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Support needed to solve Wayne deficit

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

From 2010-14, Wayne lost over \$26 million in revenue from property taxes, its primary funding source. See story on Page A2.

To address its financial problems, Wayne needs to make changes with the support of the entire community. That was the message at the recent budget kick-off meeting held at the Wayne Public Library.

"It has to be different. If you all participate in a positive manner, it can work," said Brian Camiller of city auditors Plante Moran. "No more roadblocks, no more let's blame the guy from 30 years ago. Every department in the city can do it. You need less expense, not better. You can't afford better."

If Wayne maintains the status quo for the fiscal year that begins July 1, the city general fund will spend \$2.2 million more than it receives

in revenue.

Even with what was called the best-case scenario of ending the current fiscal year with a fund balance of as much as \$1.4 million, the city would still end the 2015-16 fiscal year in deficit.

"If you spend more than you take in, you have a structural deficit, meaning there isn't enough 'fat' in the budget to cut in order to balance the budget," Camiller said. "You have to do things differently.

You can't cut your way out of this. You need new revenue. All have to participate; you can't leave out certain employees or departments. You're well past that point."

Difficult to decipher

Thanks to what Camiller described as a difficult-to-decipher accounting system, the city has been able to utilize internal service accounts, set up for uses like risk management and the motorpool, to

balance the general fund budget.

The OPEB Trust, a savings account for retiree healthcare, has been subsidizing the general fund. The fund has \$2.3 million left, which the auditors project will be done in the 2017 fiscal year.

"The big message today is you better get ready because winter is coming," Camiller said. "All these pots of money

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COMING DOWN



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Some seven years after students and staff celebrated its 50th anniversary and almost five years after being closed, the wrecking ball came to Madison Elementary School in Westland this week. The school was one of six closed by the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in 2010 and one of four that is being torn down to make the land more valuable. Lincoln Elementary School in the Norway community was demolished several weeks ago. Also being torn down is Kettering Elementary in Westland, while the demolition of Vandenberg School in Wayne won't happen until September. The city of Wayne is using the school as a temporary city hall while the roof is being repaired at its building on Wayne Road.

Life in Go! Save the date for O&E spring expo

Workshops, exhibits, demonstrations and free stuff are all part of the *Observer & Eccentric* 12th annual spring expo, Life in Go, set for 1-6 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for active adults features a variety of demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to

live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

The first 100 attendees will receive a Buddy's pizza coupon for a free four-square pizza. In addition, there will also be drawings throughout the afternoon for other prizes.

The hourly gift drawings are sponsored in part by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Refreshments are sponsored in

part by Twisted Rooster. The 2015 spring expo tote bags are made possible in part by sponsors Crystal Creek Assisted Living, Centurion Services Inc. and Twisted Rooster.

This year, 10 dynamic demonstrations and workshops feature Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management, Dr. Sol Cogan of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back &

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Road work begins this week on Westland's Central City Parkway

Construction got underway this week on a stretch of Central City Parkway in Westland. The city project will remove and replace concrete between Warren and Wayne roads with a July 31 completion date expected.

Access will be maintained at all times for all traffic, including emergency vehicles, to all of the businesses throughout the project. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction, with intermittent stoppages of traffic during certain construction activities by flagmen.

The project will be done in three phases. During the first phase beginning April 13, the outside lanes of Central City Parkway will be closed to traffic to perform concrete removal and replacement. The inside lanes and center turn lane will remain open. Once repairs are complete, traffic will be moved

onto the outside lanes. At least one access drive to each property will remain open at all times.

Phase 2 has a tentative start date of May 23, and a tentative completion date of June 26. During Phase 2 the inside lanes and center turn lane will be closed to traffic. The outside lanes will remain open, and at least one access to each property will remain open at all times.

The third and final phase has a tentative start date of June 27 and a completion date of July 31. During this phase the pavement joints around the new patches will be sealed. Traffic will be shifted as required while maintaining at least one lane of traffic in each direction at all times. Project cleanup and restoration will also be completed.

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St. Mary Parish, School hold annual fundraising auction

Wonder what it's like to be a television reporter or what the inside of a radio station studio looks like?

You can find out, if you're the highest bidder at the St. Mary Parish and School's fourth annual fundraising auction planned for Saturday, May 2, at the parish, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and a buffet dinner, provided by The Avenue American Bistro, will be

served at 6 p.m.

There also will be live and silent auctions, featuring a Ruth to the Rescue shadow day with Ruth Spencer of Channel 4 News and a studio visit with Blaine and Allyson in the Morning on 96.3 WDVD.

Also available to the highest bidder will be one-of-a-kind classroom projects, spa packages, tuition packages, a stay at the Drury Inn, a \$2,000 orthodontics gift card

for Awesome Dental Care, a summer 2015 pool party for 50-100 people, including \$100 for food, and four Walt Disney World Florida Park Hopper passes.

The auction is for people 21 years and older. Early bird price for tickets is \$35, if purchased by April 19, and \$45 starting April 20. Email auction@stmarywayne.org or call 734-721-1240 for more information.



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Schools, community support work in Uganda

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Neither Simran Reddy, a Northville High School senior, nor Novi High School senior Ashi Arora have been to the African country of Uganda. Both young women, 17, who are dual enrolled at Schoolcraft College, just might make the trip someday.

They were key in creating Coins to Change in fall 2011 to support the work of Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, author of *The Price of Stones: Building a School for My Village*.

The students were among speakers the morning of Tuesday, April 14, as Kaguri accepted a check for \$25,000 from Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress for the Nyaka AIDS Orphan Project. The support came from Schoolcraft College, Novi High, Northville High and their communities.

Schoolcraft first-year student Taylor Struna was among the speakers.

Reddy recalled family friend Anna Maheshwari, who chairs Schoolcraft's English department, speaking of Kaguri and his work in rural Uganda. "She asked me to read Jackson Kaguri's book. I just started working with them and raising money. Here we are today," Reddy said, waiting her turn to take the stage and speak at Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center.

The Coins to Change began simultaneously at Northville and Novi High schools in 2011. "I reached out to students and specifically to student council," Arora said. Many fundraisers were held.

"My teachers did wear jeans for \$5," normally not allowed at Novi High for teachers, Arora said. "There were a lot of events on campus."

Reddy noted many administrators at North-



Twesigye Jackson Kaguri signs copies of his book at Schoolcraft College.

ville High helped. "It's been fun for us as students," she said. "I hope to continue this when I'm in college."

Arora is to attend a Wayne State University program to guarantee medical school acceptance, with Reddy in a similar program and both young women planning to be physicians. Arora may also earn a Ph.D. and do research.

"This program helped me make friends and realize how much impact I could make," Reddy said. Arora noted she feels privileged to attend school in the U.S.

"They have these dreams," she said of the students in Uganda. "They need the resources. This program is

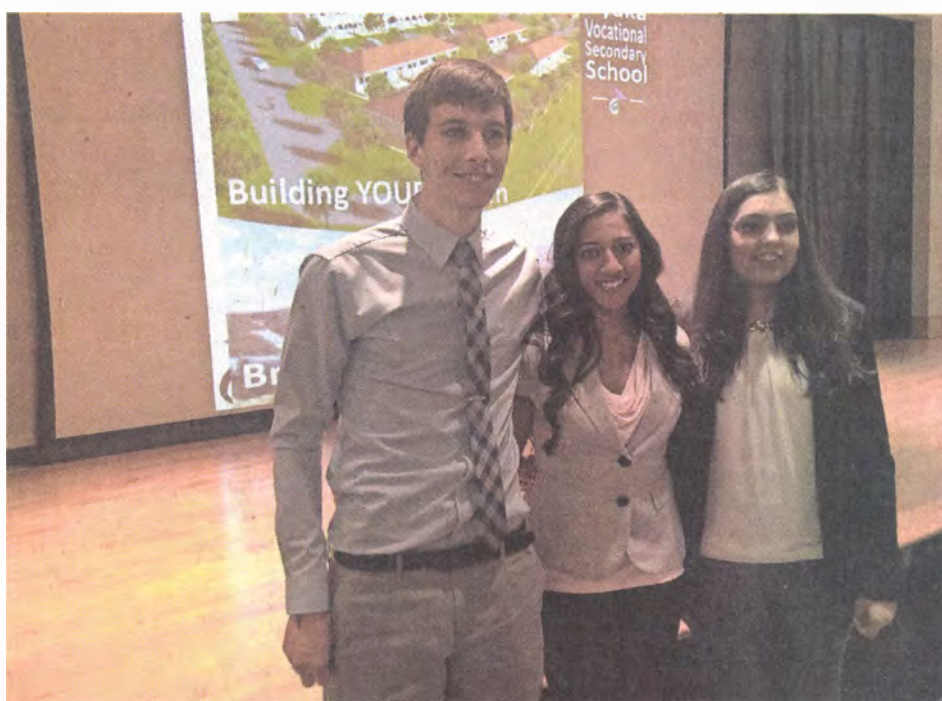
going to provide the resources."

Struna, an online graduate of Livonia Churchill High, is also a key part of the program's success. He's in his first year at Schoolcraft and got involved initially for extra credit in sociology class.

"People don't have control of what they're born into," Struna said. "This made me kind of want to give back." He lost a parent and can't imagine losing both, as many AIDS orphans have.

Struna thanked Kaguri for his work, adding that he plans to visit many countries as a volunteer. Struna, 17, plans to study environmental science.

Jeffress said, "People



Schoolcraft College student Taylor Struna (from left), Northville High senior Simran Reddy and Novi High senior Ashi Arora are key people in Coins to Change. Reddy and Arora and dual enrolled in Schoolcraft.

have gotten together and they've talked and they've done something. This is a terrific project." He noted the burden on children "who must carry on without a parent."

Kaguri, after graciously accepting the check, spoke of young women who've been orphaned in Uganda but are now headed to medical school, to careers in law and more. "It means life to get a dream realized," Kaguri told the Schoolcraft audience.

His secondary school combines academic and vocational learning, he said, as photos were displayed. "No matter how old you are, you always have an opportunity to come to school," much like Schoolcraft, Kaguri said.

"You'd be welcome to see the students whose lives you've changed," Kaguri said in encouraging supporters to visit.

Additional information is online at nya-

kaschool.org. Kaguri lost his brother to HIV/AIDS, leaving three children behind. Shortly after, Kaguri's sister also died, leaving a son. He vowed

to build a school in his village, using the down payment he had saved for his home.

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Visitors on opening night survey the artwork by Livonia Public Schools students. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student artwork lights up library for Fine Arts Festival



Eyes drawing by Abby Jenkins, Franklin High School. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



More than 700 pieces of artwork are on display in the gallery and throughout the library. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

More than 700 pieces of artwork are on display at this year's Fine Arts Festival at the Livonia Civic Library.

Artwork by students in grades K-12 is featured in the gallery and throughout the library during normal business hours. The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road.

Grant Elementary fourth-graders helped kick off the Fine Arts Festival at the library on April 13 with a musical performance led by music teacher Don Stromberg. Students sang several songs and demonstrated their new skills on their recorders, or song flutes.

The LPS Fine Arts Festival runs through April 27.



Fourth-grade students from Grant Elementary gave a musical performance to those in attendance at the opening night of the Fine Arts Festival at the Civic Library on Monday. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Former U-M president to speak at scholarship fundraiser

Former University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman will be the featured guest speaker at the U-M Club of Greater Northville's annual scholarship fundraiser dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

During her 12 years as the university's 13th president, and the first female in that role, Coleman left her mark on campus — from facilities

to fundraising to research. *Time* magazine named her one of the nation's top 10 university presidents. But perhaps the Michigan community will best remember Coleman for her personal touch and the impact she had on the lives of so many students, alumni, faculty and staff.

The event commemorates a milestone event — the 25th anniversary of the U-M Club of Greater Northville. The club

hosts social, cultural, athletic, professional development and community service events for U-M alumni throughout communities in western Wayne and Oakland counties. Since 1990, the club has awarded \$150,000 in scholarship money to area students attending the University of Michigan.

The cost is \$40 for U-M Alumni Association members and \$50 for non-members. A silent



Coleman

auction is included, and all proceeds go to scholarships for local area incoming freshman attending

U-M this fall. Register for the event on the club's website at umclubs.com/northville or by calling the U-M Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.

The silent auction includes many items and experiences, such as a day sailing adventure on Lake St. Clair, a Pie in the Sky flight on board a classic Emerald amateur built aircraft, golf for a foursome at U-M's private golf course Radrick Farms, a laptop computer, premium wines, and passes to local cultural attractions, including the Detroit and Toledo zoos, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and

Henry Ford/Greenfield Village. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

The U-M Club of Greater Northville serves alumni in Western Wayne and Oakland Counties including Canton, Commerce Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Highland, Livonia, Milford, New Hudson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Salem, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Westland, White Lake and Wixom.

Knezek bill set standards for human milk banks in Michigan

State Sen. David Knezek of Dearborn Heights has joined with State Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor to sponsor legislation, Senate Bill 143 and House Bill 4206, which would set standards for

human milk banks in Michigan.

"I'm deeply concerned by the fact that some Michigan cities have infant mortality rates on par with Third World nations," said Knezek

whose 5th Senate District includes Garden City and Redford. "Just as members of a community donate to a food pantry to help those in need, mothers have historically been able to donate milk so that at-risk babies can have a better chance at a full, healthy life."

"We owe it to everyone involved to maintain high standards around this practice in order to ensure that our children receive the support they need," he said.

Michigan's infant mortality rate is among



Knezek

the highest in the nation at 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births. The urban areas of Detroit and Saginaw

have infant mortality rates as high as 15.3 per 1,000 live births. One of the top causes of infant death is necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), which occurs more frequently in premature infants. Using human milk, as opposed to formula, reduces the

incidence of NEC, and results in lower hospital re-admissions and fewer long-term health issues.

"Multiple studies show that feeding breast milk to premature infants, whether from their mother or another source, has significant short- and long-term benefits," Geiss said. "Many mothers are unaware that donated breast milk is an option. I introduced this bill to help premature babies recover and also raise awareness of this critical issue."

In 2011, the U.S. Sur-

geon General's Office issued a Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding.

Among 20 action items was "Identify and address obstacles to greater availability of safe banked donor milk for fragile infants." HB 4206 and SB 143 aim to codify standards for milk banking practices in Michigan and ensure best practices for screening mothers; collecting, processing and providing human milk; and directing the donated milk to premature and critically ill infants where it is needed most.

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC
 ACCURACY TEST**
 The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on the ES&S M-100 voting equipment for the May 5, 2015 Special Election on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan.
 The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.
 Eileen DeHart, CMC
 Westland City Clerk
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**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 **May 6th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:
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 DEVIN J. ADAMS
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**CITY OF WESTLAND
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**
 On April 21, 2015 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1998 MAZDA	626	JM1BC1418W0176313
2000 PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NE52T9YM728906
2001 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WF52E719216846
2000 CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WF55E3Y9118712
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1995 BUICK	CENTURY	2G4WB52L6S1497681
1994 CHEVROLET	S10	1GCDT19W8R8145064
2002 FORD	WINDSTAR	2FMZA51442BB82186
2000 FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53U8Y9G125029
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2004 FORD	TAURUS	1FAFP53U44G113311
2003 HYUNDAI	SONATA	KMHWF25H93A758092
2002 DODGE	STRATUS	1B3EL36X32N123673
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2007 SATURN	ION	1G8AL55F872146197
1998 FORD	ESCORT	3FAKP1136WR228537
2000 GMC	JIMMY	1GKDT13W3Y2172168
1998 CHEVROLET	LUMINA	2G1WL52M4W9226208
2005 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZS62875F317228
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Three men arrested in fatal shooting in Westland

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Three men have been arraigned on charges in connection with the March 28 death of a Redford man found shot in his vehicle parked in Westland.

The death of Joseph McClendon, 21, stemmed from an illegal gun sale that went bad, according to Westland Police.

Two Inkster men — Arlandus Nolen II (Jr.), 18, and Davveon Dix, 19 — have each been arraigned on charges of first-degree murder, armed robbery and felony firearm. Dix also is



Nolen Jr.



Nolen Sr.



Dix

charged as a habitual offender as the result of a December 2014 conviction for carrying a concealed weapon.

Arlandus Nolen Sr., 39, of Roseville, has been charged with felony accessory after the fact, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony fire-

arm and being a habitual offender. Police said Nolan Sr. has two prior felony convictions: carjacking in 1997 and being a prisoner in possession of a weapon in 2003.

Not guilty pleas were entered for all three defendants when they were arraigned Sunday. All three were remanded to jail and no bond was set.

Westland Police responded to the area of Henry Ruff and

Annapolis just before 10:30 p.m. March 28 to investigate a call about shots having been fired. Seated in the driver's seat of his vehicle, officers found McClendon dead from multiple gunshot wounds.

Two guns were involved in the shooting, police said, as multiple 9mm and 40-caliber spent casings were recovered at the scene.

The investigation led officers to a home in the 29000 block of Rosewood in Inkster. A search warrant was executed at the location. Police said evidence found at the home resulted in the arrests of the

defendants.

Nolen Jr. and Dix had agreed to meet the victim and sell him a 9mm handgun, police said, an illegal gun sale that turned into a robbery/homicide.

The father of Nolen II (Jr.), Nolen (Sr.) was later arrested for allegedly being an accessory to the crime.

A preliminary exam is scheduled for April 30 in Westland 18th District Court.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Counterfeit bill

An employee at Taco Bell, 32940 Michigan Ave., told police April 9 that at about 1:30 a.m. a drive-through customer gave her a \$20 bill to pay for an order. She said she became suspicious that the bill wasn't genuine because it didn't feel right.

The male driver, described as approximately 16-20 years old, noticed her examining the bill, she said, and then drove away. He had not received any food or cash from the employee. She said there were two passengers in his vehicle.

Vandalism

The driver's side window on a 2015 Chevrolet Sierra pick-up truck, rented from U-Haul, was reported smashed April 6. The vehicle had been left parked at a home in the 34000 block of Annapolis after the man who had rented it was arrested and jailed.

The resident of the home told police she had gone to do errands about 8:30 a.m. and returned several hours later to find the damage.

Larceny

A Wayne woman told police April 11 that she had been shopping at the Family Dollar Store, 36113 E. Michigan Ave., and left her purse in a shopping cart in the parking lot. She returned a short time later but store employees reported no purses had been turned in.

The woman told police the purse was valued at \$100 and contained \$10 in cash, miscellaneous credit cards, sets of house and car keys and a blank check.

By LeAnne Rogers

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Theft

» The owner of DJ's Diner, 33003 Ford, reported about \$8,000 missing from his safe April 9. He said that the safe was unlocked during the previous day. When he left, his brother and two employees who remained continued to work inside the restaurant.

The owner said that he doesn't suspect any one of them because they were too busy working during that time. He also said that an exit door was unlocked.

Police were unable to collect evidence at the scene.

» A woman who lives in the 100 block of S. Venoy Circle and her daughter contacted the Garden City Police Department on April 11 to report an alleged theft that occurred inside the home.

The older woman has some agencies come in to help her. The resident noticed over time that some medication had slowly been disappearing from her prescription bottles, which contain hydrocodone and tramadol. They asked the police to investigate the workers from the agencies.

Nothing else was reported

missing from the home.

Break-in

A Garden City woman said that she knew something was wrong when her cat came running into her bedroom in the 1000 block of Rose just after midnight April 14.

When she got up to check things out, she saw a light flickering in her kitchen and an unknown man standing near her kitchen sink holding a flashlight.

The man immediately jumped out of her kitchen window where police later observed the screen had been cut.

The homeowner said that she couldn't recognize the suspect's race in the dark but said that he wore dark pants with a dark-colored hoodie pulled over his head.

She also said that she heard the man say something to another man. Shortly after, she heard a vehicle with a loud muffler drive away.

The officer who responded said that ear muffs were located near the house. He also noted that the house next door was vacant.

Property damage

An apartment dweller in the 6500 block of N. Venoy reported that she found four holes in the apartment dry walls when she returned from staying at her grandmother's residence for a short time on April 11.

She said that she had to leave her apartment because of bed bug infestation. She also found her personal property scattered about.

Suspended license

» Garden City Police arrested a 27-year-old Livonia resident about 1:30 a.m. April 11 after he was discovered driving with a suspended license in the area of Ford and Middlebelt. He initially caught the police officer's attention because he had a loud exhaust.

» Garden City police arrested a 21-year-old Garden City resident following a traffic stop in the area of Ford and Venoy. The man had disregarded a red light, police said.

When the officer ran his driving record, he found that the man had a suspended license.

By Sue Buck

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Students actively participated in Leadership Day, serving as guides, hosts and presenters.



Ramon Reyes and Josie Ransley were two of the student presenters during Leadership Day at Cooper.

Cooper students shine during Leadership Day

Leaders from the local area and around Michigan were treated to the Cooper Upper Elementary version of good leadership during the fourth annual Leadership Day held recently at the school.

Educators, school board members, city council members, State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoggood and Westland Mayor William Wild, among others, were invited to experience The Leader in Me process first-hand at the Westland school.

In its fourth year of The Leader in Me, Cooper is teaching and practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

Cooper students use the Leadership Day to demonstrate their leadership skills and the learning they've achieved. Vocal and instrumental music, cheer leaders, student speeches, parent



Andreana Beard was a student presenter during Cooper's Leadership Day activities.

testimonials and building tours with students explaining the leadership roles in their lives, were all part of the morning.

Students learn the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and begin the work of intentionally planning for their futures.

Participants were

impressed with the attitudes and skills of the fifth- and sixth-grader who comprise the student body at Cooper. Some of the Leadership Day guests commented that the students were "incredibly poised," "well-spoken," and "on their way to successful lives."



Parents and many visitors from around the community attended Leadership Day at Cooper Upper Elementary, to see how the school is implementing the Leader in Me process.

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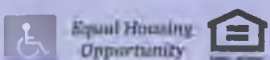


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Ever wanted to learn more about the Lions Club? You'll have that chance from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

Lions Club International District 11A1 is sponsoring "Meet the Lions," an informational meeting to provide potential members with a good understanding of the community service organization focused on helping the blind, the visually impaired, the deaf/hard of hearing, special needs children and the community at large.

District 11A1 Lions Clubs serves Wayne and Monroe counties.

Guest speakers include: Jennifer Bugar, President, Cooke School in Northville; Phil Wells, Executive Director, Lions of Michigan Hearing Center; Hannah Heebner, Marketing Associate, Methodist Children's Home; Susan Weston, Board Member, Penrickton School for the Blind and Patricia Loder, Outreach Coordinator, Seedling Braille Books for Children.

RSVP by April 21 to Matt Collins at 248-442-2845 or mcollins782@gmail.com.

Belle Isle Zoo honors 'snot otter'

"Snot otter" and "slime dog" may sound like something kids call each other on the playground, but they're actually alternative names for the mudpuppy — a large, permanently aquatic salamander native to the Detroit River.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo will host an event to celebrate the mudpuppy from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

Mudpuppypalooza will feature fun and educational activities such as mask making, games and mudpuppy cookie decorating. The event will also include zookeeper talks and the opportunity to view mudpuppies up close while learning about the species and conservation efforts on its behalf.

In 2006, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) embarked on a program to monitor the Detroit



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The mudpuppy (Necturus maculosus) is the second-largest salamander in the western hemisphere and is considered an important part of Michigan's aquatic ecosystem.

River mudpuppies, conducting catch-and-release surveys to track and better understand local mudpuppy populations. Mudpuppies are measured, weighed and implanted with small computer chips for identification before being returned to the river.

"While not a threatened species, mudpuppies are considered good

environmental indicators of pollution and other potentially detrimental conditions," DZS Chief Life Sciences Officer Scott Carter said. "The data gathered in our mudpuppy surveys provides a valuable baseline for monitoring the health of the Detroit River ecosystem."

The mudpuppy (Necturus maculosus) is the

second-largest salamander in the western hemisphere and is considered an important part of Michigan's aquatic ecosystem. Although the mudpuppy has lungs, it relies instead on the bushy gills behind its head to breathe under water. The slippery salamander is typically brownish-gray with dark spots and a yellowish belly. A mature mudpuppy ranges in size from 8 to 15 inches.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is located at the east end of Belle Isle near the Blue Heron Lagoon. The Nature Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday April through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. It's closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Admission is free; however, a State of Michigan Recreation Passport is required for personal vehicles to enter Belle Isle State Park. Visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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Builder uses Kickstarter to fund chain reaction

The most famous chain-reaction artists and domino builders in the country are collaborating to build one of the largest chain reactions in American history.

The Incredible Science Machine is a large-scale chain reaction event that will fill an entire warehouse. More than 200,000 dominoes, more than 10,000 K'NEX pieces, tracks, ping pong balls, and more will be incorporated into one complicated chain reaction.

The event will take place in Wayne this summer 2015 and will be seen by a live audience and a

viral YouTube audience. Kickstarter funds will be used to pay for travel expenses, shipment of materials and cover the costs of having a camera crew document the event.

The builders are creating The Incredible Science Machine with the following goals in mind: to promote STEM education in the metro Detroit area, break the record for the most dominoes toppled in America (169,713) and break the record for the most steps in a Rube Goldberg Machine (300).

Several of the builders involved with The In-

credible Science Machine have been featured on national TV shows and competitions, have built chain reactions for commercials, hold various records, have designed toys, and host popular YouTube channels. A full list of all involved builders as well as a video explaining the project can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pj35lfm>.

For more information or to learn how to donate to the Kickstarter campaign, contact Steve Price at spicemachines@gmail.com or 734-673-9332.

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Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference coming to Livonia

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Detroit Post and Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) are hosting the Great Lakes Civil Infrastructure Conference 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 30 at the VisTa-Tech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The conference will focus on four distinct tracks: energy, environment, civil infrastructure, and small business. Participants will have opportunities to engage with and learn from industry experts, procurement representatives, and firms contributing to regional

infrastructure, construction and environmental sustainability and improvement projects. "Civil infrastructure impacts a lot more than work commutes and community expansion," said Alexander Masters, a Procurement Counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC and event committee representative. "It requires deliberate planning, innovative material and technological integration, resiliency and continuity planning, and a host of other factors that we may not always consider when thinking about this industry." Invited and con-

firmed speakers include individuals from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Energy, Michigan Department of Transportation, Wayne County Airport Authority, Siemens Industry Inc., Walbridge, C.A. Hull, and a host of small to midsize firms. "This is an opportunity for Michigan stakeholders to not only address and discuss the need for investment into our infrastructure systems, but also to engage and support those already active in the industry, this marketplace, and the procurement of these projects and investments," said

Robert Bowman of Siemens Industry Inc. "Siemens is excited to support this venue for small and large firms to network, learn, and grow from one another during this conference." For full conference details, registration, etc., visit www.GLCIC.com. The National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Great Lakes State Chapter will be sponsoring the VIP networking period held from 5-6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College PTAC at 734-462-4438 or at ptac@schoolcraft.edu.

Beware of bogus titles, credentials in financial world

The other day, I received an invitation to attend a free dinner seminar about retirement income. The invitation said I could get a guaranteed 6 percent for life without risk. The invitation said the seminar will be conducted by a senior retirement income specialist.

I receive these invitations all the time and, typically, I just throw them out because they're not worth the paper they're written on. These seminars are not meant to educate, but to sell.

My advice has always been to avoid these seminars. Why put yourself in the position of being subject to high-pressure sales tactics? In addition, the products that are sold almost always have high fees, high costs and are not investor-friendly.

In the financial world — where just about anyone can claim he/she is a financial adviser — there are more than 200 so-called alphabet designations with regard to financial planning. Of those, more than 50 have the word retirement in it somewhere.

I have seen senior retirement income specialists, certified retirement specialists, certified retirement income adviser — the list goes on. The problem is that most of them are nothing more than marketing tools.

I am an attorney and a certified public accountant. For both those designations, I had to complete a set of requirements that took years and I had to pass certain exams. To become a lawyer, I had to pass the bar exam, while to become a certified public accountant I had to pass the CPA exam. Not only did I have to pass these exams, but I



Rick Bloom
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have rules and regulations that I must comply with to keep my licenses.

Unfortunately, that is not the case when it comes to many of these so-called retirement specialists. There are very few requirements to obtain the designation. For some, all you have to do is pay a fee, while others require a seminar to get your designation.

In addition, with many of these designations, there is no ongoing requirement as to how to conduct business. The bottom line with many of these designations is they're nothing more than an attempt to deceive and fool people. When people use these bogus credentials, you don't want to do business with them.

There's a reason people put credentials after their name; they know it creates an air of respectability. The general public assumes that when someone has credentials after their name, they had to earn it. Unfortunately, this is not always the case.

Many people with these bogus credentials know that seniors are more likely to rely on the advice of a professional. When it comes to the financial world, don't be fooled.

Good luck.

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Tech Savvy: Be cautious when using live-streaming applications

Meerkat and Periscope are newcomers to a crowded social media block that for years have seen people and brands sharing the minutiae of life. The start-up video streaming companies allow consumers and brands to broadcast their activities in real-time. And because both sites are linked to Twitter (one of the largest social networks) it offers the ability to extend reach instantly.

Live-streaming applications have been used before on websites for conferences, vehicle reveals and other events, but never has it been so easy to share live video. The easy-to-use apps will allow the majority of cell phone users the ability to share live videos similar to how Instagram turned everyone into a photographer and Vine turned everyone into a videographer.

Social publishing of live video has many purposes and could be a great way for people to share local news. In recent years, if a local news event occurred in the Detroit metro area, a tech savvy consumer would snap a photo or video, then send it in to a news provider. There would be a natural, built-in delay as the content was taken, sent, received, and published by the news organization for many to see. But with a universal live-streaming app, sharing news is as easy as a news organization Retweeting (sharing a link) to someone's stream.

There are also obvious



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TECH SAVVY

downsides to allowing anyone to live stream. Broadcasts of fights, pornographic material and other inappropriate items have already been making the rounds since these sites were launched a short time

ago. Both Meerkat and Periscope allow users to report unsuitable content which will then be removed, but social moderation has never been perfect, especially at a large scale.

Public streaming also lends itself to stalker activity as users can watch the stream without you knowing. Additionally, publishing from a well-known place is also the easiest way to let

people know where you are.

I don't think anyone would bother to pay attention to my live streams, but what about females, or children?

I've already heard stories about children live-streaming their activities and adults who have nothing better to do but watch and creepily participate by commenting on the streams. If ever there was a social

network to keep private it would be a live-streaming network.

That's not to say kids shouldn't be able to use these sites, but it is important that parents take proper precautions. For example, allow your children to stream their broadcasts only to their connections (friends and family).

Depending on their age, their Twitter accounts should likely be

private too. More importantly, make sure your children are old enough to use the technology.

Regardless of age, remember to take time to educate your children about the overall dangers of social media.

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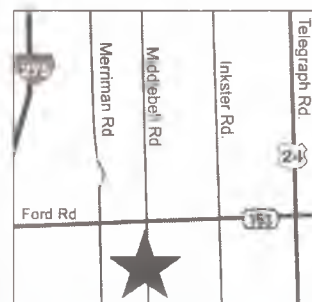
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

New coach brings strong resume to Wayne

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

High school football coaching credentials don't get much better than those compiled by Donald Anderson, who was named Wayne Memorial's third head coach in the past three seasons earlier this month.

Anderson succeeds Tim Finnerty, who resigned after leading the Zebras to a 2-7 record following three consecutive winless seasons.

Following a record-setting career as a defensive back at Purdue University from 1981-84, Anderson was drafted in the second round of the 1985 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts.

He later played professionally for San Francisco and Tampa Bay before embarking on a 20-years-plus high school coaching career in Detroit Public School League.

The high school teams Anderson helped coach racked up seven state playoff

berths, two district championships and three PSL titles.

Anderson had 11 career interceptions at Purdue, which tied a since-broken record with former teammate and future NFL hall-of-famer Rod Woodson.

"We had a good turnout when we met with the kids for the first time," said Anderson, who lives in Westland with his wife Sheila. "The No. 1 thing the kids want to see is



ED WRIGHT
Donald Anderson was hired earlier this month as the new head football coach at Wayne Memorial High School.

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Blazers win in lacrosse

Junior Jillian Jacobs and sophomore Colleen Barnes each tallied four goals Monday as Livonia Ladywood earned its first girls lacrosse victory of the season with a 20-2 Catholic League win at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

The Blazers, who raced to a 13-2 halftime lead, also got offensive production from junior Nicole Reece (three goals, three assists); senior Danielle Dwyer (three goals); senior Jaclyn Mullen and freshman Sydney Pilut (two goals each); freshmen Julianne Snyder and Kirsten Karwan (one goal apiece).

Olivia Macarelli and Lauren Layden scored for the Fighting Irish.

Junior goalie Aliya Grandison made four saves for the Blazers, who improved to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the league.

"We just got back today from our Easter break and I was very happy with our play," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said. "We had an opportunity to work on many facets of our game both as a team and individually. It's a great win when everyone contributes."

MU softball team thriving

Mikey Kish and Erin Combs were two of the big reasons why the Madonna University women's softball team remains tied for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference race.

Kish went 3-for-4, including a pair of 2-run homers, while Combs threw a complete-game 6-hitter as the Crusaders, who stand 24-9-1 overall, gained a split of their double-header Sunday in Grand Rapids with a 7-2 win against No. 16-ranked Davenport University at the Farmers Complex.

Davenport, which captured the opener 2-0 behind the 4-hit pitching of Emily Maves (16-3), is 28-6 overall and 8-2 in the WHAC (tied with MU).

Maves struck out six and walked only one, while losing pitcher Bree Crampton (11-6) gave up two runs on five hits and three walks while striking out five in six innings.

Alyssa Eastman went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while KC Dunne drove in the other run for the Panthers.

Eastman (11-3), the Davenport starter, took the loss in the nightcap as she allowed five earned runs on six hits in 3⅓ innings.

Combs (13-3), who earned WHAC Pitcher of the Week honors for the second time this season, struck out three and walked three to collect the victory.

Morgan Kaiser also chipped in offensively going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Bri Giordano also knocked in a run.

On Saturday, the host Crusaders (23-8-1, 7-1) swept a twinbill against Cornerstone University, 9-3 and 7-0.

In the opener, Morgan Kaiser went 4-for-4 with two RBIs, while Erin Combs went 2-for-3, including her first homer of the season to go along with two RBIs.

Kasey Trierweiler also went 3-for-3 with an RBI, while Mikey Kish contributed two hits as the Crusader racked up 15 hits. Winning pitcher Bree Crampton (11-5) victory scattered seven hits without a walk and struck out 11.

Alexandra Szajna homered for the Golden Eagles.

In the nightcap, Combs (12-3) threw a 4-hitter in a 7-0 victory. She struck out five and walked only one. She also helped her own cause with a pair of doubles and an RBI.

Kish also collected two hits and three RBIs, while Emma Cook, Bri Giordano and Trierweiler also knocked in runs.

PERSEVERANCE PERSONIFIED



Livonia native Bryan Lerg is congratulated by his San Jose Sharks teammates after scoring a goal in his NHL debut last week.

A STORY DISNEY WOULD LOVE

Lerg's long, enduring path to NHL pays off with amazing results

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Of the 6,711 goals scored during the 2014-15 National Hockey League's recently-completed regular season, none packed more chill-down-your-spine emotion than the one Bryan Lerg whistled past Edmonton goalie Laurent Brossoit with 2:52 left in San Jose's 3-1 victory over the Oilers on April 9.

Coming at the end of an otherwise meaningless contest - both teams had already

been eliminated from the playoffs - the game-winning lamp-lighter couldn't have been more meaningful for Lerg, the 29-year-old Livonia native playing in his first NHL game following eight seasons in the minors, two knee surgeries (one on each knee) and way too many late-night bus rides.

"I had been playing on the fourth line the entire game," recounted Lerg Tuesday afternoon. "There was a face-off with just over three minutes left and coach tells me I'm going in to play with Logan Couture's line for



Lerg

one shift. Fifteen seconds later, Logan slides me a pass, I score and, well, words cannot explain how I felt.

"I heard Logan talking to the press after the game and he said it's one of the most exciting goals he's ever been a part of, just because of what I've gone through to get here. He's a superstar, so for him to say something like that was amazing."

As dramatic as his Disney-esque goal proved to be, the phone call Lerg made four days earlier to let his parents (Dan and Debbie) know that he was being called up from the Sharks' AHL affiliate in Worcester, Mass., was equally thrilling.

"On Easter Sunday, about 6

p.m., I get a call from my [Worcester] coach and he tells me I'm going up," Lerg shared. "I told him, 'You better not be [messing] with me!' He laughed and said, 'Hey, it's your time.'"

Moments later, the phone rings at Dan and Debbie Lerg's new residence near downtown Plymouth.

"My dad answers the phone, I tell him the news and all I can hear is him screaming 'He got called up! He got called up!'" Lerg reflected. "My aunt and uncle were there, and I can hear everybody screaming in the background."

"It was just such a special

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HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

First Coaches vs. Cancer game a winner

By Ed Wright
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As far as meeting expectations, Saturday's inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer charity hockey game at Eddie Edgar Arena was twice as nice.

Close to 600 spectators turned out to cheer on the two featured teams, who consisted of current and former Livonia Hockey Association coaches.

The pink team pulled out a thrilling 12-11 victory in overtime, but the final score took a back-seat to the final amount of money raised for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital's pediatric unit.

"We were expecting to raise around \$5,000, but we nearly doubled that, so we exceeded our original goal, for sure," said Eddie Edgar arena manager Justin Feldman, who helped orchestrate the event along with members of the arena's staff. "All of the feedback I've receive from players and spectators has been overwhelmingly

positive, so I'm pretty sure we're going to do it again next year."

The feel-good event was spearheaded by Eddie Edgar employee Jason Bruce, who is battling colon cancer.

"Jason's son plays football in Walled Lake and his team held a similar fundraiser last fall," said Feldman.

Each of the 40-plus skaters were representing a family member or close friend who has battled cancer.

An outpouring of donations and volunteerism made the event a success, Feldman emphasized.

The LHA paid for the players' jerseys and socks in addition to making an additional financial donation. Senate Coney Island and Mexican Fierland-area other Observersland-area businesses who made significant contributions.

"The refs worked the game for free; everybody pitched in," Feldman added.

There was no admission fee to the game. Money was



ED WRIGHT
Wearing purple and pink jerseys, current and former Livonia Hockey Association coaches squared off in Saturday's Coaches vs. Cancer fund-raising game at Eddie Edgar Arena.

raised by monetary donations and from a 50/50 raffle.

Along with witnessing an exciting game, fans got to watch former Detroit Red Wing John Ogradnick take turns skating for each of the teams.

Jerry Brown netted the

game-winner in OT for the pink squad.

"The crowd was really into the entire game, but especially in overtime," Feldman said. "They were cheering every shot and save."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PREVIEW

Zebras fortified with experienced nucleus of players

Four-year varsity player Harnos leads Wayne Memorial

By Ed Wright
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The transition for first-year varsity Wayne Memorial baseball coach Larry Lankton has been made easier thanks to the return of six seniors and several other first-year varsity players he knows well after coaching the

Zebras' junior-varsity team in 2014.

"It always helps taking over a team when you have a lot of kids with varsity experience, like we do this season," said Lankton.

The Zebras, who won just one game last spring, will rely heavily on multi-talented senior shortstop Tyler Harnos, who can pitch, play shortstop and serve as the team's No. 3 or 4 hitter.

"This is Tyler's fourth year on varsity, and it

shows," said Lankton. "He's a very smooth-fielding shortstop, he's our one or two pitcher and he's probably our best hitter. He's a very smart player.

"He's not extremely vocal, but he's an excellent lead-by-example guy - and he's a 4.0 student."

Other key hurlers for Wayne will be senior Beau Smith, who will most likely play third baseman when he's not on the mound, and sophomore Brendan Benton, who is a slick second

baseman, too.

Junior Jacob Griffith can pitch and play the outfield equally well, while the mound staff will be bolstered by the presence of two southpaws: sophomores Devin Pucket and Kent Goodling.

"They're both smart players who have played a lot of travel ball," Lankton said of Pucket and Goodling. "Devin is a switch-hitter who will lead off for us. Kent is a wise, crafty pitcher. He won't strike out a lot of

guys, but he's great at hitting his spots."

The bulk of the catching duties will be handled by senior Jimmy Hernon, who is headed to Albion College later this year to play soccer and baseball.

"Jimmy has a strong, accurate arm," Lankton noted.

He'll be backed up by junior Nick Rudy, who was promoted to the varsity last year toward the latter stages of the season.

Senior Kyle Gruich is

a stellar defensive first baseman who also carries some pop at the plate.

"Kyle is a big, strong kid who can really dig out balls in the dirt at first," said Lankton.

Other key players during Lankton's debut season as Wayne's head strategist include sophomore Brandon Przybyla, senior Angelo Wiggins, sophomore Brian Strupka and juniors Jack DeJack and Conner Weber.

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PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

Chargers getting healthy at right time

By Ed Wright
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The only sight more welcoming than melting snow earlier this spring for the Livonia Churchill baseball team was its disappearing disabled list.

Although still not 100 percent healthy, the Chargers are much stronger than they were a few months ago when serious injuries sidelined senior standouts Steven Szymanski (fractured wrist) and Jack Behen (broken ankle).

Szymanski, who is perhaps the team's best all-around player, will be limited to playing shortstop for at least the early portion of Churchill's schedule, while Behen, a hard-hitting first baseman, has been cleared to resume full activity after successfully rehabbing his lower-leg injury.

Both players sat out the team's lone pre-spring break game against Northville.

"Steven was probably our hardest-throwing pitcher and our best hitter, so we'll miss him in those areas, at least until he's healthy enough to resume pitching and hitting," said Churchill head coach Ron Targosz, whose team finished 17-12 in 2014. "Starting out the season, he'll just play short for us, which is huge because he plays the position well and it allows us to play other guys in their natural positions."

"Getting Jack back is huge, too, for us because he's a top-of-the-lineup kind of hitter and he's a solid first baseman."

Along with its versatility, Targosz likes his team's work ethic.

"The thing I like best about this team is that it's made up of a good group of hard-working kids," he said. "Our junior varsity team went 21-9 last year, so we have some good players moving up to varsity from that team, but you never



Pictured (from left) are Livonia Churchill baseball team seniors Connor Pawlak, Mitch James, Rob Copciac, Jack Behen, Nate Guzowski and Dylan Padgett.

know how the transition will work out."

The Chargers' three top pitchers - senior Rob Copciac and juniors Jon Hovermale and James Rintala - are clear cut; however, where they will fall in the rotation is still up in the air.

"We'll see as the season wears on where they fall as being one, two or three," said Targosz. "Rob is a hard thrower who throws strikes. He was one of our top pitchers last year, so his experience will be a plus for

us. "This is Jon's third year on varsity, so there aren't many situations he hasn't seen. He didn't pitch a lot his freshman year, but he started a lot of division games for us last year. He changes speeds well and he's smart."

"James was one of our top throwers on JV last year. I'm confident he can come in and do the job."

Speedy junior Matt Jones, the son of former Major League player

Chipper Jones, will serve a late-innings role on the mound, but his most significant contributions will be as the primary third baseman and lead-off hitter.

"Matt can also play second and short, so he's a valuable player for us," said Targosz.

The catching duties will be shared - at least early on - by senior Dylan Padgett and junior Joe Hattley.

"They'll rotate a lot early, at least until one of them wins the job," said

Targosz. Joining Behen on the right side of the infield will be senior second baseman Mitch James.

Depending on who is pitching, the outfield will be occupied by a combination of Hovermale, Rintala, junior Joe Loud-en, who has a dangerous left-handed swing, senior Nate Guzowski, who will see significant time in right, and senior Connor Pawlak, who can also pitch.

Junior Sean Kondra, a high-level hockey player,

will pitch and play first base, while junior Griffin Riley is a solid middle infielder and relief pitcher.

The lone underclassman on the roster, sophomore Noah Cross, will provide sufficient power based on the four home runs (and six balls he hit off the fence) he launched for the Chargers' JV team last spring.

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PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Shamrocks clip Stevenson, 8-7

By Ed Wright
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Novi Detroit Catholic Central roared to a 6-0 lead against visiting Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon before holding on for an 8-7 victory.

Jordan Jenkins was the hero for the Shamrocks as he laced a game-winning double in the bottom of the seventh inning to plate Dante Toppi.

Sam Hollenbeck earned the win for CC after retiring the only batter he faced in the top of the seventh.

Hitting stars for the Spartans included Jack Ferguson and CJ Breck, both of whom went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Nate Bunton suffered the mound loss for Ste-

venson after yielding one run and three hits in an inning and some change.

The loss left the Spartans' record at 2-3. CC improved to 3-6.

John Glenn sweeps Dearborn

The Rockets improved to 4-3 Monday afternoon after taking both ends of a twinbill against the Pioneers, 13-3 and 12-4.

Kyle Smith earned the victory in the first game, throwing a six-inning complete game. He struck out four while scattering four hits and three walks.

Offensively, the Rockets were propelled by Brian Martin (2-for-5, two RBI), Bernard Snell (three RBI) and Kevin Brewer, who added two

hits. Jordan Fuchs tossed a complete-game gem in the nightcap, limiting the Pioneers to two earned runs and three hits while fanning six in five frames (the game was halted early due to darkness).

Zach Croft (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Reed Zielinski (2-for-2, RBI) and Brewer (2-for-3, three RBI) all hit well for the winners.

RU, Wayne split twinbill.

Solid pitching from Beau Smith (4.2 innings, four runs, four hits, four strikeouts) led Wayne Memorial to a 16-4 victory in the first game of a double-header played Saturday.

RU bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-4.

COACH

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commitment from us, and at the same time, we need to see commitment from them. They've heard the rah-rah speeches before; now they want some stability, which we intend to bring to the program."

Anderson has assembled a sterling staff of assistant coaches, including former Public School League head coaches Charles Spann and Mike Marshall.

Among Anderson's early coaching mentors was a young Purdue graduate assistant who has since gone on to build a national power at Michigan State University.

"Coach [Mark] Dantonio worked with me a lot on a one-on-one basis when I was a freshman at Purdue," he reflected. "He real-

ly helped me get going. Vernon Brown Sr. had a big impact on me, too."

Anderson said he will base his offensive scheme on the team's returning personnel.

One key component who won't be returning is 6-foot-6 quarterback Joe Bob Walker, who transferred to Farmington Hills Harrison during the off-season.

"The way I look at it," Anderson said, when asked about Walker, "is that I don't miss something I never had. He had to do what was best for him, and we're moving on with what we have."

Anderson, a former 100-yard dash champion, has hit the ground running at Wayne. On Tuesday afternoon, the school's weight room was buzzing with activity, preparing for the 2015 season.

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History: 'Gone with the Wind' actor to greet fans at Redford Theatre

By Sharon Dargay
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Mickey Kuhn has seen the Oscar-winning film, *Gone with the Wind*, only once in its entirety, but cherishes memories of making the Civil War epic.

"I was 7 years old when I saw it. I probably thought it was long and I wanted to go home," said Kuhn, the film's last living cast member in the United States.

The former child actor is grateful for the impact the movie had on this life, and the doors it has opened especially during the past 15 years.

Kuhn, 82, who played Beau Wilkes, son of Ashley Wilkes (Leslie Howard) and Melanie Wilkes, (Olivia de Havilland), has appeared at screenings of the film throughout the country. He'll share the stage with Kathleen Marcaccio, a local expert on the film, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, and 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Admission is \$7.

"When the 50th anniversary came up, my wife said 'You've got to go to it.' I reconnected with a lot of people I knew. It has been fun ever since," he said.

Kuhn's appearance this weekend at the Redford will be his second time promoting *Gone with the Wind* in Detroit. When Marcaccio invited him to an event a few years ago they toured the area together.

"I have to admit it was my first time in Detroit. It has such a great history — the autos, Joe Louis, the record industry there. I was awestruck by everything I saw. I'm excited about coming back. It will be fun."

He and Marcaccio will introduce the film, greet fans, answer questions and share stories about the movie and its cast. The film debuted in late December 1939 and was released in January 1940. It won Oscars for best picture, director, screenplay, actress, supporting actress, editing, cinematography and art direction.

On the set

"They paid \$75 a day. In 1939, that was pretty good money. I worked for four or five days. I had to go to school four hours a day and I could only work four hours," Kuhn recalled.

Kuhn, who made his movie debut as an infant in the 1934 film *Change of Heart*, was cast in *Gone with the Wind* without a formal audition. He was finishing his last day of shooting on the film, *S.O.S. Tidal Wave*, when his mother told him him to be ready for another casting call after work that day.

"I walked into this casting office and it was a sea of kids



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Mickey Kuhn as Beau Wilkes in "Gone with the Wind."

and parents. I told my mother, I don't want to stay. I'm tired. I was getting cranky. She said give your name and if you're not called in 10 minutes, we'll go home.

"These kids had been there two and three hours. I gave my name at the window and the girl said, 'Oh, Mickey, just a minute.'"

He was directed to producer David Selznick's office to meet director Victor Fleming, while the other actors were dismissed.

"It was my first adult interview. Usually these directors would hem and haw and look at you and make you stand up, look at me, read this. Mr. Selznick said thank you for coming. We want to talk with you a little bit. We heard about you and wanted to meet you."

Kuhn remembers that Fleming nodded slightly, Selznick smiled back and promised, 'You'll be hearing from us.'

Flubbing a line

Kuhn said he had a good reputation for remembering his lines and taking direction. Directors seldom had to re-film his scenes.

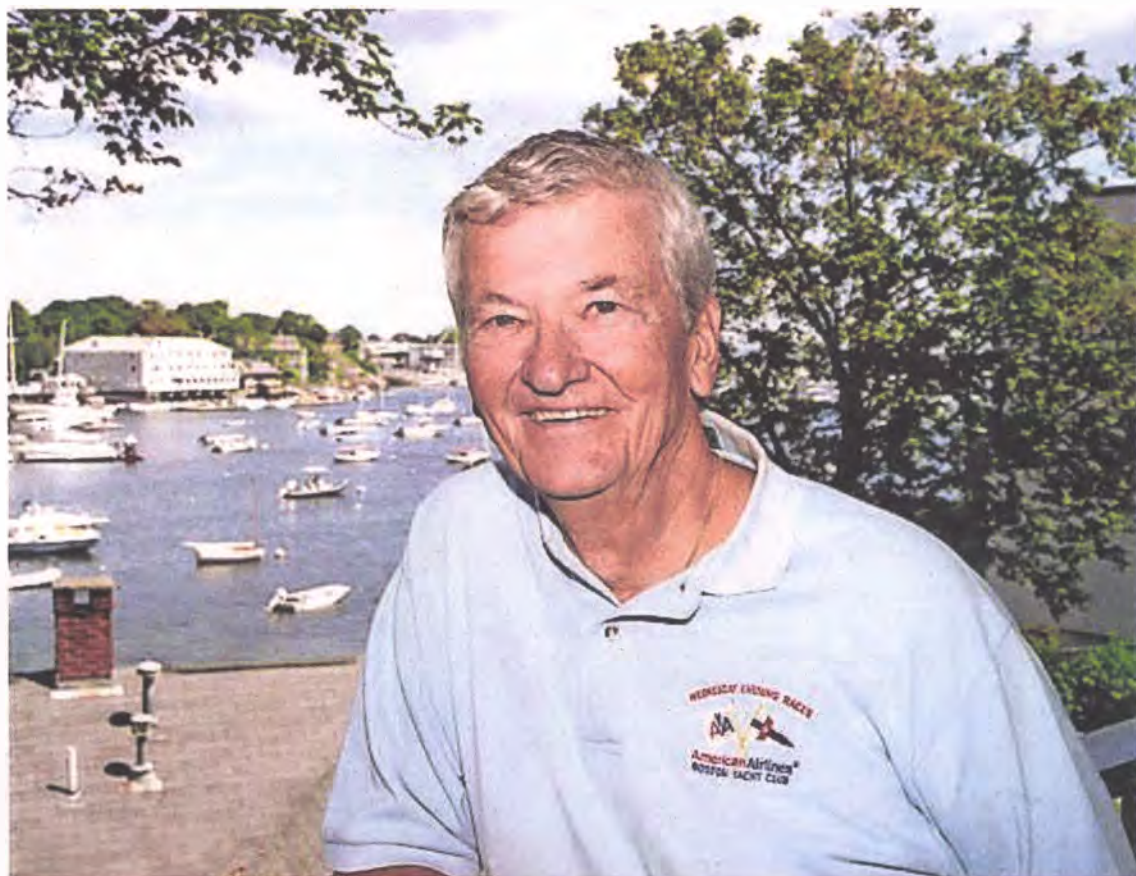
"The one time I screwed up, really, was *Gone with the Wind*. I was in a scene with Bonnie Blue (Cammie King) in the play room. I thought she was the cutest thing. I always told her years later that the reason I blew those lines was because I was more enthralled with her."

As Clark Gable entered the scene, Kuhn was supposed to say, 'Hello, Uncle Rhett,' but used Gable's name instead. "Three times it was 'Hello, Uncle Clark.' I thought my mother would go apoplectic."

After a few reassuring words from Gable, Kuhn said the line correctly the fourth time.

Work ethic

After *Gone with the Wind*, Kuhn was cast in more than 20 films, including several westerns, and retired from acting in the late 1950s. After a stint



Mickey Kuhn is the last living cast member of "Gone with the Wind" in the United States.



As a child actor, Mickey Kuhn appeared in numerous films, including "Red River," with John Wayne.

in the Navy, he spent approximately 30 years in the airline industry.

"I think the lessons learned were primarily work ethic," Kuhn said, reflecting on his career in film. "My mother

always told me if you go to work and do your job to the best of your ability and do it right, you'll be successful. I always adhere to that philosophy. It proved true for me for my entire life."

For more information about the *Gone with the Wind* screenings at the Redford Theatre, call 313-537-2560 or visit redfordtheatre.com.

Pianists, trumpeter play separate jazz shows at Schoolcraft

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Jazz lovers have two chances to hear their favorite music this month at Schoolcraft College.

Pianists Terry Lower and Tad Weed will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the VisTaTech Center, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Guest artist Roger Ingram will perform on trumpet at The Schoolcraft Jazz Program's annual Up Jumped Spring concert, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, in the VisTaTech Center.

The piano concerts will raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival, held in July on the Schoolcraft campus. The Ingram concert will include a tribute to Midge Ellis, a Livonia resident, jazz promoter and founder of the Festival, who died earlier this year.

"Because the festival is free, the only way to raise money is through donations and fundraising," said Pat Minnick, music activities coordinator. The concert and a Father's Day brunch, with John Trudell and his band, are the festival's major fundraisers.

Lower plays as a soloist and with his own trio and quintet at concerts, jazz clubs, and festi-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Roger Ingram will perform at the Up Jumped Spring jazz concert Monday, April 20, at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

vals throughout Michigan. Weed has given educational clinics throughout the country and played concerts, clubs, television and radio around the world.

"The (Festival) board wanted something different, not a big group. It should be entertaining."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, call Minnick at 734-462-4403.

Guest artist



Terry Lower

In addition to the evening concert, Ingram will lead a music clinic, 2:30-4 p.m. Monday in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus. The clinic is free and open to the public.

Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., head of the Schoolcraft Jazz Program, received grants from the Schoolcraft College Foundation in 2011-12 to establish a guest artist series. Selva said the series has developed a "life of its own" with donations from supporters.

"I'm hoping we're going to do a great job filling seats in this concert and informing people about what we do," Selva said.

Ingram, who will be fea-



Tad Weed will perform at a benefit for the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, April 19, in Livonia.

ured on five selections at the concert, has performed and recorded with top jazz and pop artists for several decades. He began touring with the Louie Bellson Big Band at age 16, played with the Quincy Jones Big Band and then performed lead trumpet for Tom Jones. He also was lead trumpeter for the Woody Herman Orchestra and toured with Harry Connick Jr.'s big band, Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka and Ray Charles. Ingram has recorded with Wynton Marsalis, Maynard Ferguson and Arturo Sandoval.

He also played on movie scores, radio and television commercials and subbed on more than 20 Broadway productions. He teaches at the

Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, wrote a trumpet textbook and has designed a trumpet and four different mouthpieces.

"People keep asking me how we get these (artists) in. God works in strange and mysterious ways," Selva said. "From my perspective, if you trust in the Lord's guidance and he opens a door, you've got to take action. These people are nice and they love to share. Roger is very much that way."

The concert will include original songs, jazz standards, Latin and blues tunes and even a rock ballad. Along with the music, Selva will share stories to commemorate Midge Ellis.

"Midge was a storyteller and I was thinking about what really grips people. Stories grip people. Stories draw them in. Midge's life was a phenomenal journey. Over our friendship she would share with me stories about her interaction with big-name jazz artists. I think people want to hear that."

Tickets for the Up Jumped Spring concert are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door and at the Schoolcraft College bookstore. Call 734-462-4409.

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SUNNY SIDE UP EGGS OVER ASPARAGUS

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Yield: 2 servings

1 bunch asparagus, woody ends trimmed
2 large eggs
Cooking spray
1 tablespoon olive oil (optional)
1 teaspoon Parmesan cheese (optional)
1 teaspoon breadcrumbs (optional)
¼ cup chopped red peppers (optional)

Place asparagus on plate, making an even layer. Remove eggs from the pan using a slotted spatula and place on top of asparagus. Top with a drizzle of olive oil and garnish with Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs or red peppers, if desired. Can also be served on two pieces of whole wheat toast.

Nutrition per serving: 135 calories, 11g fat, 5g saturated fat, 176mg cholesterol, 86mg sodium, 2g carbohydrates, 1g dietary fiber, 7g protein



POTATO AND EGG SPANISH TORTA

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

1 ½ pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium red bell pepper, thinly sliced
8 large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Combine the potatoes in a medium saucepan with enough cold water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until the potatoes are tender but hold their shape, about 10-12 minutes; drain.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and bell pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, 8-9 minutes.

Whisk together the eggs, salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir in the warm potatoes and onion mixture; let stand 5 minutes.

Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Add the potato-egg mixture and pat with a spatula to form a disk. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until golden on the bottom, 10-11 minutes.

Invert a large plate over the skillet and flip the skillet over to drop the torta onto the plate. Return the skillet to the heat and slide the torta back into the pan, uncooked side down.

Cook until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 6-7 minutes.

Remove from the heat and slide onto a cutting board or serving platter. Let cool 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

Serve warm or at room temperature

Nutrition per serving: 337 calories, 15g fat, 9g saturated fat, 350mg cholesterol, 723mg sodium, 36g carbohydrates, 3g dietary fiber, 16g protein



SWEET PEACH CUSTARD PIE

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour
Yield: 12 servings

Crust:
½ cup unsalted butter
3 tablespoons cold water
1 ½ cup flour
1 teaspoon sea salt
2 tablespoons sugar
Custard:
1 cup sugar
¼ cup almond milk (unsweetened)
¼ cup nonfat Greek Yogurt
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons gluten-free flour
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sliced peaches, fresh or frozen

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Add butter, flour, salt and sugar into food processor and pulse until mixture has a sandy texture. Add water in slowly, and pulse until dough comes together. Remove and form into a disc. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Roll out dough and place in pie plate. Line crust with parchment paper and fill with dried beans. Bake in oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven to cool. Discard parchment and beans.

Whisk together milk, yogurt, sugar, cornstarch, vanilla, and flour in a saucepan over medium heat for 5-7 minutes or until hot. Do not boil.

In separate bowl, whisk eggs until smooth and frothy. Slowly add warm liquid mixture into eggs, a little at a time, whisking constantly. Let mixture stand 3 to 5 minutes until thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon.

Add custard mixture to cooled crust and top with peaches. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until custard is set in the center. Chill before serving.

Nutrition per 1 slice serving: 237 calories, 9g fat, 52mg cholesterol, 183mg sodium, 34g carbohydrates, 1g dietary fiber, 3g protein



VEGGIE FRITTATA BITES

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Yield: 10 servings

6 large eggs
½ cup skim milk or 1 percent milk
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 cup (4 ounces) low-fat or fat-free shredded cheddar cheese
½ cup chopped zucchini
½ cup chopped mushrooms
½ cup chopped tomatoes
½ cup chopped green bell pepper
2 tablespoons chopped red onion
pinch of salt (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Beat eggs, milk, pepper and salt (if using) in medium bowl until blended. Add cheese, zucchini, tomato, mushrooms, bell pepper and onion; mix well.

Using a ¼ cup measuring cup, scoop and pour evenly into 10 lightly sprayed muffin cups. Bake until just set, 25 minutes. Cool on rack 5 minutes. Remove from cups by loosening sides with a knife, serve and warm.

Nutrition per serving: 63 calories, 2g fat, 2g saturated fat, 107mg cholesterol, 151mg sodium, 2g carbohydrates, trace dietary fiber, 8g protein