the money with interest and be subject to severe penalties.

We are responsible for our own tax returns, and therefore, it is important that we be aware of the scams that are out there. Although I would love to discuss all of the tax scams, space doesn't allow. Therefore, I will highlight a few tax scams that affect many in southeast Michigan.

The first scam—and one that is claiming more and more victims—is where someone calls you and tells you he or she is from the Internal Revenue Service. These scammers are targeting vulnerable people such as the elderly and threatening them with arrest and other action unless money is paid.

These scam artists sound official and are even able to alter your ID numbers to appear that they are the IRS. As I've said many times in the past, the IRS does not call taxpayers demanding immediate payment. In addition, the IRS does not threaten arrest or local police or other law



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

enforcement groups. If you receive a call or text from someone claiming to be with the IRS, hang up.

What happens to all that information that identity thieves steal? Sometimes these scam artists use that information to file false tax returns on your behalf, claiming a refund. Although there is very little you can do to protect yourself from this, the key is to protect your Social Security number as much as possible. Just because someone asks for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to give it to them. Protect your personal information at all times.

Another scam that is growing is bogus charities. Following a natural disaster, scam artists come out in droves. Taxpayers should be wary of charities with names similar to nationally known organizations.

One thing I do to make sure of when it comes to charities is to go to websites like www.charitynavigator.org to check out the charity before I give money. In addition, don't give sensitive information over the phone to charities soliciting contributions. I don't respond to any phone

solicitation by a charity.

Dishonest tax preparers also have made the IRS dirty dozen list. Taxpayers must be cautious as to who prepares their returns. If you are hiring someone, make sure they have an IRS preparer tax-identification number. Also, look at their qualifications.

It is also important that if you are receiving a refund that the money is directly deposited into your account, not the tax preparer's account. In addition, never sign your blank tax return. And before you sign, review the return and ask questions about anything that is not clear.

Lastly, the IRS does not send out unsolicited emails. Numerous taxpayers have received unsolicited emails that they've clicked on that have allowed identity thieves to steal their valuable personal and financial information. If you receive an email that looks like it's from the IRS and looks official, delete it.

Tax scam artists are out in force. It is up to us to protect ourselves. If you get caught up in a tax scam, the worst thing you can do is to ignore it because it won't go away. Good luck.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Helping communities

State Farm Neighborhood Assist will award 40 communities a \$25,000 grant that they will use to help make their hometowns a better place to live.

Returning for its fourth year, State Farm Neighborhood Assist identifies causes that would help make their communities safer, stronger and better-educated. Up to 400 causes will be able to submit an entry through March 29. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board (YAB) will narrow down the field, using a scoring rubric to identify the top 200 submissions.

The public will have a chance to vote up to 10 times a day on Facebook from May 14-June 3 for their favorite causes. The 40 causes that receive the most votes will win a \$25,000 grant. The nominations and vote will be accepted exclusively through a free Facebook app.

In the past three years, State Farm Neighborhood Assist has given \$3 million in grants to support 120 causes. For more information on State Farm Neighborhood Assist or to submit a cause, get the free Facebook app at www.statefarm.com/neighborhoodassist.

CALEA accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has reaffirmed the organization's position that Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airports' Police Department is among the world's best.

"Accreditation by the CALEA organization is considered to be a gold standard for excellence in law enforcement," Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton said. "Their seal of approval is confirmation of the professionalism and level of commitment our officers and Public Safety team routinely demonstrate in providing a safe traveling environment for our passengers, business partners and community."

The Airport Authority Police Department was first accredited by CALEA in 2008. In order to maintain certification, agencies undergo an intensive on-site assessment every three years. CALEA assessors spend days examining every aspect of the airports' police operations. Assessors observe personnel, equipment and operating procedures; interview officers; and tour airport

facilities.

Infrastructure conference

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Professional Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The conference will provide learning opportunities from leading industry experts, representatives and firms who are contributing to regional sustainability, infrastructure resilience and improving our state's transportation and energy networks.

The conference will host representatives from federal, state and local agencies, in addition to leading industry representatives, small businesses, government contractors and those serving the civil infrastructure and construction industries.

Visit www.GLCIC.com for full conference details and registration. Event-related questions can be directed to the Schoolcraft College PTAC at ptac@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4438.

Communicate early and often: Just a few words can make a big, timely difference

Looking on this busy and productive week, an important topic comes to mind: Communication.

It reminded me one again of what a big difference a few words at the right time can make.

One case was a positive example that happened after somebody delivered something to the wrong place. They called immediately and confessed up, even though they'd already taken steps to solve the problem and could have assumed I'd never find out. But moments later the client called me to ask about the delivery and I was deeply grateful to the deliverer for being upfront with me so I could explain to the client what happened.



Clarity Patton Newhouse
A SUNNY NOTE

The second example was the opposite situation. Somebody was working toward a deadline and it turned out they knew in advance they weren't going to make it but didn't mention that until the deadline passed. In that case, a few timely words at the point when the work went off schedule could have reset everyone's expectations and avoided a lot of grief.

In a world where teamwork is so integral to success, we all experience moments when a little bit of communi-

cation means the difference between a project's success or failure.

Communicate early and often, and have a sunny day!

Clarity

P.S. "Communicate unto the other person that which you would want him to communicate unto you if your positions were reversed."

Aaron Goldman

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Legally blind in one eye, WWII vet still served country

World War II veteran Bruno Douglas "Doug" Williams of Novi was honored as the March "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Williams served in the Army from 1942 to 1946. He was drafted in 1942 at 21 year, but a childhood injury left him legally blind in his right eye so he was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Forces. He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and sent to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for boot camp and then to Rock Island, Illinois, for training. With a background as a truck driver, the Army decided to make him a "baker."

Knowing nothing about baking, he was fortunate to be teamed up with a seasoned baker who taught him all he needed to know. He was even more fortunate that he was able to have his wife join him while stationed there. He was then sent to Camp Ellis, Illinois, an Army Service Forces Training Center and P.O.W. camp for German troops, where he served as an M.P.

At the time he was drafted, he was told that he would serve out his time in the United States as he could not be part of the infantry. But, with the escalation of the war in 1944, he found himself on a troop transport ship, two months after D-Day, on his way to France.

He was a supply sergeant there and spent the next year following and supplying the infantry through France, Belgium and Germany. A day never passed that he felt safe and secure, but he had the utmost admiration and sympathy for those on the front line as they were in real danger 24 hours a day. His most precarious and fearful time was in Belgium when the Germans mounted a major offensive with plans to break through the Allied lines and retake Paris. His group was right in their planned route. It was later known as the "Battle of the Bulge."

Williams served out his remaining year in Germany after the war as an entertainment director. He returned to the U.S. in May of 1946 to an overwhelm-



Doug Williams, 94, is the March 'Veteran of the Month' at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

ing surprise — his wife Frances had rented an apartment and had it fully furnished and waiting for him. He is proud of his time in the service but was relieved to be home safe and sound.

Williams is a member of the American Legion Post 32-Livonia and VFW Post 6695, Plymouth. His current passion is singing karaoke, and he can be seen every Friday night at either the American Legion or the VFW enjoying a song or two. He was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee at his home in Novi, and a video was made of the interview. In his honor, he was presented a plaque containing his picture and service information and an additional plaque was put on display in the entrance hall of the Post 32 for all to see.

A 94th birthday party was held Feb. 22 at the American Legion Hall in Livonia by his seven children and was attended by a multitude of family and friends. S.A.L. members were in attendance to present his plaque, show the video and introduce him as the March "Veteran of the Month." Williams was also recognized at the S.A.L. meeting March 3 to show their appreciation for his service to our country.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Lawrence Tech exhibit on mid-century automotive design opens April 17

SOUTHFIELD — "American Dreaming: Detroit's Golden Age of Automotive Design," the first comprehensive exhibition to offer a look inside the design studios of Detroit's automakers from 1946 to 1973, will run from April 17 to May 2 at Lawrence Technological University.

The exhibition will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays in the gallery of LTU's University Technology and Learning Center, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. Admission is free.

The exhibition kicks off with an opening reception Friday, April 17, from 4-8 p.m. in the UTLC Gallery and lobby. Many retired automotive designers who have loaned their original art will be in attendance. This event is open to the public.

On Wednesday, April 29, from 7-9 p.m. Keith Nagara, director of LTU's transportation design program, will lead a panel of retired automotive designers and art historians in a discussion about the art of the automotive industry and its place in American art history, according to a press release. Admission is free to this program in the Architecture Building auditorium at Lawrence Tech.

In an effort to gain market share in the post-World War II era, Detroit-based automakers hired university-trained artists to produce the most visually appealing cars, the press release explained. This was a time when styling and design were highly val-



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Artist Bill Brownlie of Briggs Design proposed this new body theme for the Packard Clipper, but it was never used. Chrysler acquired Briggs Design in 1953, and Brownlie worked on many of the iconic Chrysler models in the 1950s and 1960s.

ued by automakers, and artists had the opportunity to shape the industry and change the look of the entire country.

What makes this exhibition particularly remarkable is that the car company policies reportedly mandated preliminary artwork to be destroyed when the final designs were selected for production, so the vast majority of this artwork has disappeared.

Sponsored by LTU's College of Architecture and Design, the exhibition has been organized and curated by Robert Edwards and Greg Salustro, co-producers of a feature-length documentary film, *American Dreaming*, now in production.

Salustro and Edwards, both native Detroiters, have been fascinated by these artists and their artwork and want to share what they've discovered with fans of graphic art everywhere. Their forthcoming film features interviews with the designers whose creative imaginations launched the golden age of automotive Americana.

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Detroit Tigers marketing executive to speak at Madonna

Ellen Hill Zeringue, vice president of marketing for the Detroit Tigers, will be the guest speaker at Madonna University's Sport Management Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in Kresge Hall.



Zeringue

The event, which is free and open to the public, provides the opportunity to learn about sport-related careers from Madonna faculty, students and alumni of the program. Admissions staff will be on hand to take applications and discuss the transfer process. Guests also can participate in a sports trivia game and photo booth.

A member of the Tigers organization for the past 15 years, Zeringue is responsible for all functions of the club's marketing and promotions departments. She will discuss the successful "Who's Your Tiger" campaign, as well as her role as manager of the Tigers branding strategy. To register for the event, visit www.madonna.edu/visit or call 734-432-5339.

Church fights hunger with St. Patrick's celebration

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton church has a message that St. Patrick's Day isn't just a time to drink green beer and party, it's also an opportunity to show compassion.

St. Thomas a'Becket Church, remembering Irish ancestors who died in a mid-1800s famine and those who escaped to America, will fight hunger by hosting a St. Patrick's celebration to help a Detroit-based food pantry.

The church has assembled a lineup including the Kish Celtic Band playing traditional Irish music and leading a sing-along, the O'Hare Irish Dancers, an Irish trivia contest and, to capture the camaraderie, a selfie photo station.

The annual event comes three days before the official St. Patrick's Day and starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill. It benefits the St. Patrick Food Pantry in Detroit, which feeds over 600 families and individuals every month in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

It is sponsored by two Irish fraternal charity organizations, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Patrick Ryan Division and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division.

"The Hibernians are trying to change the (St. Patrick's Day) image," said Barb Weir, event coordinator and past



The O'Hare Irish Dancers will perform at the St. Patrick's celebration.

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A crowd attends a St. Patrick's celebration at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton.

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president of the women's AOH group. "Our

heritage means more to us than the partying that



The Kish Celtic Band is among the entertainment at a Canton church's St. Patrick's fundraiser to help the homeless.

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goes on that day."

To that end, Mike Riley, past president of the AOH Patrick Ryan Division, said St. Thomas a'Becket, in its eighth year hosting a St. Patrick's celebration, hopes to raise thousands of dollars.

"We'd like to raise \$3,000 or more," Riley said. "That's usually about what we raise. It's one of the bigger contributions the food pantry gets every year."

Weir said the hope is to shine a spotlight on charity rather than St. Patrick's Day celebrations solely centered on drinking.

The Canton church and St. Patrick Catholic Church in Detroit have strong ties, both having been led by their former pastor, the Rev. Patrick Casey, who serves as

chaplain of the AOH Patrick Ryan Division.

St. Thomas a'Becket's celebration includes a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, beer, wine, desserts and soft drinks — all to raise money to fight hunger.

"It's a way of living our faith," Weir said. "This comes at a time when the world is in a lot of chaos, and we're the ones who are going to have to change it. Helping each other is what we're really here to do."

Tickets to the St. Patrick's celebration are \$25 each and may be purchased at St. Thomas a'Becket Church by calling 734-981-1333 or at the door.

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St. Edith students sing with Therapy Choir at state capitol

Sixth-graders from St. Edith Catholic School in Livonia performed March 4 in Lansing with Therapy Choir of Michigan for the organization's 17th annual Capitol Performance.

The event celebrated the first week of March being legislatively declared Choir Therapy Awareness Week in Michigan. TCM is a Farmington Hills-based nonprofit organization that offers "differently abled" people the chance to enjoy all aspects of their lives and to provide a therapeutic experience to all who are involved, vocalists with special needs and volunteers alike.

Nicholas Johnson, 11, of Fowlerville was honored at the performance with his first Therapy Choir robe. Nicholas has FG Syndrome, which has left him with numerous developmental disabilities. He represents thousands of children who have orphan diseases too rare to get enough medical research funding.

TCM next performs on March 22 at The Carnival of Care to be held from noon to 5 p.m. at Novi's Suburban Collection Showcase.

For more information about choir therapy, visit the Therapy Choir of Michigan's website at www.therapychoirs.org.



Nicholas Johnson, 11, of Fowlerville, center, who has FG Syndrome, was honored at Therapy Choir of Michigan's performance at the state capitol. Singing with Nicholas and the rest of the choir were sixth-graders from St. Edith, Livonia.

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Learn 'Maple's Sweet Story' at Kensington Metropark

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Something sweet is in the air as Kensington Metropark once again kicks off "Maple's Sweet Story," a program geared at teaching visitors about the process of producing maple syrup from a maple tree.

The program, which takes place every weekend at the park's Farm Center, lasts about an hour and begins with an introduction by a park interpreter.

"We'll talk about the history of maple sugaring and how to identify and tap into a suitable maple tree," said Park interpreter Danny Hecht, noting that participants will also be able to watch and learn about the process of boiling the sap into syrup at the Farm Center's outdoor evaporator.

"We also talk about ways people can take



LAURA COLVIN

Kensington Metropark interpreter Victoria Taylor-Sluder demonstrates how to properly drill into a tree during the "Maple's Sweet Story" program last year.

what they learn and try it at home," Hecht said. "It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, so if you get 10 gallons of sap out of just a few trees, you'll end up

with enough syrup to fill a Mason jar."

Outdoor temps need to reach about 36 degrees before the sap will flow, but the program will run every weekend in March,

regardless.

"We may even continue into April, depending on the weather," Hecht said.

Visitors can also stop by the French and Native camp — which runs most weekends — to learn about how sugaring techniques have changed throughout the years.

Real maple syrup products will be available at the Farm Center for sample and sale, as well as backyard starter kits for those who would like to try the process at home.

In addition, visitors can also stop by the Farm Center's barns, where spring babies are already beginning to appear, or climb aboard a straw-filled sleigh pulled by a team of draft horses — as long as the snow holds out — for a scenic ride.

"Maple's Sweet Story" takes place at the Kensington Metropark on

Saturdays and Sundays in March from noon to 3 p.m. Park officials encourage participants to dress for the weather, as the program takes place outdoors. Registration is not required for the weekend programs. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 3-12; children under 3 are free.

Admission to the barns is free. Sleigh rides are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and kids age 3-12. Children younger than 2 are free.

A 2015 vehicle entry permit is required for admittance to the park. A daily permit is \$7. Annual permit is \$30.

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Coffee drinkers should rejoice

The folks promoting March as Caffeine Awareness Month are doing so in the hopes that millions of Americans will forgo a cup of Joe for something more healthy, like a fruit smoothie.

The timing couldn't be worse.

According to The Department of Health and Human Services report on dietary guidelines for 2015, caffeine as dispensed in coffee is good for you. And were not talking good in moderation — like an apple a day keeps the doctor away — we're talking three to five cups per day, according to the website health.gov.

The average American now drinks one or two cups per day, but scientists say upping the intake could reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes while increasing the "protective association between coffee/caffeine intake and risk of Parkin-



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It is OK to love a cup or five of coffee, according to new guidelines.

son's disease."

The report indicated that adding extras like cream

and sugar is not recommended and that pregnant women should drink less coffee than other adults. Other than that, government scientists urged us all to drink up, early and often.

It must be said that dietary guidelines change often and the average person has a hard time keeping up.

Are we supposed to eat eggs these days? Are the kind you get at the grocery store good enough or will only free-range do?

Is margarine the killer — or was it butter?

For the time being, coffee drinkers should rejoice, head to a local shop and down a few cups. Naysayers will have to find something else to worry about. Overly processed foods, hormones added to meat, we all know that stuff is big trouble — at least until the 2016 dietary guidelines are published.

LETTERS

Two hits on education

Public education in Michigan took a double hit in February — first from our governor's budget proposal and second from our state House. The governor announced an increase in funding to schools of \$75 per student. In what must be attributed to Tough Nerd Math, he didn't account for (or mention) the cuts on the other side of the ledger. Novi, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, and I'm sure many other districts, will see their funding cut by another \$25 per student this year.

The second hit came from the state House of Representatives through House Bill 4110. Given an opportunity to show support for our schools and let the

School Aid Fund maintain a positive balance going into the next funding cycle, 62 House members, including one Democrat, voted to transfer \$500 million from the SAF to fill the \$456 million state general fund deficit.

The gigantic state deficit was estimated well before the November elections, but the governor told us he balanced the budget in his re-election advertising. The House bill to empty out the School Aid Fund was supported by almost all Republican House members, including Novi's Kathy Crawford, Walled Lake's Klint Kesto and Plymouth's Kurt Heise.

Speaking of the November elections, it's often said "you get what you vote for." That's usually true, but

not always. Gov. Snyder clearly won re-election, just as Gary Peters clearly won the U.S. Senate seat, replacing Carl Levin.

The Michigan House is a different story. The Democrats didn't get "trounced" in November. They actually won more statewide votes than the Republicans. Democrats won 51% of the vote while Republicans won 49% of the vote, yet the R's took a 63-47 seat majority in the House. That's because our districts are so gerrymandered. In Michigan, the voters don't always get to choose their legislators — the legislators choose their voters.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

GUEST COLUMNIST

10 things that we all find difficult to say

Since late last year, I've been doing a lot of thinking about getting my own house in order. You know, clearing emotional baggage, yadda, yadda, yadda.

I'm not the kind of person who wears their feelings on their sleeve. I'm more like "Hm... I don't know what to do with this emotion. Let's just bury it in the basement, close the door, and forget it's there."

Which is basically a prescription for an ulcer.

Or a lifetime of bitterness.

Frankly, I don't know which is worse. But the bottom line is this: Sometimes it's hard for us to say what we truly feel.

Here are 10 things that all of us — at one time or another — have had one heck of a time admitting.

1. I'm sorry.

This one is the Big Kahuna. Even the mere thought of having to say these two little words is liable to induce choking. But, man, if we can summon the courage to utter a genuine, heart-felt apology, it can bring relief like nothing else.

2. I love you.

While definitely as powerful as I'm sorry, this one packs a tad more vulnerability: Few things can be

more daunting than laying your heart on the line. Maybe you want to confess this (for the first time) to your new significant other. Or maybe you're in a well-oiled partnership that is as old as wine and should say I love you more. Chances are, we all know someone we could say these three words to more often.

3. I messed up.

Maybe you said the wrong thing. Maybe you did the wrong thing. And whether or not you knew it was wrong then — and in your defense, perhaps you really didn't know it was wrong. But you know now that it was wrong. Maybe you're not genuinely sorry about the mishap, but you still know you messed up. And it can be hard as heck to admit it.

4. I don't know.

Mothers. Fathers. Construction workers. Teachers. Broadcasters. Singers. Writers. Doctors. Politicians... I could go on with this list until I'm blue in the face. No matter how skilled we are at what we do, none of us knows everything. Sometimes circumstances and situations arise when we've got nothin'. We're fresh out of ideas. Fresh out of directions. Fresh out of answers. We just don't know what to do next. And although this happens to the best of us — all of us — it's often considered a weakness to acknowledge it.

5. I'm hurt.

This one here is tricky. It's tricky because hurt is a chameleon. Right after it occurs, you can dress it up to look like anger, or you can take the other extreme and brush it off to hide the fact that you were ever hurt at all. Regardless, hurt won't just go away. It festers.

6. I'm angry.

But there's no masquerading this one. Anger is ugly, in your face and, frankly, dangerous. If hurt simply festers, anger festers and lingers. Which is basically akin to an emotional powder keg. I'm angry symbolizes a fire that has been ignited within is — and not in a good way. But the worst part is that we'll often try everything in our power to deny admitting

it.

7. I'm afraid.

Back when I was in college, someone — I forget whom — told me this, and I've never forgotten it: There are only two emotions in this world: fear and love. That every single emotion we are capable of feeling stems from either fear or love. And when I thought about it, I totally agreed. When I've been mad, sad, confused, or frustrated, fear — of not having the answer, of not being able to change my circumstances, etc. — has usually been the true culprit. Like hurt, fear can also change shape and color.

8. I forgive you.

Few things hurt more than being wronged by someone — and then having to forgive them. But forgiving others is more for us — not them. One of my yoga instructors, whom I admire greatly, told me during class, "Not forgiving is like drinking poison but expecting the other person to die." But you know what can be even harder? Forgiving yourself.

9. I'm letting this go.

Have you ever just been tired? Tired of that relationship. That job. That routine. Tired of whatever is not working. But as much as you desire change, something is keeping you from changing it up and altering your course of action. But, ultimately, in your bones, in your core, you know that you are ready to move on. And move on, you must.

10. I deserve this.

A loving partner. The job we truly want. A better life. Before we can attain whatever it is that we want, we won't have a snowball's chance in you-know-where of getting it unless we admit that we deserve it first.

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MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Glenn's Mars earns state title



ED WRIGHT
Freshman Mike Mars turned the 103-pound weight class on its head during the individual finals.

103-pounder is school's first freshman to win championship

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like his last name suggests, Westland John Glenn freshman wrestler Mike Mars' poise is out of this world.

As it turns out, so are his mat skills.

"I have never seen anyone with Mikey's level of composure," said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk. "He is just so confident of his abilities, and he should be. All week leading up to the finals he was very focused. It just seemed like he was up to the challenge."

On Saturday afternoon,

under the bright lights and intense pressure of the MHSAA Division 1 individual wrestling championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mars defeated Roseville's Elijah Weaver, 8-4, to capture the 103-pound championship.

Mars, who finished the season 55-2, redeemed his only two losses of the season during the three-day finals. In addition to Weaver, who nipped the Rocket freshman 6-5 in a season-opening tournament in December, Mars gained redemption against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley with a dominating 15-6 victory in Friday's

semifinal match.

Foley had upended Mars in a D1 regional final on Feb. 28.

Mars is the first freshman in the history of the John Glenn wrestling program to win an individual championship, Polk said.

Polk said Mars had more than a hunch that he'd be walking out of the Palace Saturday night with a first-place medal.

"During training last week, he said to me, 'Coach, I really think I'm going to win this thing,'" Polk shared. "He wasn't being arrogant or cocky. He

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Stevenson cheer team fifth in state

Competing in its first-ever Division 1 state meet, the Livonia Stevenson competitive cheer team placed fifth at last week-end's elite meet after compiling a three-round score of 773.40 points.

Grandville captured the state title with 786.80 points, edging runner-up Rochester (785.34). Rochester Stoney Creek placed third with 784.24 points, just ahead of fourth-place Lake Orion.

Stevenson was in seventh place after two rounds after posting scores of 230.20 and 225.50. However, the Spartans impressed the judges in the final round to the tune of 317.70 points to surpass two teams and place fifth.

The team is coached by Blair Koon.

Reynolds excelling at Xavier

Former Livonia Stevenson basketball standout Jalen Reynolds is enjoying a stellar sophomore season at Xavier University.

Through the recently completed regular season, Reynolds leads the Musketees in field-goal percentage (63.7 percent) and blocked shots (30) and is second in rebounding with 195.

Reynolds, who is averaging 19.6 minutes per game and 9.5 points, led Xavier in scoring, rebounding, blocked shots and steals during a four-game pre-season exhibition slate in Brazil.

"Jalen is an explosive finisher who can rebound the ball at a very high level," Xavier head coach Chris Mack said on the team's website. "He plays with a huge chip on his shoulder and backs down to no one."

MU baseball team goes 7-6

Madonna University's baseball team wrapped up its spring trip Saturday in Lawrenceville, Ga. by leaving a total of 25 runners stranded in setbacks to Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.), 4-2, and host Georgia Gwinnett College, 10-9, with both games playing at Grizzly Complex.

The Crusaders who return home with a 7-6 record, rallied for two runs in the top of the ninth to tie Georgia Gwinnett, 9-9, only to lose in walk-off fashion to the 18-4 Grizzlies.

Bobby St. Pierre (0-1), the fifth MU pitcher, worked the final two innings and took the loss. Starter Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson) did not allow a run and struck out three in his two innings of work.

Plymouth native Mike Tibbits (Detroit Catholic Central), a transfer from Holy Cross (Mass.), paced MU's 15-hit attack going 3-for-4 with two RBI. John Lauro, Levi Lamour and Cole Rize added two hits and two RBI apiece.

Earlier in the day, MU left 13 runners on base against Lindsey Wilson (11-7), which captured four of seven meetings this season against the Crusaders.

MU starter Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) dropped to 0-2 as the left-hander allowed four runs (three earned) on six hits and two walks while striking out five in 6½ innings. Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union) got the final four outs in relief.

Victor Nazario went 2-for-4 with an RBI to lead Lindsey Wilson's 7-hit attack.

Lamour went 2-for-5 with an RBI as MU collected nine hits.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP



Members of the Wayne Memorial bowling team pose proudly with their MHSAA Division 1 state championship trophy Friday afternoon at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

STRIKE FORCE!

Wayne Memorial boys peak at pinnacle to win first state title

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

How did members of the Wayne Memorial boys bowling team defy the most pressure-packed conditions during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 team championships to earn their sport's most coveted prize?

By keeping it simple. "Every time I picked up my ball and I

faced the pins, I reminded myself that I've been doing this a long time and I know how to bowl; I know how to do this," said senior Brandon June. "I tried not to think too much and let my mind get in the way of my bowling."

"I just tried to make it seem like I was the only one in the place, like I was practicing," concurred teammate Conner Weber, who performed like his professional namesakes Dick and Pete Weber

by rolling a 231 during the biggest game of his life.

With a jam-packed crowd at Sterling Heights' Sunnybrook Lanes watching their every release, the Zebras came out of nowhere to capture Wayne's first-ever state bowling crown – and the school's first state title in any sport in over 30 years – by upending Saginaw Heritage,

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BOYS HOCKEY

Spartans' 3-goal flurry stuns Novi in quarters

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

High school hockey games last 51 minutes, but it took only one minute for Livonia Stevenson to continue its run in the MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey tournament.

The Spartans, who captured the Division 2 title in 2013, broke a 1-1 deadlock with three goals during a 55-second span in the second period and went on to beat KLAAs Central Division rival Novi, 5-1, in the state quarterfinal Tuesday night at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena.

Stevenson, which improved to 19-5-5 overall, will face Escanaba in the state semifinals beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Spartans struck first after a scoreless opening period on defenseman Zach Finzel's wrist shot from the left point off an assist from An-



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Novi's Pat Wojtylo (left) sends Stevenson's Zach Finzel at Yost Arena with a hip-check during Thursday's Division 2 quarterfinal at Yost Arena.

drew Nowak on a delayed Novi penalty at 2:37.

But Novi responded with a power play goal by senior for-

ward Brad Hofelich assisted by Bryan Fegert and Ryan Baxter at 9:29 to even the count at 1-1.

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LENTEN DINNER

Add seafood to salad, tacos, pasta

Preparing seafood at home during Lent can be a snap with a little inspiration, from adding new flavors to trying different cooking methods.

Consider grilling. Quick with minimal clean up, grilling seafood that's been rubbed with spices is a perfect Friday night option.

Packets can help lock in flavor and moisture. Wrap pieces of seasoned fish in foil or parchment packets and bake in the oven. For individual servings as beautiful as they are tasty, include colorful chopped vegetables in each packet.

Frying is a quick way to prepare most kinds of white fish. Look for breading and batter mixes to create crispy texture on the outside and a flaky center.

Try herb-crusted fish. Adding a crust to tilapia is a great way to complement its mild flavor. Combine spices like garlic, paprika and black pepper with chopped almonds, bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese for an easy dinner.

Tacos can be a quick and easy way to serve fish. If you're craving tacos but skipping the meat, try substituting your favorite seafood.

Add seafood to pasta dishes to change up a weeknight favorite. Use pantry staples like tomatoes, garlic and crushed red pepper, then simply add shrimp.

Top your favorite salad greens with a flavorful piece of fish. Make an easy fish marinade with some olive oil, vinegar and spices and herbs.

For more seafood recipes and flavor inspiration visit www.McCormick.com.

EASY BAJA FISH TACOS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 8

2 cups prepared coleslaw
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
4 teaspoons chili powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 pound tilapia fillets
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 corn tortillas, warmed

1. Mix coleslaw and cilantro in medium bowl. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

2. Mix cornmeal, chili powder, salt and garlic powder in shallow dish. Coat fish evenly with cornmeal mixture.

3. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add fish; cook 3-5 minutes per side or until golden brown and fish flakes easily with a fork. Cut fish into 8 portions. Serve in warmed tortillas topped with coleslaw.

Nutritional information per serving: 231 calories, 7g total fat, 28mg cholesterol, 335mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 14g protein



SHRIMP PASTA WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 6

1 can (14½ ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
1 cup water
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon basil leaves
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon oregano leaves
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon red pepper, crushed
8 ounces pasta, such as linguine or spaghetti
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

1. Mix tomatoes, tomato paste, water, sugar, basil, garlic powder, oregano, salt and red pepper in large saucepan. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, cook pasta as directed on package, adding shrimp during last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain. Return pasta and shrimp to pot.

3. Pour tomato sauce over shrimp and pasta. Toss gently to coat well. Serve immediately with shredded Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Nutritional information per serving: 245 calories, 1g total fat, 112mg cholesterol, 482mg sodium, 39g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 20g protein



SWEET & SPICY CITRUS SALMON

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Serves: 6

½ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons maple syrup
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Chile Pepper, Ancho
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1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
½ teaspoon salt
6 salmon fillets, about 1½-2 pounds
3 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 package (5 ounces) baby arugula, about 7 cups
3 seedless oranges, peeled and sectioned
½ cup toasted chopped pecans

1. Mix oil, maple syrup, orange peel, paprika, ancho chile pepper, chili powder, cinnamon and salt in small bowl with wire whisk. Reserve 3 tablespoons of the marinade. Place salmon in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add remaining marinade; turn to coat.

2. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Remove salmon from marinade; place on greased broiler rack. Discard any remaining marinade.

3. Broil 8 to 12 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork, turning halfway through broiling.

4. Meanwhile, stir orange juice and mustard into reserved marinade until well blended. Place arugula in large salad bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat. Divide arugula and oranges among 6 plates. Top with salmon. Sprinkle with pecans.

Substitution tip: Use fresh spinach instead of arugula.

Nutritional information per serving: 358 calories, 26g total fat, 57mg cholesterol, 159mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 22g protein

TILAPIA WITH SAVORY HERB BUTTER

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4

½ cup (½ stick) butter, softened
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning
½ teaspoon mustard, ground
1 pound tilapia fillets
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper, ground

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix butter, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended.

2. Place fish on foil-lined shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread fish with herb butter mixture.

3. Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Substitution tip: Try the recipe using red snapper, striped bass, flounder or sole.

Nutritional information per serving: 226 calories, 14g total fat, 82mg cholesterol, 431mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate, 0g fiber, 24g protein



CITY BITES

Celebrate pi with pie

Plymouth — Grand Traverse Pie Company stores will give away a free slice of its ABC pie — filled with Michigan-grown apples, blueberries and cherries — with any purchase on Saturday, March 14, known annually as National Pi Day, and this year as Epic Pie

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