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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

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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 sup-port 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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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-squarefoot space replacing the 12,000-square-foot restaurant, the entire Westland Plaza is getting a new facade. The Westland Council re-

cently 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 restau-

SUBMITTED 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.

rant.

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 judg-

ment. When you break the law, there are pun-ishments," 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 Men-tal Health Court takes referrals from other communities. It's the only program in the area that serves misdemeants. 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.

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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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Marcia Japowicz

(left) with her niece Phyllis

Japowicz was

fatally injured in

an accident while

crossing Wayne

Road Monday

McLeod.

night.

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icz 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

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fighter killed in the line

With the criminal

investigation still open,

Marvaso and his family

have been left waiting

"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

Because of the fi-

so said it is unlikely he

nancial situation, Marva-

eaten up by attorney fees

(payment), it will be

and debt."

for a resolution.

restaurant owner George

of duty.

follow traffic laws and use the crosswalks. 'The nearest cross-

walk 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 Japow-

icz.

"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 www.gofundme.com/

land Police Traffic Bureau at 734-722-9600.

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

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 inci-

dents 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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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.

will be able to open another restaurant.

"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 investigaMarvaso's and the landlord's insurance companies "It affected our whole

tion was done by both

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,'

Anyone with informa-

tion about the accident is asked to call the West-

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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

WESTLAND COP CALLS

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

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

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

8700 block of Helen was

so upset that he was being

transported for treatment

at Garden City Hospital at

The man, who was

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

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

viewed the video could

find no evidence of who

there were a lot of people

present at that time for a

By Sue Buck

took the deck because

An employee who re-

Theft

missing.

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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

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.

the cell phone numbers for both men but only the first name of one man.

reported March 10 that someone fraudulently opened seven accounts with T-Mobile using his personal information.

The accounts were opened in the state of Ŵashington.

Property damage

Local recruits working toward Michigan State Police careers

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Eighty-five prospective troopers reported this week to the Michigan State Police Training Academy in Lansing for the first day driving. 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

"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 Lvon, Nicholas Talbot of White Lake

and Austin Wonfor of Wixom.

Recruits who successfully complete recruit school will graduate July 24, 2015.

To be selected to attend the school, recruits had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

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11:30 a.m. March 7 that he Fraud did damage in the police A 57-year-old resident car he was riding in the 1400 block of Ralph

She was able to provide

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. An agitated 28-year-old His mother had petresident who lives in the itioned for his care.



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LOCAL NEWS

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 health; 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.

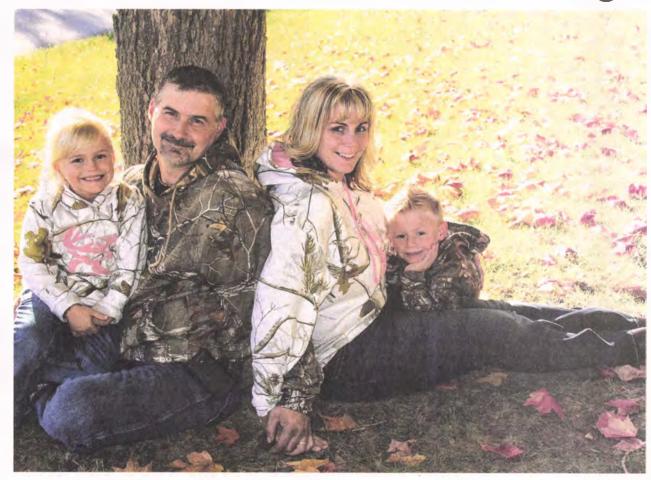
"He or she will alert me by a nudge or a paw to the leg. Some dogs do a circle, then sit. It just depends on how the dog wants to alert you," Gunsell said, adding the dog will also be trained to fetch her meter and food or juice from the cupboard.

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 Gunsell works for Cunningham Glass Co. in Livonia, and Dan Gunsell works as an autobody



Angela Gunsell 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 Gunsell at 734-262-2232 or Starla Drews, Gunsell'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 Gunsell'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

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MAC President. "We are interested to see the

results of this survey." Residents can visit SEMCOG's website at www.semcog.org cc for more information related to road funding and the May 5 election."

This survey is powered by Cobalt Community Research, a Michiganbased 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

LOCAL NEWS

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 environment 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 lanni (second from left) poses with Smith Elementary students and staff who held a mustache day for Make-A-Wish.

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 Clos-et. 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 embellish-ment. 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 help-ing the Westland Historic Village Park from noon to

dren and include two 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 vear.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Cen-ter 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

information, call 734-419-2020

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Business Alliance

The Garden City Busi-ness Alliance will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, March 13, at the Straight Form at the Straight Farm-house Museum, 6221 Merriman, Garden City.

The business group meets on the second Fri-day of each month. For more information, visit the alliance website at gcbiz48135.org or email gcbusinessal liance@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 morn-ing, free lunch and free prizes.

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

Garden City will host its 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 complimen tary 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

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

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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 Hurri-canes at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, April 7?

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

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

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

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3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for chilage 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free

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

Family Feud

New Life Church of

with Google to host a free workshop to help businesses get online and on the map. The Let's Put Wayne on the Map! Work-shop will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the

DIA unveils 'Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo' exhibition

he 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 vear in Detroit, between 1932 and 1933, yet



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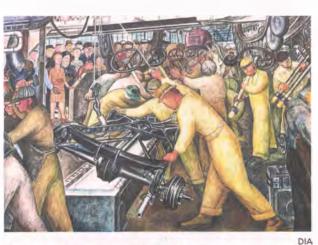
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DIA - the Detroit Industry fresco cycle. These murals consist of 27 panels depicting Detroit's modern industrial culture in terms of manufacturing, science and technology alongside Detroit's indigenous peoples.

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 paintings 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 Kiernan 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, coffeehouse-style, with singersongwriter Dave Boutette 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.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pedestrian injured

in hit-and-run

accident in Redford

VAAL offers spring art classes

The Visual Arts Asso ciation 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

Coin lot lady



VAAL student Pat Becker works on 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 worksop with Laura Whitedes Host.

Making another trip cer from Grand Rapids, nstel artist Jim Markle Ill be offering a two-day orkshop. An oil texture orkshop with Janet bndziela, and paper ache with Janis Madias all round out the semes-1r

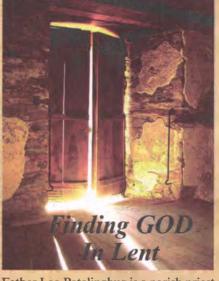


VAAL student Deana Salhanev.

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.



Father Leo Patalinghug is a parish priest and host and founder of Grace Before Meals. an apostolate to strengthen families and communities by bringing them back together around the dinner table. He is an internationally known speaker, author, and radio host with a proven knack for reaching others. Using his unique background as a chef, a 3rd degree Black Belt martial arts teacher, and award winning choreographer and break dancer, Fr. Leo's parish missions definitely offer something special for everyone.

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!

> St. Michael the Archangel Parish 11441 Hubbard Rd., just south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 734-261-1455, ext. 200



DAVID MALHALAB /INS PHOTO / M NEWS SERVICE

Nikki Hood of Livonia is the "coin lot lady" during coin auctionst Back to the Past Comics and Collectibles in Redford. Hood shows the coin lots ton 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 ast will have another coin auction at 11 a.m. March 28 and a comic book auction at 6 .m. the same day.

By Beth Jachman Staff Writer The vehicle is miss-A 53-year-old man was seriously injured in a hit-and-run acci-

dent 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.

ing the right-side rearview 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.

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IRS tax scams: Don't be a victim

very year durig tax season, the IRS comes up with s dirty dozen tax scars. It is important to be a are of these scams becase, if you are subject tone, it could be costly.

One of the scamsisted by the IRS includs taking advantage ofax credits to which youre not entitled. You wibe denied the credit, he to repay the money wit interest and be subjet to severe penalties.

We are responsib for our own tax returnsnd, therefore, it is impoant that we be aware of ie scams that are out thre. Although I would lov to discuss all of the tax scams, space doesn' allow. Therefore, I vll highlight a few tax sams that affect many in southeast Michigan. The first scam -nd

one that is claiming lore where someone callyou and tells you he or se is from the Internal Reenue Service. These sam artists are targeting vulnerable people suh as the elderly and theatening them with arrst and other action unles money is paid.

These scam artist sound official and ar even able to alter cabr ID numbers to appea that they are the IRSAs I've said many timesn the past, the IRS doenot call taxpayers demaiing immediate paymnt. In addition, the IRS oes not threaten arrest b local police or other w



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

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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 ques-tions 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.

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



AP PHOTO/DOUGLAS SIMPSON 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 direc-tor 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.aaa1c.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.

RUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

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State Farm Neigh borhood Assist will award 40 communitis a \$25,000 grant that thy will use to help make their hometowns a bater place to live.

Returning for its fourth year, State Fam Neighborhood Assist asks individuals to icntify causes that would elp make their communies safer, stronger and btter-educated Up to 400 causes will be able tc submit an entry throgh March 29. The State Farm Youth Advisor Board (YAB) will the narrow down the fiel, using a scoring rubri to identify the top 200 sbmissions. The public will tha have a chance to votup to 10 times a day on Fcebook from May 14-Jue 3 for their favorite caues. The 40 causes that re ceive the most votes vill win a \$25,000 grant. 'ne nominations and vote will be accepted exclsively through a free Facebook app. In the past three years, State Farm Neghborhood Assist has gren \$3 million in grants to support 120 causes. Fr more information on State Farm Neighbor hood Assist or to subiit a cause, get the free Fae-

facilities. book app at www.state-

Infrastructure conference

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical As-sistance Center (PTAC) are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thurs-day, April 30, at the Vis-TaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Livonia.

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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 CA-LEA 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

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.

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

ooking on this buy and productive week, an importat topic comes to mind: Communication.

It reminded me one again of what a big diference a few words t the right time can mae.

One case was a postive example that hap pened after somebody delivered something b the wrong place. They called immediately arl fessed up, even thoug they'd already taken steps to solve the prollem and could have as sumed I'd never find ut. But moments later the client called me to ask about the delivery ancI was deeply grateful to the deliverer for being upfront with me so I could explain to the clent what happened.



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 communication 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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LOCAL NEWS

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

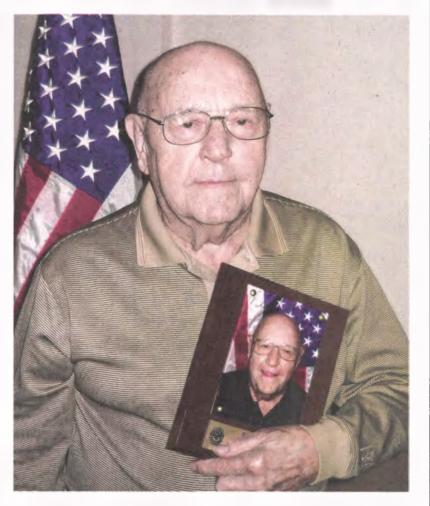
Williams served in the Army from 1942 to 1946. He was drafted in 1942 at 21 year, but a childhood injury left him legally blind in his right eye so he was as-signed to the U.S. Army Special Forces. He was inducted at Fort Custer in Michigan and sent to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for boot camp and then to 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 re-

maining 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 coun-

try. 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.

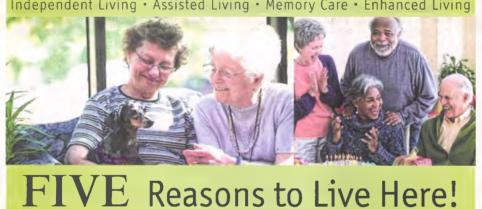
ued by automakers, and artists had the opportunity to shape the industry and change the look of the entire country.

What makes this exhibition particularly remarkable is that the car company policies reportedly mandated preliminary artwork to be de-stroyed 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 exhibi-tion 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 Univer-

p.m. Wednes-Zeringue day, March 18, in Kresge Hall.

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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.

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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 individuals every month

nians Elizabeth Fagan Division.

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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.

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

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.'

to raise thousands of

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

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



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

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



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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.

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



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

with enough syrup to fill

reach about 36 degrees

before the sap will flow,

but the program will run

every weekend in March,

Outdoor temps need to

a Mason jar."

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

regardless.

"We may even con-tinue 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 strawfilled 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.

For more information, contact the Kensington Metropark Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

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OUR VIEWS

A promise to readers:

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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 healthgov

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-



GETTY IMAGES 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

ince 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

"Hmmmm. 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



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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 welloiled 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 -– iť 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

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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.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and oversharing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair.



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MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Glenn's Mars earns state title



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

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 we 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 Elijuh Weaver, 8-4, to capture the 103-pound championship.

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

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 firstever Division 1 state meet, the Livonia Stevenson competitive cheer team placed fifth at last weekend's elite meet after compiling a three-round score of 773.40 points.

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

Through the recently completed regular season, Reynolds leads the Musketeers 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 fourgame pre-season exhibition slate in Brazil.

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

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP



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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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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

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 6³/₃ 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.

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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 KLAA 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-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Pat Wojtylo (left) sends Stevenson's Zach Finzel tumbling 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. But just 35 seconds later, Stevenson went "Bingo-Bango" as Detroit Red Wings TV color commentator Mickey Redmond likes to say with a rapidfire three-goal flurry.

Nate Sudek tallied what proved to be the game-winner on another wrister just inside the blue line from Joe Alcantara at 10:04; followed by Vince Glenn's goal from Josh Denomie and Alex Hunt at 10:24; and then Stephen Olschanski delivered at 10:59 assisted by Shane Leonard to make it a three-goal advantage.

"I didn't even know it was 55 seconds to tell you the truth," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We just talked about staying the course. All year long this team has been so determined. Whether we score or the other team scores, we have a bump-up shift and we come back. We focus on the next shift. We've been doing it

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LOCAL SPORTS

BOYS DISTRICT BASKETBALL Churchill drives past Pats and into semis, 69-47

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

When you play Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team, you pick your poison.

"We wanted to take away their three-point shooting as much as we could," recounted Livonia Franklin head coach Jeremy Rheault, in the moments following his team's opening-round Class A district game Monday night against the Chargers. "And I thought we did a good job of that. But they're such a good team that when you take one thing away, they take advantage of something else."

With the perimeter clogged up, the Chargers drove - and drove fast all the way to a 69-47 victory over the Patriots, who orchestrated a big-time upset of Churchill in last year's district tournament.

Churchill (15-6) advanced to Wednesday's scheduled 7 p.m. semifinal game at Franklin against 17-2 Redford Thurston, which drew a first-round bye. Garden City and Livonia Stevenson were scheduled to tangle in Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. semifinal.

Churchill's all four double-digit scorers were all guards: Jon Hovermale (18 points), Joan Andoni (13) and two of its three Davises, Dayton and Jalen, both of whom scored 10

Reserve guard Shakur



Livonia Churchill's Dayton Davis drives to the basket during the Chargers' 69-47 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Lockett netted all nine of his points during a threeminute fourth-quarter spurt that gave the winners some clearance over their ever-hustling, relentlessly scrappy crosstown rivals.

"Playing Franklin this time of year is always tough because Jeremy always has them ready," said Churchill head coach Jimmy Solak. "We escaped with one tonight. They were playing harder than us and we let them hang around. We were lucky to get a couple really good minute or two spurts to get through it.

"Franklin is playing

much better now than it was at the beginning of the season. It's a good win on the road; we'll take it."

Solak knows the Chargers' next task – beating the high-flying Eagles will be tougher. The cochampion of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division, Thurston's only losses this season came to stateranked Walled Lake Western and to co-division champion Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

They're a very athletic team," Solak said of the Eagles. "They know a lot about us and we know a lot about them. Our staff

are good friends with their staff. It should be fun."

Dayton Davis scored eight quick points in the first quarter, which ended with the Chargers in front, 22-15.

Hovermale took the reins in the second quarter, scoring eight points to help Churchill carry a 35-23 advantage into the half.

Playing without one of its leading rebounders and scorers Charles Keith, and with eight of its 16 rostered players either freshmen or sophomores, Franklin played toe-to-toe with the Char-



Livonia Franklin's Paytin Harris defends Churchill's Dayton Davis Monday night.

gers in the third quarter, which ended with the visitors owning a 49-36 lead.

The Patriots' opportunity to cut their deficit in the third was hampered by 4-for-10 free-throw shooting.

"If we make even two or three more of those free throws, it changes things because we can defend differently," noted Rheault. "We have a lot of young guys, so there were a lot of nerves tonight. The nice thing, though, is that a lot of young guys got a lot of experience in a big-game setting, which will only help us going forward."

Franklin sophomore guard Johnny Cantrell played like an upperclassmen, tallying 14 points and six rebounds while displaying total composure against the Chargers' trapping defense.

"Johnny has great poise and good skills - all the attributes you want in a guard," said Rheault. Patriots senior guard Nick Curtis scored nine points in his final high school game while junior guard Joe Chinavare contributed eight points and six rebounds.

"We had more than our share of injuries, illnesses and eligibility issues - things you can't control-this season," said. "Some coaches call it adversity, but I call them distractions. You deal with them the best vou can.

"I love our young guys, and the distractions we had helped us create a lot of depth and competition for starting spots.

Relying mostly on penetrating drives to the basket, Churchill shot just a shade under 50 percent from the field (27-for-55) while hitting half of its 18 free throws.

Franklin found net on just 14 of 46 field goals while sinking 17 of 25 free throws.

BOYS DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Huron Valley Lutheran stampeded by Mustangs, 62-35

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Inkster Peterson Warren Academy sidelined host Huron Valley Lutheran, 62-35, Monday night in a Class D district boys basketball opener. Austin Bell closed out a stellar season for the Hawks by scoring a team-high 16 points. Eric Walker led the

Mustangs with 19 points. IPWA advanced to



Huron Valley Lutheran's Jordan Runstadler pushes the ball up

Henry Ford.

Warriors win

Lutheran Westland outscored Dearborn Heights Star International Academy 33-14 over the final 16 minutes to earn a 60-40 victory in Monday night's Class C district opener at Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

The victory improved the Warriors' record to 11-10 and advanced them to Wednesday's schedtheir foes 19-10 in the third quarter before slamming the door shut on the win with a 14-4 run in the fourth quarter.

"We made quite a few silly mistakes in the first half and played pretty sloppy basketball," observed LW head coach Jim Hoeft. "However, in the second half we were able to clean up our play and pull away. The pressure they put on us didn't get to us, and we played within ourselves to get a nice team win. "Survive and advance - that's the name of the game this time of year." The Warriors were led by Brent Croft, who compiled 18 points and eight rebounds. Zach Burk also shined with 17 points and 10 boards.

two steals while Cleveland Tarp posted eight points and four rebounds. Kory Barikmo did the little things that win games, chipping in with three assists and two steals.

The Warriors made 16 of 26 free throws (62 percent) and 22 of 59 field-goal attempts (37 percent).

John Glenn wins Host Westland John

Wednesday's scheduled district semifinal game against Plymouth Christian Academy, which drew a first-round bye.

Redford Union edged

Redford Union suffered a tense 60-58 setback to Bradford Academy in the first round of the court during a game earlier this season against Lutheran Westland.

the Class B district tournament hosted by Livonia Clarenceville.

Jerrime Koger paced the Panthers with 18 points. Also playing well for RU were Keyon Thomas (15 points) and

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE

NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia

Code of Ordinances, as amended, of the City of Livonia, all noxious weeds, or other weeds,

grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any

refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Livonia, shall

be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, by May 1 of each year and as many

times thereafter as may be necessary. If any noxious weeds or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris,

growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City so ordered to be cut down, destroyed

or removed by May 1, as aforesaid, have not been removed by the owner or occupant of the premises, then the City of Livonia is hereby authorized to enter upon the land and destroy, cut down or remove said noxious weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding

a height of (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City at the expense of the owner or occupant of said land. The City may cut down, destroy

or remove noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths

exceeding a height of nine (9) inches or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon

any property in the City as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property

In the event the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty percent (60%) of the lots included in that subdivision and where such

subdivision has a residential zoning classification of R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 or R-U-F, or the owners or occupants, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control

or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent

to the aforementioned subdivisions for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or

occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation, having control or management of

any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to any developed

public park or any developed school or college grounds, whether public, private or parochial,

for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, along all improved streets in common usage for a depth of two hundred (200) feet or the depth of the property, whichever is less, shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with

the above mentioned ordinance, the City shall cause said noxious weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris

growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains of any natural

streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses, shall be exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. All expenses incurred

by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law. The expenses incurred in cutting, destruction, or

removal of all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths

exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon

any property shall include, but are not limited to, an administrative charge of seventy-five

(\$75.00) dollars for each of the first two instances in a calendar year of cutting, destruction, or removal, which administrative charge shall increase to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00)

dollars for the third and each subsequent instance of cutting, destruction, or removal required

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code

of Ordinances, as amended, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

Tyrone Robinson, who scored 10.

The host Trojans suffered a 46-38 loss to Detroit CMA, which advanced to Wednesday's scheduled semifinal round against Detroit

uled semifinal game against Arbor Prep.

Ann Arbor Greenhills and Whitmore Lake were to face off in Wednesday's other semifinal contest.

LW bolted to a 12-8 lead after one quarter before DHSIA rebounded to cut its deficit to 27-26.

The Warriors took the bull by the horns in the third quarter, outscoring

Luke Smith contributed nine points, eight rebounds, two blocks and

Glenn advanced to Wednesday's scheduled Class A semifinal game against Wayne Memorial with a 64-46 victory Monday night over Taylor Truman.

Romulus will take on Taylor Kennedy in the other half of the bracket with the winners meeting in Friday's 7 p.m. championship game at John Glenn.

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received a request from Frank Jonna, Principal, SREP Haggerty Road, LLC., dated March 3, 2015, proposing the establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 19700 Haggerty and 19750 Haggerty, Livonia, MI 48152; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 210 of the Public Acts of 2005, and Act 82 of the Public Acts of 2011, as amended, the Council has the authority to establish Commercial Rehabilitation Districts within the boundaries of the City of Livonia; and

WHEREAS, there is located within the boundaries of the City of Livonia an area of approximately 7.11 acres and 3.75 acres lying in Southwest ¼ of Section 6 as more particularly described in the attachment to the application which is hereby incorporated by reference and which is hereinafter referred to as "Proposed City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 2";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LIVONIA, as follows:

- 1. The City Clerk is directed to give written notice by certified mail of this action to all owners of real property within the boundaries of Proposed City of Livonia Commercial Rehabilitation District No. 2.
- 2. This City Council sets Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date and time for the holding of a public hearing on the question of whether this City Council should establish the Commercial Rehabilitation District described above.
- This City Council directs the City Clerk to provide notice, as required by law, of the public hearing fixed above, so that all residents or taxpayers of the City of Livonia shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the question of establishing the Commercial Rehabilitation District described above.

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SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

Livonia Public Schools Announces Section 105c Limited Schools of Choice To Out-of-District Students for 2015-16 School Year

Accepting from Wayne County and contiguous Intermediate School Districts (Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw) 50 seats are open to students entering level K-4 20 seats are open to students entering Kindergarten 10 seats are open to students entering grade 1-2 10 seats are open to students entering grade 3-4 Application dates: March 2, 2015, 8 a.m. to March 31, 2015, 4 p.m. FAXED AND EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED Applications and information available at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Choice Return completed forms to: Livonia Public Schools Personnel Office, 15125 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 A random draw selection will take place April 2, 2015 if the number of applicants exceed seats available.

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extent of the penalty therein provided.

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GIRLS REGIONAL BASKETBALL

Marlins use good defense to down Spartans, 53-29

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy didn't win a championship with defense Tuesday night, but it did put the Marlins in the Class A regional final at Southfield High School.

They harassed and threw Livonia Stevenson off its game with hustling, bothersome defense and parlayed that into a 53-29 victory in girls basketball.

Mercy (20-4) will meet Catholic League rival and defending state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian for a third time this season to decide the regional title at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Marlins contested nearly every shot the Spartans (10-13) attempted, getting a hand in the way, tipping away passes, making it hard to get to the basket and forcing 30 turnovers

"Even when we weren't pressing, we thought we could pressure them out of our manto-man defense, and we did a good job of that," Mercy coach

Gary Morris said. "I thought, when we really turned it up defensively, we caused them problems. When we let them just catch the ball and pass it wherever they wanted, we weren't as effective as we wanted to be.'

Mercy, which led 27-15 at halftime, applied full-court pressure in the third quarter and outscored Stevenson, 16-6. The Spartans had a dozen turnovers in that period.

Senior guard Taylor Jones scored the last seven Mercy points for a 43-21 lead. She was the only player in double figures with a game-high 22 points.

"They were just too much," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "It was one of those games where everything had

to go right. "We couldn't match their driving. We did a great job on



JOHN STORMZAND Stevenson's Maggie Law (right) defends against Mercy's Jackie Bauer.

sagging in, on taking away threes for the most part, but the dribble-drive just killed us."

Danielle Marzec led the Spartans with seven points; Arryn Dochenetz added five, Grace Lamerson and Brianne Maas four apiece.

Mercy shot 50 percent (16of-32) through three quarters and 44 percent (20-of-45) for the game. Stevenson was 2of-14 behind the arc and 11of-45 from the floor overall for 24 percent.

"I love the way we worked hard on defense," Newman said. "That's how we are. We're kind of ugly on offense, and I think that showed today.

We had a hard time staying in the sets. When they upped the pressure in the second half, we just kind of folded a little bit."

Mercy faces an equally uphill battle Thursday against Marian (21-1), which won the previous two games decisively.

"We've had a few good minutes against them in each game but not enough," Morris said. "They took it to us pretty good. We have to play much better than we did in the other games

"At this point in the season, you are what you are. We're very much battled-tested. We'll just go out there and compete hard and see what happens."

Morris was happy to be able to rest his starters for the final eight minutes Tuesday in preparation for the final game. "That's what I thought was

important about playing the good third quarter that we did," he said. "At halftime, we said, 'They're hanging around; we need to put them away.'

"That was our mission to start the third quarter. We came out more focused, and I thought we did that."

Like the Marlins, the Spartans have made three straight regional appearances. They have just four seniors on their varsity.

"We're a pretty young team; we have a lot of kids coming back," Newman said. "It'll be fun. I told the seniors they had four great years."

PREP GYMNASTICS

Livonie Blue and Red athletes excel at regional

Red's Dillon takes 12th in D1 all-around; Blue's Rhoad, Weak 2-3 in D2

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

The Livonia Blue and Livonia Red gymnastics teams placed third and fourth, respectively at this past weekend's Division 1 regional hosted by Plymouth High School.

Led by second-place Division 2 all-around standout Brianna Rhoad, Blue scored 141.20 points to finish behind champion Canton (146.5), runner-up Grosse Pointe South (144.375) and third-place Plymouth (143.5)

Red, which was paced by Division 1 all-arounder Olivia Dillon and Division 2 fourthplace all-arounder Marissa McVey, tallied 137.450 points.

Rhoad posted an all-around score of 35.775 to finish just ahead of third-place teammate Jessica Weak, who racked up 35.725 points. McVey was fourth with 34.725.

Blue had two other allaround place in the D2 top 10: seventh-place Emily Chatter-jee (34.475) and eighth-place Catie McDougall (34.30).

Red's Dillon was 12th in the D1 all-around standings after compiling 33.975 points.

Dillon opened with a 10th place showing in the vault (8.85) before taking 12th in the uneven parallel bars (7.975). She then turned in a sixthplace performance on the balance beam (8.4) before closing with a 10th-place effort on the floor exercise (8.750).

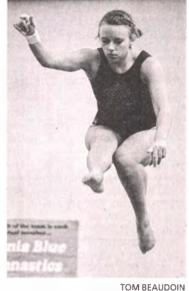
Red's McVey started her day in style by taking second in the D2 vault competition, earning a glowing score of 9.250 from the judges. Other local top-10 vault performers were Rhoad (third with a score of 9.2), Red's Mikaela Hillie (fifth with a 9.15) and Weak,

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all year long. Give our guys all the credit in the world for bouncing back there.'

The three-goal barrage proved to be a back-breaker for the Wildcats, who were making their first quarterfinal appearance since their 2011



Livonia Red's Jackie Dziurgot elevates on the balance beam during a meet earlier this season.

who placed seventh with a 9.10.

Rhoad was brilliant on the uneven bars, notching a second-place D2 total of 8.925 points to edge out Weak, who was third with an 8.9. Other top 10 locals were Chatterjee (fifth with 8.525), Blue's Katie Grover (eighth with 8.350) and Red's Olivia Ryktarsyk (ninth with 8.275). McVey just missed placing in the top 10, taking 11th with a score of 8.150.

McDougall sparkled brightest on the balance beam, taking third with an 8.75, just ahead of teammate Rhoad's fourth-place score of 8.7. Chatterjee was seventh (8.6), Weak was eighth (8.575) and McVey was 11th (8.35)

Weak's best event was the floor exercise as she tied for second with a 9.15. Red's Sydney Grenier was fourth with a 9.075. while Chatterjee was fifth with a 9.0. McVey (sixth with 8.975), Rhoad (seventh with 8.95) and Hillie (10th with 8.825)

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thrives in these pressure situations," Mitchell said of his junior netminder, who made 24 saves. "He held us in there when we were not very good early on. He did really well and he's an extremely hard worker and you can see his attention to detail in practice, and everything that he does The effort he puts into practice you can

see how he plays in the game." Stevenson also won the first



its own identity early this season in the wake of the graduation of a dynamic nucleus of seniors.

team was searching to forge

On Saturday night, the Spartans' new identity was officially forged: MHSAA Division 2 regional champions

With Saturday's regional final against Trenton at jampacked and rocking Eddie Edgar Arena deadlocked at 3-3 with 7:46 left in the third period, Stevenson junior foward Joe Alcantara trapped a Trojan clearing pass just inside the blue line, teed up the puck and laced a low laser past Trojan goalie Anthony Lemerand to give his team a 4-3 lead it would never relinquish.

Trenton ramped up the pressure down the stretch. but Stevenson's Cullen Barber-anchored defense was up to the challenge.

Barber, a junior goalie, made a brilliant lead-preserving save on Griffin Sawyer's point-blank chance with 5:21 to play

The 17-5-5 Spartans will carry an eight-game unbeaten streak into Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. D2 quarterfinals against Novi at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena.

Stevenson upended the Wildcats 5-2 on Jan. 28 in the teams' lone meeting during the 2014-15 season.

"We've worked our butts off all year; it's the most determined team I've ever played with," said Stevenson junior forward Shane Leonard, who got things rolling for the Spartans with a goal just 1:01 in after banging home a pass from Andrew Nowak. "Even when we're down a couple goals, we just keep going; we never stop.

Stevenson extended its lead to 2-0 just three minutes after Leonard's goal when Josh Denomie's rocket from the top of the left circle whistled past Lemerand. Ben Kowalske assisted.

Trenton halted the hosts' momentum at least temporarily with 4:35 remaining in the first period when Phil Pu-



Members of the Livonia Stevenson hockey team accept their Division 2 regional championship trophy following Saturday's 4-3 victory over Trenton.



Livonia Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio puts pressure on Trenton's goalie during Saturday's Division 2 regional final.

gliese deposited a rebound from close range to make it 2-1.

The Spartans regained their two-goal advantage at the 4:37 mark of the second stanza when Ben Kowalske scored from Leonard and Denomie.

Stevenson owned a 31-19 shots-on-goal advantage with 17 minutes left.

After controlling play - and the lead for the game's first 33 minutes, Stevenson's lead was gone in 60 seconds when Trenton's Quinn Preston and Sawyer scored back-to-back net-finders within a minute to knot the game at 3-3 with 13:28 on the clock.

"Even though it was like a 0-0 game again, Trenton had the energy going," said Leonard. "Our assistant captain, Ben Kowalske, did a great job of keeping us up and telling us not to change anything. We didn't let them get in her our heads.'

Alcantara then tallied the Spartans' most significant goal of the season when he turned a defensive gem into a game-winner.

"Joe's one of our speed guys; he's a goal scorer," said Mitchell. "When they turned the puck over, Joe was aggressive with it - he took it right to the net and buried it. I couldn't be happier for him.'

Mitchell said the Spartans' blue-collar work ethic has been their primary trademark.

"I couldn't be more proud of this group of kids," said Mitchell. "They work hard, compete and battle to the end. Tonight, Trenton was down 3-1, but they scored two quick goals and had us on our heels. But we refused to lose."

Barber turned away 28 shots.

"Cullen made some huge saves for us, especially in the second period when Trenton had us on our heels," said Mitchell. "Trenton has a high-powered offense and to hold them to three goals was outstanding.

Leonard couldn't say enough about how important the Spartans' impressive fan base means to their success.

'We love our fans; we owe at least half of our momentum to them," said Leonard. "We really feed off them. Their support is amazing.'

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Division 1 championship sea-

son. "We tie it up on a power play goal and got momentum," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I think the second goal shocked (goalie) Josh (Richardson) definitely and was one he wanted to have back.

Novi, which bowed out with a 17-9-1 record, was unable to recover from that secondoperiod Stevenson blitz.

"It's tough to come back from and I give a lot of credit to Stevenson," Vellucci said. "They played a great game. Good game plan and they executed it, nothing fancy, just chip the puck out. I think the first period was kind of a chess match, the teams going backand-forth getting a feel for one another. That's how it happens. We couldn't get to that second goal. We had a few chances and (Cullen) Barber made a couple of nice saves there.'

In the final period, Stevenson tightened up its defense and put the game away with 3:50 left on Glenn's second goal of the night on a power play effort from Nowak and Alcantara.

"We just tried to get a jump, get pucks to the net, crash, managed to get the first one," said Glenn, a senior forward. "From there we just had bumpup shifts that kept us going. When we got our bounces, we buried them.'

The unofficial stats had Stevenson out-shooting the Wildcats 30-25, including 9-6 in the first period.

"The first period I thought we could be better and we could have skated more,' Mitchell said. "But give Novi credit, They put us in bad situations. That's a good hockey team over there. They're well coached with top high-end guys that skate real well and produced high numbers this year. Wasn't real thrilled with the first period, but at the end of it it was 0-0."

The Wildcats had some chances during the first two periods, but could only tally the Hofelich power play goal.

"Cullen Barber is a guy who

meeting between the two teams, 5-2, on Jan. 28 at Novi Ice Arena.

"We tried to do some things, change the lineups around a little bit," Vellucci said. "The first game we weren't ready for them. I think we were ready for them today, but unfortunately three goals in a minute-and-a-half was a stunner. We thought about calling a timeout after the second and third goal, but it's just one of those things.'

It was a somber dressing room afterwards for Novi, who lose 10 players to graduation.

"Our seniors were great," Vellucci said. "Hofelich's line producing on the power play, and we just couldn't get one by Barber there. He played well and it was tough because we didn't get a lot of shots in the third period. I don't think we had our first shot until the seven- or eight-minute mark. It's tough to come back when you can't get pucks to the net like that.'

Stevenson, which for two straight years relied on its Production Line of Dominic Lutz (Mr. Hockey), Tyler Irvine and Devin Kelly, has carved out a new identity this season.

"Every coach wonders what they have coming into the year," Mitchell said. "I knew we had a hard-working group and a very determined group. They're such a good group of guys. They listen so well. They're very coachable. Our leadership is so outstanding with Mick Sinclair and Ben Kowalske. Sure, we think we can do great things if we turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, and it's not over yet. I'm so proud of this group.

And with balanced scoring and a solid goaltender, the Spartans are just two wins away from another coveted state title.

'We go very deep," Glenn said. "We don't have one set scorer. Everyone gets on the score sheet ... we just keep going."

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BOWLING

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1,281 to 1,228, in Friday's Division 1 final.

Wayne was solid, but not spectacular, during the regular season, when it compiled a 12-6 record in the KLAA Central Division, making Friday's performance even more compelling.

"The final match against Heritage was still up for grabs heading into the ninth frame of the last game," recalled Wayne head coach Bob Jawor, "so, as you can imagine, there was a lot of anxiety up to that point. But once we knew we had clinched it, I told the boys to soak it all in and enjoy the moment during the last frame.

"When it was over, there were a lot of hugs, some tears, a big group hug – it was a pretty emotional moment."

Jawor, who has been the head coach since the program started nine years ago, led Wayne to a runner-up finish at the state meet in 2009, but all of the current Zebras were either in middle or elementary school. "A lot of the teams

"A lot of the teams we were facing had been to the finals before, so for our kids to bowl like they did in their first trip to the finals – with the difficult lane conditions, the big crowd and the pressure – was pretty amazing."

Eighteen teams started the day's preliminary competition with eight Baker games – five players from each team rotate frames, with each bowler accounting for two frames – and two traditional five-bowlersper-team games.

The top eight teams with the highest aggregate pin count advanced to the afternoon's match-play format.

Wayne earned the No. 4 seed, which pitted it against perennial juggernaut and No. 5 seed Davison in the first round. The Zebras survived, 1,387-1,332, to advance to a semifinal showdown against topseeded Canton.

"Canton had been our nemesis all season," Jawor said. "We beat whenever we'd fall behind Canton, we'd fold a little bit, but not Friday. We came back and won both Baker games and ended up winning the match (1,370-1,277)."

Led by Ray Eddy IV and the next day's individual champion Derrick Norman, Heritage was in a zone and feeling confident thanks to a huge semifinal win over No. 2 seed Grand Haven.

The Zebras maintained an approximate 40-pin lead heading into the eighth frame of the final game, but all five Heritage bowlers struck while Wayne registered just three strikes.

The ninth frame proved to be pivotal, however, as Heritage struggled with three open frames in the ninth while all five Zebras marked, making the 10th frame nothing more than a formality.

"The atmosphere was incredible," said Jawor. "I told our guys that it would be like nothing they had ever seen before. All of the fans were tremendous. The Heritage fans filled up an entire set of bleachers. Whenever they get a strike, they had a chant; and whenever they doubled or tripled, they had different chants for that - it was all very classy and respectful."

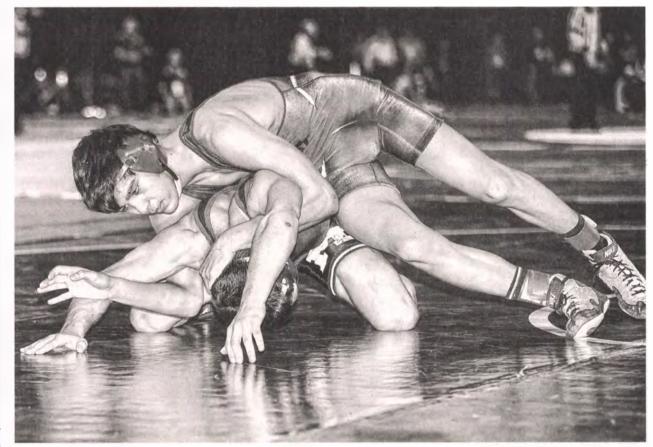
Weber rolled a teamleading 231 in the final game. Also contributing to the championship effort were lead-off freshman bowler Ty Weber (Conner's brother), who recorded a 187; John Willet, who tossed a 180; Jarret O'Chel (177) and June, who carded a 164 in his final high school match.

"One thing that helped us is that we focus on staying hyped up," said June. "Our team has a lot of energy and we pump each other up."

June said the Zebras received a warm reception at school Monday.

"A lot of people came up to us and told us how proud they were," he said. "When I walked into one class, everybody started clapping. It was very cool."

Other members of the Zebras' eight-man MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Franklin's Nathan Atienza became the school's first sophomore to earn All-State honors after placing second at 140 pounds.

Franklin's Atienza takes second at Palace

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The name Atienza is synonymous with extraordinary success at Livonia Franklin.

On Saturday at the MHSAA Division 1 individual state wrestling championships hosted by the Palace of Auburn Hills, Patriot Nathan Atienza became the first sophomore in the school's storied program to earn All-State honors as he placed second in the rugged 140-pound weight class.

Atienza, who finished 49-4, is following in the victory-drenched footsteps of his older brother Jordan, who was a threetime state-qualifier and former 160-pound state champion.

Atienza opened last week's tournament with a first-minute pin of Robbie Keyes before punishing David Joyner with a second-round 15-4 majordecision triumph.

After squeaking by Webberville's Matt Gudenau in a Friday night thriller, Atienza came up just short of a state title against Grand Ledge's Dylan Steward, who won 9-4. "I really liked Nathan's draw from the beginning," said Franklin head coach Dave Chiola. "I told him to wrestle one at a time and we would watch his opponents. He beat his first two opponents to set himself up against an undefeated senior "Nathan was down the first two periods, but kept his composure and squeaked out a 3-2 win. He is a tremendous wrestler on the mat. He also keeps very calm in every situation. Honestly, sometimes he's doing things that can't be

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Mars opened the tour-

said he felt like he was

nament with an 8-0 tri-

umph over Oxford's Ryan

supposed to win it."

Several other local grapplers shine under bright lights, hot pressure

coached, but it's his maturity that helped him here.

"Wrestling here last year and placing helped him a lot. In the finals he just never got into the flow of the match. A minute in he was already down 6-2 and never was able to get on track. After that he made it pretty interesting, almost turning the guy a couple of times. I'm proud of how he wrestled and how he handled himself."

Franklin's Nick Robertson battled hard for a state placing, but lost in an intense overtime blood-round match to Adam Wiscombe, 5-3. Following an openinground loss to Pontiac Central's Dante Latora, Robertson rebounded with a third-round pin of Jon Price.

"It's always tough losing in overtime, but Nick really had a great career here at Franklin," ley's Tyler Mack and 18-2 against Port Huron's Douglas Ferrier before dropping a tight 3-0 decision to Kalamazoo Central's Romeo Riley.

Spanos then edged William Marano, 5-3, before dropping a 9-1 decision in the thirdfourth match.

"Chase was down only 1-0 in the third period and went for a take-down, but he got taken down instead," said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk. "He wrestled very well in a very, very tough weight class. I'm very happy for him."

Churchill Hadwan 6th

Livonia Churchill senior Baker Hadwan had an outstanding week, placing sixth at 215, while coming within a point here or there of finishing much higher.

Hadwan, who finished with a 46-10 mark,

with a victory over Dominic Adams via a firstround pin.

In his blood-round match against Jacob Balogh, Gardner lost by tech fall, 19-2, but still finished with a stellar 43-14 record.

Spartans' status

Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughan advanced to the blood round in a loaded 171pound weight class, but dropped a gut-wrenching 2-0 decision to Saline's Stephen Slattery.

Vaughan, who finished with a 34-8 record, was dealt the task of facing eventual champion Nicholas Brish in the opening match, which he lost by a first-period pin. He then proved his resiliency by upending Kyran Daniels, 15-6, in the second round.

Spartan senior Brad Scott closed out a sensational career at 215 with a 39-8 record after dropping matches to Warren DeLaSalle's Eric Rogers and Ronald Roland, 2-0.

Winning Warrior

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them once in the league, but we lost to them every time we faced them in a tournament. We were trailing in the first Baker game. Usually, varsity squad are Brennan Maldanado, Brendan Przeklasa and Zachary Fightmaster.

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-05 March 3, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT: Hawley, Damitio, Rowe, Rhaesa, James, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: Monit. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Feb 17; Consumers Energy Franchise first reading; Property Tax penalty waiver, Michigan Ave. mowing with Frank's Landscape; addendum to City Mgr. agreement; Adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Matthew K. Miller

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CITY OF LIVONIA

City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on <u>Mondav. March 30.</u> 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2015-01-01 submitted by Nasser I. Abunab, to rezone the property at 27840 Plymouth Road, located on the north side of Plymouth Road between Inkster Road and Deering Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 25, from OS (Office Services) to C-1 (Local Business).

SUSAN A. HOFF, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 5 3/2/15

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves 31: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 2/17/15. Appr. 2 yr. contract ext. w/Reaction Direct. Appr. DTE LED Light Conversion Project Agrmnt. Appr. to reprogram CDBG & HOME Funds. 32: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. clevation update for Westland Plaza, 6503 N. Wayne Rd. w/contingencies. 33: Appr. & adoption of resolution to temp. relocate Pcts. 30 & 31 to 28550 Ann Arbor Trail. Appr. checklist: \$3,884,278.01 Mtg. adj. at 7:47 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office. Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC James Godbout **City Clerk** Council President

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said Chiola. "It would have been nice to see him go All-State."

The third Franklin state-qualifier, senior Adam Ross, dropped his first two decisions, but earned well-deserved praise from Chiola.

"We were happy with Adam this year," said Chiola. "Qualifying for states in his weight class was really good for him."

Spanos fourth

Westland John Glenn senior Chase Spanos joined teammate Mike Mars (see page B1) on the All-State podium after placing fourth at 125. Spanos, who finished 43-7, won his first two matches: 15-9 over Berkopened with a first-round pin against Lake Orion's Logan Shadaia. He then dropped a 3-2 overtime decision against Davison's Jake Ellis before winning his blood-round showdown against Davi-

son's Dakota Powers, 4-1. Hadwan's string of close matches continued in his fourth match against Brighton's Eric Conquest, who edged the Charger 3-2. Hadwan then dropped the fifthsixth match, 4-3, to Southgate Anderson's Cody Tis.

Churchill junior Chase Gardner came within one win of placing. After losing by technical fall to Lapeer's Noah Kinne in the opener, he rebounded lone representative at the Palace, senior 215-pounder Thomas Krueger, had an outstanding week, placing seventh in his first trip to the Palace.

After getting pinned in his opening match by Charlie Rodriguez, Krueger won back-toback matches, pinning Spencer Bruce at the 1:21 mark before doubling up Josh Jackson in a compelling blood-round match-up, 6-3.

Krueger lost his next match, 10-2 to Quintin Wilbur, but showed immense perseverance by pinning Rodriguez in the seventh-eighth showdown.

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Miller. He then took care of Walled Lake Central's Nick Freeman, 9-2, to advance to the semis.

The son of a former high school wrestler, Mars has been competing at a high level since he was in elementary school. "The Palace was a big stage for him, but he's a former youth state champion and national champion, so he's been on big stages before," said Polk.

Once the final seconds evaporated off the scoreboard during his final match against Weaver, Mars reacted with a level of emotion Polk had yet to see from his ninth-grade phenom.

"He ran over to us coaches and hugged us, and he teared up a little," Polk said. "It was really a great moment."

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On March 17, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

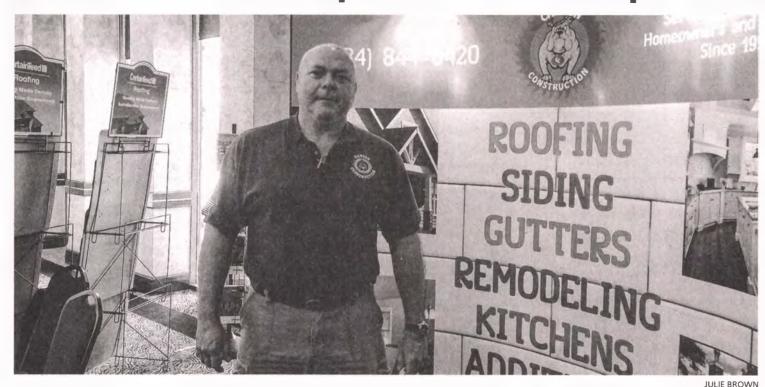
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REAL ESTATE

Home, landscape ideas abound at Home Improvement Expo



John Sarnecky of Canton owns Canton Construction with his wife. "And the show's been good to us every year," he said of the Home Improvement Expo, which they've done from its start.

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

There were some 90 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park. Among those at the Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, show was John Mincher, a Plymouth Township resident who's the landscape design man-

ager for Plymouth Nursery. "It's going good," Mincher said Sat-urday afternoon. "It was quite busy this morning. We've gotten a lot of compli-ments on our display."

Many of the visitors at the show, sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Observer & Eccentric, were eager to get spring pro-jects started. "Absolutely," said Mincher. "Spring is right around the corner. It's supposed to be in the 50s this week.

"It seems like the economy is getting better," Mincher added of business being on an upswing. "It seems to be the way things are going, the trend."

At Plymouth Nursery, landscape pros handle a variety of jobs, both redo-style and new work. Mincher has some five big jobs already lined up for spring, including patio work.

"It seems a lot of people are wanting to

spend more time outside and create more living space outside," he said.

The Expo's being nearby for their business and customers helps. "This is where we like to focus," Mincher said. "We've got a new greenhouse. Our retail store is a lot larger.'

Across the room, John Sarnecky, who owns Canton Construction with his wife, was helping a customer. They've been in business 17 years.

"And the show's been good to us every year," said Sarnecky of the 15th annual show, in which they've participated annually

Canton Construction gets a lot of estimate request forms filled out at the Expo. Sarnecky, a Canton resident, said their work depends on weather.

"This is a real good time for the show," he said of people eager to start sprucing up. Some 60 percent of Canton Construc-tion work is roofing, with the firm also handling kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and siding.

"Fantastic," Sarnecky said of Canton as a community in which to do business. "We couldn't ask for more. The Building Department's A-1.'

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JULIE BROWN John Mincher of Plymouth Township, landscape design manager at Plymouth Nursery, was glad to share ideas with Expo visitors.

Downtown San Diego has high living costs

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Q: I am considering a move to San Diego in the near future. What can you tell me about the current rental market there?

A: It appears that the rental market is hotter than ever. It is extremely difficult to get a good rental property for a reasonable rental price in downtown San Diego. As a matter of fact, most of the

prices of condominiums that were reduced during the recession are now at peak values in terms of sale, which, of course, results in an increase



in the rental value, as well, and there are new high rise condominium developments being constructed. You are likely to be better off renting outside of the downtown San Diego area. Those looking for investment property, however, are likely to able to get a good return on rent from the purchase of a downtown condominium.

Q: A neighbor in my condominium project operates a website that is generally critical of the condominium association. I also have some gripes, should I participate in

A: Generally, no. You are usually better served by addressing your concerns in the meetings of the association, if available, or to its management company or to the association's Board of Directors, according to the procedures outlined in the condominium documents, rules and regulations or policies. Websites, especially those critical of the association, may post false and defamatory statements. Once you post a comment on these websites, you cannot retrieve it, and if your comment turns out to be false and defamatory, you could be liable for damages in court even though you may have a qualified privilege under the law.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 3-7, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses. and sales prices.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Investors

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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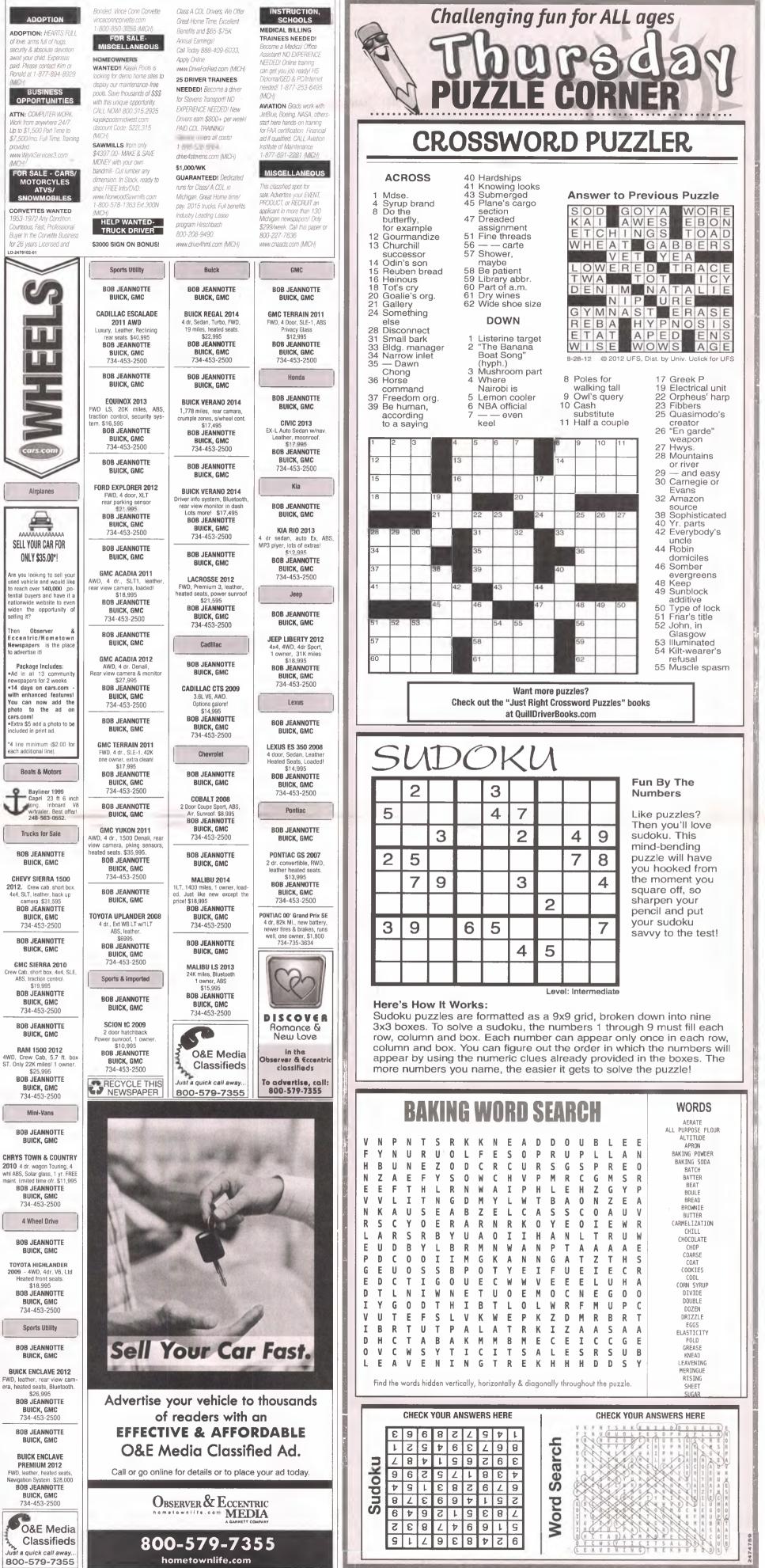
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» Faith Community Wesleyan Church -Youngsters, 10 and under, can hunt for eggs, color eggs and play games at this family Easter event, Saturday, March 28, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. **Registration for the egg** hunt starts at 10:45 a.m. Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets. The Easter story

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also will be told. For more information, call Melissa at 734-466-8694. » First Church of the Nazarene — Children, ages 1-11, will hunt in five separate age groups, for 15,000 eggs at Easter Eggstravaganza, 10:30 a.m. April 4, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. The event will include pictures with the Easter Bunny, games, prizes, a gift for bringing a friend, hot dogs, chips, cookies

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CHURCH EGG HUNTS

gus. Egg hunters should bring their own baskets. Register at dfcnazarene-.org. Registration will close by April 1 or when 600 children sign up. 248-348-7600

» Prince of Peace Lutheran Church — The event, which includes face painting and a picnic snack, runs rain or shine, 1-3 p.m. March 28, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills. Children, 1-5, will hunt for eggs at 1:15 p.m., ages 6-8 at 1:30 p.m., ages 9-10 at 1:45

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p.m., and ages 11-13 at 2:15 p.m. Bring your own blanket for the picnic snack. Pre-register by Wednesday, March 25, at 248-553-3380.

» Newburg United Methodist Church -Third Annual Free Easter Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Crafts, games, Easter hunt with a mission, lunch, the Easter story, prizes. Call 734-422-0149 for more information.



Local churches are gearing up for Easter egg hunts.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk juice; cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10

CAREER NIGHT

Location: Concordia University, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor and 22720 Michigan Ave., Dearborn **Details:** Prospective students will have the opportunity to talk with admission counselors to learn more about admission requirements, financial aid, program and degree options. They also can tour the campuses Contact: cuaa.edu/career:

CHURCH MISSION

22-25

Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, located at West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, Redford

Details: Sponsored by the clustered parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco. topics include "Jesus, How Do We Come To Know You?" March 22; "Come, Follow Me," March 23; "Reconcile and Forgive," March 24; "Become A People of Purpose," March 25. Reconciliation will be offered March 24

CONCERT

March 14

Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Venoy, Westland, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa,

Berklev Contact: detroitlutheransingers.com

GUEST SPEAKER

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

Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Details: Catherine Lanni, author of A Call to Trust, will talk about her life-changing experience, St. Faustina, and the Divine Mercy Centers. Prayer ministers will be available for private prayer and books and religious items will be sold

Contact: 313-255-0455 **JEWS FOR JESUS**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

Location:St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Details: Alexander Adelson will present "Christ in the Passover" Contact: 734-459-3333; office@connectingwithGod.org

LENTEN SERVICES

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

LENTEN SERVICES

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

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool/Daycare and Summer Camp, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: All-day preschool offered for 2015-16; ages 2 1/2-12 Contact: 248-474-2488; mkroedel@hotmail.com

VESPERS Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday,

Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 **FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN**

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

Livonia Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if vou don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed

Contact: info@cantoncf.org

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

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

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday.

BODDY, JANET KATHRYN Went into the arms of the Lord Age September 11, 2014, after a fiftysix day stay at Angela Hospice in Louis and

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Livonia, surrounded by the lov-ing and dedicated staff who cared for her in her final days. Janet was born July 29, 1945, in Yuma, Arizona to William and Lois (Morgan) Boddy, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother Michael Boddy and nephew James Henri Mailloux. She is survived by her sister, Susan (Boddy) Mailloux of Susan (Boddy) Charlevoix, Michigan, her niece (Gregg Michelle Mailloux Whitley), her nephews Denis Mailloux, Christopher (Traci) Mailloux and her great-nephews Connor, Aiden, and nieces, Boddy, Kaylyn and Clara, Madeleine, all of Charlevoix, Michigan. Janet is also survived by numerous cousins and friends whom she loved dearly. Jan's Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. Immediately following the memorial, everyone is invited to attend a luncheon to celebrate Jan's life at Farina's Banquet Center, 2485 Hwy., Berkley. Coolidge Memorial donations may be made to either Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48154, or to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (Fatima Campus), 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, 48237



MASSNICK, JEAN VAUPRE

80 years, of Essexville, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at her home with her family by her side. She was born on October 2, 1934 in San Antonio, Texas to the late (Danser) Janet Vaupre. Jean graduated from the University of Michigan Nursing School and worked as an R.N. for Mercy Hospital, for Dr. Mosher and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her children. On June 29, 1957. she married Donald J. Massnick and he survives her. She also leaves three children: Cathy Massnick LaTulip, Bill (Michelle) Massnick and Jim (Cheri) Massnick, six grandchildren: Steven LaTulip, Scott LaTulip, Sam Massnick, Hannah Laughlin, Brandon Massnick and Ted Kraynak, as well as a sister, Sue (Alan) Williams. Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Entombment was in Oakwood Mausoleum in Saginaw. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be McLaren Hospice, made to Eyebanks, McLaren Midwest Bay Medical Foundation or First Presbyterian Church in Bay City, Michigan

MCERLAIN, CONSTANCE (NEE SMYGEN)

March 8, 2015, age 100 of Canton, MI. Beloved wife of the late Edward J. Loving mother of Pat (Al) Stokes and Jim (Alexis)

Survived by his spouse of 59 years, Colleen; his sister Evelyn; his children and their spouses, Sharvn and Jesse, Catherine and Calvin, Alan and Les, Barbara and Chris, Paul and Barbara,

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Greg and Kammy, Elizabeth and Amit; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Al was a Korean War veteran, a member of the VFW, and served proudly 388th Evacuation with the Hospital, Army 28th Infantry Division. Among other pursuits, he worked for Unisys Unisys (Burroughs Corp.) at various times over the decades and was an electrical engineer by trade. He loved to tinker, and could fix anything from a car, to a TV, to a computer, to a skinned knee. He was always there to help others in need and had the skills to make that possible. Al and Colleen and their family resided in seven states over the years, primarily in Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and California, and he became a "native" wherever he lived. He was active in the many parishes he belonged to, and fishing, loved the outdoors, bowling, exercising, politics watching professional baseball, and other sports, reading, and keeping up on current events. Al was a kind, gentle person, and in his later years happily took on the nickname "Mr. Nice Guy." Those lucky enough to know him will agree that moniker fit him to a T. He is missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. A private memorial is planned. Donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Association in Al's memory are wel-comed at "donate.LBDA.org" or

PRICE, ALBERT J. "AL" Born May 7, 1928 in Hamtramck, MI. Died February 22, 2015 in Clovis, California.

Contact: 734-425-4421 Time/Date: 6 p.m. March 19

734-995-7300

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m, March

Contact: 313-937-1500

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday,

Location: St. John Neumann

Details: The combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Mass in G by Schubert, St. Mary's will present the concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Free Contact: 734-455-5910

CONCERT



LYNCH, MARIAN

89, died March 5, 2015 of the late Edward. Age Wife Beloved mother of Leslie (Fred) Lynch-Wilson. Douglas (Karen), and David. Loving grandmother of Ethan and Hannah. Originally from Pennsylvania, Marian earned a bachelor's degree in Marian Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University. She was retired from the City of Livonia where she worked as an Urban Planner. Her early career days were spent as an Architect in store planning and bank design. She was active in the Livonia Historical Society, Greenmead Historical Village, Sauk Trail Questers, Macomb County Historical Society as well as her local garden club. She was also a member of the Macomb County Historical Commission as well as the Preservation Committee for the building restorations at Greenmead Historical Village. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations can be made in Marian's name to the Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

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PROMO, MARIE

by mail to: Lewy Body Demen-tia Association, 912 Killian Hill

Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

Age 94. December 8, 1920 to January 18, 2015. Marie's peaceful Spirit went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 18th. Her remains were cremated on January 23rd in Traverse City, MI. Marie, Dearest wife of 51 years to Leon, who predeceased her. Loving mother of Christine Schoech, (Matthew) Joyce (Douglas) Allen, James (Anne) Promo, and the late Michael Promo. Sister of Carol (Douglas) Schoech deceased. Grandmother of six, Great-grandmother of eight. Special friend of Jeanette and Robert Finn. Marie had many interests and friends. She loved to square dance, travel, and do volunteer work. The family of Marie will have a Memorial Ceremony at St Theodore Catholic Church on Wayne Rd in Westland, MI on Friday, March 20 at 12 noon. Tributes may be made to St. Vincent DePaul at St. Theodore's or the Diabetes Association of Michigan.



Time/Date: 3 p.m. March 15 Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann

Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: "Footprints in the Sand," with words by Joseph Martin and music by Joseph Martin and David Angerman, will be presented by the choirs of Newburg United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Garden City, directed by Richard Lenz with Bev Ratcliffe accompanying

Contact: 734 422-0149 CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 19-21 Location: Trinity in the Woods, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Call to Peace," with reception to follow. Tickets, \$10

Contact: trinityinthewoods.org **DETROIT LUTHERAN** SINGERS

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn

Details: Requiem for the Living, by Dan Forrest focuses on grace and redemption. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 are admitted free. Buy tickets online at detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door

Upcoming concerts: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N

March 15

Location: St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 29159 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The third of five Vespers services sponsored by The **Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan** Detroit. Services conducted by members of the Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing responses. Contact: Richard Shebib, at 248-345-9346 or pascha-

books@sbcglobal.net

APRIL RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17

Location: Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Rent a table or space and sell your own stuff; tables are \$20. Proceeds to Older, Wiser and Loving Senior Group Contact: 734-453-5464, Ext. 22

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

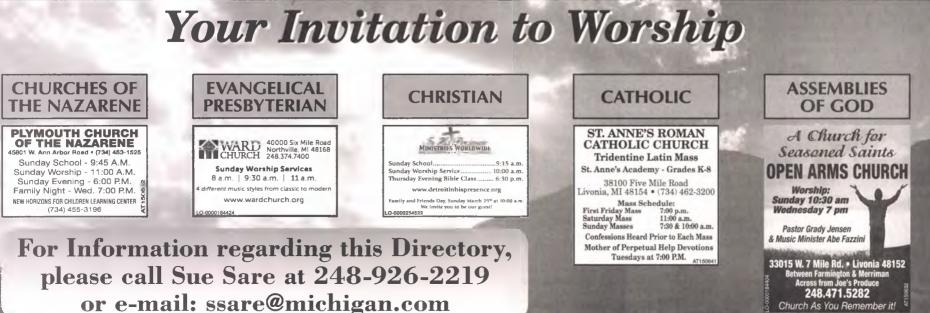
PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: 734-464-1223



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Ooky, kooky 'Addams Family' show features talented local actors at Detroit venue

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

The Park Players, billed as Detroit's oldest community theater, has drawn talent from Livonia, Canton, Wayne and Westland for its upcoming production of *The Addams Family*.

About a third of its cast and key crew members live in western Wayne County, even though the theater is located in the North Rosedale Park Community House, in Detroit. The fact that show co-pro-

The fact that show co-producers, Richard Holland and Lisa Brawley, live in Livonia and musical director Rich Alder is from Westland, might explain why the theater has drawn interest from local actors, including Len Fisher, who runs his own community troupe, Inspire Theatre, in Westland.

But Holland has another explanation.

"It is such an exciting play. Everyone loves *The Addams Family*. Everyone I talk to, I say *The Addams Family*, and their face just lights up. It's this play, and because Lisa and I are promoting it, but then again, we've promoted every play we've been involved with but not had the same response.

"We grew up on The Âddams Family. It's nostalgic. I wouldn't be surprised if someday you see The Munsters or The Brady Bunch on stage some day."

The 1964-66 television show was based on macabre characters created by cartoonist and *The New Yorker* contributor, Charles Addams. Two animated television series, two theatrical films, a made-fortelevision movie and an updated television show followed. The stage musical, with book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, opened on Broadway in April 2010.

Nutty meets normal

In the stage version, Wednesday Addams has grown up and fallen in love with a "normal" man from a respectable family. Wednesday confides in her father, Gomez, but asks him to keep her secret



Lisa Brawley, (left front) of Livonia plays Grandma and co-produces "The Addams Family" at The Park Players in Detroit. Next to her is Mitchell Hardy of Livonia, who plays Pugsley Addams. Morticia Addams is played by Sabrina Hubbard (left second row) of Wayne, Jonathon Jones of Detroit is Gomez Addams and Rachel Ogger of Livonia plays Wednesday Addams. George Evalt (left top row) of Detroit is Lurch and Anthony Petrucci of Canton is Fester Addams.

from Morticia, her mother. Both families eventually meet at a dinner hosted by Wednesday's parents.

Sabrina Hubbard of Wayne plays Morticia in The Park Players' production, which runs March 13, 15, 20-22 and 27-29. It's her first musical and first production with The Park Players.

"Tve done a lot of theater work and went to college for theater, but I never thought of myself as a singer. Nothing past karaoke," said Hubbard, who appeared in the Canton One Acts Festival earlier this year at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. She also has appeared in plays at Schoolcraft College.

"I think it's wonderful. Everything is falling into place," Hubbard said. "It's tons of fun, everything from the costume and the horror alone is an entity in itself. I grew up watching the TV shows. But I didn't want to do 100 percent Morticia. I wanted to bring a little something different to the character. I didn't want the audience to think they were coming to see the TV show."

Hubbard likes the script because it offers a new story about the characters and it spreads the comedy and jokes throughout the entire cast.

"In a lot of shows, usually one person is the comic relief," she said. "Not so with this show. Each character has some good one liners."

Dream role

Playing Uncle Fester is a dream come true for Anthony Petrucci, a Canton resident and Eastern Michigan University graduate student. He worked with The Park Players last year, but performs mostly at EMU where he is working on a master's degree in interpretation and performance studies. He's involved in a children's theater production that tours schools in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor areas, and plans to pursue a second master's degree in fine arts, with an eye toward teaching theater at a university.

But playing the oddball

Addams family uncle who can make light bulbs glow in his mouth, has been on Petrucci's radar for a long time.

"I have been a very big Addams Family fan for as long as I can remember. I grew up watching the movies and the old cartoon and as I got older I discovered the TV show," he said. "Fester always was my favorite because of how goofy he was. When I got into theater, that became my dream role. Even before the (stage) role was written, I wanted to play Fester in some way. That was the No. 1 thing on my list."

Petrucci developed his character with inspiration from Jackie Coogan's performance in the original television show and Christopher Lloyd's portrayal in the 1991 and 1993 films. He added a twist of "Curly" from the *Three Stooges*, a little vaudeville and his own spin.

"Just with any character I do, I base the character in myself. A part of me is in any character I do."

In addition to Hubbard and



Cousin Itt, played by Reese Malone of Detroit, sports a sheep dog hairdo.

Petrucci, local actors include Debra Holmes of Canton as an Ancestor; Jeannette Steinhauer of Livonia as Alice Beineke; Mark Steinhauer of Livonia as Lurch's understudy; Mitchell Hardy of Livonia as Pugsley Addams; Rachel Ogger of Livonia as Wednesday Addams; and Len Fisher of Wayne as Mal Beineke.

The troupe offers a dinner theater, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13; a benefit show for the North Rosedale Park Civic Association, 8 p.m. Friday, March 20; and a show with beverages and cheese, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Other shows are 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15 and 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29. Tickets for the dinner show are \$30, \$25 for the Association benefit and beverages with cheese; and \$18 for other shows. Sen-iors and students under 12 pay \$16 on March 22. The North Rosedale Park Community House is at 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit.

Holland said the admission price is \$10 for guests who bring a nonperishable food donation to the theater. If they purchased their tickets in advance, they'll receive a partial refund at the door. For tickets, call Marcia Closson, 313-835-1103, email parkplayersnrp@gmail.com or visit parkplayers.wordpress.com.



SUBMITTED

Mick Gavin of Redford will fiddle the night away at Irish Fest, Tuesday, March 17, in Westland.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Irish Fest in Westland

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Mick Gavin will fiddle the night away on Tuesday, March 17, as he has every St. Patrick's Day for 31 years.

The Redford resident and his fellow Irish musicians will perform at Irish Fest, from 3 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m. at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Admission is \$10. Children under 12 are admitted free with their parents.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration will include dancers from the Ardan School of Irish Dance, Irish balladeer Eddie McGlinchey, Irish champion harpist Siobhan McKinney, members of Gavin's Crossroads Ceili, and bagpipers.

Corned beef and cabbage dinners, Irish stew, hamburgers and hot dogs, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

"We have a huge line up this year. We do traditional songs, like *Molly Malone*. Since we've got a lot of kids, we do kids' songs. We do Lord of the Dance and Unicorn and Marie's Wedding and The Wind that Shakes the Corn. We do a lot of reels and waltzes that seniors can dance to," Gavin said.

"We have a huge dance floor and the kids like to dance around to the music. It's very rewarding to see the little ones."

Gavin promotes the music fest annually as a familyfriendly cultural event that draws 600-700 individuals of all ages.

The dancers will perform at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and pipers will take the stage at 6 p.m.

"In between we'll have lots of songs and music and we'll try to take requests," Gavin said. "It's hours of continuous entertainment. Whoever wants to come up and sing a song can do that. If they want to come up and wish someone a happy birthday, that's fine, too."

For more information, call 313-537-3489.

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through March 31

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Details: "Narrative Quilts: Works by

Pauline Parker," is a solo show of wall hangings and watercolors

Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, through March 28

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "the mystery lesson," paintings by Kate Paul

Contact: 248-344-0497

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 16-17

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Twelve men and four women needed for One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Prepare a one- or two-minute comic monologue and bring head shot and resume, if available. Auditions also will require cold readings from the script. Show runs May 8-17

Contact: Craig Hane at 734-276-9075

THREE CITIES ART CLUB Time/Date: Submission deadline is

March 21; art show reception is Sunday, April 19

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

Details: The club seeks original art work, including oils, watercolors, acrylic, pastels, collage, photo art, pottery and more. Submit up to three entries

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for \$30; \$5 for each additional piece. Submit photos for judging on CD or flash drive. Download an entry form at threecitiesartclub.org.

Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

COMEDY VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Second City Touring Company; tickets are \$25 per person Contact: 734-394-5300; cantonvillagetheater.org

FILM MJR CINEMA

Time/Date: Saturday-Sunday through March

Location: Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne road, Westland

Details: Free children's film festival with Annie, March 14-15, Night at the Museum, March 21-22, and Book of Life, March 28-29. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Free for children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Call theater for show times

Contact: 734-298-2657

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 13 and Thursday, March 19; 3:50 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15 **Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth **Details:** *The Hobbitt: The Battle of the Five Armies;* admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

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

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

Details: Three Stooges Festival; \$5

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY KELSEY MUSEUM

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

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

Contact: 734-764-9304 PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

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

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

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

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: \$5 at the door.

Contact: BFSpresident@aol.com

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 21

Location: Seligman Center for Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: The Miro Quartet performs music that spans four centuries. Tickets are \$30-\$60

Contact: 248-855-6070; chambermusicdetroit.org

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 13-14 Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington

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Details: The group plays a variety of Irish pub songs. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students. Buy them by calling 248-473-1848, visiting the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, or logging onto recreg.fhgov.com

Contact: Rachel Timlin, 248-473-1856 JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Dave Bennett Quartet performs March 31. \$10 at the door includes hors d'oeuvres Contact: 734-453-1780

FOOD

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ENTEN DINNER Add seafood to salad, tacos, pasta

reparing 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

SHRIMP PASTA WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE

SWEET & SPICY CITRUS SALMON

TILAPIA WITH SAVORY HERB BUTTER

Cook time: 10 minutes Serves: 8

2 cups prepared coleslaw ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro 4 teaspoons chili powder ¾ teaspoon sale 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, 335 mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 14g protein



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
- ¹/₄ 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 mediumhigh heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

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



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

- % cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Chile Pepper, Ancho
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Cinnamon, Ground Saigon
- % teaspoon salt
- 6 salmon fillets, about 1 ½-2 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 Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes Serves: 4

- ¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard, ground
- 1 pound tilapia fillets
- ½ teaspoon sait
 - 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.

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



Celebrate pi with pie

Plymouth — — Grand Traverse Pie Company stores will give away a free slice of its ABC pie — filled with Michigan-grown applies, blueberries and cherries — with any purchase on Saturday, March 14, known annually as National Pi Day, and this year as Epic Pie Day. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. This year's event is epic because the time of 9:26:53 and the date of 3/13/15 will correspond to the first 10 digits in Pi —3.141592653. Win \$150 worth of pie by posting a video of yourself reciting as many digits of Pi as you can in 15 seconds, on the company's Face-

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book page. See gtpie.com for entry details. Find Grand Traverse Pie locally at 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; 734-459-9200.

Helping families

Canton — — Through March 31, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern, which has 17 locations throughout Michigan, is partnering with the Troy-based Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) to raise funds for more than 4,500 Michigan families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders. Guests can visit any of the locations to make a donation of at least \$1 in order to receive a paper basketball pinup. The funds raised will go directly to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders who need financial assistance and emotional support. Find Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern locally at 2234 N. Canton Center, Canton, 734-404-5085; and at 26054 Novi Road, Novi, 248-374-3289.

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