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Decked out 'Westies' will parade for rescued brethren

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Man charged with using police gear

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man is facing charges of using flashing lights on his vehicle and fake badges, effectively impersonating a law enforcement officer.

Nathaniel Helton Jr., 71, was ordered bound over for trial on a felony count of possessing a dangerous weapon — an asp or collapsible baton — following a preliminary examination in 18th District Court on Thurs-

day. He also is facing misdemeanor charges of possessing police badges and having police-style flashing red and blue lights on his vehicle.

Westland Police reportedly seized three vehicles with police-style lights, bumper push bars and other law enforcement type equipment from



Helton

Helton, who has pleaded not guilty.

Along with this case, which dates back to June 2013, a second set of charges are pending against Helton and were scheduled for April 30 preliminary examination. There are no allegations that Helton attempted to conduct any traffic stops or other police duties.

During the June incident, Westland Police Sgt. Nathan Macrae testified that he had gone to Stockdale's, a bar in

Wayne, with a friend while off-duty. In the parking lot, he said he noticed a black Ford Crown Victoria parked illegally next to the dumpster.

With a vanity license plate of numbers with an X in the middle, Macrae said he remembered the car from a traffic stop about month earlier.

"Typically municipal plates have a small x in the middle. This plate had a capital letter," he said. "In my opinion, it was an attempt to look like a muni-

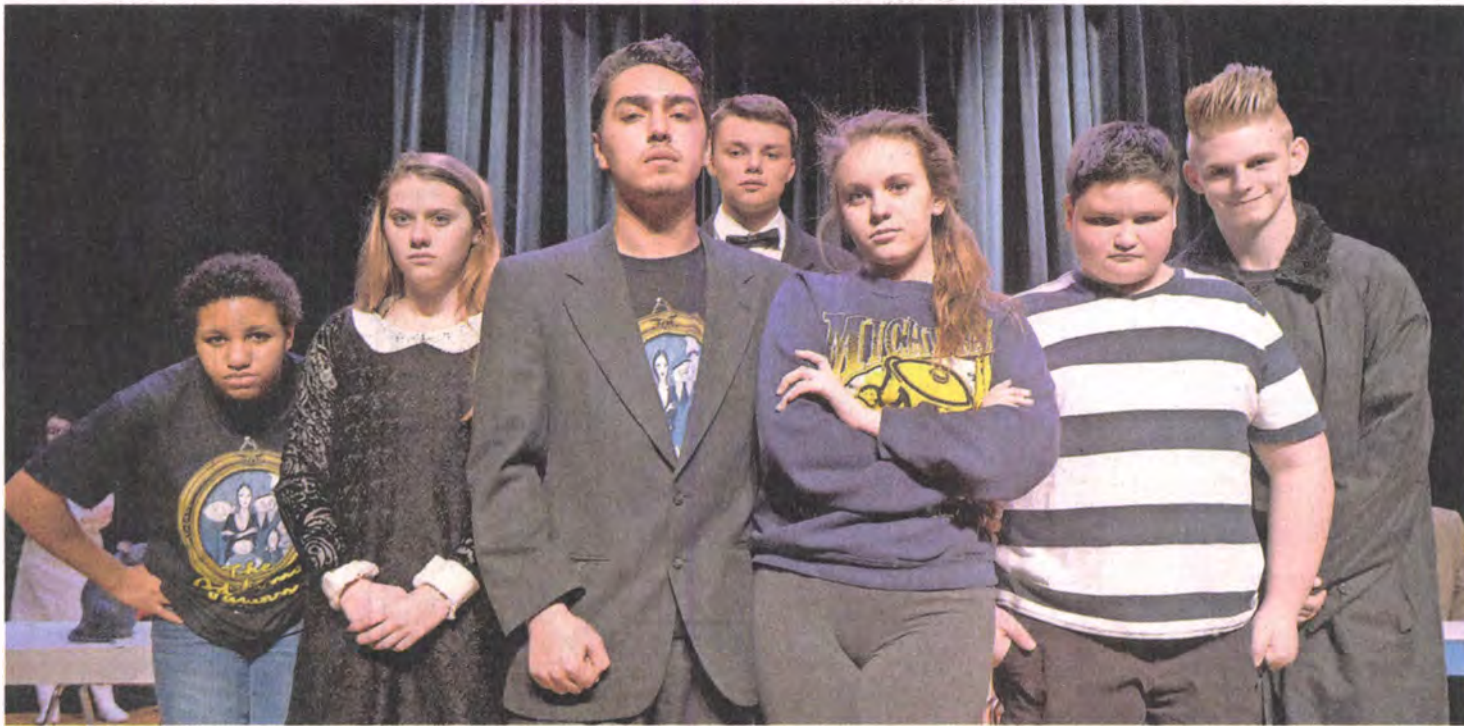
cipal plate."

Additional lights

The car also had additional lights installed that were similar to equipment on police cars, Macrae said. During the traffic stop in May, Macrae said Helton claimed to be a court officer but he suspected Helton was not truthful.

Helton was sitting at the bar, said Macrae, who followed

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"The Addams Family" cast includes Grandmama (Summer Warren), Wednesday Addams (Jacquelyn Schlicht), Gomez Addams (Korey Corona), Lurch (Eric Kudlawiec), Morticia Addams (Morgan Gratwick), Pugsley Addams (Jeremy Singleton), and Uncle Fester (Kevin Booth).

Glenn thespians go Broadway with 'The Addams Family'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Tall, slim and with spiked hair, Kevin Booth admits he'll need some adjustments to transform himself into a bald, trenchcoat wearing Uncle Fester for this week's production of *The Addams Family* at John Glenn High School.

"I look nothing like the character in the show," Booth said. "I'm going to need gallons of stuffing and a bald cap latexed to my head. All my exposed skin will be white and I'll have black under my eyes."

A senior, Booth is appearing in "a role I knew I had to have" for his final theatrical performance at the Westland high school.

Morgan Gratwick saw herself playing Wednesday in the musical, but when the casting was done by co-directors Kevin Gidley and Belinda Walkonis-Semak, she ended up as Morticia.

"For four years, I've wanted to be

Wednesday Addams, but I knew I could be a better Morticia," she said. "I looked inside myself and decided to be her. I'm glad I did it. I couldn't see myself as anyone else."

The musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 16-18, at the high school on Marquette, west of Wayne Road. It's based on Charles Addams' single-panel cartoons about a ghoulish American family with an affinity for all things macabre.

Created by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, the musical features an original story is described as "every father's nightmare." Wednesday Addams has fallen in love with a young man from a respectable family. She confides in her father, Gomez, and asks that he doesn't tell her mother. He must do something he has never done before: keep a secret from his beloved wife Morticia. But everything changes for

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Summer Warren plays Grandmama in the musical comedy.

Number of Wayne council openings questioned

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne voters will be selecting a mayor and four council members during upcoming elections.

At a recent council meeting, residents Chris Sanders and Ron Roberts argued that a fifth council seat should be on the ballot.

Under the new ward voting system, there will be three seats open every four years. During this election, Ward 1 will have an open seat while council members John Rhaesa and Skip Monit — whose terms are expiring — are in Wards 2 and 3, respectively.

Additionally, voters will fill the unexpired term of James Henley, who resigned in 2014, and select a mayor who will serve a two-year term. David James was appointed to fill Henley's seat until the election.

The fifth term not included would be that of James Hawley, who replaced Al Haidous as mayor. Haidous resigned midway in his two-year term after being elected Wayne County commissioner.

Hawley's council term doesn't expire until 2017. Anthony Miller was appointed to replace Hawley.

Citing the city charter and Michigan Home Rules Cities Act, Sanders said Miller's appointment is effective only until the next regular election.

'Null and void'

"There are two appointees and three wards (whose terms) are up. I believe the election will be null and void, if you

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Wayne, Westland hold forum to learn about road proposal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

It's referred to as the Roads Proposal, but Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot entails much more than road funding.

To help voters get better informed about Proposal 1, Wayne and Westland are join-

ing with Wayne-Westland Community Schools to hold a community forum to share information about the impact of the roads proposal on funding for both cities and the school district, if it is approved by voters.

This community forum will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednes-

day, April 15, in the Grande Ballroom at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

"I encourage everyone to attend this community forum on the roads proposal so that voters can make an informed choice when casting their ballots May 5," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

The Westland and Wayne city councils haven't taken a public position on Proposal 1. The Wayne-Westland school board passed a resolution urging voters to support the proposal, which will provide additional funding to cities and schools.

The Michigan Municipal

League will give a presentation explaining the various aspects of funding the roads proposal provides for improving Michigan's roads and other areas identified in the proposal that will benefit the cities and school district. A question-and-

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Third Livonia resident set to hike Appalachian Trail

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Appalachian Mountains are starting to get crowded with Livonia residents.

A third Livonia resident will attempt to hike the entirety of one of the most famous nature trails in North America.

Joe Steckel, 23, is heading to Georgia on Wednesday to begin hiking the Appalachian Trail. He said he hopes to complete the trail — on his own — in five months.

"I really wanted to do it for the past three years since I first learned about it," said Steckel, a Franklin High School and Michigan State University graduate. "I just like a good challenge."

Steckel said his decision to hike the trail solo has surprised some people.

He made the decision after deciding he wanted to make the trip more of a personal discovery mission and to prove to himself that he can do it.

"For me, I think it's more of a personal journey to sort of get away from my day-to-day life," he said. "It's more of a personal challenge as opposed to competing."



COURTESY OF JOE STECKEL

Joe Steckel, a Livonia resident seen here in Alaska, is beginning to hike the Appalachian Trail on Wednesday.

cause he will be on his own during the trek. He said he's looking forward to seeing several areas along the trail, including Pennsylvania, an area he's never been to.

"I think that will be an exciting time," he said. "That's where the trail begins to get tough again."

Similar to Keeling and Osgood, Steckel will share some of his experience on various social networks. Those interested in following him can do so on Twitter @TheJosephJames, as well as by adding "JosephJames22" on Instagram and Snapchat.

Family and friends have been supportive of his work to prepare, he said. He said his girlfriend plans to try and join him along some parts of the trail when she can fly out, and his brother will help coordinate dropping items off at base camps.

Even his employer, a local food and feed supplier, has supported him. "Everyone's been very supportive," Steckel said. "I couldn't be happier."

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He'll be several hundred miles behind two other Livonia residents currently hiking the trail: Churchill High School graduates Quinn Osgood and Ryan Keeling began hiking the Appalachian Trail at the beginning of March. As of last Monday, they had logged more than 600 miles and were

in Virginia, according to their social media postings.

Steckel said he got to know both Keeling and Osgood better after meeting them at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. He said he joined them on one of their practice hikes on the Superior Hiking Trail in northeast-

ern Minnesota several months back.

Steckel said he's kept tabs on the two as they hike along the trail and has gotten some pointers for when he begins.

"Every picture they post they seem to have smiles on their faces," he said.

The Appalachian Trail

runs for about 2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine.

About 25 percent of "thru-hikers" — those who attempt to complete the trail in a 12-month period — actually complete it.

Steckel said in addition to keeping fit, he's worked to keep mentally strong, especially be-

Presbyterian Village CEO to speak at Madonna

The McManus Distinguished Business Lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Madonna University's Kresge Hall will feature Roger Myers, President and CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM).

His lecture, "Entrepreneurial Ventures for the Senior Market," is hosted by Madonna University's School of Business and Madonna's Aging Studies Department, both of which celebrate 40 years of academic excellence this year. He will share his expertise



Myers

in marketing to, and developing creative programs and services for, senior citizens.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Myers has led PVM since 1992. His work has contributed to public policy initiatives that have improved quality of life for Michigan seniors.

Under Myers' entrepreneurial leadership, PVM, a nonprofit found-

ed in 1945, has grown from five locations to 25; eight of which are in Detroit. Currently he is working with other Detroit leaders to prevent the displacement of seniors as new development occurs. The company serves more than 4,300 seniors of all faiths across Michigan.

Thome Rivertown Neighborhood, the newest venture for PVM, has been recognized as a national model of collaboration.

For more information, call 734-432-5589.

Schostak Family Restaurants holds statewide career fair

Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants (TSFR) is hosting a statewide career fair on Monday, April 20, to fill more than 500 hourly and management level positions throughout its more than 140 restaurants, which include Applebee's, Burger King and Del Taco.

Appointments are not required. Interested applicants can stop in at any of TSFR's restaurants from 9-11 a.m. or 2-6 p.m. April 20 to interview directly with the local leadership

team and possibly be hired on the spot.

All applicants must have flexible availability, including nights and weekends. Those wishing to expedite the in-person interview process are welcome to complete an employment application online prior to the career fair.

"TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is proud to continue our tradition of creating jobs for talented Michigan residents that result in successful, long-term careers," TSFR Director

of Marketing Barb Pasciak said. "We offer our team members a variety of professional development opportunities to ensure they have a deep understanding of all aspects of the restaurant industry, as well as an understanding of the skills needed to grow with our company and deliver an unforgettable experience for our guests."

For an employment application or to view a list of TSFR restaurant locations, visit www.teamschostak.com.

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Students fill the stage at Elliott Elementary where reading activities were included in the annual ELA night. WWCSO



School Superintendent Michele Harmala reads to kindergartners at Edison Elementary School. WWCSO

Wayne-Westland students hit books for Reading Month

March was National Reading Month, and students throughout the Wayne-Westland Community Schools were hitting the books.

Schools planned activities to get students reading and even brought in guest readers. State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, stopped by Wildwood Elementary School on March 20 to read *The Tooth Book* to Heather Hamilton and Mary Devine's kindergarten class.

"Visiting classrooms and reading to kids is one of the best parts of my job," Kosowski said. "Instilling a love of reading in children sets them up for a lifetime of success."

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala also stopped by Edison Elementary School to read to students in Elsbeth Schweit-

zer's kindergarten class and Melanee Hirvela's second-grade class.

Among the activities held at schools throughout the district was a PJ, Book and Blanket Day at Hamilton Elementary where the school-wide goal is to read 200,000 minutes. If students reach or exceed that goal, Principal Katie Booth will cut and donate 6 inches of her hair and read from the roof of the school.

Elliott Elementary held its annual ELA night in honor of the school's March is Reading Month celebrations. This year the students read the book, *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster*, written and illustrated by Debra Frasier.

The Vocabulary Parade described in the book looked like so much fun, Elliott decided to host their own science-

themed Vocabulary Parade.

"The turnout was amazing, and the students did a wonderful job dressing up like grade-level science vocabulary words," staffer Debbie Ritchie. "Some examples included water, flower, mammal, temperature, the five senses, and light."

In addition to guest readers and a family reading night, Edison got "Wild about Reading" with a Vocabulary Parade in which students are encouraged to dress like a vocabulary word and dress like their favorite book character for a Dress like Your Favorite Storybook Character Day.

And Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton had a baseball theme for Reading Month. Students who complete the weekly reading log moved to the next base on the ball diamond outside of their classroom. Those who earned a home run got to eat hot dogs at the Run the Bases Celebration that was held Monday. The top two readers from each classroom also won a free book and gathered together for a free pizza party.



At Edison Elementary School, students and staff were encouraged to dress like their favorite storybook character to celebrate National Reading Month in March. Paityn Wright dressed for "Knuffle Bunny" and Shenhao Deng for "Skeleton Hiccups." They're students in Claire Jones' first-grade class. WWCSO

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New service gets Livonia veterans to their medical appointments

Livonia veterans having trouble getting to appointments at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor are about to get some help.

Livonia Community Transit (LCT) is expanding its service in an effort to assist qualifying veterans who need to get to the hospital for various appointments. LCT has begun a service that will take veterans to Westland, where they'll be able to board a shuttle bus to Ann Arbor.

"We were specifically looking to improve our service to our veterans," said Donna McDowell, co-director of Community Resources for the City of Livonia. "This program offers veterans access to additional transportation services. It will allow us to better serve this important part of our population."

The program evolved from a 2012 grant the city received through the Federal Transit Authority and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) that allowed for software updates and the chance to build out the transportation program.

The service is much like what LCT offers seniors and the disabled. For a \$2 fee, veterans can be picked up at their home and driven to the Westland pickup point.

U.S. Army veteran Henry Mitchell and his wife, Wanda, rode the shuttle on its maiden ride. Mitchell, who served in Korea in 1954, found the service to be very convenient.

"Sometimes I may not be able to drive to my appointment in Ann Arbor," Mitchell said. "Hav-

ing the bus available, for just \$2, is very nice."

The VA shuttle departs Westland three times a day: at 8:50 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 5:10 p.m.

"Our veterans have served their country with honor," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, himself a U.S. Air Force veteran. "We're proud that we can offer this expanded service to help meet their needs."

Veterans must qualify in one of four ways:

- » Be qualified for the property tax relief credit for disabled veterans available through the city;
- » Be referred by the V.A. Hospital;
- » Be disabled;
- » Prove a financial hardship.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 734-466-2700.



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Army veteran Henry Mitchell and his wife, Wanda, were the first riders on Livonia Community Transportation's new service, which gets veterans to Westland in order to catch a shuttle to Ann Arbor.

Beware of real estate seminars that use high-pressure sales tactics

Q: Dear Rick: I lost my job a couple years ago. I looked at franchises; however, the ones that I liked were too expensive. Last week, I heard an ad on the radio that talked about getting involved in the real estate business. I contacted the company and I'm going to a seminar to see what's involved. They basically say that you can get involved in real estate and buy homes with no money down and make a substantial amount of money without risk. Do you think this is legitimate? Can you actually buy homes with no money or very little money down?

A: Over the years I have heard many ads with regard to real estate. They are basically the same – saying you can buy real estate without any money down and explain how easy and profitable it can be. These companies offer free seminars where they talk about their system. They try to sell you their methodology. Typically, it is on the sale of their methodology –



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

books, DVDs or whatever they're selling – where these companies make their money.

I know people who have gone to these seminars and have purchased the materials. However, I don't know anyone who has done this and who has been successful.

Typically, these seminars show you all sorts of success stories and then put pressure on you to buy their system.

I don't like these seminars because I don't want to be pressured. You have to realize when you go to one of these seminars you're dealing with professionals. These people are very good at selling their products. Even people who go to these seminars stating in advance that they won't buy anything tend to fold under the pressure.

I don't mean to suggest that you can't make money in real estate. There are many people

who have done very well in the real estate industry. However, those people who have been successful will tell you it is not easy or simple.

Real estate is no different than any other business. If you don't know what you're doing and you don't have the expertise, it can be a very costly proposition.

Can you buy homes for no money down? Yes. Federal agencies that have foreclosed on homes offer a variety of programs to buy without a down payment. However, the problem is: What sort of condition these houses are in and how much it will cost to repair them?

If you decide to attend the seminar, make sure you go with your eyes wide open.

Good luck.

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

Davenport launches master of accountancy

Grand Rapids-based Davenport University, which has a campus in Livonia, will launch a new Master of Accountancy degree program in its 2015 fall semester.

This program is one of only a handful across the country to offer graduate-level concentrations in fraud investigation, managerial accounting and internal

auditing. Students entering the program may choose from multiple tracks that culminate in preparation courses for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) or Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exams, or that focus more broadly on a gener-

al accountancy or finance emphasis. If a student already possesses one of these certifications, he or she can earn credit and have a shorter time to completion.

Applications are currently being accepted for classes beginning fall 2015. For more information, call 800-686-1600 or visit davenport.edu.

Evans highlights county's challenges

Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans will host a series of Community Updates to highlight the fiscal challenges faced by the county and provide an update on solutions to move the county forward.

In addition to the traditional State of the County, these Community Updates provide the platform for Evans to directly engage with the community by allowing a question-and-answer period. Department directors will also be present to answer questions and provide resources.

To make attendance convenient for constitu-

ents, the four updates will be hosted by the Wayne County Community College District campuses in Detroit, Taylor and Belleville.

The four meetings, each 6-7:30 p.m., will be Tuesday, April 14, in the Cooper Conference Room on the WCCCD Eastern Campus at 5901 Conner St., Detroit; Thursday, April 16, in the Ray Mix Room East 126 on the Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline, Taylor; Tuesday, April 21, in the atrium of the Denise



Evans

Wellons-Glover Welcome Center on the WCCCD Northwest Campus, 8200 W. Outer Dr., Detroit; and Thursday, April 23, in the Ted C. Scott Multi-Purpose Room on the WCCCD Western Campus at 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville.

The Western Campus meeting is for residents living in Redford, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth Township, Canton, Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, Romulus, Belleville, Dearborn Heights and Sumpter, Huron and Van Buren townships.

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WWII veteran couldn't wait to get out of school, join Navy



Stanley L. Trybus had to get his dad's permission to enlist in the Navy at age 17.

World War II veteran Stanley L. Trybus of Livonia was honored as the April "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Trybus served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1950. In the spring of 1945 the war had been raging for more than three years and Trybus, a student at Cass Tech, was itching to get into the action to defend his country and way of life. Patriotism and morale were high, and the country was anxious to end

the war.

On April 17, 1945, Trybus turned 17. Three weeks later, on May 8, the war in Europe ended and Japanese cities were under heavy attack by air. In June, U.S. ground troops were still fighting on Okinawa and Trybus was now on summer break from school and determined to enter the military. Because of his age, he was required by law to have his father authorize his enlistment into the Navy. Proudly his father did so with no hesitation, for he had also served in the Navy. On June 19, 1945, he re-

ceived acceptance into the Naval Station Great Lakes (NAVSTA Great Lakes) located near North Chicago, Ill. By Aug. 28, 1945, Trybus had completed his training, receiving the Rate Insignia as an S2c, Seaman 2nd Class (World War II).

On Sept. 11, 1945, he was stationed at the San Bruno, Calif., naval base. On July 20, 1946, he re-enlisted to complete four years of service as a Class V-6 in active duty under Commandant 9th Naval District. During his years of service, he was aboard the U.S.S.

Melvin DD-680 Fletcher-Class Destroyer in the Pacific theater. He was responsible for radio maintenance and communications. He received an honorable discharge July 19, 1950.

Trybus is a member of the American Legion, Post 32 and retired from Ford Motor Co. as a senior design engineer.

On April 7, Stanley's daughter, Linda Michels, attended the S.A.L. meeting representing her father who could not attend due to illness. She related the story of her father's time in the service and was then pre-

sented a plaque with his picture and service information. An additional plaque is also on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall during the month of April.

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

Beaumont's Myoelectric Center changes child's life for the better

Just like most 5-year-olds, Shreyas Ikare never stops moving, exploring and playing. He was born without a hand, wrist or a portion of his forearm, but he refuses to let that hold him back.

Sudhir Ikare, Shreyas' father, said, "When he was born, the first thing that kept running through my mind was, 'How am I going to help him?'"

Shreyas and his parents recently moved to Novi from India. He has been wearing a non-functional prosthetic hand since age 2.

"We all have problems. We come across problems. After a period of time, we should get over that and look into the future," Sudhir Ikare said.

A meeting with Beaumont Children's Hospital's Edward Dabrowski, M.D., changed Shreyas' life. Dabrowski helped fit him with a myoelectric arm through the Variety myoelectric Center at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Ikare remembers the



Edward Dabrowski (left), M.D., director, Pediatric Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Beaumont Children's Hospital, with Sudhir Ikare and his son, Shreyas Ikare.

first time he met Dabrowski. "I was like, 'Wow! This is what I have been looking for,'" he said.

Dabrowski said, "This has been the best kept secret in the United States. Hopefully, we're going to be changing that."

Dabrowski has decades of experience working with children and myoelectric arms. Beaumont is one of the only places in the country with this kind of program.

"It was really natural and he grasped it so fast that it was really awesome. We really didn't

have to teach him a lot," Ikare said. "They made it really simple. Now, he is really happy. He is working it out every day."

Shreyas goes to the Beaumont Health Center on a regular basis for occupational therapy to teach him the bilateral use of both arms.

"We're retraining the brain to use the myoelectric arm and normalize it as much as possible. The goal is for the child to use both arms for play and in daily activities," said Manjula Amarnath, Beaumont Children's Hospital occupational therapist.



Shreyas Ikare with Manjula Amarnath, Beaumont Children's Hospital occupational therapist.



Shreyas Ikare has been wearing a non-functional prosthetic hand since age 2.

Insurance pays for some of the cost, but a partnership with Variety the Children's Charity-Detroit covers the gap insurance doesn't cover.

"Without Variety, this program would not be viable. The funding makes a huge difference," Dabrowski said. Shreyas' mother, Ro-

hini Bhoir, said: "I would recommend to all parents to go forward and look into this, because it's going to help your kid."

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Zoning Board of Appeals
April 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-12: Derek Robbins, south side of Puritan, (30451) between Merriman and Henry Ruff, seeking to construct an addition to include attached garage, resulting in deficient front yard setback

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-13: Shelby Moffett, west side of Doris, (15701) between Puritan and Five Mile, seeking to erect an accessory building upon a double frontage lot, resulting in deficient rear yard setback. The existing accessory building has no permit, however, will be removed if a variance is granted.

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-14: Ellen Simonds, west side of Comstock, (18643) between Dardanella and Renwick, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall iron picket fence on residential property, which is not allowed. Non-sight obscuring fences can only be four (4) feet tall. This fence also contains pointed tops, which is considered a sharp projection and not allowed.

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-15: Mark Miller, 45920 Ashford Circle, Novi, MI 48374, seeking to construct a single family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Hugh, (9082) between Dover and Grandon, resulting in deficient lot width and lot area.

APPEAL CASE 2015-04-16: Mark Miller, 45920 Ashford Circle, Novi, MI 48374, seeking to construct a single family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Hugh, (9092) between Dover and Grandon, resulting in deficient lot width and lot area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INVESTMENT CONSULTING SERVICES -DEFINED CONTRIBUTION (401) AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION (457) PLAN REVIEW AND SERVICE PROVIDER SEARCH FOR THE CITY OF LIVONIA

Instructions to prospective bidders, Response Forms and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Jack E. Kirksey
Mayor
City of Livonia

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City of Livonia: Regular Meeting Synopsis: 03/16/2015

Present: Meakin, Toy, Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Brosnan
Absent: None

Public Hearings Announced - Monday, March 30, 2015 at 7PM with the subjects of a request to rezone property at 27840 Plymouth Road from Office Services to Local Business; and to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District for the property at 19700 & 19750 Haggerty Road.

#60-15 Approving the minutes of meeting on 03/02/15.

#61-15 Approving the issuance of a permit for Wade Shows to conduct carnival amusement rides at SPREE-65 and for the Anniversary Committee to conduct a fireworks display on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

#62-15 Approving the request to close Stark Road to through traffic June 22-June 29 and Farmington Road on Sunday June 28th in connection with SPREE-65.

#63-15 Approving the request to display banners advertising SPREE-65.

#64-15 Confirming the reappointment of Audrey Greenleaf to the Board of Ethics for a 3-year term.

#65-15 Confirming the reappointment of Jacob Ghannam to the Board of Ethics for a 3-year term.

#66-15 Authorizing final budget adjustments and transfers for the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

#67-15 Authorizing the purchase of one Service Truck Chassis and the outfitting of the same as a replacement vehicle, and disposal of the replaced vehicle at public auction.

#68-15 Authorizing the purchase of one Freightliner tandem axle dump truck as a replacement vehicle and the disposal of the replaced vehicle at public auction.

#69-15 Authorizing the purchase of one single axle dump truck as a replacement vehicle and the disposal of the replaced vehicle at public auction.

#70-15 Determining to establish the final project cost at \$533,630.02 for Single Lot Assessments for sidewalk replacement and authorizing additional appropriation and expenditure for work done.

#71-15 Requiring respective owners of lots and premises in targeted areas in Section 3 to install, repair or remove and replace sidewalks in connection with the 2015 Sidewalk Repair Program.

#72-15 Approving Petition 2015-01-02-04 by Wade Shows to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of Sears, sponsored by the Livonia AM Rotary Club from April 29 through May 10, 2015.

#73-15 Resolution denying the request to opt back into the SMART Bus Service and taking no further action with regard to this matter

#74-15 Resolution referring the subject matter of mass transit to the Infrastructure and Community Transit Committee for report and recommendation.

#75-15 Authorizing a contract between the City and McKenna Associates to provide services for the development of a Non-Motorized Master Plan.

#76-15 Denying the request for a waiver to operate a massage establishment within the New Five Village Shopping Center.

#77-15 Approving the request of TSFR Pizza to operate a full service restaurant located at 13229 Middlebelt Road.

#78-15 Approving the request of TSFR Pizza to utilize a Tavern license in connection with a full service restaurant located at 13229 Middlebelt Road, subject to conditions.

#79-15 Approving the request of TSFR Pizza to waive the 1,000 ft. separation requirement in connection with a Tavern license for a restaurant located at 13229 Middlebelt Road.

#80-15 Establishing Industrial Development District #116, for property located at 20421 Parker, 20446 Hubbard and 32367 Eight Mile.

#81-15 Approving an application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, submitted by Pravin Sutariya, VP, IPS Assembly for their facility located at 12077 Merriman Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan A. Hoff
Livonia City Clerk

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Livonia resident earns national Girl Scouts award

Suzanne Misiaszek of Livonia received a National Volunteer Award from Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM) during a banquet March 21 in Troy. National awards are presented to volunteers who contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls to implement the Girl Scout Leadership

Experience (GSLE), or who have gone beyond expectations in supporting GSSEM's mission-delivery goals in one or more functional areas including Membership, Volunteer Relations and Fund Development. Misiaszek received the Volunteer of Excellence Award. Misiaszek serves as a Community Events Coordinator and

is known for going above and beyond in her desire to provide quality leadership experiences to girls. She places a strong emphasis on building sisterhood within her community and throughout the Council. Her energy and drive have helped her in her efforts to recruit and mentor new event directors.

Fellow volunteers, or GSSEM staff who can vouch for their "above and beyond the call of duty" level of service to girls and other adult volunteers in the GSSEM service area must nominate all honorees. "Volunteers represent one of the best parts of all Girl Scouting has to offer," said Denise Dalrymple, CEO of GSSEM.

"Whether in direct service to girls, in support of other adults who directly serve girls, or in helping to guide our Council administrative decisions and policies which impact how we serve girls, volunteers' contribution help to move communities, our country, and even the world forward. They significantly help to

advance the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place." GSSEM serves more than 36,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.

U-M student, advocates: Sexual assault on campus prevalent

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Laurel Ruza, a senior at the University of Michigan, thinks her Ann Arbor campus takes sexual assault seriously, based on her advocacy work with U-M administrators. "I think the university is really trying to take steps to improve campus safety," said Ruza, a 2011 West Bloomfield High School graduate who'll complete her bachelor's degree in public policy this spring. "I think more can be done," Ruza said. "They're definitely willing to listen to student voices on this issue." Sexual assault on college campuses is the focus of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Representatives from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, *The Hunting Ground* film, the "It's On Us" campaign, the University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center and the Michigan Coalition To End

Domestic and Sexual Violence held a conference call April 9 on the issue. Call participants included *The Hunting Ground* director Kirby Dick, "It's On Us" U-M student organizer Ruza, NSVRC prevention campaign specialist Laura Palumbo, University of Michigan SAPAC director Holly Rider-Milkovich and MCEDSV senior program manager Lisa Winchell-Caldwell. Ruza's internships include work with the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C., as well as being an advocacy intern with Jewish Women International, also in D.C. "The solution begins with us," Ruza said in her remarks. She and others at U-M organized a three-day series of roundtables, recognizing sexual violence impacts those of all ethnic groups, races and genders. "I wanted to make sure we had as many voices in the room as possible," Ruza said. "We wanted to focus on what we as stu-



Laurel Ruza is pleased with progress on sexual assault awareness at the University of Michigan, but would like to see more done. She's a senior at U-M and 2011 West Bloomfield High School graduate.

dents can do to facilitate this cultural shift." Many U-M students have told her they'd like more related programming. Ruza cited collaboration with student groups and with administrators. "Everybody has a role to play in the prevention of

sexual assaults," she said, including active intervention. Palumbo said, "We believe everyone has a role to play in ending sexual assault. Our hope is that educational efforts will reach far beyond April."

"I wanted to make sure we had as many voices in the room as possible. We wanted to focus on what we as students can do to facilitate this cultural shift."

LAUREL RUZA, senior at the University of Michigan

Campus sexual violence has drawn attention and this year's SAAM campaign is expected to be the most far-reaching since it was officially first observed in April 2001. During the conference call, speakers discussed the need for investigation and adjudication of campus crimes, with measures to stop sexual predators. "We want our students to be giving verbal, sober, enthusiastic consent (to sex)," Rider-Milkovich said. "That's something we are striving for as a future goal. We are not there yet. What we need to do is to continue to work toward that." The film's Dick also called on college/university presidents to step

forward and speak up on sexual assault concerns. *The Hunting Ground*, an exposé of sexual assault on U.S. campuses, and "It's On Us," a campaign launched by the White House and Generation Progress in September as an effort to engage all in ending campus sexual assault, have joined forces during this year's SAAM campaign to bring increased attention to the issue. *The Hunting Ground* was to be shown April 9 at U-M. "I think it is important to have difficult conversations to get to the heart of this issue," Rider-Milkovich said. "We're really excited to have the film come to campus."

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Local blood drives help meet critical need in southeast Michigan

The American Red Cross is encouraging eligible blood donors to make a difference in the lives of patients this spring by giving blood. Donated blood is perishable and must be constantly replenished to keep up with the demand. Red blood cells, with a shelf life of only 42 days, are the most frequently transfused blood component, and are always needed by hospitals. Eligible donors can give red cells through either a regular whole blood donation or a double red cell donation, where available. Double red cell donations yield twice the usual amount of red cells in a single appointment and are accepted at select donation locations. Double red cell donors must meet additional eligibility criteria, which will be determined at the donation appointment. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days, and double red cells may be donated

every 112 days, up to three times per year. To find a donation opportunity or make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Upcoming blood donation opportunities include: Livonia — 6 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. April 16 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile. Plymouth — 2:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. April 16, at Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon; 1 p.m.-6:45 p.m. April 20 at the Church of Christ Plymouth, 9301 Sheldon, and 1:30-7:15 p.m. April 27 at VFW Post 6695 Plymouth, 1426 S. Mill St. Redford — 3-8:45 p.m. April 22 at Jane Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn St. Westland — 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 19 at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 39375 Joy, and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. April 26 at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer. Blood donations also can be made at American Red Cross Blood

Donation Centers. They include: » Bloomfield Blood Donation Center at 4190 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield. Hours are 12:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. » Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center at 31150 Haggerty. Hours are , Farmington Hills, 48331 12:45-6:45 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. » Livonia Blood Donation Center at 36650 Five Mile. Hours are 12:45-6:45 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and young-

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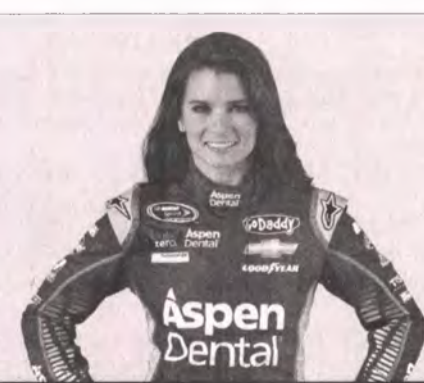


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State reps Greig, Love discuss veterans legislation at VFW Post

State Reps. Leslie Love, D-Detroit, and Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills visited VFW Post 345 in Redford earlier this month to outline recent changes in state laws that affect veterans and to inform them of ongoing efforts to support the men and women who served our country.

"It was an honor to visit with our veterans at one of the most active

VFW posts in our area and bring them up-to-date on things happening in Lansing that will affect them," Love said. "While I'm encouraged that our state has taken so many steps to help our veterans, I know there is still a lot of work to be done, and I will work hard to honor them in Lansing."

During the tour, the representatives discussed current initiatives

and issues, including Senate Bill 155, which would give a \$4,000 tax credit to businesses that hire a veteran, veterans' access to service dogs, property tax exemptions for surviving spouses of Michigan veterans (HB 4238), barriers that female veterans face and general sales tax exemption on the fundraising sale of personal property by a veterans organization.

"These men and women have sacrificed so much to serve all of us, so it makes sense that we stand behind them once they return home," Greig said. "We need to do more to help veterans find good jobs after coming home, and ensure that they always get the quality health care they've earned. It's an honor to work on their behalf in the Legislature."



State Rep. Christine Greig, D-Farmington Hills, (left) and Rep. Leslie Love, D-Detroit, recently visited VFW Hall 345 in Redford to meet with veterans and talk about initiatives to assist them.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FASHION DOLL SHOW AND SALE

Time/date: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 12.

Location: Livonia Marriott, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North.

Details: Vintage and modern dolls and accessories. Barbie displays. Hosted by the Great Lakes Doll Club, this Grant-A-Wish Fund event will benefit Masonic Children's Learning Center, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Camp Casey.

Contact: www.gawfund.org; info@grantawishfund.org.

LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

Time/date: 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 12.

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia.

Details: The Clarenceville United Methodist Church Women's Group is hosting a Luncheon Fashion Show featuring Miss Michigan 2014, KT Maviglia, and numerous local titleholders modeling their competition evening gowns from either the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant or the Miss America Pageant. The suggested donation for the luncheon is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required and are to be

made with Jane Welton by email at janemw2@att.net. The event begins at 11:45 a.m. with autograph signing and the luncheon fashion show at 12:30 p.m.

FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

Time/date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, April 13, 15-17.

Location: Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Free Zumba classes all week. This is a free start-up class to the community. They will be closed on Tuesday.

Contact: 734-524-0720; karenlewis@theangelhouse.org.

LEARN TO LOWER YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

Time/date: 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Location: Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: The author of *Good News for High Blood Pressure* will discuss 20 easy lifestyle, nutritional and emotional strategies that may positively help you control your blood pressure. Also discover how various medications, beverages, health conditions, stress and cuff errors affect blood pressure readings. Cost is \$28. To register, call the Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by April 13. Non-YMCA members welcome.

LIVONIA NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road,

Livonia.

Details: Master Gardner Margot McCormack, an award-winning member of the Master Gardner Association of Wayne County, will offer tips on how to grow a successful garden.

Location: Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. New members are always welcome. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month September through May. Special activity groups continue to meet year-round.

Contact: http://livoniaighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium. The public is invited to join hospital employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18.

Location: McKinley Cooperative Preschool, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: Open house for McKin-

ley Cooperative Preschool.

Contact: Erin Gibbons, 734-729-7222; mckinleypreschool.org.

SERVSAFE TRAINING

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23 and April 30.

Location: Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Lapeer County Michigan State University Extension is offering Manager Certification classes through the ServSafe program developed by the National Restaurant Association. The cost is \$145. Upon successful completion of an exam, managers will receive a certificate verifying they are a certified ServSafe Food Protection Manager. Participants must attend both sessions.

Contact: 810-667-0341; msue.anr.msu.edu/events.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/date: 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Details: Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m. Preregister for \$20 per team (maximum of four persons). At the door, the cost is \$30, if space available. It includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs and four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza from Marina's. Additional food items and beverages (beer, coolers, pop, water, coffee) available for purchase. There will be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are \$1 each, three for \$2, 10 for \$5 and 25 for \$10) and prizes —

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

Contact: Kathy Hansen, 734-716-4436.

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/date: 1-7 p.m. Monday, April 27.

Location: Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: All blood donors who attempt to donate will have the opportunity to win a \$100 Meijer Gift Card. Gourmet desserts will be served. Call 313-670-8861 for an appointment or go to www.miblood.org.

MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS OPEN HOUSE

Time/date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: The Michigan Treasure Hunters will hold its annual open house. There will be a detector raffle, along with coin raffles and refreshments. Members will display their finds and demonstrate the art of using and learning the detectors and equipment.

Contact: marcisbranton195@gmail.com.

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2.

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Thursday is the pre-view sale. Admission is \$2 to shop a day early. Saturday, prices will be half off, and a bag (provided) of merchandise is \$3. The rummage sale benefits charitable organizations.

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Time/date: April 30-May 10.

Location: Sears parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia.

Details: The Livonia A.M. Rotary will hold its annual community carnival to raise money for its many programs supporting the community. Enjoy rides, games and old-fashioned carnival food. Log onto www.livoniaamrotary.org before midnight April 29 to save on ride armbands.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Time/date: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia

Details: The community is invited to "Walk As One" in observance of World Labyrinth Day. The church's beautiful paved, 11-circuit medieval labyrinth is open to the public. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks, provide information and answer questions about labyrinths and their use in meditation and prayer. Weather permitting, a canvas, three-circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children.

Contact: Lunice Clay, 734-748-3493.

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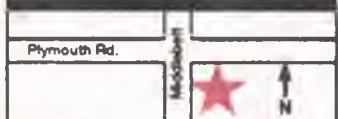
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PREP PROFILE

Barber's hard work leads to hardware

Awards pile up for Stevenson goalie

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

Given that his family's bloodlines are tightly intertwined with blue lines, Cullen Barber's recent haul of postseason high school hockey awards is far from astonishing.

The son of a former NHL player (Don) and current skating coach (Stacy), and the brother of a collegiate hockey star and 2012 draft pick of the Washington Capitals (Riley), the youngest Barber excels on sheets of ice just like his family members.

Although instead of depositing pucks into nets like his dad and oldest sibling, Cullen does everything he can to keep the mesh clear of the hard, rubber discs.

"When I first started playing hockey when I was young, I was actually a player like my dad and brother," Barber reflected. "But, as the story goes, whenever I played mini-sticks with my two older brothers (Logan is the middle Barber son),

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Cullen Barber corrals the puck during last month's Division 2 championship game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

PREP BASEBALL



ED WRIGHT

Westland John Glenn senior Brendan Wetmore delivers a pitch during Wednesday's no-hitter against Lincoln Park.

MOUND MARVELS

John Glenn pitchers throw back-to-back gems

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

It took almost two decades for a Westland John Glenn baseball pitcher to throw a no-hitter, then less than two hours for a second Rocket to almost throw another.

During the first game of Wednesday afternoon's double-header against visiting Lincoln Park, John Glenn senior left-hander Brendan Wetmore zeroed in on his school's first no-no since 1996 when he stymied the Railsplitters' bats during a 7-1 victory.

Wetmore struck out seven, walked three and was aided by a couple of spectacular defensive plays, the most notable being freshman third baseman Brian Martin's diving, back-handed stab of a grounder down the

line that robbed the Railsplitters' lead-off batter of a sure-thing double in the top of the seventh.

It was Martin's turn to shine on the hill in the nightcap as he carried a perfect game into the final frame of the Rockets' 9-0 victory until Lincoln Park's first batter in the seventh laced a solid single to spoil the bid, but not diminish the freshman's accomplishment.

"Brendan would get ahead with a fastball and then he'd throw a nice breaking ball," said John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer, when asked about Wetmore's repertoire. "He's a good little pitcher, and he's smart."

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Carbo is living a fulfilling post-major league life

Former Livonia Franklin baseball star now teaching sport to youngsters

By Ed Wright
 Staff Writer

High-tech videotaping software that analyzes young hitters' swings didn't exist during the pre-high school years of Bernie Carbo's baseball career.

Heck, travel baseball hadn't even been conceived yet — unless you count grabbing your mitt and a bag of balls and traveling a few blocks down the street to one of the diamonds cut into a well-kept field along Hines Drive.

"When I was young, almost

every day in the summer my friends and I would meet at Hines Park in the morning and we'd play all day until it was dark," said the 67-year-old Carbo, who grew up in Nankin Township, which later became Westland. "We'd pick teams and play without umpires. If you told a group of young kids to do that today, they'd look at you like you were crazy."

A former professional baseball player who hit one of the sport's most memorable World Series home runs, Carbo has lived an amazing — and, at times, tumultuous — life since leaving suburban Detroit in summer 1965, not long after he was selected in the first round



Livonia native Bernie Carbo is pictured with his wife Tammy at their home in Mobile, Ala.

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Zebras throw combined no-hitter

Wayne Memorial's baseball team upended host Livonia Clarenceville, 7-2, Wednesday afternoon in a nonconference contest.

The victory improved the Zebras' record to 1-2 while the Trojans slipped to 0-5.

Wayne starting pitcher Kent Goodling earned the win after striking out seven while yielding no hits through the first three innings. Brendon Benton didn't allow a hit over the final four innings. He struck out five and walked two.

Offensively, Beau Smith wielded a hot bat for the Zebras, going 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBI and a pair of stolen bases. Devin Pucket went 2-for-4 with three RBI and Jimmy Herson had a hit and two runs batted in.

Thurston wins softball game

Sophomore Sydney Taylor went 3-for-3 with four RBI to lead Redford Thurston's softball team to a season-opening 15-0 victory over visiting Detroit Edison on April 1. The game lasted just three innings due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Also excelling at the plate for the Eagles were Ivory Mamo (2-for-2, three-run home run) and Chelsea Williams, (two-run double, three RBI). Jayla Johnson, Rachel Pegouske and Laura Rousseau all contributed two hits.

Rousseau sparked on the mound, yielding just two hits and two walks while striking out six.

Stevenson boys hoops camp

The Livonia Stevenson boys basketball program will host a four-day camp June 15-18 (6-8:30 p.m. each night) in the high school's field house.

The cost of the camp is \$75, which includes instruction from members of the Stevenson coaching staff that will help participants become more complete players.

The camp is designed for boys entering sixth through ninth grades in the fall of 2015.

For more information, contact head coach Kareem Smartt at Kareem.smartt@yahoo.com.

Call in results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

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John Glenn's Parrinello to spike for SC

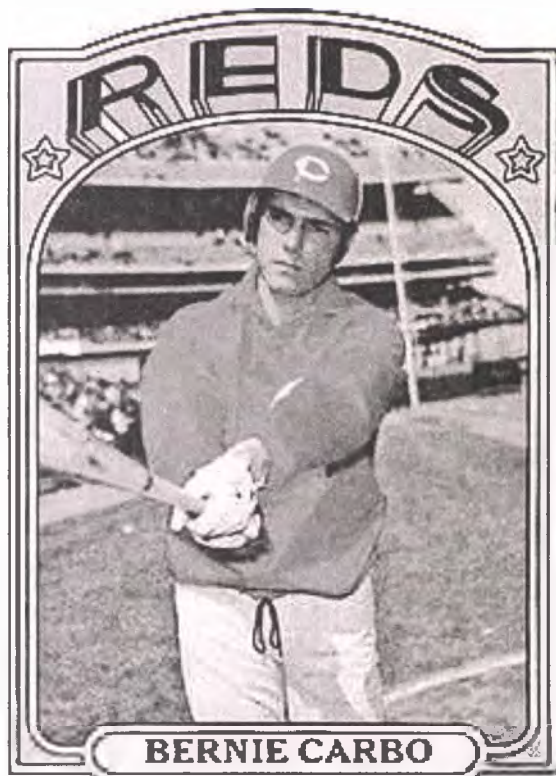


Westland John Glenn senior Erin Parrinello recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at the next level for Schoolcraft College. One of the top all-around players in the KLAAs Kensington Conference, Parrinello helped lead the Rockets to a Class A district championship last fall.

CARBO

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of the inaugural Major League Baseball Draft. In fact, the way Carbo discovered he was drafted was borderline amazing. (Hint: he did not get a tweet from the Cincinnati Reds on his smart phone.) "I was sitting in Mrs. Kangas' classroom in Livonia Franklin my senior year and they announced over the loud speaker that I had been drafted in the first round by the Reds," Carbo said. "That's how I found out. Yeah, I was surprised. I knew there was a draft and all, but I didn't know when it was and I had no idea I'd be picked in the first round." The Reds' second-round pick that year: hall of fame catcher Johnny Bench. "It turns out Bill LaJoie, who went on to become the general manager of the Detroit Tigers, was a scout for the Reds in the Detroit area and I found out he had been keeping an eye on me starting when I was 12 years old," Carbo said. In the 50 years that have followed, Carbo has never drifted far from baseball and he intends to keep it that way. Along with his wife Tammy, Carbo lives in Mobile, Ala., where he operates the Diamond Club Ministry, an organization founded in 1993 that helps him guide youngsters and their families through tough times using baseball as a healing tool. Carbo offers kids hitting instruction – and, yes, he uses high-tech



TOPPS TRADING CARDS
Pictured is a Bernie Carbo baseball card from the early 1970s.

videotaping software – while spreading the word about his Christian values. Carbo readily admits in a book he recently authored with Dr. Peter Hantzis, *Saving Bernie Carbo*, that his life and baseball career were derailed in their prime by alcoholism and drug addiction. He retired from professional baseball in 1980 at the age of 33. The abuse reached such epidemic proportions in the 1970s that he often showed up for major league games impaired by drugs, often cocaine. "I've been clean for 21 years now," he said. "I travel the country, talking to men's groups; I visit jails and talk to prisoners, giving my testimony, telling them what I've been through and that they can make it through, too." Many of Carbo's travels take him to New England, where he became a beloved legend with one swing of his bat on the night of Oct. 6, 1975. With his Red Sox trailing Cincinnati, 6-3, in the bottom of the eighth inning in the sixth game of the World Series – and the Reds leading the series, three games to two – Carbo was called on to pinch hit for pitcher Roger Moret with two runners on and two outs. "I had played for (Reds manager) Sparky Anderson and I knew him well," Carbo said. "I knew once I was announced as the hitter, he'd take out Rawly Eastwick and bring in

Will McEnaney. I hit from the left side and Eastwick was right-handed. I even told Juan Beniquez, who hit right-handed, to get ready because he was going to be the one to pinch hit. "But for whatever reason, Sparky left Eastwick in and, well, the rest is history." Facing a 2-2 count, Carbo barely fouled off a cut fastball offered by Eastwick. Carbo took advantage of his new life by launching the next pitch over the center field fence to tie the game at 6-6 and set the stage for teammate Carlton Fisk's game-winning, extra-inning home run. "To hit a pinch-hit home run in what many people consider the greatest game ever played means a lot to me," he said. But Carbo still holds the home run he hit in his first major league game in April 1970 as the equal to his more renowned World Series blast. Carbo said he still remains friends with many of the 1975 Red Sox – including Rico Petrocelli, Bill Lee and Fred Lynn – and is looking forward to seeing many of them this summer at Fenway Park for the 40th anniversary reunion of the the 1975 team. Although his busy schedule prevents him from returning to the Detroit area often, he said he will always hold dear memories of his hometown. "I grew up with some really great people – good, hard-working people, who I think of often," he said. ewright@hometownlife.com

PREP TENNIS

Stevenson aces test against Cougars

Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team closed its pre-spring break schedule with a convincing 9-0 victory over KLAAs Central Division opponent South Lyon East. No. 1 singles player Sam Cyrus set the tone for the Spartans by up-ending Megan Shaffer, 6-4, 6-3. Sophomore No. 2 singles player Jill Weiland followed suit by outlasting Megan Renahan, 6-4, 6-4. Stevenson completed the singles sweep thanks to strong showings from No. 3 player Danielle Marzec, who handled Monika Sedik, 6-1, 6-0, and No. 4 Molly Cormier, who defeated Camille Cave by an identical score. The Spartans' doubles duos kept the momen-

PITCHERS

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“Brian throws harder than Brendan and he has a nice curve, too. They both pitched great.” Scheffer also raved about another facet of the game his team has excelled at during the season's early going. "Our defense has been strong, and that makes me happy because that's what we stress all the time," he said. "We're big on making the routine plays, and the kids are buying into it." In addition to Martin's web gem in the first game, left-fielder Jacob Damian made a sweet catch while sprinting toward the left-field line in the fourth inning. One inning later, second baseman Kevin Brewer gloved a sizzling one-hopper that appeared headed to right field, spun and threw out the batter by two strides to keep Wetmore's no-hitter intact. John Glenn actually trailed 1-0 early in the first game after the Rail-splitters tallied an un-earned run in the first. The Rockets secured the lead for good in the bottom of the second when Damian led off with a single, Bernard Snell walked and they both came around to score on two wild pitches and two more free passes, the last of which Wetmore drew with the bases loaded. The Rockets gave Wetmore some breathing room in the fourth when Brewer drew a lead-off walk, stole second and came home on Wetmore's double. Wetmore later scored on a passed ball and Zach Croft made it 5-1 when he scored from third on a ground-out by Martin. Wetmore, Martin and Snell all went 2-for-4 with an RBI in the second game. Jordan Fuchs also added a ribbie. Connor Gawne caught Wetmore's no-hitter before giving way to Noah Damian, who was behind the dish for Martin's near-perfect game. ewright@hometownlife.com



ED WRIGHT
John Glenn second baseman Kevin Brewer fires the ball to first after spearing a hard-hit one-hopper.

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Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Catholic Central, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon (2), 4 p.m.
Garden City at Country Day
Crestwood at RU, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Thurston at Detroit Edison, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17
Churchill at S.L. East, 4 p.m.
Franklin at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
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PREP SOFTBALL
Tuesday, April 14
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Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. South Lyon (2), 4 p.m.
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Thursday, April 16
Franklin at Belleville (2), 4 p.m.
Crestwood at RU, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Detroit Edison, 4:30 p.m.
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Friday, April 17
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Franklin at South Lyon, 4 p.m.
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Clarenceville has slew of quality track athletes

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

The Clarenceville girls and boys track teams might be short on numbers, but that doesn't mean they fall short in the talent department. On the girls side, senior Staneisha Chambers is the defending league champion in the shot put and school-record holder in the discus. The throws will be strong events for the girls as junior

Andrea Hill and senior Jackie Herron return from career-best seasons and will complement Chambers. Junior Delaney MacRea is the team's top hurdler and A'Sha Whittaker, though she is new to the sport, the top sprinter. MacRea will help in the sprint relays. Whittaker will compete in the long jump, too. The girls team has no distance runners, however. Clarenceville will try to find

ways to make up for the loss of former standouts Ayana Buckley and Micah Willingham and the points they scored. Both were all-area, first-team selections last year - Buckley in the high jump and Willingham in the 300-meter hurdles. "We look at it as an opportunity, a challenge," assistant coach Jazna Ealy said, adding the Lady Trojans are in a rebuilding phase. "We're looking to build a

stronger team. Even though we are a small team, we are a strong team. That goes with Trojan Pride." The boys have a strong lineup of throwers with returning seniors Jonathan Hogan, Dylan Gooden and Justin Moore. The Trojans are always good in the sprints and will look to returning seniors Nick Ballard, Cody Cardoza and James Hill, who will play football at Wayne State, to lead the

way. Senior Elijah Bean is new to track, but he has played football and basketball. He'll help in the sprints and high jump. Ballard and Cardoza are long jumpers, too. Clarenceville lost Kimani Dooley, who was on the all-area second team in the 800 meters, to graduation. Jonathan Harris will lead the team in the middle distances with help from freshman Kyle Nolan.

Blazers in position again for title run

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Many of the key pieces remain firmly in place for another banner Livonia Ladywood softball season. The Blazers, who return all but two starters from last year's MHSAA Division 2 state runner-up squad, will be gunning for their sixth Final Four berth and second state title under coach Scott Combs, now in his eighth season. Ladywood, 29-15 a year ago, opened its season this weekend in Kenosha, Wis., against a pair of state championship teams and expectations remain high despite the loss of a pair of first-team all-Observer selections in shortstop Haley Lawrence (Hillsdale College) and first baseman Hallea Garcia (University of Michigan-Dearborn). Combs, who will do double



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK
Junior outfielder Rachel Hendrickson is another key returnee for the Blazers.

that out last season. In the middle of the season we were just going through the motions. We had to attitude adjust a little bit, then at the end of the season and the playoffs we really played to our potential. "We'll really strive to do that all year this year and they've been talking about that the last three weeks to really win as many games as we can rather than hang around and wait for the state playoffs. I'm kind of a victim of that. I've always said we play for state titles and everything else is secondary. And I think they kind of took that too much to heart last year." Junior right-hander Rozlyn Price, entering her third varsity season on the mound, returns after going 24-8 with a 2.6 earned run average. She pitched 190 innings with 235 strikeouts and 62 walks. bemons@hometownlife.com

GOALIE

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they made me play goalie, and I started to like it." Before Barber knew it, like turned into love, and the mini-goalie sticks were shelved for the real things. Two years ago, he started working diligently with personal goalie coach Jimmy Blanchard to hone the finer points of the position. Judging by his recently completed junior season at Livonia Stevenson, his crease skills are razor sharp. His goals-against (1.71) and save-percentage (.935) statistics were gold standard. Last month, just a few days after anchoring the Spartans' run to the Division 2 championship game against Birmingham Brother Rice, Barber learned he had earned the ultimate award trifecta: first-team all-state, starting goalie for the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's "Dream Team" and the trophy that goes to the top goalie in the state. "First of all, I was surprised when I found out I was all-state," Barber admitted. "Then when I arrived at the all-state banquet, I was looking through one of the programs on the table, and I saw I had made the 'Dream Team'. That was a shock. I'm not even sure my coaches knew." His night got even better moments later when he happened to see the name "Cullen Barber" engraved on the trophy to be presented to the state's top goalie. "I look at these awards as being a reward for all the work I've been putting in - practicing day in and day out, coming in on weekend mornings to catch some extra time, working with my private coach, doing a lot of off-ice training," Barber said. Barber said the average hockey fan might be surprised by how much specialized training goes into playing his position. "I don't think people realize how much you have to work on footwork to be a good goalie," he said. "There are a lot of different drills I do to improve my quickness and getting the angles right. There's a lot that goes into stopping the puck; it's more than just going down and blocking it." Although he acknowledges

he can't stop every shot, Barber said it's always painful to have to fish the puck out of the net - even if it's only once or twice a game. "There's always going to be a shot you don't see, or the team you're playing against makes a really nice play, or just bad luck," he said. "But no matter what, I always want to have that goal back. Always." During the 2014-15 regular season, Barber was half of Stevenson's superb two-goalie platoon that also included senior Andrew Rozenbaum, who earned all-state honors as a junior. "Obviously, coming into this season, my ultimate goal was to be the starter, but Rozenbaum was coming off an all-state season, so we split time," Barber said. "I just tried to take it one game at a time and hope for the best for the team. The coaches were great at communicating with us when it came to knowing who was going to start. Coach would usually meet with us either in his office or we'd meet up at Biggy's. We'd always know two or three days in advance what the plans were." In his oldest brother Riley - a junior forward at Miami University in Ohio - Barber has the perfect training partner. "Riley has played a big supporting role in my hockey career," Barber said. "Whenever he comes back home, he shoots at me. Getting to face shots from a high-level player like him helps because he can put the puck on a dime. He helps me realize how much harder I have to work to get to where I want to be." Barber is currently competing as a member of the prestigious USA Hockey's Team Michigan junior squad, which will be competing against teams consisting of high school juniors from Minnesota and Wisconsin later this spring. Stevenson's Nathan Sudek and Alec Allen are his teammates. An outstanding student, Barber has carved out a stellar 3.6 grade point average despite a challenging workload that includes advanced and global-education classes. "I'd like to eventually play juniors and ultimately play for a Division 1 college team," Barber said. Given his bloodlines and his high-level work ethic, no one is betting against him. ewright@hometownlife.com

Zebras zap Trojans in baseball, 7-2

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Four errors and a lack of hitting proved costly for the Clarenceville baseball team Wednesday in a 7-2 loss to Wayne Memorial. "Our pitching gave us a chance," Trojans coach Craig Cotter said. "When you have the bases loaded or men on second and third in four of the seven innings and only come away with two runs, you're in for some frustration." Cotter added the young Trojans team is gaining valuable experience that will be beneficial in the long run. "The process is more important than the game right now, and I believe it will help as the season progresses," Cotter said. The lone Trojan hit was by Mitch Kubiak. Freshman Nick Bisaro went 4 1/2 innings on the mound and took the loss. He and reliever Zach Richards combined for 13 strikeouts and six hits. Bisaro had eight strikeouts; Richards allowed only one hit and didn't walk a batter over the final 2 1/2 innings. "Nick pitched very well,"

Cotter said. "He was always around the plate. Zach has pitched well in both outings so far this year." The Trojans are 0-5 thus far and will play at Garden City on Tuesday. **RICHARD 9, C'VILLE 3:** Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday to take a 9-3 lead and sweep a doubleheader. The Trojans had pulled within a run in the top of that inning. Kam MacIver pitched five innings in the loss and, despite giving up 11 hits and six earned runs, pitched well, according to coach Craig Cotter. Untimely errors extended innings and had the Trojans playing catch up, he added. Mitch Kubiak came out for one inning of shutout relief. "We left the bases loaded to end the game and had men on second and third with less than two outs twice and did not score," Cotter said. "Striking out 10 times did not help, especially when four of them were called third strikes." Jayson Harris led the Trojans offensively, getting on base three times and stealing

a base. Bobby Jaber went 2-for-4; Kubiak, Matt Drain and Justin Kelley chipped in one hit apiece. "The season is young," Cotter said. "Our kids are getting plenty of early reps. Our team has only 12 players. These kind of meaningful reps will help us down the road." **RICHARD 8, C'VILLE 1:** Mental mistakes caused the demise of the Trojans in the first game of the Tuesday doubleheader, too. After getting out to an early lead, Clarenceville gave up eight runs, five of which resulted from mental miscues. Adam Sade went the distance and got the loss. "We kept shooting ourselves in the foot," Cotter said, adding Sade gave the Trojans a chance. "We could not make the plays behind him, because we were out of position most of the game." The Trojans did have some bright spots. Harris went 3-for-4 with two stolen bases and is hitting well over .500. Kelley chipped in two hits; Drain had one. The Trojans struck out nine times. Several of those were with men in scoring position.

CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **April 23rd, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Golf Course Maintenance

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
Controller

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Senior Center Interior LED Lighting

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48154

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, on Tuesday May 26, 2015** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms found on the MITN website.

There will be a non-mandatory walk-through of the job site on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Prospective vendors should meet in the lobby of the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154.

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with: **Ductwork Hanger Replacement, Department of Parks and Recreation, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

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The Senior Alliance®
Area Agency on Aging 1-C

The Senior Alliance
will host three **Public Hearing Sessions** for input regarding the FY 2016 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for services to persons age 60 and older in Southern and Western Wayne County.

Monday, May 11, 2015
2:30 p.m.
The Senior Alliance
3850 Second St., Ste. 100
Wayne, MI 48184

Tuesday, May 26, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Lincoln Park Senior Center
3240 Ferris Street
Lincoln Park, MI 48146

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Northville Senior Center
303 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167

On April 27, 2015, the AIP draft will be available online at www.aaalc.org
Written comments will be accepted until June 1, 2015. Please send written comments to:
The Senior Alliance
3850 Second Street, Ste. 100
Wayne, MI 48184
Attn: Nicole Jeffrey, Program Specialist

For more information, call 734-858-2238

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Jean Ann Mies is a big fan of Hello Kitty and the color pink.



Anne Munn checks on a meatloaf baking in the oven at her Livonia home. She and her roommate of 22 years, Jean Ann Mies, share the cooking and other household chores, with support from Community Opportunity Center.

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COC marks 50 years of helping developmentally disabled persons

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Meet Anne Munn and Jean Ann Mies.

Munn, 49, is an avid bowler whose trophies line family room shelves in her neat Livonia ranch-style house. Step into her bedroom and you'll notice cherished family photos that decorate lilac-colored walls. Take a whiff as you pass the kitchen — that's her meatloaf cooking in the oven — and head to the craft center, where she'll show you her handmade greeting cards.

Mies, 54, is a Hello Kitty fan who also loves the color pink. You'll see the two concepts merge in her bedroom, where the iconic kitten graces everything from a wall clock, to CD player, to a table lamp. Notice the fleece blankets neatly stacked on her bed and she'll tell you about the hand-tied blankets she made for every member of her family. Then check out the tablet she uses to play puzzles, games, videos, Power Rangers and even learn math.

The longtime friends have lived together for 22 years, first in an apartment, and for the last two years in Munn's childhood home. They live on their own with support from their families and from the Community Opportunity Center, a Livonia-based nonprofit organization that helps developmentally disabled persons live as independently as possible. COC provides housing — COC-owned, leased or rented — for its clients. It also offers support staff in its homes and to clients like Munn and Mies



It's time for Debbie Smart to leave for the day. Anne Munn gives her a big hug. Smart, a Plymouth resident, helps Munn with tasks such as menu planning and grocery shopping.

who live in family-owned houses or condos. Debbie Smart of Plymouth, for example, works with the two women twice weekly to assist with daily living tasks, such as meal planning, grocery shopping, and paying utility bills.

The roommates are among 87 clients served by COC, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Denise King, COC executive director, credits families, board members and the community for the organization's longevity.

"We have so many dynamic people who care," King said. "We've seen generations of

people getting involved. It makes such a difference in a corporation like ours when you have everyone that pulls together for the benefit of their loved ones. They all work together."

Family-driven

Families and advocates formed COC in 1965 with a mission to establish a sheltered workshop for persons with developmental disabilities. The workshop opened a year later, employing 13 workers and staff, and was merged with the Detroit League for the Handicapped in 1967.



Denise King, executive director of Community Opportunity Center, shares a moment with Anne Munn.

COC remained inactive for three years, and then reinstated its charter in 1970. A new board took the organization in a new direction in 1972.

"The families involved said, why not look at some housing alternatives. The consensus was that housing was a greater need (than work programs)," King said.

In the early 1970s, the State of Michigan began to look at housing alternatives to institutions. The trend was to move individuals into group homes in community settings. With approval from the Michigan State Housing Authority, COC built its first 16-person group home in Livonia. A group home in Redford followed, but were met with neighborhood resistance.

"I remember when I started

at Livonia House (as manager), there was a major uproar and that was in 1980. There were threats of burning the home down. When I was there once a brick was thrown through the window. It was a rough time. People were marching at City Hall. It took a while before people realized our homes weren't a menace to the community, that our residents weren't people to be fearful of."

Senior homes

Today the trend is toward smaller homes. COC's few 16-person homes have downsized and the organization's focus is on offering a variety of smaller housing options. It also has tailored homes to meet the needs of its aging pop-

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'Westies' in kilts will parade with rescue dogs at 30th annual show

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

"Westies" will put on the dog for the West Highland White Terrier Club of Southeastern Michigan rescue parade, which will take place at the club's 30th annual specialty breed show this month in Whitmore Lake.

Many of the club members' dogs will wear formal tux, diamonds or pearls in keeping with the anniversary theme. Club dogs that parade to support their recently-rescued brethren, will show off their kilts.

"We invite all the the prior year's rescues to attend the parade," said Carole Beaudry of Plymouth, a club member. "We introduce them and tell their stories. It's a real tear-jerker. We had two little dogs that were litter mates born in 2010 that were surrendered because their family didn't have enough time to spend with them. Fortunately, we were able to adopt them out together.



Watson, a "Westie" from Plymouth, wears his kilt. His owner, Carole Beaudry, is a member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Southeastern Michigan, which runs a parade and show on April 25.

"Then we had six puppy mill dogs came in. They were living in rabbit hutches out in the cold all winter. Almost all of them have been adopted out."

The parade runs 20-30 minutes, depending on how many rescue dogs attend. It also includes Scottish pipers, a parade marshal and kilt-wearing Westies.

"We call them wee marshals," Beaudry said, adding that Westie Rescue Michigan sells doggy kilts as a fundraiser. They run \$40-\$50. "They

are adorable wearing them. They go around the body and have a pleated skirt. I have to say, the parade attracts a lot of people."

Beaudry, who also is involved with Westie rescue, isn't sure whether her dog, Watson, will participate this year. In previous years he and his adopted brother, Wesley, who died last year, walked as wee marshals.

Spunky personality



The parade includes honored rescue dogs, Scottish pipers, a parade marshal and "wee marshals" dressed in their doggy kilts.

Beaudry and her husband took in their first Westie in 1984 and have loved the breed ever since.

"They've got such good personalities. They love lots of attention. They are wonderful dogs to have around. And they are very bright," she said.

"If you come out and see them at the show, you'll get to see what they are like. People can talk to owners and see the dogs. And there's always an information table with literature."

The show draws dogs from several states to participate in conformation judging. It also will include the parade, an auction, and fundraising items. Lunch will be available for \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and show hours are 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. N. Territorial Road. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit westieclubmi.com.



PET PROJECTS

Concordia Choir, local pianist perform at prayer event in Livonia May 7

Tickets are still available for the 41st annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

The event, featuring John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D., and the Concordia Choir, starts at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Make checks payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast and mail to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Inc., Attention Sally Butler, 18858 Mayfield, Livonia, MI 48152.

In addition to music by local pianist Sharon Smith, Brian Altevogt from Concordia University in Ann Arbor will



The Concordia Choir will sing at the 41st annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

direct The Concordia Choir in performing Aaron Copland's *At the River*, arranged for chorus by R. Wilding-White; *Precious Lord*,

arranged by Scott Hyslop; *Lead, Kindly Light*, by Dan Forrest; *All That They Had They Gave*, by Andrea Ramsey and *The Lord is My Light* by Hank

Beebe.

Nunes, a professor at Valparaiso University, will speak on the theme "Re-Imagining Yourself as a Peacemaker." He is the former president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, where he led staff in 17 countries, working with communities that were working their way out of poverty. He's also author of *Voices from the City: Issues and Images of Urban Preaching* and, with his wife Monique Nunes, *Little Things Make Big Differences: A Story about Malaria*.

For more information, email butlerconsulting@consultant.com, call 248-476-9427, or visit livoniaprayerbreakfast.org.

REUNIONS

Send school reunion information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

DETROIT COOLEY CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3, 2015, at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. For more information, email melissacohn8@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/).

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/>.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965

50th reunion celebration is May 16, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton. Cost is \$30; \$40 after April 30. Contact ilene.raymofowler@yahoo.com or 734-728-4312 for registration.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

What started out as a high school crush led to 60 years of "happily ever after" for Wesley and Sandy (Sisk) Knight, 45-year Livonia residents. They were married April 9, 1955, at Eber Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit.

Wesley was serving in the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany at the time the two were married while he was home on leave. Sandy joined him in Europe shortly after their wedding, and before returning to the United States the couple gave birth to Karen and Heidi in Heidelberg, Germany.

After returning from service, the couple settled in Dearborn. Wesley went to work for Ford Motor Co., where he spent the rest of his career in data processing and telecommunications. The couple soon gave birth to Tammy, and then Randy, completing the family.



Wesley and Sandy Knight of Livonia are celebrating their 60th anniversary. They were married April 9, 1955.

Through Ford Motor Co., the Knights and their children returned to Europe. They lived in Belgium and England before moving back to the United States — this time with the addition of a schnauzer named Liebschen — and settling in Livonia in 1970.

Sandy took a job with A.J. Foland's where she worked her way into a managerial position with in the company's jewelry department.

The Knights' love for family, golf and schnau-

zers perseveres. Their current schnauzer, a female, is named Schatzi. The couple also enjoys spending winter months in Surprise, Ariz., making their passion for golf and travel a year-round reality.

The Knights spent many years attending Grand River Baptist Church in Livonia before it closed and now call NorthRidge Church home. Their family has grown to include 10 grandkids and 10 great-grandkids.

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CLARKE, CATHERINE (KATE THE GREAT)

Passed peacefully on April 1, 2015. Happily married to John B. Clarke for 60 years. Kate was the life of the party! The original fashionista in her fishnet stockings and "go-go" boots of the '60s to crazy, cool hats throughout her fun-filled life. She had a huge, kind heart and was a wonderful mother to her three children, Jennifer, Ken, and Jim. Grandmother to seven whom she loved dearly. A fabulous cook and always entertaining. We will miss her and hold her in our hearts forever. Forever thus, as she would say. Memorial Open House April 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. at her daughter's home in Wolverine Lake Village, Michigan.



MARIHUGH, DOLORES

Beloved wife of the late Paul R. (4/18/04). Dearest mother of Darlene D. DeBerry, Larry P. (Debra), Michael "Turk" (Zona) & Pat (Barb) Marihugh. Loving Grandmother of Michelle Bruner, Mike DeBerry Jr., David, Scott, Brett & Meghan Marihugh, Sheradyn Holden, John, Jeff & Jamie Marihugh. Also great grandmother of five. Leaves siblings; David & Doug Shepley and Cheryl DeVore. Service Monday, 11:00 a.m. at The Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile (Btw Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp. (313) 535-3030. Memorials suggested to the Alzheimer's Assoc. Vistation today 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.



PITTMAN-HADLEY, MARGARET LEE BANCROFT

Age 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 27, 2015, at Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc assisted living facility in Holly, Michigan. Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on January 2, 1920, she grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. Following graduation, she married Raymond Alvin Pittman of Toledo, a graduate of the University of Michigan College of Engineering. They settled in Ann Arbor, where she worked as a laboratory technician at University of Michigan Hospital until her children were born. She was married to Mr. Pittman for over 53 years, and together they reared three children. The couple spent most of their married lives in Ann Arbor, where she taught Sunday School at the First Methodist Church and participated in public school and community activities. After the children were older, she worked as an accountant at the former Marti Walker's dress shop on State Street in Ann Arbor. The couple also lived in Boston, Massachusetts, where Mr. Pittman attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Port Elizabeth, South Africa, where she was an active member of the Canadian-American Womens Club and loved to run her Rhodesian Ridgeback hound along the beach at Sardinia Bay; London, England, where she renewed her interest in horseback riding and discovered British antiques; and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where she supported the Meadow Brook Music Festival and the Red Cross. For several years, the couple participated in a longitudinal gerontology study at the University of Michigan, providing insight into the aging process. After Mr. Pittman passed away, she married Richard Marshall Hadley in 1997. Theirs was the first wedding for the Henry Ford Village Senior Living Community in Dearborn, Michigan, where she became a square dance enthusiast and a regular member of the welcoming committee. The couple traveled extensively, and visited Italy, England, Alaska, and California. After Mr. Hadley passed away in 2004, she remained at Henry Ford Village, continuing her work with the welcoming committee and leading exercise classes until she moved to Holly, Michigan in 2012. She adored dogs and always had at least one by her side. Having studied classical music, she played the piano for most of her life. She is survived by her three children, son Raymond Pittman (Linda) of Allen Park, Michigan; son Richard Pittman (Diane) of Dallas, Texas; and daughter Margaret Pittman (Mark Carter) of Germantown, Maryland. She also is survived by stepdaughter Donna Christopherson (John) of Plainfield, Illinois; stepdaughter Lynne Fowlkes (Edward) of Northville, Michigan; stepson Philip Hadley (Suzanne) of West Bloomfield, Michigan; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ann Bancroft Draheim, of Reno, Nevada; and six nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, (734) 662-5585, www.hshv.org



DeLONG, MARJORIE NELL

March 21, 2015, Age 87. Dear mother of Michael DeLong (Betty), Kenric Jones DeLong, Donald Alan DeLong (Maria), and Dee Anne Hudak (James). Grandmother of Ashley, James Michael, Maggie Leigh, Tyler Ray, Kyran Dean, John Carlos, Matthew James, Adam Daniel, and Lauren Danielle. Memorial Service Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com

ORR, MARILYN

A longtime resident of Farmington Hills, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2015 at the age of 87. Born on July 23, 1927 in Fostoria, Ohio. Marilyn earned her Bachelor degree in journalism from Ohio State University. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Charles Orr; her dear son, Peter (Monica) Beane; grandchildren, Gretchen and Nathan and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane C. Beane in 1974 and brother, Howard Huntley. Services will be held in the summer. For further information phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com



TEMPLE, GARY LEE

March 24, 2015, age 69. Retired science and math teacher from Pioneer Middle School after 33 years of service. Survived by brother Robert (Patricia); nephews Brian Temple, Mark Temple, Eric McLaurin and niece Kristen Chase. Preceded in death by sister Janice. Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9:30 am until time of the Memorial Service at 10:30 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, www.mccancer.org or First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, <http://fpcp.net>. To read full obituary go to www.schrader-howell.com



GREEN, DAVID LEE

Age 58 Loving husband of Karen for 37 years. Devoted father of Melissa (Randy), Tonya (Scott) and Heather (Tim). Grandfather of 11. Soon to be a great-grandfather. Also survived by his mother Mary Lou; two sisters, four brothers, many nieces and nephews and is now joining his father Allen O. Green and many others. Visitation Sunday, April 12th 1-4 p.m. with the Memorial Service at 4 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd & Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com

Santeiu Funeral Home



KINNE, TERRI LYNNE (WALKER)

Age 52. (April 5, 2015). Survived by husband Ron Kinne; children Samuel and Delaney; parents Ben and Rosemary Walker of Freeland. Memorial gathering Monday, April 13, 1-3 p.m. at Newburg UMC, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI.

ENGAGEMENT

YARMUTH-GRIFFITHS

Sarah Yarmuth and Steven Griffiths announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Nancy Yarmuth of Weldon Spring, Mo., formerly of Farmington, is a 2008 graduate of Farmington High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by Arthrex California Technology as a quality engineer.

Her fiancé, son of Gordon and Karen Griffiths of Silver Lake, Ohio, is a 2008 graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed by the University of California Santa Barbara as a graduate student researcher.

A June 2015 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



Sarah Yarmuth and Steve Griffiths

ENGAGEMENT

GILMORE-CLARKE

Amanda Laura Gilmore and Lewis Clarke announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Raini and Mark Gilmore of Livonia, is a 2007 Churchill High School graduate. She also graduated from Central Michigan University and is employed as assistant general manager of Residence Inn Marriott.

Her fiancé, son of Tracey and Graham



Lewis Clarke and Amanda Gilmore

Clarke of Tiverton, Devon, United Kingdom, attended Tiverton High

School, Richard Huish College and Bournemouth University. He is a multimedia journalist at the *Mid Devon Gazette*.

An October 2015 wedding is planned at Greenmead in Livonia, with Ryan Frederick Gilmore, Amanda's brother, officiating. A reception will be held at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead.

The couple will make their home in Tiverton, Devon, United Kingdom.

GARDEN & NATURE

Barson's Greenhouse

Learn about the "how and why" of opening your pond for the season at 1 p.m., followed by a seminar in prepping vegetable gardens at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Barson's, 6414 Merriman, Westland; 734-421-5959. Free

Butterflies

Jed Bromfield will present "Witness Metamorphosis: Raising Caterpillars" 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-

members. 734-223-5510, or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Northville-Nov

Marna Nemon on "Let Them Eat Your Garden," pollinator gardens at Gardeners of Northville and Novi, 6:30 p.m. April 13, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Non-members pay \$5. gardenersnorthvill-novi.org.

Senior care company offers prep list for bad weather

Older adults are among the most vulnerable victims when weather disasters strike. With the severe weather season in full swing, Home Instead Senior Care suggests the seniors and their families be prepared for natural disasters.

The caregiving company offers a safety preparation checklist to help prepare seniors:

» Tune in. Contact the local emergency management office to learn about the most likely natural disasters that may strike. Stay abreast of what's going on through radio, television, Internet.

» Take stock. Decide what your senior can or can't do in the event of a natural disaster. Make a list of what would be needed if a disaster occurred. For example, if your loved one is wheelchair-bound, determine an evacuation strategy ahead of time.

» To go or to stay? When deciding to evacuate, older adults should go sooner rather than later. By waiting too long, they may be unable to leave if they require assistance.

» Make a plan. Schedule a family meeting to develop a plan of action. Include in your plan key people, such as neigh-

bors, friends, relatives and professional caregivers who could help.

» More than one way out. Seniors should develop at least two escape routes — one to evacuate their home and one to evacuate their community. The local emergency management office can offer community escape routes.

» Meet up. Designate a place to meet relatives or key support network people outside the house, as well as a second location outside the neighborhood, such as a school or church. Practice the plan twice a year.

» Get up and "Go Kit." Have an easy-to-carry backpack including three days nonperishable food and water with an additional four days of food and water readily accessible at home. Have at least one gallon of bottled water per person per day. Refresh and replace your supplies at least twice a year. And don't forget the blanket and paper products such as toilet paper.

» Pack extras and copies. Have at least a one-month supply of medication on hand at all times. Make ready other important documents in a water-proof protector including

copies of prescriptions, car title registration and driver's license, insurance documents and bank account numbers, and spare checkbook. Also take extra eyeglasses and hearing-aid batteries. Label every piece of important equipment or personal item in case they are lost.

» Your contact list. Compile a contact list and include people on a senior's support network as well as doctors and other important health care professionals.

New women's cancer support group meets Thursdays in Livonia

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's new Love & Learn Women's Circle will focus on head-to-toe skin care, 6-7:30 p.m. April 23, in the Wellness Center at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The monthly support group for women with cancer started in March and meets the fourth Thursday of the month. The group is open to women who currently have cancer, or those who have completed treatment.

"Attending a support group can be very helpful for individuals with cancer and their families," said Michelle Eggenberger, L.M.S.W., a social worker at the hospital. "Support groups allow individuals to gather with others who have similar experiences. Together, these individuals can share stories, advice and help each other understand the disease."

The upcoming gathering will include representatives from St. Mary Mercy's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center. They will discuss how cancer treatment affects the



skin. Skin care products will be available to sample and women will learn how to keep their skin looking fresh throughout the cancer journey and beyond.

"Cancer is a life-altering disease," Eggenberger said. "Our cancer program is focused on treating the whole person — body, mind and spirit. In addition to traditional medical treatment such as oncology and radiation, we have services to help patients with image recovery, navigation, nutrition, social work and spirituality."

For more information, call 734-655-2973.

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.

Cancer screening

Warren Brandes, D.O., ear, nose and throat surgeon, and his team of ENT residents, will perform free screenings for cancers of the head and neck, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, at Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Registration required. Call 248-471-8120. Appointments available.

Celiac support

The Tri-County Celiac Support Group will present Gluten-Free Food Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Participants can shop for gluten-free foods, try free samples and possibly win door prizes or raffles. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers; free for members. Visit www.tccsg.net.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Dementia

» Tailor your communication style to build trust and develop rapport 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. Early registration is recommended. Call 800-543-9355 or visit Oakwood.org.

High blood pressure

Learn how medications, beverages, health conditions, stress and cuff errors can affect blood pressure readings, 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. The class

also will offer nutritional, lifestyle, and emotional strategies the may help lower blood pressure. Cost is \$28. Required workbook fee is \$10, due in class. Register with Livonia Family YMCA at 734-261-2161 by April 14.

Joint replacement

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will offer a free presentation on joint pain, joint replacement procedures and implant options, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, in classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy, 36154 Five Mile, Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

Medical Bills

Botsford Hospital's free seminar, "Understand Your Medical Bills: Know the Terminology To Read Your Statements," runs 9-11 a.m. April 18 in classroom A/B in the Zieger Building at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Get answers to common questions about hospital bills, receive take-home guides and meet one-on-one with a member of Botsford's billing team to review your medical bills. For more information, call Alonda Malvo-Beard at 248-888-6448.

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- Jun. 24:** Pelvic Prolapse

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