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Report recommends closing Kay Beard Building

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Kay Beard Building at the Eloise complex in Westland could be closed and the senior services programs moved as part of a plan, announced by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, to consolidate county office space.

"Rationalizing the county's real estate holdings is an important continuation of my

effort to reduce county expenditures begun with the hiring freeze I recently announced," Evans said. "With the county's current dire financial state, my office is immediately implementing opportunities to reduce county expenditures while preserving essential services."

The move to consolidate county offices could eventually save nearly \$3 million annually in rent and mainte-

nance costs and increase efficiency in services provided by the county.

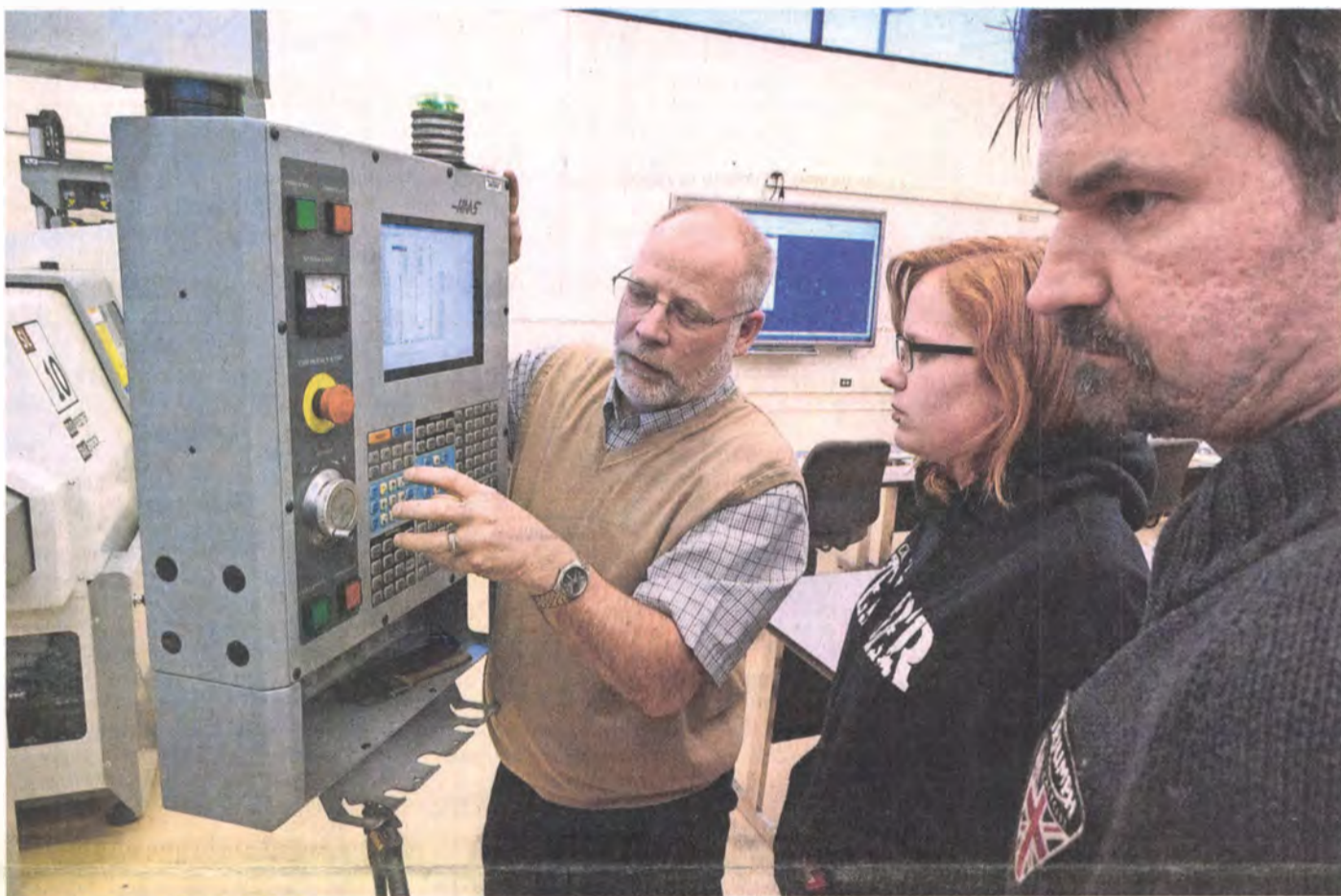
With a deficit of more than \$70 million, Evans has been looking under every stone to find ways of reducing expenditures. O'Keefe and Associates of Bloomfield Hills created a database of properties that the county owns and leases and looked at their current occu-



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The Kay Beard Building at the Eloise complex houses Wayne County's senior services.

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Schoolcraft College instructor Gene Keyes (from left) shows students Alexis Carlson of Commerce Township and Mike Guider of Livonia how to program a mill.

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Second Street reconstruction approved

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The reconstruction of Second Street in Wayne should be getting underway this spring and continuing through summer.

Contracts for the \$886,100 project with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Stantec Inc., which will provide construction engineering services, were recently approved by the Wayne City Council.

The project calls for reconstruction of Second between Annapolis and East Michigan Avenue and Ash and Glenwood. That includes removing

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Join mayor for coffee and conversation

In an ongoing effort to hear from residents, Westland Mayor William Wild is hosting his second Mornings with the Mayor beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Mornings with the Mayor is an opportunity for residents and business owners to bring up matters of importance to them regarding city services, programs and events.

The meeting with Wild is aimed at having informal discussion over a cup of coffee. "While city finances are not unlimited, I want to know what residents, taxpayers and business owners want from the City of Westland," Wild said. "Resident feedback — good or bad — suggestions and ideas are the epitome of what public service is all about and can only serve to improve upon the work the City does on behalf of our residents."

Mornings with the Mayor is being held at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. Coffee and light refreshments will be served during the one-hour event.

No reservations are needed.

PAST POINTS TO THE FUTURE

Manufacturing students have little debt, land good jobs

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

David Valencia spends his days traveling, doing repairs to machines such as CNC mills. But when he's at home, the Northville High School graduate uses his own mill to create parts, which he then sells.

"Most of the things I've made on my machine are for profit," said Valencia, a Detroit resident.

Valencia is just one of several students at Schoolcraft College who have gotten employment in the growing skilled trades field.

"I do stuff like this. I make custom parts," he said. "My main thing is I fix them."

It's a field of study at the college that has seen exponential growth the past few years, a trend that has come with a renewed push for skilled trade employees for Michigan companies.

Another student who jumped right in after high school was Canton resident Brian Merry.

"I was working in my first shop six months after high school," said Merry, 22. "I just kept



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Matt Sweeney of Farmington Hills works with newly upgraded CAD software.

it going from there."

He said he is two credits shy of earning his associate's degree from the Livonia college and has worked in six shops since leaving high school.

With the continued push for more advanced manufacturers in Michigan, Merry began

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OPEN HOUSE

Schoolcraft College will host a career pathways open house in several technology labs this spring, including the manufacturing lab, plastics lab, metallurgy lab, welding lab, CAD department and electronics lab. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, in the Applied Science Building at the Livonia campus. The event is open to all students and parents, from middle school to high school. Any questions can be emailed to occupationalprograms@schoolcraft.edu.

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Summer Day Camp offered by Wayne-Westland Salvation Army

Children ages 6-13 can have fun again at the Summer Day Camp offered by the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"We're looking forward to having a fun summer," said Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries for the corps, located 2300 S. Venoy, south of Palmer in Westland.

Registration begins April 1 for Day Camp. The camp will begin June 15 and run for nine weeks, with sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday "with the hope this year of adding an after-care element" of 3-6 p.m. for working parents, he said.

Details and price for the after-care are being worked out. The regular camp cost is \$50 per week per child, with scholarship assistance

available.

"They cover a good portion of the fee," Barylski said of the scholarships.

The camp will average around 70 children a day, Barylski said, with room for more. Officials are hoping for good enrollment in the popular camp.

Also in April, applications are being taken for staff counselors for the Day Camp. The four senior counselors will work from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and the four junior counselors will work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Students must be at least 16 years old to be a junior counselor, age 18 or up for senior counselor jobs. Counselors go through CPR and first aid training.

Contact Barylski at 734-722-3660, Ext. 110.

By Julie Brown

Mayor outlines opportunities at business update

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

If you want to develop residential or commercial projects, Westland Mayor William Wild and the city staff want to hear from you.

"Our whole job is to change the perception of Westland, if you've had a past bad experience," Wild said. "You can obviously see that things are changing in Westland."

Wild was speaking at Eggs and Opportunities, a program aimed at providing commercial and residential real estate developers, brokers and agents with an update on recent public and private investments in Westland.

Starting with the new city hall, where the meeting was being held, Wild outlined a range of public and private investments in recent years totaling \$200 million.

"We are the only city in Wayne County with a three-year balanced budget," Wild said. "Those of you from Oakland County may hear that but not so much in Wayne County."

The message from Wild was that Westland is a great place to invest, to market property and develop property. In addition, the city has a fast track team to help move projects through the planning and building process.

Additionally, the city has options to help with



Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala and Deputy Superintendent for Finance Jim Larson-Shidler participated in Eggs and Opportunities.

financing projects, such as a site-specific Commercial Revitalization District, which offers tax abatements for a specified number of years.

One project currently underway that is utilizing a site-specific CRD is at the Hunter Retail Center, Wild said. The strip center on the northwest corner of Wayne Road and Hunter is being renovated along with construction of a building on the site of Marvasso's Italian Grille, which was destroyed by fire in 2013.

Wild reviewed available commercial and residential parcels, some city-owned like the former Hawthorne Valley restaurant and golf course, received through

a tax foreclosure, and excess property adjoining the new fire station on Central City Parkway.

Along with mentioning the city's plans for reconstruction of Central City Parkway between Warren Road and Ford, Wild said work is underway to figure out what to do with the former city hall site on Ford Road. Wild noted the buildings — the closed city hall, fire station and Bailey Recreation Center — will be demolished this year.

City officials were joined by Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Michele Harmala, who noted the district is demolishing four closed schools in Westland and Wayne with an eye on making the sites more

marketable. The district closed a total of six buildings in 2010 — one building was sold while Jefferson Barns was leased to Westland for a new community center.

"For sure it helps with staying active and time-sensitive to what is going on with the city," said Michael Timlin, business development manager at the Farbman Group. "You get to meet like-minded people."

An earlier Business Connect meeting was held focusing on local business. Another session for realtors, held in coordination with the school district, is expected next.

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Compost collection begins Monday in Westland

There might be chilly temperatures and a few snowflakes but, officially, it's spring.

That means curbside compost resumes Monday in Westland and continues through Nov. 28.

Compost is garden waste, grass clippings, hay/straw, leaves, pruning debris, bushes/shrubs and tree branches. The

compost program does not accept animal waste, dirt, food scraps, pumpkins, roots/root balls, sod, stumps, vines or any landscaping material (gravel, garden wall, stone, mulch, wood chips, etc.).

Branches must be cut down to 4 feet or less and should be no larger than 3 inches in diameter.

Branches should be put into small bundles and tied with rope or twine. Up to 10 bundles can be put out each week.

Compost bags or garbage cans can be used for compost disposal. The limit for compost collection is 10 compost bags or five garbage cans, with no bag or can weighing more than 50

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No compost will be accepted in cardboard boxes or plastic garbage bags. Compost is picked up the same day as regular trash. A separate truck picks up compost. The compost should be separated from regular household trash by 4 feet. Mixed compost and trash will not be picked up.

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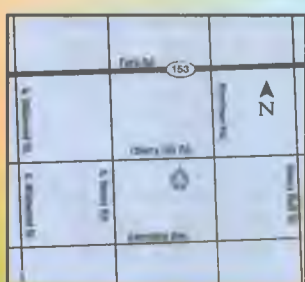
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and replacing deficient concrete from the street and sidewalks, replacing handicapped ramps and other necessary work.

The Surface Transportation Program-Urban grant has an 80-20 local match requirement, said Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib. That means

\$724,000 will be funded by the grant with \$162,000 coming from Wayne's road millage.

MDOT has included the project for bid letting on April 3, with construction expected to begin in May and be completed in August, El-Gharib said.

"The street will be accessible for local traffic and residents. We will send letters to the affected property owners," El-Gharib said.

The nearly \$100,000

contract with Stantec, which will provide an on-site project manager, is included in the grant total and divided on the local/state match formula. El-Gharib noted the fee to Stantec is 12 percent of the construction costs, below the 15-percent charge allowed by MDOT for construction engineering services.

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pancy and utilization.

Most underutilized

In a report on their findings, Mike Deighan, O'Keefe managing director, identified the Guardian Building as the most underutilized facility in the county's portfolio of 257 properties. County departments occupy less than 40 percent of the building and 25 percent of office space is available for lease, while other county-owned facilities are less than 50-percent occupied.

The first step in realizing the cost savings of consolidation will be the relocation of staff from 640 Temple to the Guardian Building.

Additionally, 18 leased county facilities, encompassing almost 750,000 square feet of space, are also in review for possible consolidation. Included is the Kay Beard Building. Senior services, which occupies two floors of the building, provides programs such as nutrition congregate meals, home-delivered meals, liquid meals and emergency food assistance.

The Eloise Museum had been housed there, but it is now closed and its artifacts transferred to the Westland Historical Commission, which plans to locate it in the Rowe House at Westland Historical Village Park.

The building, once known as D Building, was an administration building in the sprawling Wayne County Hospital Eloise complex. It also was used for psychiatric admissions. The building is named in honor of Kay Beard, the longest serving Wayne County commissioner, with 30 years of service.

O'Keefe's recommendation doesn't surprise Senior and Veteran Services Director Kevin Kelley who said there has been "significant discussion with the administration about maintenance and cutting costs."

"Being an older building, it has higher maintenance and operational costs," Kelley said. "There's been a lot of discussion. This isn't going to happen tomorrow."

Recommends sale

O'Keefe also has recommended that the Eloise complex be sold and that the barn, greenhouses, gardens and grounds at the RESA facility on Venoy in Wayne be sold or turned over to Wayne County RESA.

"We firmly believe that the county can implement these plans without a major disruption of its administrative, operational and functional duties," Deighan said. "The savings that can be achieved approaches \$30 million over the next 10 years."

"Disposing of surplus

properties also creates capital that can be utilized to shore up the pension contributions or reduce the bond. All of these efforts will go a long way to seeing the county back on a stable financial path," he said.

O'Keefe also reviewed the county's parks, Department of Public Service and Drain Commission facilities. It did not issue a recommendation for the DPS and Drain Commission facilities "because they are functionally necessary for the operations of these departments."

It also didn't analyze the marketability of any of the parks and has no conclusions with respect to their use, future use, disposition or otherwise with two exceptions: Warren Valley Golf Course and Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights and the Inkster Valley Golf Course in Inkster. The report stated that "a determination should be made on whether these should be privatized by the county."

"This is the first time Wayne County has done a systematic review of its owned and leased properties," Evans said. "This report is another tool for making rational decisions on ways to cut costs and help to eliminate the county's budget deficit."

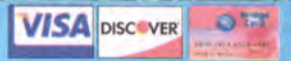
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LPS stakeholders to lawmakers: 'Does education matter or doesn't it?'

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

A group of Livonia parents, teachers and school board members told five state lawmakers Thursday night how the decisions they make in Lansing sometimes negatively impact education.

"You've got to get good viable solutions. That's what we're paying you for," said Jeff Kramer, husband of Livonia Public Schools teacher Elaine Kramer.

"I'd like to feel like the politics in the state are working with me and not against me," said Elaine Kramer. "Does education matter or doesn't it?"

From state funding and continual testing to starting school after Labor Day and mandatory expulsions, the group told the legislators at a forum hosted by the Livonia PTSA Council at Franklin High School how current and proposed laws hurt efforts to educate Michigan children.

Livonia school board secretary Tammy Bonifield said while the state has helped fund teachers' retirement, more dollars are needed in the classroom. "We need people in our buildings. How can we teach our kids with a 12-year-old government textbook?" she asked.

While school boards are allowed to ask voters to approve the sale of bonds to build or renovate buildings, they can't go to voters for more money for support staff to help struggling learners and students with discipline problems, she said. "We can put crystal chandeliers in the high school, but I can't get our kids a textbook."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton) said the state took responsible steps in putting more money into helping to



The state lawmakers, from left, Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights), Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton), Rep. Robert Kosowski (D-Westland), Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoppgood (D-Taylor) and Rep. Laura Cox (R-Livonia).

cover the long-term debts of the teacher retiree system. "You can't ignore the impact of that retirement system (on school district budgets)," he said.

Prop 1

State Rep. Robert Kosowski (D-Westland) he hopes Prop 1, the May 5 statewide ballot proposal, passes because it will provide \$280 million more for schools, which is roughly \$200 more per student.

Kosowski said lawmakers are working on making the foundation allowance more equitable, saying some districts, like West Bloomfield, get \$1,400 more per student. The \$25 increase in the foundation allowance for next

school year is "at least a move in the right direction," he said.

State Rep. Laura Cox (R-Livonia) said Livonia has been very creative in balancing its budget, despite declining student enrollment. She said she doesn't know if HB 4043, which would reduce the school aid difference between districts by increasing it for lower spending districts and lowering it for higher spending districts, would adversely affect Livonia but she will "try to make sure that doesn't happen."

Other lawmakers to attend were state Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoppgood (D-Taylor) and state Rep. Julie Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights). Each of the lawmakers' districts includes

a portion of the Livonia school district.

Parents Nicole Keeler and Heather Burk said the continual testing and the constant changes in testing are adversely affecting learning. "They can't even teach those children because they're too busy testing," Burk said.

Common Core

Colbeck said he's not a fan of Common Core standards, but "what gets tested gets taught." A member of the Michigan Senate Education Committee, he said he's working to slow down the changes in testing to every 10 years.

Teacher Douglas Coates, who teaches AP classes, said the mandatory addition of five

days to the school calendar starting in 2016-17 and the law prohibiting school from starting before Labor Day make it difficult for him to prepare his students for AP testing. Adding the five days in June won't give him any additional time to teach for the tests, the dates of which don't change, he said. When Labor Day is late, like this year, he loses an entire week of teaching, he said.

Livonia school board president Colleen Burton said she'd like lawmakers to change the law saying school districts "shall" expel an older student found on campus with a knife with a three-inch blade or longer to "may" expel.

The current law gives districts no discretion in cases where a Boy Scout who spent the weekend whittling while camping forgets and leaves his knife in his pocket, Bonifield agreed. "It's either black or it's white; it's difficult where there's no discretion," she said.

Kosowski said term limits work against lawmakers because as soon as they understand issues, including the complicated way schools are funded, they are forced to leave. He supports extending the current six-year limit in the House and eight-year limit in the Senate. "It should be 20 in either one," he said.

After the forum, school board trustee Eileen McDonnell noted the five lawmakers, while sympathetic, each have only one vote. The Michigan House has 110 members, the Senate, 38.

Burton said the lawmakers were enlightening and realistic in their answers. "Collectively, they're more on the same page as we are than might have thought otherwise," she said.

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Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 26. There is a \$20 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain base-price prices.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature five days of special sales:

» **Monday Madness - Monday, April 27.** Shoppers will receive giveaways.

» **Teacher Appreciation Day - Tuesday, April 28.** Bookstock will give 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID 3-9 p.m. At 5 p.m. Bookstock B.E.S.T.* Awards, (Bookstock Extraordi-

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» **Bookbuster Special Days - Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30.** Buy three books and get the fourth book free (the least expensive item) 3-9 p.m. Spend \$25 or more and be entered into a special drawing for a shoe signed by Pistons center Andre Drummond and a special gift package — including a lesson — from Hall of Fame bowler Aleta Sill, the first woman to reach \$1 million in prize money.

» **Half Price Finale, Sunday, May 3** — All remaining books and media will be sold for half price.

Marking 13 years of supporting the need to read, Bookstock has generated more than \$1 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit.



Shoppers converge on the bargains at last year's Bookstock sale.

FILE PHOTO

More than 800 volunteers work throughout the year to organize and staff the week-long Bookstock sale. Bookstock established the Bookstock Scholar Awards, in partnership with Wallside Windows and Gardner-White Furniture, given to outstanding students at

Wayne State University's School of Library Science and Information Technology. The Bookstock Fund, launched in 2012, provided 19 micro grants to Detroit Public School teachers for education and literacy projects.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley

and *Detroit News* columnist Neal Rubin are honorary chairs of Bookstock. Gardner-White Furniture is the Bookstock presenting sponsor.

Bookstock is brought to the community by the Jewish Community Relations Council and a consortium of nonprofit

organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline at 248-645-7840, ext. 365, or go to bookstock.info. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, east of I-275.

League of Women Voters will give presentation on May 5 ballot proposal

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Looking to learn more about the May 5 ballot proposal?

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will host a forum regarding the vote this spring that would raise the state's sales tax. The forum will take place at 7 p.m. April 6 in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium.

Eva Richard, the voter service director for the state League of Women Voters, will give a presentation on arguments for and against the proposal, Ryan said.

"The presentation is going to be both sides of the issue," said Angela Ryan, the chapter president.

The May 5 proposal, if approved, would increase the state's sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent, remove fuel from the sales tax base, increase motor fuel taxes and change vehicle registration fees. State officials say the changes would increase road funding, as well as funding for public transit and schools.

The proposal was a late addition to the election calendar after state legislators and Gov. Rick

Snyder compromised on road funding at the end of the legislative term in December. If approved by voters, some estimates indicate as much as \$1.2 billion could be raised in the next few years to repair roads across the state.

Absentee ballot applications are now available. Applications can be found at local municipalities' offices or on their websites for many of them.

While the group does not endorse candidates, it can endorse initiatives or issues. The state League of Women Voters has decided to remain neu-

tral on the May 5 vote, something the rest of the state chapters also follow suit in, Ryan said.

"If the state league doesn't take a position, we are not allowed to take a position," she said.

Ryan said because of the complicated matter of the proposal, it's important those who vote understand the ramifications.

"If you're going to vote for or against it, you have to understand what is fully involved," she said.

For those who cannot



attend the forum April 6, there are several others taking place in other Metro Detroit communities by other area League of Women Voters chapters.

Packard will be present at another forum for

the League of Women Voters Oakland Area at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, Southfield. Another forum will take place at 7 p.m. April 7 at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., in Ann Arbor, and another forum will take place at 7 p.m. April 20 at the Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George St., in Dearborn Heights.

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Mike Fisher, Livonia assistant city attorney, received an award during the League's annual Capital Conference held in Lansing.

MML honors Livonia's assistant city attorney

The Michigan Municipal League honored Mike Fisher, Livonia assistant city attorney, during the League's annual Capital Conference held March 24-25 in Lansing.

Fisher received the League's Outstanding Service Award on Wednesday. The honor is given to those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the League's legislative efforts in Lansing on behalf of Michigan communities.

Fisher, who has worked in the city of Livonia's law department since 1994, has been a great source of knowledge for Michigan Municipal League staff for many years through his involvement in the League's Economic Development and Land Use Committee, said Chris Hackbarth, the League's director of state affairs. Most recently, Fisher served on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Urban Farming task force as a representative for the League and local communities.

Additionally, in his role as a member of the Michigan Asso-



Mike Fisher, Livonia assistant city attorney, was recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the League's legislative efforts in Lansing on behalf of Michigan communities.

ciation of Municipal Attorney's Legislative Committee, he was "extremely helpful in advocating on behalf of local communities regarding the Freedom of Information Act legislation passed into law last year," Hackbarth said.

"He has testified multiple times in legislative commit-

tees and continues to be a resource for the League and a phenomenal advocate on local issues," Hackbarth said.

Fisher was one of two recipients of this year's Outstanding Services Awards. Also honored was Bob Clegg, Port Huron city engineer.

Waste no time with 3-minute speed dating

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

If you're looking for that "special someone" or simply want to dip your toe into a local pool of eligible singles — and you're willing to trust first impressions — Sal Palland has the plan for you.

Speed dating. Palland, who's involved in plenty of community events and owned the now-closed Off the Beaten Path bookstore in downtown Farmington, is organizing a speed dating evening at the Farmington Brewing Company on Grand River Avenue, just east of Farmington Road. It's planned for Tuesday, March 31, from 7-9:30 p.m.

"Speed dating is a lot of fun, where you don't have to spend a lot of time and can see a lot of different people, get different impressions — and see if anyone appeals to you," Palland said.

Couples will be paired off to chat for just three minutes, then a bell rings and it's on to the next prospect. Palland said she'll have "ice breakers" — perhaps some silly questions — to get things started for those who might need a little help.

An intermission and time after the session will give opportunity for mingling and continuing conversations that were interrupted by the bell. Also, participants will fill out cards with their information and list who they'd like to see again. Men and women who "like each other" will be provided email addresses and can take it from there.

Palland said she met a lot of single men

and women while running her bookstore and elsewhere, and decided this could be a great way for people in that situation to get together. "I know there's (the Internet site) Match and that kind of thing, but it can be so much easier to talk to someone in person, to see what they are like," she said.

The event is limited to the first 20 men and 20 women who sign up and meet the guidelines: Age 21-40 and employed. Palland said she's aiming for the "young professional crowd," and suggests casual dress — "but realize you are trying to make a first impression," she said.

"We're also asking no strong perfume and (pay attention) to personal hygiene," she added.

Palland started spreading the word on Tuesday, and said response was good right away. If she gets more than the 20 and 20, she said she'll compile a wait list for the next speed dating event because she's planning to hold them monthly at the brewery.

Cost is \$25, which includes one drink and light refreshments. The brewery will be closed to other customers that night, as it always is on Tuesdays.

"It's going to be fun, it's going to be no pressure — and it's a way to get out and meet people," Palland said. "In this day, we're always communicating on our computers ... it's time to go back to 'face-to-face' with people in your area."

To sign up, go to <http://tinyurl.com/p7zgcx8>.

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A: You hit on one of the main differences between financial advisors, and that is how they are compensated. Basically, there are three types of financial advisors (from a



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

compensation standpoint): fee-only, commission-only or commission and fees.

Advisors who work on commissions are basically salespeople and have a built-in conflict of interest. After all, who are they working for? Are they working for you or are they working for who pays them, and that is the investment company. As far as I'm concerned, just by the nature of commissions there is a conflict of interest. I believe when you hire a

professional there should not be conflicts of interest. When it comes to hiring a financial advisor, if you don't want to be pressured into buying products, you should look for an advisor that is fee-only.

A fee-only advisor doesn't base his/her compensation on what products you buy or sell but, rather, on services provided. Some financial firms such as my own charge a percent of the money under management. Other fee-only advisors charge a set amount to do a financial plan or other service.

The key to fee-only advisors is they receive no compensation from any product they recom-

mend to you thereby eliminating the conflicts of interest.

In addition, it also eliminates the aggressive sales tactics that many commission financial advisors or, as I refer to them, "salespeople" use.

In doing your search for a financial advisor I recommend focusing on fee-only advisors.

I believe a good financial advisor is someone you feel comfortable communicating with, someone who will answer your questions and take the time to explain things.

If you sit down with an advisor and they immediately say "this should be your portfolio," before they know your goals and objectives or risk toler-

ance level, you know that you're dealing with the wrong person.

Communication is a key ingredient to having a successful relationship with a financial advisor.

It is also important to retain a financial advisor who has the educational background and the commitment to continuing education. What was sound financial advice five years ago is not necessarily sound financial advice today.

This gives you a good starting point on what to look for when hiring a financial advisor. In addition, you may also want to sit down with people at Fidelity or Charles Schwab or Vanguard. All three of these companies

offer financial advisory services that you may wish to explore.

Hiring a good financial advisor is no different than hiring a good doctor or any professional. The key is they have to be transparent when it comes to fees and strategies. In addition, they have to be able to listen to your concerns and develop a game plan that fits your individual situation and individual goals and objectives.

Good luck.

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

Wayne County holds hazardous waste collection April 4

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold a household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Romulus Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and offers an opportunity to properly dispose of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, anti-freeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batter-

ies, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cellphones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include: commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

Wayne County's Department of Public Services is holding five countywide Household Hazardous Waste collections for 2015. In addition to the April 4 event, there

will be collections:

» Saturday, May 2, at Flat Rock Community Fields at 25600 Seneca St., off of Gibraltar Road by Flat Rock High School.

» Saturday, June 20, at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

» Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Westland Shopping Center on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard, Westland.

» Saturday, Oct. 10, at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor.

For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

For more information on the collection or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, go to www.waynecounty.com.

Registration open for Schoolcraft College's motorcycle safety courses

The Insurance Institute reported last year that motorcyclists were about 26 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash per vehicle mile traveled and five times more likely to be injured. Motorcycle safety on the nation's highways and roadways continues to be a perpetual challenge.

In response, the Continuing Education and Professional Development department of Schoolcraft College is continuing to offer its motorcycle safety classes via the Detroit Regional Safety Consortium. The motorcycle safety program offers a variety of courses from the Basic Rider Course for riders with minimal experience looking to get their motorcycle endorsement to Returning Rider Basic Rider Course and the Advanced Rider Course.

Beginning in 2015, the Detroit Metro Regional

Consortium will be adopting the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's new curriculum for the Basic Rider Course. With the introduction of its eCourse, this updated curriculum takes a more interactive approach to education by taking a segment of the classroom learning experience right into the comfort of the student's own home. The eCourse will be a required component for all eCourse Basic Rider Course classes.

The fee for these courses is \$25 each which is made possible through a grant administered by the Michigan Department of State. The classes will be offered at the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center on Radcliff south of Ford Road May 1, 2, 3, 15, 16 and 17, June 26, 27 and 28 and July 10, 11 and 12.

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W-W students, Rotarians work on Little Libraries projects

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A joint effort between students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and local Rotarians will provide free reading materials and help promote the service club.

Wayne and Westland Rotary clubs held a joint luncheon meeting recently to thank students for their efforts and get a look the Little Libraries built by construction technology students. The clubs each donated \$500 to cover materials, with any leftover funds donated to the school.

"We presented the idea to them a couple of months ago. They were interested in it — they were gung-ho," Wayne Rotarian Trish Hampton said. "They have cedar shake roofs. They did such a great job."

The students constructed 10 Little Libraries — five for Wayne, five for Westland — that will be installed at a variety of locations. The Little Libraries are filled with books for children and adults that are available to be borrowed and new books added — a take-one, leave-one honor system.

The Wayne Memorial High School Interact Club, the youth version of Rotary, will paint and decorate the libraries for their city.

"We will definitely have them finished and up before school is out,"

Wayne Rotarian John VanStipdonk said. The locations for the Little Libraries haven't been completely finalized. In Wayne, the locations will include Starfish, Wayne Memorial, Michigan Works!, Roosevelt School and the Wayne Community Center.

The locations in Westland are expected to include John Glenn High School, Rotary Park, two Mickey's Twist and possibly the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"One person at each place will be responsible for maintaining it. Like the owners of Mickey's. We would do Rotary Park," Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina said.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to students from the building program who worked on the Little Libraries. Also, receiving certificates were seniors Amanda Kohmescher from Wayne Memorial and Jazlynn Stevenson from John Glenn, who produced a video about Wayne Rotary having spent a day shooting activities at Rouge-a-palooza.

"Thanks so much. It's programs like (Little Libraries) that let our students get real-world experience," William D. Ford Principal Steven Kay said.

In addition to supporting building trades students, Kay said Rotary



William D. Ford Career Technical Training Center Principal Steven Kay (back row, from left) and Wayne Rotary President Antoinette Wirth honor Amanda Kohmescher from Wayne Memorial High School and Jazlynn Stevenson from John Glenn High School.

supported the media students through the video and culinary arts by holding their luncheon at Cafe Marquette.

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Westland Rotary President Lou Toarmina (left) and William D. Ford Career Technical Center Principal Steven Kay and Wayne Rotary President Antoinette Wirth (at right) recognize construction technology students Bryan Isaacs, Josh Begarowicz and Chad Richardson, William D. Ford Career Technical Center Principal Steven Kay and Wayne Rotary President Antoinette Wirth.

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Close of Registration Notice
Special Election, Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the Special Election is Monday, April 6, 2015.

The following proposal will be voted on:

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Yes No

This notice is given by order of the Garden City Clerk Allyson Bettis.
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AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals

April 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
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APPEAL CASE 2015-03-08 (Rescheduled from March 10, 2015): Indy-C-Kal, Inc., 2500 Westmont Circle, Sterling Heights, MI 48310, on behalf of Lessee Starbucks, west side of Middlebelt, (12679) between Industrial and CSX Railroad, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the south elevation, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-01-02 (Tabled on March 10, 2015): Indy-C-Kal, Inc., 2500 Westmont Circle, Sterling Heights, MI 48310, on behalf of Lessee The Vitamin Shoppe, west side of Middlebelt, (12687) between Industrial and CSX Railroad, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the north elevation, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-10: Chene Garbacik, west side of Brentwood, (14307) between Jacquelyn and Meadowlark, seeking to construct a detached garage addition, resulting in excess garage area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-11: Holly and David Basley, north side of Norfolk, (28020) between Gillman and Floral, seeking to erect a six foot tall privacy vinyl fence on a corner lot, resulting in the fence being within the side and front yard and excess in height. Privacy fencing cannot be located within the side or front yards

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Local parish's music director to perform at Vatican

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Kevin Ryan, director of music and liturgy at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton, is Vatican-bound.

"It's a real honor to be representing both my parish and all of Detroit," Ryan wrote in an email.

Ryan, 29, of Allen Park is part of the Archdiocesan Chorus of Detroit, composed of 40 singers, including seven parish music directors. The chorus will perform Jan. 6, 2016, at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome for an Epiphany Mass.

Each singer auditions in the fall for membership in the group and it is a completely voluntary enterprise, Ryan wrote. The Archdiocesan Chorus rehearses each Monday night at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Woodward in Detroit and sings for many of the important liturgies celebrated by Archbishop Allen Vigneron, including the ordination of deacons and priests, plus the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday.

"We honestly were not expecting to be selected to sing for the Papal Mass on Epiphany," Ryan wrote. "We had sent in audition material to sing for one of the daily Masses held in Rome presided by a variety of priests. Our director received a letter from the administrator of the Sistine Chapel Choir that we had been selected to sing. One of the audition recordings we sent was of a performance of Ottorino Respighi's incredibly difficult *Laud to the Nativity*, which was sung by the chorus for Advent last year. I'd like to think our hard work on this piece, written by one of Rome's great composers, helped set the AOD Chorus apart and showcased our commitment to musical excellence."

Ryan earned his B.A. in



JIM BALISTRERI

Kevin Ryan, director of music and liturgy at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton, said he's honored to be among those in the Archdiocesan Choir of Detroit to perform Jan. 6, 2016, at a papal Mass at the Vatican.

2007 in music performance from Albion College, where he studied French, Spanish and piano.

He graduated from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., in 2009 with a master of music degree in orchestral conducting. Ryan is now a student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, where he is finishing up an M.A. in theology.

He was director of music and liturgy at Sacred Heart Parish on Grosse Ile before coming to St. Thomas a'Becket in September 2013. Ryan is a lifelong Catholic and has played liturgical music in churches since high school.

"My first experiences were playing trumpet and piano at All Saints Catholic Church in Detroit. During my studies at Ithaca College, I served as the accompanist at All Saints

Catholic Church in Lansing, N.Y.," he wrote. "It was there that I discovered and explored a deep passion for sacred music. Once I graduated from Ithaca, I was hired as the music director at Sacred Heart on Grosse Ile before eventually transferring to St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton. Besides singing in the Archdiocesan Chorus, I also serve as the director of the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, which provides fellowship, spiritual and educational opportunities for music directors, choir singers, instrumentalists and cantors across the archdiocese."

Ryan said he's not aware right now of St. Thomas a'Becket members who will journey to Rome for the papal Mass. That could change, he

added, as he'll be performing and some Canton worshipers may travel. The pilgrimage is open to all who wish to make the trip, with travel details available through Corporate Travel Service in Dearborn Heights.

"We aren't simply performing in a beautiful church for entertainment value — we will be an integral part of the worship experience of Pope Francis himself," Ryan added. "I can't even imagine what that is going to be like. Epiphany is culturally celebrated with a much higher degree of solemnity and festivity in Europe than it is here in the United States, so to be selected to sing at this Mass particularly makes this entire experience truly special."

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Folk singer Charlie King to perform April 17 in Livonia

Musical storyteller and songwriter Charlie King will present a concert of folk music at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Unity of Livonia.

King writes passionately about extraordinary lives of ordinary people. His central vision as an entertainer is to leave audiences with a sense of optimism and possibility about the future.

"I try to cover a broad emotional landscape in my concerts," he said. "The stories I collect and the songs I write take the listener on a journey of humor, heartache and hope. What I most value in a song is the way it helps us see an old reality in a totally new light."

King has sung in support of numerous groups working for peace, human rights, the environment and alternatives to violence. His songs have been recorded and sung by other performers such as Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Arlo Guthrie, Peggy Seeger, Chad Mitchell and Pete Seeger.

Opening for King is local entertainer Jere Stormer. Stormer has won several Detroit Music Awards. He believes in sharing the fun he has with his music.

Citizens for Peace and Peace Action of Michigan are sponsoring the Livonia stop on King's spring concert trip. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To reserve a seat, call 734-730-1578 or 734-838-8084.



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determining his future quickly. Working in additive manufacturing, known more commonly as 3-D printing, he has worked full time plus overtime most weeks.

He was one of the few younger people in his first shop, a trend that has continued at his current job. That's why he sees a need for more of his peers to enter the field and join the workforce.

"I started in the shop when I was 19. The next youngest person was in their 40s. That's still how it is now," he said. "I've worked in six shops and it's all an aging workforce. As soon as they go away, it's going to be no one."

'It's a lot different'

Gene Keyes, instructor of manufacturing at Schoolcraft College, said he's starting to see a trend in student age in his classrooms, signaling a younger generation of skilled trades workers is on the horizon.

Getting those students, who normally may be steered toward a more traditional, four-year liberal arts degree, has been a challenge, but Keyes has worked with several area school districts to show the benefits of the skilled trades field, said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

"It's been a tough sell. Our approach has been to start earlier," Jeffress said. "Before they develop a picture that's so ingrained and so negative, we want to get to them and talk to them about what you can do in this profession."

Ann Owen, principal of Emerson Middle



Instructor Mark Schaffroth clears metal chips and coolant from a block of aluminum that is machined by a vertical CNC mill.

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School in Livonia, said she began working with Keyes on an increased basis over the past year after several machines owned by the district were decommissioned.

She said many people still have the image of a factory as a grimy machine shop, a reality that isn't what it used to be.

She attended a grand opening recently after some work had been done at Livonia's AlphaUSA and said it was the exact opposite of a dirty factory.

"We have to get some visual representations out there to these kids and to their parents and let them know how drastically this industry and whole talent set and this pool has changed, so it

looks exciting," she said. "How many images of new, clean facilities are out in publication these days?"

"This is the image we pass along to our children, because we don't know any different."

There are major benefits of attending a two-year college for a program like manufacturing, Keyes said, specifically with a lot less financial problems than many four-year students experience in student loan debt.

"You can make just as much money as anyone in liberal arts with a lot less debt," he said. "Not everyone's made to go to four-year colleges. How many have a bachelor's degree and are bartenders?"

John Kozlowski, a plant manager at Star Cutter Co.'s Farmington Hills facility, can speak firsthand to the changes he's seen since entering the field.

Kozlowski joined Northern Tool in 1987 and worked his way up at the company before and after it was acquired by Star Cutter. He's seen a lot of changes that have made the industry a more advanced, technical field than before.

"Back when I graduated high school in 1986, we



The finished milling demonstration.

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"Not everyone's made to go to four-year colleges. How many have a bachelor's degree and are bartenders?"

GENE KEYES
instructor of manufacturing at Schoolcraft College

were starting to lose a little bit of ground in manufacturing. I thought it was a good field for me to go into," said Kozlowski, a Holly resident. "Everything is state of the art; it's all computer-operated."

"It's a lot different."

Good pay

And with that additional skill comes a wide range of salary options. Lindsey Bielby, human resources director for Star Cutter, said entry-level positions can pay between \$35,000 and \$40,000 at his company, with the opportunity to earn more.

"There's a lot of overtime available," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "You can make

an additional \$10,000."

Alexis Carlson was recently hired at Star Cutter. A Walled Lake Northern High School graduate, she said she got interested in the field after taking some courses during high school at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus in Wixom.

She said some people's attitudes toward her are indifferent when they first meet, but they change once they see her skill set.

"I think they have lower expectations when they meet me," she said. "I'm never going to be done. I'm always going to be learning."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said he does not have an exact num-

ber of businesses that employ these types of workers, but several businesses, including Ford Motor Co. and NYX, Inc., are among the top 10 employers who added jobs between 2013 and 2014.

It's a trend West anticipates will continue, especially in Livonia.

"Based on most research I've read in recent years, there will be more jobs available for those who pursue skills training through a certificate or associate-degree program than those who pursue a bachelor's degree," West said.

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Schoolcraft College always retooling for today's manufacturing job market

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When it comes to manufacturing jobs, the image of a dirty factory and a repetitive task comes to mind for many people.

But that's not the case anymore and officials at Schoolcraft College are looking to help train those who will become the next generation of advanced manufacturers and skilled trade workers across the state.

"I think many people have a view of manufacturing that was repetitive and tedious and long term - I'm going to make the right-end fender for a Taurus for 45 years," said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. "You don't really have that anymore and I think that's a good thing for the industry, because it keeps a good sense of vitality in the job and therefore in the people."

The push for skilled trades is one many Michigan residents have heard in recent years, especially from Gov. Rick Snyder, who mentions the topic during many of his public addresses, including this year's State of the State and his proposed budget plan in February. It's one Schoolcraft officials embrace and are willing to work on to make the college a leader in the field.

The governor announced \$50 million in grant money to 18 community colleges last month to purchase equipment through the Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program, although Schoolcraft was not one of the schools selected.

Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia has offered several pro-

grams designed for skilled trades, including advanced manufacturing and, most recently, plastics technology, a program that launched just a few years ago.

With an increased demand in those skilled trades, manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes said those who enroll in his courses can expect to find work well before graduation - sometimes after just one semester. "Usually after two or three classes, depending on who they are, I can get them a job," Keyes said. "It all depends on their ability to think on their feet."

Keyes became a part-time instructor at the college during the last decade. College officials began realizing skilled trade positions would increase in the future. Keyes was made a full-time instructor, dedicated to teaching and creating relationships with local companies and schools.

"That's when he really began to develop the relationship between Schoolcraft and the major companies," Jeffress said. "He not only had the academic experience, but he had owned a manufacturing company and so he knew the business. He could talk to potential clientele; he knew what to look for."

Training the future

Keeping ahead of the game over other colleges competing for students, such as Wayne County Community College District, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College, is a priority for Jeffress.

That includes keeping tabs on the industry, talking to employers and



Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

getting the right equipment.

"It's making sure you stay in touch with the employers, so that you're not providing instruction that doesn't fit with what they need and what they want," he said. "And also to have opportunities for students to have hands-on experiences before they leave here."

It's become such an important field that the Livonia Industrial Council was formed four years ago through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Its mission is to focus on workforce development initiatives in and around Livonia. Members meet quarterly to discuss ideas on how to inspire young people to explore skilled careers and provide training, apprenticeships and co-op programs for

local manufacturers. That's important, Livonia chamber president Dan West said, because having those new workers is crucial to companies' survival moving forward.

"A number of experts have told me that tax credits will not attract as many manufacturers to an area as a healthy availability of skilled workers," West said. "To me, this is the leading economic development issue for Livonia and all of southeastern Michigan: To provide the skilled workforce that boosts manufacturing, boosts our region's economic health and keeps more young professionals in

Michigan."

That training has done well for some employees hired by Farmington Hills-based Star Cutter Tools. With locations across Michigan, including several in the northern Lower Peninsula, the company is seeking more talent at its facilities.

Lindsey Bielby, human resources manager for the company, said Schoolcraft has provided several employees who are succeeding with the company.

"I think the community college has done a very good job of listening to our needs from a manufacturing standpoint," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "I think

they've done a very good job of meeting our needs and identifying our needs."

Adapting

Those rapidly evolving needs are driving changes in the school's curriculum. Jeffress said additive manufacturing, otherwise known as 3-D printing, has been a field students have flocked to.

"We thought that would be fascinating to younger folks. A new way of going from design to product," he said. "Once you design it, you actually have the product there. They were ideal for us in attracting new students."

Moving forward, another field Jeffress wants to expand and educate students on is metallurgy, a branch of science examining metals and their properties. Having that knowledge, Jeffress said, will help students understand the materials they are working with.

The return on investment, including in student success, is one Jeffress acknowledges is a point of pride for the college, which plans to adapt as needed.

"But the investment is good from a couple of standpoints, it's not just the dollars. It's the student enrollment and it's in the satisfaction. The employers are satisfied with us, the students are satisfied with us; they start making money," he said. "After all, that's why we're here."

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All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **State Special Election** on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Monday, April 6, 2015, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amendments to Section 3.30 (Fences) regulating the location, height, and materials of privacy fences located on residential property, specifying approved locations for pet enclosures, permitting the placement of cyclone fencing not exceeding 4 feet in height up to and along the front building line without restriction, and allowing a 6-foot tall privacy fence to be constructed up to the front building line on lots not less than 100 feet wide under certain circumstances.

It is further given that a copy of the proposed amendments may be examined at the Public Services building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone (313) 387-2686.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business April 2, 2015 to be considered.

David Allen, Chairman
Planning Commission
Charter Township of Redford

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Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 02-15. A request to rezoning the following property from R-1 (Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial): Lots 128 thru 134 inclusive, also lots 135 through 139 except the North 7 Ft. thereof, also the North 1/2 adjacent vacated alley; B.E. Taylor's Brightmoor-Woodworth subdivision.

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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

Hard Surface Cleaning Equipment Bid for the 2014-2015 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2014-2015 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked Hard Surface Cleaning Equipment Bid will be received until 11:00 A.M. on the 14th day April, 2015, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Arnelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 11:00 A.M. on the 14th day of April, 2015, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Business Services, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

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The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

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Nick Arnelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Hard Surface Cleaning Equipment Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlu@livoniapublicschools.org. 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST.

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Jaycees create egg-stra special Easter event for kids

The Westland Area Jaycees rolled up their sleeves this year as they launched annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza, a new version of their popular holiday event.

More than 500 parents and children turned out at the Wayne Ford Civic League on Saturday for the event, which included several new additions, including a continental breakfast, dancing, singing, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, a jumbo movie screen of the popular children's movie *Hop*, prizes and, of course, an Easter egg hunt.

Some lucky egg hunters found the "Mystery Egg" that came with a 2-pound, 18-inch tall chocolate Easter bunny. In most cases, the parents were more in shock than the lucky winner, according to Jaycee President Jim Hart.

This was the first time the Jaycees held the event at the Civic League. In previous years, the Easter egg hunt was held at Jaycee Park at Wildwood and Hunter. Calling the Jaycees who helped with event a "young and eager team," he was pleased with the results.

"They really outdid themselves," Hart said. "Countless evenings and hours were spent pouring over the details and working hard to bring the community this event. I'm awestruck looking at the results. They set out to deliver a brand new Easter project this year and I couldn't be more pleased."

He also had kudos for Civic League President Vic Barra who offered the facility and assisted the Jaycees with setup and tear down of the event.

"He was instrumental to the overall success," Hart said.

According to Hart, the admission fee of \$2 for children and \$1 for adults was kept very small thanks to the local business and individual support. Entenmann's and Awrey's donated baked goods and pastries while Mo Elfakir at Biggby's of Westland provided coffee for the



Kids dash for eggs at the annual Westland Area Jaycees Easter egg hunt at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Jeffery Lowe sits with the Easter bunny at the annual Jaycees Easter egg hunt in Westland.

TOM BEAUDOIN



John White of Westland points out an egg to son Noah.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Westland resident Samantha Mayfield is in the Easter spirit.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Sixteen-month old Brooklynn Elliott of Westland hangs on to the egg she found.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Alyssa Hoehing of Romulus gets her face painted.

TOM BEAUDOIN



Bryson Dorris of Westland enjoys a little Easter candy with his breakfast.

TOM BEAUDOIN



John Green Jr. of Wayne gets to see how it feels to drive a fire truck that was supplied by the Wayne-Westland Fire Department.

TOM BEAUDOIN

guests and "to keep the volunteers moving."

"I am so thankful for our members and the local business community for working with us to make this happen. It

is moments like this that remind me why I am a Jaycee," Hart said. "I can't wait to see what they can accomplish in the years to come."

Some of the Jaycees themselves also lent financial support to bring this updated project to life. A very special treat this year was having professional

face painting on site. Kim Torres, owner of Face Flair, and past president of the Westland Area Jaycees, was on hand to provide the children versions of a bunny, puppy, butterfly, or whatever else they liked on their face. Some opted for make-up depicting popular action heroes.

"The two Westland Area Jaycees primarily responsible for the project were Jeff Lowrey and Melody Montgomery," Hart said. "With support from Vice-President Rebecca Markonni, they worked hard to pull this project off and hear firsthand accounts from the guests regarding their

job well done. The chapter is already talking about next year's event and how they can make it even better."

The Westland Area Junior Chamber is for active young citizens ages 21 to 40 who bring energy and insight to solving problems and enriching life in others. Its mission is to provide development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change in their communities.

People who are interested in learning more about the program or who would like to join are encouraged to visit www.westlandareajaycees.org for more information.

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PREP ATHLETICS

Hyman presented with Distinguished Service Award

Stevenson athletic director honored

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It's a rare occasion when you can receive one of the most prestigious awards presented in your profession, then get a hug from the award's namesake.

On Sunday in Traverse City, Livonia Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman accepted the Jack Johnson Distinguished Service Award that is presented annually by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Not long after the presentation, the longtime Spartan – Hyman was an outstanding student-athlete at both Stevenson and Michigan State University – was congratulated by Johnson himself, a highly-acclaimed former educator and athletic director in Dearborn.

"It's an incredible honor to accept an award that is named after a man I dearly admire," said Hyman, who is marking her 20th year as the AD at Stevenson.

Hyman said her rewarding experience at Stevenson has

been enhanced by the opportunity to be a member of the "Three H's", alluding to herself and Livonia public high school athletic directors Marc Hage (Churchill) and Ron Hammye (Franklin).

"What makes my job special is working in a district that is so cohesive," said Hyman. "Myself, Marc and Ron work as a team. We never try to outdo one another; we're always working to make all three schools' athletic departments the best they can be."

When Hyman provides direction to Stevenson's coach-

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ROSS WALDO

Livonia Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman was congratulated by Jackson Johnson on Sunday after receiving a distinguished service award named after the former Dearborn educator and athletic director.

PREP SOCCER



ED WRIGHT

John Glenn's Susie Bryan (back) and Garden City's Lindsay Yankasky battle for possession during the first half of Thursday afternoon's game.

GOING TOE-TO-TOE

John Glenn, Garden City battle to 2-2 deadlock

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Thursday's Garden City-Westland John Glenn girls soccer match was always close, rarely dull and sometimes physical.

Neither of the two non-conference neighbors gave an inch, but neither could gain a win as the game ended knotted at 2-2.

John Glenn is now 1-0-1 while the Cougars will take a 0-1-1 record into next week's pair of games.

Playing in frigid, windy conditions, Garden City sandwiched its goals

around a pair of bang-bang second-half net-finders by the hosts.

Both teams played with short benches due to injuries and illness. Garden City played over 50 minutes with just one sub – its back-up goalie, Tatum Spears – after Chelsea Booker was sidelined with concussion-like symptoms.

"John Glenn carried the play more in the second half, but part of that was due to our inability to sub," said GC head coach Jeff Szygula. "Even though they had more manpower, I thought we did a good job of keeping them at bay."

The Rockets threatened first when captain Sydney Climie rocketed a shot off the cross-bar just over eight minutes into the contest, but the Cougars scored first when sophomore Brooke Collins finished a Lindsay Yankasky cross at the 27:24 mark to give the guests a 1-0 advantage.

Ten minutes later, John Glenn did everything but score, mounting a relentless 20-second attack in the 18-yard box that ended when Cougars keeper Hope Pickens cleared the ball out of harm's way.

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PREP PROFILE

ACL setback can't keep Yardley down

Franklin senior completes rehab to return strong

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Bella Yardley has always loved soccer, but never more than now, in the wake of some unfortunate life-altering adversity.

In October of 2013, while playing for her Michigan Hawks club team, Yardley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee.

Along with sidelining Yardley for close to six months and demanding grueling twice-a-week physical-therapy sessions, the injury sharpened the Livonia Franklin senior's perspective.

"Going through everything I went through, I learned not to take anything for granted anymore," said Yardley. "I think I appreciate the sport more now and I play every game like it's my last one."

Although Yardley's Franklin team dropped a 6-1 decision to Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday night, the senior looked strong while manning the left side of the Patriots' defense during her first high school game since her sophomore season.

If not for the high-tech black knee brace that secured the mid-section of her right leg, an observer never

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ED WRIGHT

Bella Yardley looked strong during Franklin's season-opening game against Stevenson.

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Rockets squad fueled by talent, hard work

Senior captains set the tone for John Glenn diamond squad

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The sky was gray, the grass was brown and the air was cold, but life was good Thursday afternoon for Westland John Glenn senior captains Brendan Wetmore and Zach Croft because they were doing their favorite thing: playing baseball.

"It's just a great sport, it's America's pastime," said Croft, referring to his life-long love for the sport.

Thanks in large part to the abundant skills provided by their captains, the Rockets enter the 2015 campaign with high hopes after carving out a 16-15 mark in 2014.

"This is a hard-working group of young men," said John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer, when asked about what he likes best about his current squad. "We have a good mix of kids. We lost seven seniors to graduation, but we have seven returners. I like that we have 10 juniors on the team because they will push the seniors for starting spots."

Scheffer delivered high praise for his pair of captains, who forge strong work ethics with solid skills.



Pictured are Westland John Glenn senior captains Zach Croft and Brendan Wetmore.

Following a bright junior season when he went 4-4 with a 2.40 earned run average, Wetmore enters the campaign as the Rockets' top hurler. He will play center field when not on the mound.

"Brendan is a crafty lefty; he's smart," Scheffer said. "We actually brought him up to varsity his freshman year be-

cause we didn't have a center fielder, and he did a wonderful job. He can go get it out there."

Croft opens the season as John Glenn's first baseman; however, he's capable of playing almost anywhere on the diamond, Scheffer said. Croft hit .280 last year.

"Zach is a great athlete who can help us wherever he

plays," Scheffer said. "He is a spray hitter with good power to the gaps.

"What I'm most proud of regarding my captains is they are great leaders and strong in the classroom as well. They both have GPAs around 3.3, 3.4."

Another all-around standout for the Rockets is senior pitch-

er/left-fielder Jacob Damian, a 3.9 student who posted a .362 batting average as a junior.

John Glenn's top newcomer is freshman infielder/pitcher Brian Martin, who figures to make an instant impact in the field, on the mound and at the plate.

"Brian's make-up and presence are phenomenal considering how young he is," Scheffer said. "He's as complete of a player we've had at the freshman level since I've been here. The sky's the limit."

Senior southpaw Kyle Smith will pitch (3-1 last year) and play first base. The Rockets have two juniors who will handle the bulk of the catching duties: Noah Damian and Connor Gawne, both of whom excelled for the program's junior-varsity program last season.

Scheffer loves the hard-nosed attitude senior third baseman Bernard Snell brings to the mix. Senior James Redmond and junior Reed Zielinski will be mainstays at the middle-infield positions.

Among the candidates to patrol the outfield with Wetmore and Damian are Stephen Hegenauer and Vincent Cadotto.

Scheffer will be helped out by assistants Billy Romej and Aaron Scheffer, his younger brother who will serve as the team's pitching coach.

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PREP TENNIS PREVIEW

Positive attitude bolsters Wayne

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial's first-year girls tennis coach Tim Crouson has clearly-defined goals for his young squad.

"I want the girls to have a lot of fun and improve as the season goes along," said Crouson, whose team opened its season last week with an impressive 9-0 victory over Lincoln Park.

The Zebras' 25-player roster will be topped by senior No. 1 singles standout Janae Strickland, who Crouson praised as a "good leader and motivator."

Strickland will share captaincy duties with No. 4 singles player Ryleigh Strong and No. 1 doubles player Danialle Lynn, both of whom are seniors.

"I like Ryleigh's enthusiasm," Crouson said. "She started talking to me back in the fall, telling me how excited she was to get the season going. Ryleigh and Danialle are the



Ryleigh Strong is pictured launching a serve during a match earlier this week.

ones who got a lot of our fundraisers organized."

Earning the No. 2 singles role is senior Kendelle Hood. Junior Ciara Casey has locked down the No. 3 singles spot while senior Rachel Cherian will team up with Lynn at No. 1 doubles.

The Zebras' No. 2 doubles tandem will consist of junior

Savanah Moury and sophomore Karla Strong, while Sara Hizeley and Macey Wolf will make up the No. 3 doubles duo. Seniors Brittany Nahle and Tirezah Ault are set to play No. 4 doubles while Halayna Reynolds and Shakeela Gipson will compete at No. 5 doubles.

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Cougars on hunt for hardware this spring

Montroy to lead Garden City's mound corps

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Garden City baseball team's aim this season is to win a lot of games and at least a few titles.

The Cougars did the former last season, but just missed out on stocking the school's showcases with additional hardware.

"While we won plenty of games last year, our goals are to win the league and win a district championship," said veteran head coach Steve Herman. "We fell just short in both areas last year and hope to improve."

"We are a relatively young team, but there is a lot of talent here and we are looking forward to a successful season."

The Cougars' pitching staff will be spearheaded by senior ace Nick Montroy, who was super-sharp on Thursday as he delivered a complete-game, three-hitter in a 2-1 loss at Livonia Franklin.

Montroy will have plenty of company on the mound, including junior Kyle Wladyskiak, senior Matt Kindred, junior Tyler Kelly, junior Jassen Matuscak, junior Dakota Mahkimetass, junior Dakota Darocha, junior Adam Crunk and senior Brendan Thompson.



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Nick Montroy will anchor the Garden City baseball team's pitching staff this spring.

Providing targets behind the dish will be Brandon Thompson and Mahkimetass. "Both are solid and experienced, and they swing the bat well," said Herman.

The left side of the inside will be anchored by senior Travis Kidd, an all-league and all-district player as a junior, who will play both third base and shortstop. Wladyskiak and Montroy will also play third. Vinnie Bakerian will play both middle-infield positions, while Kelly can play second and the outfield equally well.

Matuscak will play the bulk of innings at first base, which will also be handled by Wladyskiak and Montroy.

Kindred returns as the starting center-fielder. He'll be flanked by Darocha, Crunk, Nick Tilley, Trent Wallace and Alex Centofanti, the team's only sophomore.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Lady Trojans strive to be better

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Livonia Clarenceville has a modest goal for the 2015 girls soccer season as it continues the process of rebuilding its team.

The Lady Trojans, who were 4-13 last year, want to be better at the end of the season than they were when it started.

"I'd just like to see just some growth and improvement," coach Amanda Moody said, adding the team's first priority is to work on the defensive game.

"When that comes, we'll work more on the offense. If can hold our own defensively, the offense will come around eventually."

Clarenceville is led by seniors Jordan See and Jillian Bunker, both of whom are

fourth-year varsity starters.

See roams between the midfield and a forward position, and Moody likes her aggressive, hustling style of play. See had two goals and two assists last year.

"She's always working hard, always running all over the place," Moody said.

Bunker also plays center mid at times. She's a reliable keeper and also has a competitive, scrapper mentality, according to Moody. Bunker made saves on 88 of 126 shots.

Junior sweeper Samantha Franco is a third-year varsity player who is playing a new position. She sees the field well and is a good communicator.

"She's the voice for the defense," Moody said. "She tells the others where to be and gets them in the right positions."

The Lady Trojans are helped by the return of senior Sarah Curvin, who last played as a freshman and is a good athlete.

She earned an all-Observer honor as an outside hitter in volleyball last fall. Curvin is an all-round player and can play wherever she is needed on the field.

"She's a beast," Moody said. "She goes all out for everything. She's very quick. She's a good field player and knows where to be and at the right times."

Other key returning players are forward Nickendra Thomas and midfielders Kaitlyn Denny and Dawn Longoria.

The top newcomers are defenders Ashli Hearn and Kyla Johnson and senior Hannah Colbert, who can play forward or midfielder.

YARDLEY

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would have known she'd suffered a devastating injury that necessitated countless hours of painstaking rehabilitation.

"The rehab part was probably as difficult mentally as physically because I've never really had to sit on a bench for an entire game and watch," said Yardley, who attended every Franklin practice and game during her junior season, despite not being able to physically participate. "I'd help the coach write up the line-ups for the refs, stuff like that."

The physical end of her comeback was no walk in the park either.

"It was hard, especially when I had to start bending it for the first time and getting the rotation back," she shared. "The first week after my surgery was probably the toughest because I could barely walk on it. I wanted to get back to school as fast as I could, so I was in a wheelchair the first few days."

Amazingly, Yardley continued to compete for the Franklin swimming team for



Bella Yardley was sidelined for close to six months.

over a month after the injury. "It was hard, but the doctors cleared me to do it, and I didn't want to miss the end of the [swimming] season," she said.

Dividends from all of Yardley's rehabilitation sessions were finally realized last summer when she made a triumphant return to the Hawks' line-up.

"That was exciting," she reflected. "I thought it would be hard, but it wasn't as bad as I expected."

"I couldn't have done it without my parents, my teammates and my physical therapist. They were always there when I need them, and now I'm back to 100 percent of where I was before the injury."

SOCCER

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John Glenn drew even roughly 10 minutes into the second half when Susie Bryan knocked home a rebound shot.

Moments later the hosts gained a 2-1 edge when Caitlin McGrath scored from about 25 yards out.

Undeterred, GC tallied the ultimate game-tying goal when Alex Sherlock bent in a hooking corner kick.

The Cougars played without leading forward Gabby Castillo (illness).

Rockets win opener

On Tuesday, John Glenn upended Belleville, 3-1, in the season-opener for both teams.

Following a scoreless first



Garden City's Brooke Collins and John Glenn goal-keeper Jackie Mueller watch the game's first goal sail into the net.

half, Climie ignited the scoring when she scored off a pass from Rachel LaRowe.

After Belleville drew even at 1-1 on Morgan Marshall's goal, the Rockets seized the lead for good when Kendra Pennington found the net off a corner kick

from Climie.

Morgan Dangel punched in an insurance goal from LaRowe.

Jackie Mueller registered six saves in front of the net for the winners.

ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING

Area's top wrestlers pin down all-Observer honors

FIRST TEAM

Mike Mars, 103, John Glenn: The freshman's high school debut couldn't have gone much smoother as he racked up a 51-3 record and Division 1 individual state championship.



Mars' first-year resume is packed with first-place performances, including the Wayne County, Observerland and KLAAs tournaments. He became the first freshman in the history of John Glenn wrestling to win a state championship.

"Obviously, Mike had an outstanding freshman year," coach Bill Polk said. "This young man has no fear and a huge amount of heart and determination. He had a storybook ending, defeating his only two losses during the season to win a state title.

"Mike deserved everything he accomplished, because he worked hard for it, not only this season but the past several years in the youth wrestling circuit. He was very motivated to improve and worked hard all season to accomplish his goals and he did. Mike is also a 4.0 student."

Josh Mussen, 112, Churchill: Already the owner of 63 high school victories, Mussen won at Observerland and the Livonia City tournament. He also placed second at the district tournament while on the way to locking down 35 victories.



"Josh was our silent warrior," said Churchill coach Marty Altounian. "He would just go out and beat his opponent and quietly return to the bench. No one really knew he was around until they had to face him on the mat, and unfortunately for them he quietly returned to the bench with a win. He will be anything but quiet next year."

Mike Volyanyuk, 119, Harrison: Volyanyuk was all-state three years in a row, ending his prep career with a third-place finish in the Division 2 tournament. He was the D1 runner-up at 103 two years ago, and he finished sixth at 112 last year.



Volyanyuk compiled a 49-1 record as a senior and concluded a four-year varsity career with a 154-28 record. He was the Oakland County and Observerland champion, as well as a district and regional winner.

Also an outstanding student, Volyanyuk likely will attend either Michigan or Nebraska and compete in wrestling.

"He had an outstanding career and is a very accomplished wrestler, being all-area three consecutive years," coach Jon Herstein said. "It's not often you get to coach a great athlete, a great student and a great person.

"He was a great leader for the team, a tremendous mentor to the younger wrestlers and a great asset to have in the program. This is a nice capstone, to end his great career at Harrison as an all-area wrestler again."

Chase Spanos, 125, John Glenn: The senior closed out a spectacular career with a 43-7 record (he was 107-42 overall) and fourth-place (all-state) effort at the Division 1 individual state meet. Spanos placed first in the Observerland, district and regional tournaments.



"Chase was an outstanding captain and leader for our team this season," Polk said. "Chase was our game-changer all season; when we needed a big win, we knew we could count on Chase.

"He was our most aggressive wrestler, going after every opponent with pressure for the entire match. It was fun to see him grow physically, mentally, and technically as a wrestler.

"We knew exactly what we were getting when we sent Chase in the circle. He would give us everything he had and then a little more. He will be missed by all of our coaches after he graduates."

Nick Robertson, 130, Franklin: The senior finished his high school career with a sterling 46-15 record that included championship showings in the Livonia City tournament and the Observerland tournament. The owner of a 150-67 career mark, Robertson was a three-time city champion and two-time state-qualifier.



"Nick has been someone that we've counted on for a win for most of his career," coach Dave Chiola said. "He works extremely hard in practice, is great at teaching and mentoring the younger guys on the team and is a very smart wrestler.

"Nick has always had a team-first attitude, and his work ethic rubs off on everyone around him. I often used Nick as an example to younger wrestlers to show intensity and thinking on the mat. He will definitely be missed."

Jesse Jones, 130, Farmington: The senior and two-time team captain enjoyed another outstanding season for the Falcons, finishing with a 46-9 record. Jones was 103-37 during his high school career.



He placed fifth at the Oakland County tournament and was a finalist in the Observerland and OAA Red Division tournaments.

Jones was a Division 2 state qualifier, placing third in the district and regional events. At The Palace of Auburn Hills, he was one match (win) short of being in the top eight and all-state.

"Jesse will be sorely missed in our lineup and in the practice room," coach Al Beyar said. "The coaches at Farmington could not be more proud of Jesse's practice work ethic during the season and during the off season.

"He was a great asset to the team and a great role model for the younger wrestlers. Jesse will move on to college where he will set goals and be successful in all of his future endeavors."

Dylan Dwyer, 135, Plymouth: There's never been a Plymouth junior with the kind of season Dwyer had in the 135-pound weight class.



Dwyer had the best junior season in school history with a 56-7 record, placing fifth in the state. He was a Wayne County champion and finished second at the KLAAs championships.

Time and time again, Dwyer literally went to the mat against the best rivals had to offer and came away with plenty of pins (a school record) and hard-fought victories.

"Dylan has set himself up to have possibly the best career in school history," coach Quinn Guernsey said. "He is currently second in school history for pins, and fifth on the list for wins. Being at the top of both (categories) is possible depending on his senior year.

"As a coaching staff we expected that Dylan would have a better year than as a sophomore but I think we all were surprised by how successful his year was. He beat a lot of really good kids many of whom were seniors. He will definitely be in the discussion to win a state title next season."

Dan Allor, 135, Harrison: Allor was a two-time state qualifier and finished his senior season with 42-7 record. He is the Observerland champion at 135.



He also won a district title, was a regional finalist and placed fourth in the Oakland County tournament. Allor compiled a career record of 105-53.

"Dan just got better with every practice," Herstein said. "He was constantly trying to improve his wrestling ability. Dan really looks for a challenge and loves it. He believes he can compete with anybody.

"He's a tremendously hard worker and another great kid to have in the room. It's great to see kids who have a great high school experience receive an honor like this. Dan deserves that. It's a great ending to a fantastic career."

Nathan Atienza, 140, Franklin: The sophomore followed up his stellar freshman season with a dazzling encore, churning out a 49-4 season that included a runner-up finish at the Division 1 individual state meet. Atienza, who is now 104-14 over his first two seasons, won the Livonia City championship, Observerland, a KLAAs and district title.



"Nathan came in this year with high expectations and didn't disappoint," said Chiola. "He took the reins of the team at a young age and was able to garner the respect of his teammates.

"Nathan made the wrestlers around him better and solidified the middle of our lineup. He became the first sophomore in Franklin history to be all-state after being the first freshman all-stater last year.

"He has a very humble, calm demeanor, which is one of the things I like about him. He is always striving to be better, so I can't wait to see what the future holds."

Ty Jasman, 140, Canton: The fourth-year varsity wrestler was a bright spot for young Canton in 2014-15, amassing a 44-9 record in the 140-pound weight class and surpassing 100 career victories.



Jasman capped off his outstanding season by winning the Division 1 regional title at Saline, earning a spot on Canton's "Wall of Fame" inside the wrestling room.

The team captain then finished fifth on the podium at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Other highlights included being runner-up at the KLAAs and district meets.

"Ty Jasman had an outstanding career as a Canton Chief wrestler," noted coach Cory Mancuso. "He has grown leaps and bounds as a wrestler and a person since his freshman year. He is a hard worker and great leader."

Jasman will wrestle for Adrian College while majoring in criminal justice.

"Ty has a bright future ahead of him," Mancuso said.

Zack Leck, 145, Churchill: Leck is an emerging star for the Chargers after breaking out with a 31-9 record this past season. His triumphs included first-place finishes at both the Livonia City tournament and the Division 1 district.



"Zack has a tremendous amount of talent that he has just started to tap into," said Altounian. "His work ethic is one that just gets better and better every day he is on the mat. He will eclipse the 100-win mark next year on his road to surpassing this year's accomplishments."

Chase Gardner, 152, Churchill: Only a junior, Gardner emerged as a victory machine for the Chargers this season as he compiled a 41-14 record that led to a berth in the Division 1 individual state meet. He placed first in the Livonia City tournament and at an event hosted by Lakeland, before taking second in his weight at Observerland.



"Chase came on strong from the middle of the year on," said Altounian. "He has continued to get better each year while growing his record to 89-33. The sky is the limit for him next year at whatever weight class he chooses."

Derrick Lester, 160, John Glenn: The sophomore racked up a solid 21-19 record while earning a second-place medal at the Observerland tournament.



"Derrick was definitely one of our most improved wrestlers," noted Polk. "He battled hard with his teammates to get the starting spot as a sophomore and kept it all season. Derrick has bought into our training program, and it really paid off for him this season.

"As a freshman, he 'took one for the team' several times, wrestling the best kids in the state. With all the experience he gained, he decided to wrestle all summer, so he could be a contributing part of our lineup this season."

Connor Vaughan, 171, Stevenson: The senior compiled a robust 34-9 record that ran his career wins total to 130. Vaughan was a two-time state-qualifier and two-year captain.



"Connor has been a tremendous asset to Livonia Stevenson Spartans," coach Dan Vaughan said. "He has been a fixture in the starting lineup each of his four wrestling seasons while earning a 3.5 GPA.

"In addition to wrestling, Connor stays active at Stevenson, playing football and competing in field events on the track team. This year he has served as captain on all three teams. Connor plans to continue his football career in the fall."

Mitchell Gross, 189, Salem: Salem's senior co-captain capped off an outstanding four-year career with a 44-11 record, finishing seventh at the D1 state individual finals.



A two-time state placer, he is one of only nine Salem wrestlers to reach the Palace podium and he surpassed the 115-victory mark during his standout senior season. Gross, who reached the finals of virtually every tournament since his sophomore year, led the Rocks to their first district team title since 2002.

"Mitchell always kept you on your toes," Salem co-coach Jeremy Henderson said. "He was capable of beating anyone at any time. Mitchell has over 115 wins and will go down as one of Salem's best, especially in the last 10 years."

Henderson stressed that Gross' wrestling career isn't over simply because he is graduating.

"Whether he wrestles in college or coaches, wrestling will be a part of his life and I believe he has a lot he can give back," Henderson said. "Mitchell has changed the attitude of the team to a winning one and he will be truly missed by his teammates and coaches."

Cameron Fyffe, 189, Clarenceville: Fyffe earned a Division 3 all-state accolade with a seventh-place finish in the state tournament. He posted a season record of 45-10 and ended his prep career with 110 victories.



Fyffe, who also made the all-Observer first team in soccer, won the Imlay City tournament and was the Western Wayne Athletic Conference runner-up. His losses were all to state qualifiers in other divisions.

"Cameron is the perfect example of what a student athlete is all about," coach Nick Elam said. "He maintained over a 4.0 grade-point average over his four years of high school and was a three-sport varsity athlete all four years.

"Cameron has been a tremendous role model and leader for the underclassmen on how to act and perform on and off the mats."

Hussein Youssef, 189, Plymouth: Despite not reaching his goal of placing at the Palace, Youssef still had an excellent senior season to cap off one of the best careers by a Plymouth wrestler.



In the deep and talented 189-pound bracket, Youssef finished 44-13, placing second at the Wayne County championships and third at the KLAAs.

The two-time state qualifier finished third in team history for victories, bringing power and dexterity to bouts.

Youssef also came up clutch, pinning his opponent against Oxford in a key come-from-behind victory for the Wildcats. In the regional semifinal at Saline, he pinned Park rival Mitchell Gross of Salem.

"Watching Hussein become the leader he has over the last four years has been a pleasure," Guernsey said. "We will miss him on the team next season."

Thomas Krueger, 215, Luth. Westland: A take-down machine throughout his senior season, Krueger proved to be a true warrior as he compiled an extraordinary 48-8 record. He tacked on a well-deserved exclamation point by placing seventh at the Division 4 individual state meet.



"Thomas works hard for everything he gets," said Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt. "He got probably 80 percent of his points on take-downs, and he's hard to take down, so that combination proved successful."

Baker Hadwan, 215, Churchill: Hadwan put the wraps on an outstanding high school wrestling career by placing sixth at the Division 1 individual state meet and pinning down a 46-10 record. Hadwan also recorded gold-medal efforts at the Lakeland and district tournaments, and second-place honors at Observerland and in the regional round.



"Baker has come so far in his short career with us at Churchill," said Altounian. "He has shown tremendous growth both on the mat and in his personal life. He's a tireless worker who wanted nothing else but to be on the mat wrestling."

Jake Merceica, 285, Churchill: The senior didn't just rack up a 42-9 record this season, he dominated many of his opponents. His list of championship efforts includes winning tournaments at Observerland, Wyandotte, Chippewa Valley and the Livonia City event.



"Jake has become a solid heavyweight over the past four years," said Altounian. "He grew into the weight class and finished with a 99-42 record. He was our captain and showed tremendous leadership throughout the year."

Michael Jordan, 285, Plymouth: Jordan wrestles at 285, but through hard work and physical ability is far from the prototypical heavyweight. He finished with a 47-11 record, enjoying a string of successes that ended just short of a visit to the Palace.



"Michael has really tried to expand his wrestling style and become less of a typical heavyweight and a more complete wrestler," Guernsey said. "Although his season ended abruptly at the regional tournament Mike proved he can wrestle and compete with some of the best kids in the state."

Guernsey pointed to three close battles against Dearborn Heights Crestwood state runner-up Ali Wahab as a measure of how much progress Jordan has made.

"It will be nice for Mike to get one more chance to be a state placer," Guernsey added. "He has the ability to beat that caliber wrestler and hopefully next season he puts it all together."

2015 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

103 pounds: 1. Mike Mars, freshman, Westland John Glenn; 2. Dan Manier, junior, Farmington; 3. Isiah Berry, freshman, Plymouth.
112: 1. Josh Mussen, sophomore, Churchill; 2. Johnny DiPonio, freshman, Franklin; Chase Walkowiak, senior, Farmington; 3. Akash Rai, sophomore, Salem; Chris Zimmerman, freshman, Lutheran Westland.
119: 1. Mike Volyanyuk, senior, Harrison; 2. John Siemasz, sophomore, North Glenn; Brandon Harris, senior, Plymouth; 3. Warren Stanfield, sophomore, North Farmington; Jake Justice, freshman, Farmington.
125: 1. Chase Spanos, senior, John Glenn; 2. Anthony Gibson, freshman, John Glenn; 3. Adam Ross, senior, Franklin; Cameron Shaughnessy, junior, Salem.
130: 1. Nick Robertson, senior, Franklin; Jesse Jones, senior, Farmington; 2. Payton Beneteau, junior, John Glenn; 3. Tarik Alcodray, sophomore, Stevenson; Spencer Schiffrar, junior, Plymouth.
135: 1. Dylan Dwyer, senior, Plymouth; Dan Allor, senior, Harrison; 2. Brad Speen, senior, John Glenn; 3. Jeremy Nelson, junior, Franklin.
140: 1. Nathan Atienza, sophomore, Franklin; Ty Jasman, senior, Canton; 2. Caleb Richter, senior, Lutheran Westland; 3. Sterling Schiffrar, junior, Plymouth.
145: 1. Zack Leck, senior, Churchill; 2. Collin Smith, senior, Franklin; 3. Brandon Bergstresser, senior, Garden City.
152: 1. Chase Gardner, junior, Churchill; 2. Caleb McCabe, senior, Salem; 3. Ricky Laurence, junior, John Glenn.
160: 1. Derrick Lester, sophomore, John Glenn; 2. Ethan Shulaw, sophomore, Plymouth;

3. Cody McAnally, senior, Churchill.
171: 1. Connor Vaughan, senior, Stevenson; 2. Mitchel Retting, senior, Franklin; 3. Logan Beaudoin, junior, John Glenn.
189: 1. Mitchell Gross, senior, Salem; Cameron Fyffe, senior, Clarenceville; Hussein Youssef, senior, Plymouth; 2. Roy Foster, junior, Salem; 3. Alex James, senior, Wayne Memorial.
215: 1. Tom Kruger, senior, Lutheran Westland; Baker Hadwan, senior, Churchill; 2. Brad Scott, senior, Stevenson; 3. Nate Irvine, senior, John Glenn.
285: 1. Jake Merceica, senior, Churchill; Michael Jordan, junior, Plymouth; 2. Tyler Demski, junior, Stevenson; 3. Tyler Moore, senior, Salem.
HONORABLE MENTIONS
Franklin: Antonio Herrera, Dan Huber, Joe Fortin, Josh Retting; **Stevenson:** Will Eckerle; **John Glenn:** Avery Casey, Jawaun Peete, Genaro Aerrano, Steve Spencer, Isaac Leffer; **Lutheran Westland:** Connor Even, Wes Watten, Manny Rankine, Andy Faith, Nic Glinn, Josh Tuttle; **Clarenceville:** Dyland Brigham, Domanick Slagle, James Ascott; **Harrison:** Austin Crutchfield, Ryan Boynton, Devine Filem; **North Farmington:** Nate Penny, Dilan Yaldo, Chris Nader, Tariq Knox; **Salem:** Bruce Haslitt, Seth Dunn, Nate Gaubatz, Kent Woody, Russell Gaubatz, DJ McGhee; **Plymouth:** Collin Reed, Jake Noll; **Canton:** Grant Trotman, Harrison Samoy.

PREP SOCCER

Churchill rallies to topple Ladywood

Livonia Churchill overcame a 1-0 deficit by rallying for two goals in the final 10 minutes Thursday night to beat visiting Livonia Ladywood, 2-1, in a non-league girls soccer match.

The Blazers, who outshot Churchill 11-8, got their lone goal in the 20th minute by Sam Riga off an assist from Taylor Bullard.

Erin Emmanuel's free kick in the 70th minute tied the match at 1-all and Churchill notched the game-winner seven minutes later when Alexis Lubonja finished off a corner kick.

Goalkeeper Brittany Hayes made six saves as Churchill evened its record at 1-1.

Holly Cusick had two saves for the Blazers, who stand 2-1 going into a Catholic League match against rival and two-time MHSAA Division 2 state runner-up Birmingham Marian beginning at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

"We left some opportunities on the field tonight," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We generated the chances that we wanted, but just couldn't put the final product together. Give credit to the Churchill girls. Their goalie (Hayes) made some big saves to keep us at one goal. Both teams played hard from start to finish. It just wasn't meant to be for us."



Churchill goal-keeper Brittany Hayes secures the ball in traffic during Thursday night's victory over Livonia Ladywood.

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GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEWS

Area squads primed for productive seasons

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Following are summaries of local high school girls soccer programs as the 2015 season heats up.

Livonia Churchill

The Chargers will hit the pitch this spring with a roster that is loaded with under-classesmen and an attitude that is easy to like if you're a coach.

"We're still young - we have three seniors and a couple juniors," said head coach Reid Friedrichs. "But I like the fight in this team. Hopefully it continues throughout the year."

"We've had a lot of injuries and some illness early on, so we came out and changed some formations and we've had different line-ups out there, but the girls are adjusting the best they can."

The Chargers have looked strong during the season's opening week, battling Northville throughout a 1-0 setback before rallying to upend Livonia Ladywood, 2-1, on Thursday.

"As young as we are, I'd probably prefer a kinder schedule to start off, but it will only make us stronger once we start our tough conference schedule and get into the playoffs."

All three seniors possess top-notch talent at their respective positions. Center-midfielder Erin Emmanuel, who has returned to the team after playing the past two springs for her club team, is headed to St. Louis University to play soccer.

Top-flight forward Alexis Lubonja will play for the University of Detroit at the next level while center defender Sediqa Nedam has signed on with Indiana Tech.

Sophomore goal-keeper Brittany Hayes has been stellar so far, yielding just two goals against two tough foes.

"Overall, she's a solid goal-keeper," said Friedrichs. "She's courageous about coming off the line and she does a good job of communicating with the defense."

Among the Chargers' defensive standouts are Sylvia Cervantes, Hannah Damico and Liz Rubenson.

Sara Taylor and freshman Addison Mussen will bolster the offense.

Joining Emmanuel in the



Livonia Churchill's Sara Taylor (right) and Ladywood's Elisabeth Pollock battle for possession during Thursday night's game.

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mid-field will be sophomore Ashley Slaviero and juniors Alivia Kondrath and Lauren Wynn.

Freshman Kathryn Ristola will serve as Hayes' back-up.

Livonia Franklin

There's a lot to like about the Patriots this season.

"I love our team chemistry and the leadership our captains provide," said head coach Dean Kowalski. "We have some talented players, too. I've really enjoyed working with this team."

Senior captains Isabella Yardley and Kathryn MacRae offer big-time skills and valuable encouraging skills. Yardley, an outside defender, returns to the team after missing the entire 2014 campaign while recuperating from a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

MacRae is a dependable keeper who Kowalski noted has "developed every year she's been here."

"Bella has looked great," Kowalski added. "She looks more and more confident every day she's out here."

Junior Riley Burnett is a three-year varsity mid-fielder who is "extremely talented," said Kowalski, while junior forward Rachel Dudek is expected to be among the team's leading goal-scorers.

Kowalski also mentioned junior center-back Sara Cable,

sophomore defender Bailey Elliott and freshman mid-fielder Riley Hawley as pivotal performers.

Livonia Stevenson

The Spartans are looking to improve on last season's 9-6-4 record - and judging by Tuesday's impressive victory over Franklin, it's so far, so good.

"We have a nice mix of returning players," noted head coach Chris Grodzicki. "Our juniors were on varsity as sophomores, so they at least got a taste of playing at this level."

"We're still battling for starting spots, which makes our practices very competitive. I have high hopes for this season."

The Spartans are in good hands in the leadership department thanks to senior captains Aliya El-Sabeh, Sari Rakowicz and Maddy Caves.

"All three captains provide strong voices and they play three different spots on the field, so we'll have leaders across the field," said Grodzicki.

Jenna Thom will anchor the Spartans' back wall with Alyssa Benvenuti, an all-district performer as a freshman, solidifying the mid-field.

Hannah Reamer and Jess Schoenfeldt will share the goal-keeping responsibilities at least early on.

Westland John Glenn

The Rockets' freshmen outnumber their seniors, 6-2, but not to worry, says head coach Ralph Cabildo.

"The freshmen who made varsity have really stood out so far," he said. "We're very young, but I like what I've seen so far."

John Glenn's two seniors - mid-fielder Raven Buck and forward Sydney Climie - will serve as its captains.

Junior Jackie Mueller will handle the goal-keeping duties after excelling for the junior-varsity squad as a sophomore. She'll receive plenty of support from junior defenders Whitney Cole and Kendra Pennington, both of whom played well in Thursday's 2-2 draw with Garden City.

Rachel LaRowe offers talent in the mid-field while forwards Jenna Deering and Carley Loving will help Climie light up the scoreboard once they return from injury.

pleased with the progress we've made so far, and our future is bright."

Ladywood opened its season March 18 with a 19-7 loss at Grosse Pointe South and then fell 13-12 on March 19 to visiting Dexter as Grandison made 14 saves.

Dwyer scored four goals in the loss, while Reece and Mulcahy contributed three apiece for the Blazers, who led 9-8 at intermission.

Grace Canty and Jacobs rounded out the Ladywood goal scorers.

Ladywood returns to action at 6 p.m. Monday at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart before taking off two weeks for spring break when they'll return to action 4 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

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PREP BASEBALL REPORT

Patriots outlast Garden City, 2-1

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Like the weather conditions, the baseball was crisp Thursday afternoon at Livonia Franklin.

Playing in near-freezing wind chills, the Patriots outlasted Garden City, 2-1, in a rare early-season matchup that included just one error and 10 base hits.

Sophomore starting pitcher Kolby Dewhirst was the ice man for Franklin as he scattered seven hits during his seven-inning complete game effort. Dewhirst, who just a few weeks ago was lacing up skates for the Patriots' hockey team, needed just 80 pitches to subdue the Cougars, who were making their 2015 debut.

Dewhirst struck out three and didn't walk a Cougar.

Garden City starting pitcher Nick Montroy was equally effective, yielding just three Franklin hits and one earned run over six innings. Montroy walked four and struck out two.

Franklin scored first in the bottom of the second inning when Mitch Gonyaw reached first on a single and stole second. With the Patriots prepared to bunt Gonyaw over to third, the batter took a ball and with the third baseman charging to cover the possible bunt, Gonyaw swiped third before scoring on a passed ball.

Garden City drew even at 1-1 in the top of the fifth when Kyle Wladyskiak singled, Montroy was hit by a pitch and they both moved up a base on a sacrifice bunt. Wladyskiak then scored on

Jassen Matuscak's ground-out.

The Patriots scored the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth when Tyler Camp reached first on a fielder's choice, stole second and advanced to third on an errant throw by the catcher.

With the GC infield pulled in, Ryan Prohaska ripped a line drive right at GC's shortstop for the second out, however, Gonyaw followed with an RBI single.

"It was a very well-played game," Franklin coach Matt Fournier said. "Both pitchers threw well and the defense was outstanding."

Spartans fall to Raiders

North Farmington erupted for seven runs in the second inning before holding on to defeat Livonia Stevenson, 8-7, Thursday afternoon.

The Spartans actually outthit their hosts, 12-4, but were doomed by typical early-season issues, including walks and errors.

Joe Duprie led the Spartans' offense with three hits, two RBI and a run. Jack Ferguson, C.J. Breen and Danny Morris also laced two hits a piece.

Evan Center was a tough out for the Raiders as he went 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs.

Trailing 8-4, Stevenson mounted a three-run rally in the top of the sixth, but was unable to produce the game-tying run.

Strong relief pitching from Nate Bunton and Dan Bos enabled the visitors to keep it close.

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es, she speaks from experience. Prior to taking over the AD reins at her alma mater, she served as the head women's basketball coach at Northwood University and Ferris State University.

Hyman, a highly-decorated basketball player at MSU, worked for five years as an AD with the Dexter Community Schools before starting her current position in 1995.

"I've always believed that an athletic administrator coaches their coaches, so it's necessary to have been a coach in order to do this job effectively," Hyman said. "I can relate to what they're going through on a day-to-day basis, although today's coaches face more pressures than coaches faced when I coached."

"Coaches today have more responsibility when it comes to fundraising, there are social-media guidelines and liability issues. That's why

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Despite 0-3 start, Blazers stay optimistic

Rough start after 2 state final four appearances

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After four straight trips to the MHSAA Division 2 state semifinals, it's been a season of hard knocks thus far for the Livonia Ladywood lacrosse squad.

The Blazers slipped to 0-3 Wednesday with a 17-7 setback at West Bloomfield as the Lakers' Olivia D'Angelo broke loose for nine goals, while Susie Pilibosian added a hat trick and Elizabeth Shults contributed two.

Ladywood junior goalie Aliya Grandison, making her third career start, finished with 12 saves, while Sarah Holmes was in goal for the Lakers.



Ladywood's Dani Dwyer (9) looks for an opening against the West Bloomfield defense.

DIANE JACOBS

"We have a very young team, so this is a building year for us," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, who guided the Blazers to the state semifinals in 2014 after a runner-up finish in 2013. "However, I was very

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Thurston powered by Snell, Austins

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's baseball team may be incredibly young this spring, but it's equally coach-able, which fuels head coach Bob Snell's optimism.

"This is a young group, but they're anxious to improve and very attentive to learning the proper technique and everything there is to know about the game of baseball," Snell said.

Although the Eagles are more inexperienced across the board than the 2014 team that struggled picking up victories during last spring's 9-17 season, Snell believes this team could be more successful, at least in terms of wins and losses.

"We played a very tough schedule last year and it's not quite as tough this year, so we could actually win more games even though we may not be as talented from top to bottom," he said.

The Eagles will be paced by senior captains Bobby Snell and Austin Slomba, both of whom registered solid statistics as juniors. Snell, a four-year varsity player, returns as the team's top pitcher and most experienced player after seeing action in over 80 games during his first three years at Thurston.

been our leading pitcher the previous three years," Bob Snell said. "He struggled a little bit at the plate last year (.271 batting average) after hitting over .300 his first two years, so we're looking for him to bounce back there."

Snell will most likely play shortstop when he's not pitching.

Slomba will pitch and provide the Eagles' with good wheels on the base paths.

"Austin is probably our fastest player," Snell said. "He'll steal a lot of bases when he gets a good jump, and he's very reliable in the outfield."

Junior Austin Benoit is slotted to return as the Eagles' clean-up hitter in addition to playing catcher and third base.

"Austin is very good at driving the ball up the gaps," Snell said. "Defensively, he's our best catcher..."

Thurston's pitching staff will also be bolstered by the addition of juniors Donald Permy, Ne'Gyle Beamon and Bobby Shutter, all of whom should find themselves in the lineup when they're not on the mound.

Senior Joe Beauchamp can pitch and play third base. Chalfontae Phillips, a sophomore, will start the season as the No. 2 catcher.

First baseman Joe Cornejo will provide some pop to the lineup, which will also include first-year senior Travis Wesenberg, Zack June and Diego Almieda Navarro.



Redford Thurston senior captain Bobby Snell pulls into second base during a game last spring against Garden City.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

No-hitter completes MU sweep

Sophomore Erin Combs' first career no-hitter highlighted Madonna University's doubleheader sweep Tuesday of visiting Albion College in a non-conference women's softball matchup at University Field.

Combs, a sophomore from Imlay City, improved to 7-3 as she struck out six and walked only one in the 12-0 five-inning mercy rule victory over the Britons in the nightcap.

The Crusaders (14-7-1) racked up 12 hits as Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington) tripled twice and knocked in three runs.

Other offensive contributions came from Breanna Keethler (2-for-2, two RBI); Jillian Krätz (2-for-2, RBI); and Mikhey Kish (two RBI).

The Crusaders also captured Game One in five innings, 14-0, as Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) went 3-for-3 with two RBI to spark MU's 14-hit attack.

Kasey Trierweiler (2-for-2, three RBI) and Kish 2-for-3, four RBI) also had big days at the plate, while winning pitcher Bree Crampton (7-4) struck out 10 and allowed just two hits.

The Britons (4-10) committed five errors.

MU returns to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at home against University of Michigan-Dearborn.



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Local woman hopes her film raises awareness of EMDR therapy

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Chronicle, a 2003 short film, tells the story of Laura Gumina and her lifelong struggles with mental illness.

Filmed by her brother, Gumina of Farmington Hills recalls suicide attempts, a prescription drug addiction, childhood neglect, and traumatic memories for the camera. Her psychiatrist diagnoses her as bipolar with a borderline personality. And her brother, adding a postscript to the documentary in 2005, says Gumina attempted another suicide after the film was completed.

A decade later, Gumina hopes to "finish" the film with a happier ending. She underwent Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy in 2007 and now feels "good, happy and upbeat." She hopes to include information about EMDR therapy in the film, distribute it and give hope to others who are struggling as she did.

Gumina, who spent years teaching and acting in theater, started an Indiegogo.com online fundraising campaign to collect financial resources for additional filming and editing. With 26 days left, she has raised \$70 toward a \$4,000 campaign. Anyone who donates \$20 or more can receive a piece of her handmade jewelry. Gumina is retired from teaching, but coaches individuals through improv and acting techniques to help relieve their social anxiety. She also occasionally acts in short plays. But her current focus is to get the word out on EMDR.

New outlook

"The film sat in a box," Gumina said. "The only reason I unearthed it was because I wanted to add to it. My therapist said (in 2007) I'd like to try something. I said, I'm game." She took EMDR sessions for a little over two years.

"I haven't seen her in three years. If I need advice, I might see her. But she thinks I'm doing well. This is a viable therapy."



Laura Gumina hopes to collect enough money through an online fundraising campaign to insert information about EMDR therapy into her autobiographical film.

Bennett Wolper, L.M.S.W., and his wife, Zona Scheiner, Ph.D., founding members of Family Therapy Associates of Ann Arbor, established the EMDR Resource Center of Michigan, in Ann Arbor. They offer information about the technique and train therapists.

"People who experienced unresolved traumatic experiences early on are more likely to have a traumatic response to current situations. It's as if the past is in the present," Wolper said. "It's as if you're wearing glasses tinted by the previous experience, so new experiences are not based on what is happening in the present, but based on what happened in the past. What trauma does is it freezes experiences."

Past affecting present

Someone who was assaulted on a summer night, for example, years later might feel uneasy, unsafe, tense on as the sun sets in June and July, but not recognize why. The person might drink to soothe the tension. Or act out.

"What happens with trauma is that it fractures the experience."

The night is dangerous all of a sudden because it becomes linked to a traumatic event, even though the evening (in reality) isn't dangerous," Wolper said.

In the summer night example, the EMDR therapist might ask if any traumatic experiences occurred, then encourage the patient to describe the traumatic experience. The patient reassembles the experience in the present and the "brain writes a new narrative." After therapy, patient can recall the traumatic event, but it doesn't overwhelm the present with unrealistic feelings or beliefs.

Gumina said her changes as a result of EMDR therapy didn't happen overnight.

"There was one (past) incident that prevented me from going into large buildings. We worked on that for weeks to get it out," she said. "My history is not uncommon. It's just that I was given EMDR and optimism to survive."

EMDR therapists use tones, taps and eye movement — the patient visually follows the therapist's moving fingers — to help the patient focus while considering traumatic memories and his or her current triggers.

"One of the things that data shows is that one increasingly feels better as time goes on, even well after treatment."

Wolper estimates that some 900 therapists are trained in EMDR in Michigan.

"The first training I took didn't grab me the way it did Zona, but when I went through a second one, all of a sudden it made total sense to me on a profound level. Since that time, it really has changed my perception in terms of how I see problems, solutions, clients. I think therapists have to recreate themselves to stay fresh and vibrant."

Visit the EMDR Resource Center of Michigan website at emdrmichigan.com. Watch Gumina's film and contribute to her fundraising campaign at indiegogo.com/projects/raising-awareness-about-the-success-of-emdr.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Arthritic hips

Homer Linard III, an orthopedic surgeon, will give a free educational seminar on hip pain, total hip replacement and new treatment options, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Botsford Hospital Zieger Administration & Education Building Colen Auditorium, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. To register, call 877-477-3621, option #1.

Big colon

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to hold an educational event on colon cancer, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the south lobby at the hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. The event is free and open to the public. The event includes a 20-foot-long inflatable "super colon" display which visitors may walk through and see the progression of colon disease. Hospital cancer services staff will be on hand to answer questions. stmarymercy.org

Celiac support

Kelly Dorfman, an expert on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood, will speak at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, March 30, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Her topic will be "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough." tccsg.net

Dementia

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with individuals who have dementia, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the Clinical Services Building at Botsford Commons Senior Community, 21440 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. An Alzheimer's support group meeting follows in the Botsford Commons chapel. To register, call Diane Zide at 248-426-6902.

» Oakwood Healthcare will sponsor a free program about managing symptoms, treatment and physical therapy of dementia from 6-8 p.m. April 15 at Oakwood Hospital - Wayne, 33155 Annapolis St., Wayne. Two Oakwood physicians will lead the free program. Valet parking will be available at no charge at the West Entrance and a complimentary light dinner will be served. The session is expected to fill fast. Early registration is recommended. Call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org.

Diabetes management

Link Up with Diabetes, a Garden City Hospital support group with a focus on living a healthy lifestyle, will focus on Internet health literacy, 2 p.m. April 1, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the hospital at 734-458-4330.

Health discussion

Talk with Lila Lazarus, health reporter, Rob Casalou, St. Joseph Mercy Health System president and CEO, hospital officials and local leaders about issues that are important to you at an "open-ended" lunch discussion, noon April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital,

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Livonia Housing Commission
19300 Purlingbrook Road.
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On or about May 1, 2015 the City of Livonia-Housing Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for release of the 2015 Capital Fund (CFP) grant proceeds under Title I, Section 26 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project for the purpose of improving public housing apartments, common areas and site improvements for the McNamara Towers #1 and #2. The amount of CFP funding award for these activities is \$123,405.00

Site Locations: McNamara Towers #1 and #2 (19300-19500 Purlingbrook. Livonia, 48152) is a public housing community that benefits low income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The property is located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 2, Purlingbrook Road is between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads.

Project Description

McNamara Towers #1: Replacement of Existing Community Room windows, transfer of funds to operations and debt service payments under the Capital Fund Bond Financing program. The modernization activities shall provide greater operating efficiencies and will ensure more reliable operations and the long term viability of the public housing community.

Project Timeline and Funding:

Project Timeline: All funds (except debt service) shall be expended prior to March, 2019. This project is currently in the planning/design phase.

Project Funding: Capital Fund Program:	\$123,405.00
Dwelling Structures:	\$60,715.88
Capital Fund Financing Debt Service	\$52,689.12
Operations	\$10,000.00

The Environmental Review Record (ERR) documents the environmental determinations for this project which are on file at the Livonia Housing Commission in the McNamara Tower #2 building (19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia, MI 48152) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 AM. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Livonia Housing Commission at the address listed above. All comments received by May 1, 2015 will be considered by the Livonia Housing Commission prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission certifies to HUD that Jack E. Kirksey in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Livonia Housing Commission to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Livonia Housing Commission's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days (May 4, 2015 to May 20, 2015) following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Livonia; (b) the City of Livonia-Housing Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the HUD Grant Administration Office at Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

LIVONIA ARTIST TELLS STORIES THROUGH HER PASTEL PORTRAITS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The eyes tell the story. Susan Perrish knew it the first time she sketched a portrait.

"I think what I like the most is the ability to tell a story through the eyes of the subject. I'm fascinated by people, by their stories. I think everyone has a story. I want to know what makes them tick, what makes them joyful. When you sit and pose, I want you to tell me who you really are, tell me your story," said the Livonia portrait artist.

"Once I block a piece in, the thing I'm most interested in is the eyes. If I don't have the eyes right, I don't have anything and I'll start over. It's kind of like there are these tumblers rolling around and they click into place and all of a sudden, I see them now, through their eyes."

Her work has clicked with local fine arts organizations since Perrish, a former court reporter, decided to try her hand at portraiture. She began drawing for the first time in June 2013, initially with pencil and then charcoal. A few months later, one of her pieces was accepted into a Livonia Arts Commission exhibit. She switched to pastel painting in 2014 and one of her works won the Judge's Choice Award at the Milford Village Fine Arts Association Poetry Art Night. She earned both a Best in Show award and Commissioner's Choice Award last fall at the Livonia Art Commission exhibit. In April, her works will be on display at the Northville Art House. She's one of seven featured pastel artists invited to exhibit at the Pastel Invitational.

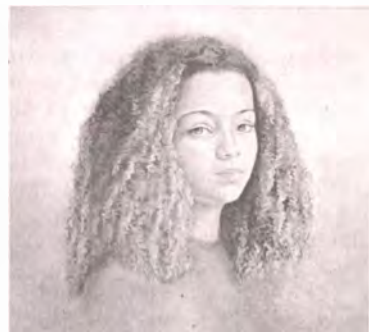
"The artists I'm exhibiting with are phenomenal, storied artists. I'm humbled to be in their company," Perrish said. "I feel like I'm the new kid on the block."



Susan Perrish works on a portrait in her home studio.



Susan Perrish painted this pastel portrait, "Ron."



Artist Susan Perrish says the eyes are key to telling a subject's story through their portrait. This piece is called "MacKenzie."

Artistic family

Although she began working as an artist just two years ago, Perrish said she always longed for an artistic, creative outlet. Her mother is a watercolor painter; her father a woodworker and her husband, Robert Perrish, is an artist who currently works in oil paint. But for several years, "the business of life," pushed her dream into a "someday" pursuit. Perrish was busy raising their two children, working as a court reporter and then as a caption creator for television broadcasts. She still works part time, supplying the on-screen captions for early morning live news broadcasts in Houston, Texas and Orlando, Fla., as well as an early evening broadcast in North Carolina, but spends the rest of her time on her art.

"I always wanted to do something creative. I'd go into

Michael's and put things in the cart and then pull it all out of the cart. It was so overwhelming. One day I decided to get a book and learn to do mixed media. I was lost. I didn't have whatever it took to create something from nothing," Perrish recalled.

She took supplies and the book to her mother's house, where they worked on mixed media pieces. Her mother easily took to the project. But Perrish ended up tossing her own work into the trash. She returned home, searched "How to draw an eye" on the Internet, and followed directions.

"I drew an eye. And I looked up 'How to draw a nose.' And I drew a nose. That is how it started," she said. "It felt like an unopened gift had been sitting there all these years. I think we're all born with gifts and once I opened up mine, I felt I could see things, and express them."

Expressive hands

Perrish suspects years of piano training helped her to grasp pastel painting and charcoal drawing.

"It's the same concept in that I'd look at music on the sheet and express it through my hands. It's the same thing, really. If I can see it, I can draw it."

Perrish consulted with her husband on technique and composition, and they attend figure drawing sessions at the Scarab Club in Detroit, but she has not taken an art class.

"I wanted to see what bubbled up on my own ... me unencumbered. I wanted to find my own style," she said.

She plans to take a course this summer, while continuing to pastel paint portraits. Contact Perrish at 248-345-5305.

PASTEL INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 3-25. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 3

Where: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville

What: The works of seven pastel artists will be on display. The artists are Sue Perrish of Livonia, Kathy Fish of White Lake, Gayle Sanchirico of Brighton, Jill Stefani Wagner of Saline, Carolyn Weins of Ypsilanti, Joan Rosenblum of Ann Arbor, and Shelley Schoenherr of Grosse Pointe Farms

Contact: 248-344-0497

Redford chef leads team to win Girl Scouts Cookie Gala awards

Henry Ford College Culinary Program's Fifty-One O One Restaurant won the Girls' Choice Award Wednesday at the year's Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala at DTE Energy in Detroit.



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

Chefs created the Bee-Zinga Bombes using the Samoa Girl Scouts cookie. Fifty-One O One also was the 2013 People's Choice Award Winner at the event on March 25.

Even if you missed the Gala, you can get a taste of the winning Bee-Zinga Bombes, as long as you've got pastry-making skills and you're willing to spend a little time in the kitchen. Chef Kristin Jablonski of Redford, pastry instructor, shared the multi-step recipe that layers mousse, coulis, dacquoise, ice cream, glaze and crumbled cookies, with the *Observer*.

Not in the mood to bake? Buy a cake or bread from the Henry Ford College Culinary students' Spring Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-7:45 p.m. April 1-2, in front of the Fifty-One O One restaurant, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Baked delicacies include a decorated carrot cake log (\$10), lemon curd roulade (\$10) Seven Brothers Cake (\$12), various cheesecakes (\$12-\$15), lemon poppyseed pound cake, zucchini bread, braided and raisin challah and a dozen soft dinner rolls (ranging from \$3-\$4). For more information, go to henryfordculinary.com.

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



Henry Ford College culinary team members made Bee-Zinga Bombes, winning the Girls' Choice Award at this year's Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala. They are Savannah Beilfuss (left), Bake Club secretary; Wassim Awada, sous chef; Kristin Jablonski, Redford Township resident, pastry chef instructor and Bake Club adviser; Alexis Grimes; Colleen Porter, Henry Ford College graduate; Ashley Polk; and Melody Townsend, Bake Club president.

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BEE-ZINGA BOMBES WITH SAMOA COOKIES

Red Zinger Coconut Milk Mousse
Kaffir Lime Curd Spheres
Coconut Dacquoise
Spice Glaze
Samoa Cookie crumbled
Samoa Cookie as base

Create the layers with the recipes that follow. You will build this dessert in an upside down fashion. First you will put down some coconut mousse in the mold, place a sphere of lime curd on top of the mousse. You will then put in a disc of coconut lime dacquoise on top of the curd. Cover with more mousse and then some of the crumbled samoa cookies and then finally a layer of mousse and a final dacquoise disc. Place in freezer and let set, unmold the mousse and glaze with the spice glaze. Garnish with a Samoa cookie as a base to holding the mousse. Serve with Black Pepper Ice Cream and Honey Pineapple Coulis and enjoy.



Bee-Zinga Bombe served with Black Pepper Ice Cream and Honey Pineapple Coulis won two awards at the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

Bug hunters

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies, mayflies and other aquatic insects at the annual Spring Bug Hunt on April 18. Volunteers must pre-register by April 3. Children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. The event starts at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center. Volunteers are assigned to teams that each travel to two sites where they look for living things in samples collected from the river under the direction of a trained team leader. Sign up at therouge.org

Livonia Garden Club

Sue Grubba will talk about which plants are worth buying and which plants to avoid, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Grubba is an Advanced Master Gardner, president of the Association of Professional Gardeners, Michigan School of Gardening instructor, landscape designer and owner of Creative Scapes in Rochester Hills. Visitors are welcome. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org or email rm078jsa@aol.com.

Miller Woods tours

Take a free guided tour, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, and Saturday, May 2, through the nature preserve, located on Powell Road, just east of Ridge, in



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Get tips on creating a container garden, April 11 at English Gardens.

Plymouth. Tours are approximately an hour long and the last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. Strollers and dogs are not allowed in Miller Woods; millerwoods.com.

Spring open house

Plymouth Nursery's spring open house runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 25-26 and will include gift card giveaways, sales, vendor representatives, a Weber Grill demonstration and refreshments. The nursery is located at 9900 Ann Arbor Road, west of Plymouth; 734-453-5500.

Tree, shrub sale

ReLeaf Michigan is taking orders through Friday, April 17, for trees, shrubs and evergreens. Cost is \$15 for evergreens, \$18 for shrubs, \$50 for specialty trees, and \$36 for trees including honeycrisp apple, sugar maple and American linden. Proceeds from the sale support ReLeaf Michigan's state-wide tree education and planting program. For descriptions, photos and online ordering, visit ReLeafMichigan.org. Pickup

is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at seven locations, including Handy Park, 26590 Capitol, Redford Township, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, and Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc., 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac.

English Gardens

» Get tips on pruning, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in a free presentation
 » Learn to plan, plant and maintain flowers and plants in outdoor containers, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Free.
 » Plant a fairy garden to take home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Cost is \$29.99. Sign up at the store or at EnglishGardens.com.

Classes are held at all stores unless noted. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Educational conference

Tickets are available for the Master Gardener of Oakland County third annual Educational Garden Conference, "Gardening and All That Jazz - Innovation and Sustainability For Your Garden." Tickets \$80. The event runs 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 25 at the Oakland Schools Conference Center, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Visit mgsoc.org. No registration at the door.

SCOUTS

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COCONUT DACQUOISE

- 3 ounces powdered almonds
- 8 ounces granulated sugar
- 1.5 ounces cake flour
- .5 ounces grated coconut
- 5 ounces egg white

1. Prepare parchment with 1-inch circle guides and flip over onto baking sheet so circles are visible through the paper.
2. Sift together almond powder, 4 ounces of sugar, and cake flour. Stir in coconut
3. Whip eggs to soft peak, add another 4 ounces of sugar and whip to firm peak.
4. Fold in the sifted dry ingredients.
5. Transfer to piping bag.
6. Using medium plain tip pipe disks inside the circle using a spiral piping technique
7. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until just golden.

RED ZINGER COCONUT MILK MOUSSE

- 4 ounces water
- 4 ounces coconut milk, unsweetened
- 7 ounces granulated sugar
- 1 bag Red Zinger Tea
- 2 teaspoons gelatin
- 1.6 ounces milk
- 1 ounce granulated sugar
- 1 ounce coconut, grated
- 4.5 ounces coconut milk, unsweetened, chilled
- 1.5 teaspoons coconut extract, pure
- 8 ounces heavy cream

1. Heat the water, coconut milk, and sugar to make syrup. Add the teabag and steep for 5 minutes (less time for less potency). Remove tea bag.
2. Soften the gelatin in 10 teaspoons cold water (3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon)
3. Heat the milk, sugar and coconut in saucepan to about 175°F. Let mixture stand few minutes to allow the coconut to infuse.
4. Remove from heat and add the gelatin, stirring to dissolve quickly.
5. Add second quantity of coconut milk (chilled). When temperature has cooled to about 75°F stir in the pure coconut extract.
6. Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold in
7. Pour into molds and chill.

KAFIR LIME CURD SPHERES

- 7 ounces granulated sugar
- 6.75 ounces kaffir lime juice, fresh squeezed
- 2.75 ounces lemon juice, fresh squeezed
- 9.5 ounces eggs
- 1 pound 12.75 ounces butter, cubed, soft
- ½ ounce vanilla paste

1. Combine sugar, lime juice, lemon juice, and eggs in nonreactive saucepan over medium heat.
2. Whisk to 175°F or until all the bubbles disappear.
3. Remove pan from heat and slowly whisk in the butter in increments
4. Strain through a fine mesh sieve into a bain-marie over an ice-water bath
5. Let mixture cool completely at room temperature, then chill
6. To assemble spheres, pipe the curd into sphere molds of desired size and freeze until completely solid. Unmold and reserve in freezer, covered until ready to use.

HONEY PINEAPPLE COULIS BLACK PEPPER ICE CREAM

- For the coulis:**
- 7 ounces pineapple
 - 1.5 ounces granulated sugar
 - 1 ounce honey
 - 8 teaspoons water
 - 3 teaspoons lemon juice
 - 4 teaspoons pineapple liqueur

Grill pineapple and cool. Puree until slightly chunky. Warm pureed fruit in saucepan. Boil sugar, honey and water to 220°F and mix into fruit puree. Return to boil, remove from heat, add juice and liqueur and cool.

- For the ice cream:**
- ½ cup whole milk
 - ½ cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon black peppercorns, coarsely cracked
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 3 large egg yolks

1. Warm the milk, sugar, peppercorns, salt, and ½ cup of the cream in a medium saucepan. Cover, remove from the heat, and let steep at room temperature for one hour.
2. Rewarm the peppercorn-infused mixture. Pour the remaining ½ cup cream into a large bowl and set a mesh strainer on top. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together the egg yolks. Slowly pour the warm mixture into the egg yolks, whisking constantly, then scrape the warmed egg yolks back into the saucepan.
3. Stir the mixture constantly over medium heat with a heatproof spatula, scraping the bottom as you stir, until the mixture thickens and coats the spatula. Pour the custard through the strainer, pressing the peppercorns gently to extract as much flavor as possible. Discard the peppercorns and stir the custard into the cream. Stir until cool over an ice bath.
4. Chill the mixture thoroughly in the refrigerator, and then freeze it in your ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions. Makes about 4 servings.

SPICED MIRROR GLAZE

- 1 pound, 4 ounces water
- 12 ounces granulated sugar
- 1 vanilla bean
- 3 allspice berries
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 clove
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon orange zest, grated
- 4 ounces lemon juice
- ¼ ounce gelatin, granulated
- 1 ounce rum (optional)

1. Combine 15 ounces of the water with the sugar in a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar.
2. Split the vanilla bean, scrape the seeds into the sugar syrup, and the pod. Add the allspice berries, cinnamon sticks, clove, nutmeg, ginger, orange zest, and lemon juice. Remove from the heat and steep for 15 minutes, then strain.
3. Bloom the gelatin in the rum and the remaining 5 ounces water, and then melt. Blend the melted gelatine with the spiced mixture.
4. Cool the glaze to 70°F/21°C. Use immediately.

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DOBOS-FRYE

Amanda J. Dobos and Bryce Frye announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Carol and Otto Dobos of Livonia, graduated from Arizona State University and works as an actor in Los Angeles, Calif.

Her fiancé, son of Cheri and Neil Frye of Phoenix, Ariz., also graduated from Arizona State University and works as a software engineer in Santa Monica, Calif.

An October 2015 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



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Amanda J. Dobos and Bryce Frye

BIRTH

EMMA FAITH SARNS

Emma Faith Sarns was born March 9, 2015, at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Emma joins her parents, David and Bianca Sarns, and her brother, Colin David Sarns, 5, at home in Westland.

Grandparents are Maryann Baase of Willis and the late Ronald Baase, and Judy Sarns of Livonia and the late Russell Sarns.

Mariam Mackinder of Northville is Emma's great-grandmother.



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Emma Faith Sarns

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Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Other "Join Me" Lunch & Learn sessions will be held April 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston, 620 Byron, Howell; April 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, 5301 McAuley, Ypsilanti; and April 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, 4465 Woodward, Pontiac.

Health fair

Oakwood Healthcare and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (MAPI), along with the Hindu Temple of Canton, will host a free diagnostic blood screening, 9 a.m. to noon, April 12 at the Hindu Temple of Canton, 44955 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Although all tests are free, a \$10 cash deposit is required and will be returned when participants pick up their results on April 26. The first 250 people who register will get the test. Registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. To register before the March 31 deadline, go to the Hindu Temple of Canton or visit www.mapiusa.org.

Hearing loss

The Hearing Loss Association of America will focus on the topic, "What is aural rehabilitation and how will it help with my hearing loss?" 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, contact Tony at 734-664-3297, aferrack@comcast.net.

Insurance enrollment

Oakwood Healthcare sponsors this free health insurance enrollment open house, noon to 5 p.m. April 11 in the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Eligible consumers who paid the fee for not having health coverage last year have until April 30 to enroll in coverage for this year. Visit oakwood.org/health-insurance-enrollment for more information.

Walk with a Doc

Annette Carron, D.O., will lead a walk and will talk about Delirium: Conquering Confusion, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the nature center in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Register at 877-477-3621, option 1.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon

Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, lipid panel (\$15) testing, 10 a.m. to noon June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover

new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

Health programs, support

The Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center offers classes designed to strengthen your heart after a cardiac event. It also offers an array of fitness classes, such as yoga, tai chi, Zumba, hula and Polynesian aerobics to keep you moving or to help you relax. For more information, call 734-458-3242.

GCH Community Education offers classes in CPR (adult and infant), first aid, and diabetes self-management education. The hospital hosts various support groups including Nar-Anon, Alzheimer's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Focus on Living and Diabetes, which are held monthly. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

Low vision support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each

month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call Ellen Stross at 734-453-0750, Ext. 232.

Lyme support

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, except January, July and September, at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 248-354-4488. For more information, visit the Michigan Lyme Disease Association website, www.mlda.org, or call 888-784-LYME.

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS support

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com.

Neuropathy support

The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Livonia

Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. The Southeast Michigan Neuropathy Support Group is designed for individuals with any kind of neuropathy.

Scleroderma Foundation

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter offers support for scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune patients. The Livonia group meets 7-8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month, February-June and September-November, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Group leader is Sue Harris, sharris27@mi.rr.com; 248-982-5740. A virtual support group meets 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, February-November. Contact Judy Nichols at kenjudynichols@gmail.com; 231-775-8446.

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DROUILLARD, MICHAEL

Age 70, March 26, 2015. Beloved husband of Maureen. Loving father of Terri (Ryan) Mills, Kerri Turanik and Ellen (Matthew) Shelton. Grandfather of Cade Mills, Tarra Fox, Brett Drouillard and Marissa Turanik. Dear brother of Richard (Nancy) Drouillard. Loving son of Orville (the late Jean and the late Helen). Funeral Services have been held. Visitation Saturday 10am until time of Service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or American Cancer Society.
www.mccabefuneralhome.com



FERRISS, MICHAEL JAMES

Age 24, of Farmington and East Lansing, died suddenly Sunday, March 22, 2015. Michael is survived by his devoted parents, Michael and Andrea; his loving sister, Elizabeth; and his grandmother, Mary Jordan. Sadly, Michael was preceded in death by grandparents, Raymond Jordan, Harold Ferriss and Jane Ferriss. Visitation Sunday, March 29, 2-7 p.m. at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23270 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral mass Monday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Memorial gifts suggested to Young Life, younglife.org, or Starfish Family Services, starfishonline.org.
heenev-sundquist.com



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.



HUNT, VIRGINIA

Of Ann Arbor, Michigan Age 95, passed away Monday, March 16, 2015. She was born March 27, 1919 in Dayton, Ohio, to Anthony R. and Margaret G. (Mardis) Adams. In June of 1943, she married George Sylvester. He preceded her in death March 29, 1971. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Miami University, Ohio and a Master's Degree in music and education from the University of Michigan. A passionate music lover, Virginia taught piano for 75 years, first in Dayton and then in Ann Arbor. She took up the Hammered Dulcimer in her mid-70s, and continued playing piano until just before her death. Virginia was a teacher at Meadowview School in Pittsfield Township, then at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth, MI for fifteen years. She also taught nursery school at the First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church, both of Ann Arbor. She sang in the choir at the First Methodist Church for many years as well as accompanying them on the piano. She was socially active, and was a member of many clubs, including the Ann Arbor City Club and the University of Michigan Faculty Wives' Club. Survivors include: three children, George (Diana) Hunt of Chelsea, Lynn (Nancy) Hunt of Ypsilanti and Merrily (Len) Smeenk of Monroe, WA; three granddaughters, Carolyn Hunt of AZ, Elizabeth Melton of Seattle, WA and Katherine Hunt of CA; two sisters-in-law, Pat Adams of OH and Imogene Adams of Hale, MI; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her loving husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Lena Schmidt and three brothers, Ralph Adams, Ray Adams and Roy Adams. Per Virginia's wishes, her body has been donated to the University of Michigan Department of Anatomy. A celebration of her life will take place 2 pm Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 120 S. State Street. A tea will be held afterward. Those wishing to offer a memorial may donate to the Joseph Brinkman Piano Scholarship at the University of Michigan School of Music, the Faculty Women's Club Endowment Fund #57-1074 at the U of M or the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.



KEITH, BETTY JEAN (AYCOCK)

Passed away on February 26, 2015. Beloved mother of Cherie (Keith) Haller, Rex (Vinka) Keith, grandsons Ben Haller and Steven Keith, sister Virginia Brumley, many cousins, nieces, nephews and family.

KUEHN, JANICE ELLEN

Age 85, March 25, 2015. Born September 8, 1929. Beloved wife of 62 years to Rev. Dr. Vernon Kuehn. They were married May 24, 1952 at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Janice is a graduate of Denison University, a member of Alpha Omion Pi Sorority, member of Cherry Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Kuehn was raised on Long Island, New York. She is the dearest mother of Deborah Dondzila, Stephen Kuehn, Teri Twist, and Jeffrey (Kathy) Kuehn. Loving grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of four. Dear sister of Paul Carter Jr. Memorial service scheduled Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. at The Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gully Rd., Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions suggested to the church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to The Fisher Funeral Home of Redford Township.
www.Fisherfuneral.net

May you find comfort in family and friends



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QUINN, NELDEN BICKEL

Birmingham, Michigan 3/12/1914-3/3/2015 Nelden B. Quinn, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, Michigan where she has resided since the death of her husband, Edward L. Quinn, MD in 2003. She was born in Lockwood, Missouri on March 12, 1914, the eldest daughter of William Alfred Bickel and Mary (Kurtz) Bickel. Nelden received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from University of Missouri. She married Edward L. Quinn, MD in 1942 in Newport, Kentucky. They both worked at Henry Ford Hospital before a daughter was born and Edward entered the Navy, serving as a physician in the Aleutian Islands while Nelden returned to her family in Lockwood, Missouri. They eventually returned to Michigan and Henry Ford Hospital living first in Dearborn, then moving to Birmingham, Michigan. She was active in the Henry Ford Wives Club, Birmingham First Methodist Church, as a scout leader and neighborhood nurse. Among our favorite memories was her ability to tell engaging stories, cook delicious meals and spend family time with us at the cottage on Crystal Lake. She is survived by three children, Patricia (Dennis) Ritchie of Ann Arbor, MI, Michael L. (Patricia Scheel) Quinn of Ann Arbor, MI and Jane (Dale) Paccamonti of Baton Rouge, LA; six grandchildren, Kelly (Eric) Dreyer of Littleton, CO, Kirsten Ritchie of Ann Arbor, MI, Sara Paccamonti of Hanover, NH, David Quinn of Ann Arbor, MI, Samuel Quinn of Washington, DC, and Hannah Quinn of San Francisco, CA; two great-granddaughters, Cameron and Hayden Dreyer; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings and their spouses, brother Robert (Gerry) Bickel, sisters Ruth (Howard) McNeil, Maxine (William) Stonecipher, nephew Daniel Stonecipher and niece Natalie (McNeil) Aschen. A celebration of Nelden's life will be at a later date.



SCHOENFELD, ROBERT J., M.D.

March 21, 2015 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Age 86. Beloved husband of Franziska, D.D.S. for 61 years. Dear father of Eric Schoenfeld, Lisa Tousley, and Peter Schoenfeld (MaryLiz). Loving grandfather of Claire Tousley, Nathanael Tousley (Beth), Aaron Tousley, and Jonathan Tousley. Also survived by Melinda and Paul Johnson, Peter Johnson, Kristen Johnson, Susan Schoenfeld, and Maya Kempff. Memorial service Friday, April 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Wayne State School of Medicine, Development and Alumni Affairs, 540 Canfield, Room 1369, Attention: Leigh Treerice, Detroit, Michigan 48201. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

STIMAC, LAWRENCE

To the family of Fran (Stimac) Nordstrom: Her brother Larry Stimac passed away in Hibbing Minnesota on August 11, 2014. Survived by his son Dan, 918-408-1272 (Oklahoma).

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 -Easter Saturday Schedule
 Beginning at 5:30 pm
 -A Light Supper
 -Easter Egg Hunt
 -Easter Vigil Worship-7 pm

April 5
 Easter Resurrection
 9:30 am-Worship

Celebration! Lutheran Church
 9300 Farmington Road
 Livonia, MI 48150
 www.celebrationlc.com
 734.421.0749
 Reverend James L. Fogle, Pastor

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday March 29
 9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Rosedale's Chancel (Adult Choir)
 Nursery Care Available at both services

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday April 5
 9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel (Adult Choir); Adult Belia (Campanelle Bellis); Children's Choir (Charubel)
 Nursery Care Available at both services

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church USA
 8601 Hubbard at West Chicago
 Livonia, Mich. 48150
 734.422.0494
 http://www.rosedalegardens.org

Join Us For Easter Service

Sunrise Service hosted by the youth group 7:30 am
 Traditional Service 9:30 am
 Casual Service 11:15 am

Farmington First United Methodist Church
 33112 Grand River Ave
 (downtown Farmington across from Starbucks)
 www.farmingtonfumc.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: "IMAGINING POSSIBILITIES"

Holy Maundy Thursday ~ April 2, Service at 7:00pm
 Childcare will be provided in the nursery for children up to age 5

Community Easter Fair for Families & Children ~ April 3, 11:30am-2:00pm
 Crafts, a magician, games, egg hunt with a mission, and lunch. Everything is free and open to all!

Good Friday ~ April 3, Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
 Childcare will be provided for children up to age 5.

Easter Sunday ~ April 5, Service at 7:00am*, 9:15am & 11:00am
 * Sunrise Service, 7:00am Historic Newburg Church at Greenmead, 8 Mile
 Festival Worship at Newburg at 9:15am & 11:00am, Sanctuary

Newburg United Methodist Church
 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 734-422-0149
 Newburg UMC is a welcoming congregation.
 Join us as we strive to recognize Christ in everyone.

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Journey with Jesus this
Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday - 7 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
 Wednesday - 7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
 7 p.m. *Tenebrae*
 Thursday - 6 p.m. *Agape Meal and Holy Eucharist*
 Friday - Noon & 7 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy
 Saturday - 7 p.m. *Great Vigil of Easter*
 Easter Sunday - 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Sung Holy Eucharist

At the corner of West Maple Road and Chester.

St. James
 Episcopal Church

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday
 9:00 & 11:00 AM
 Sanctuary Service - Rev. Bob Sheldon
 7:30 PM Concert: A Lenten Journey
 With Excerpts from Messiah - Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday
 7:00 PM Communion Service in the Sanctuary
 Dr. Carol Tate

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday
 1:00 PM Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
 Rev. Tres Adams
 7:30 PM A Choral Meditation on the Passion of Christ
 Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 5
 Easter Sunday
 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
 Sanctuary Festival Service
 Rev. Bob Sheldon

Kirk in the Hills
 1340 W. Long Lake Road • Bloomfield Hills
 (248) 626-2515 • kirkinthehills.org

First United Methodist Church of Birmingham
Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29
 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. - Troy Campus

Maundy Thursday, April 2
 7:00 p.m. - Birmingham Campus
 6:00 p.m. - Troy Campus

Good Friday Service, April 3
 12:00 p.m. - Birmingham Campus
 7:00 p.m. - Troy Campus

Birmingham Campus
 1589 West Maple Road
 Birmingham, MI
Troy Campus
 4050 Coolidge Hwy
 Troy, MI 48098
 (248) 646-1200
 www.fumcbirmingham.org

Easter Sunday - April 5

Birmingham Campus
 Sunrise Service
 7:00 a.m.
 Traditional Worship
 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Shine Contemporary Worship
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Troy Campus
 Traditional Worship
 9:00 a.m.

North Congregational Church

36520 W. Twelve Mile
 Farmington Hills, MI
 (248) 848-1750

NorthCongregationalChurch.org

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
"What Do You Know? How Do You Tell?"

Service with special music — organ, brass, and choir.
 Infant and child care available.

Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Senior Minister

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

8820 Wayne Rd. ~ Livonia
 734-427-2290

Thurs, April 2
 Seder Meal, 7 pm

Good Friday Service
 April 3, 7 pm

Easter Worship
 Sunday, 10 am

Join us for our

Easter Celebration Services

Christ in the Seder
 Wednesday, April 1, at 6pm
 Let us know if you plan to join us for the Seder Meal by calling the church office at 734.421.0472

Good Friday Service
 April 3, at 12 Noon

Easter Sunday
 April 5
 9:30am & 11:00am

Merriman Road Baptist Church | 2055 Merriman, Garden City | mrbcc.us

2015 Holy Week Services
 St. John's Episcopal Church - Plymouth, MI

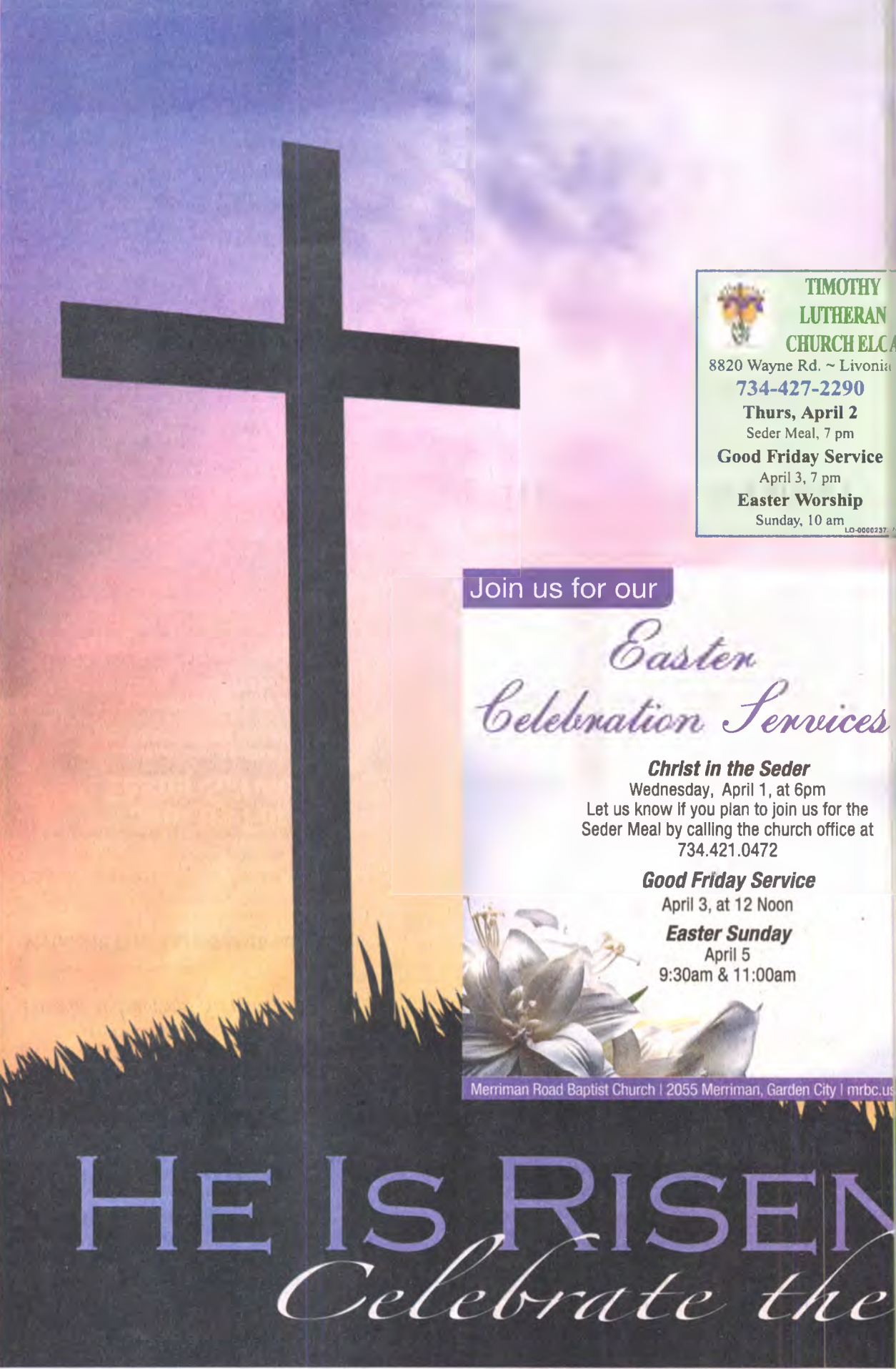
Maundy Thursday, April 2
 6:30pm Agape Supper & Stripping of the Altar
 8:00-11:00pm Watch at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 3
 12:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4
 7:00pm Great Vigil & Baptism

Easter Sunday, April 5
 8:00am Festive Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Festive Holy Eucharist & Baptism

St. John's Episcopal Church
 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth MI
 www.stjohnsplymouth.org



HE IS RISEN
Celebrate the Savior!