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Budget proposes closing Wayne Community Center

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A balanced budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year that includes closing the Wayne Community Center has been submitted to the city council.

Council members accepted budget but requested alternate proposals, including one keeping the community center open. The proposed budget, with \$14.7 million in revenues, will be discussed at two study sessions at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, and Tuesday, May 12. The city went into the bud-

get process with a projected \$2-3 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1. The largest impact on city revenues has been a more than 40 percent drop in property values since 2009. Property taxes are the city's main revenue source.

With the community center's ice arena and aquatic center already closed, shutting the building would reduce the parks and recreation budget by \$300,000 in operational costs. The budget includes minimum utilities for maintaining parks and ball fields and the closed community

'Biggest thing in budget'

Opened in 1974, the community center was built at a cost of \$1.9 million. The aquatic center was built in 1996 at a

cost of \$2.6 million. The annual bond debt service is nearly

"The biggest thing in the budget is closing the community center and with that the budget is \$1.6 million short,' said City Manager David Mur-

phy.
The city has been financially surviving using various reserve funds but only the Other Postemployment Employee Benefit Trust remains. Those funds can only be used to cover retiree health care and would be used to pay the expected \$1.9 million tab in 2015-16. That would nearly exhaust the fund but relieve

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The ice rink and aquatic center are already closed, and the proposed 2015-16 budget is recommending the Wayne Community Center be shut down completely.



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HUNDREDS STOP BY O&E'S SPRING EXI

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Spotting new ideas at Monday's Spring Expo is just what Plymouth Township resident Kathie Gornick was looking to do.

Gornick was especially interested in one company's bathtub designed to

allow someone in a wheelchair to access the tub. A ballroom dancing instructor, Gornick said there are several people she knows who might be interested in an idea like that.

"I come every year," Gornick said. "I want to see anything that's new."

Gornick was one of hundreds of people who attended the 12th annual Observer & Eccentric Spring Expo Monday at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia. Dozens of booths and several speakers offered advice in many areas, including new technology in pain relief, financial advice for retirement planning, Alzheimers and

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Sawed-off shotgun results in charges

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A Wayne man is facing weapons charges after police, checking on his welfare, found he had a sawed-off shotgun and ammunition.

An employee at Transitional Health Services, 34330 Van Born, called police about 7:45 p.m. April 18 after becoming concerned about a man in a field north of the business. The man had been last seen walking east on Glover.

The employee said after calling police that she had walked over to the field and found a gun. Once officers arrived, she took them to a sawed-off shotgun that was unloaded in the fiel

An officer walked on Glover and reported seeing a man matching the description provided by the caller walking towards him.

The man told the officer the sawed-off shotgun belonged to him. He said the gun, given to him by his brother, had a damaged barrel and he sawed it off to make it functional.

Feeling unwell, the man said he had set the shotgun down in the field, walked to a nearby home and sat on the porch. Now that he was feeling better, the man said he was returning to the retrieve the gun. Officers reported confiscating the gun and four 12-gauge shotgun shells.

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Westland City Council approves new businesses, expansions

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A site plan allowing construction of additional seating at a Westland restaurant were among expanding or new business plans receiving approval by the Westland City Council.

Texas Roadhouse, located on Ford west of Central City Parkway, received approval to construct a 840-square foot



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Located in the city's Downtown Development Authority District, the restaurant is zoned as a Planned Unit Devel-

"I'm glad to bring this for-

ward. It will provide more revenue in the DDA District," said Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson. "The additional space will fit seamlessly on the building."

» Council approved a special land use for Mad Professor Customs and Hot Rods, to be located at 5747 Executive Dr. The business will be located in

a 5,000-square foot unit that is part of a 20,000-square foot multi-tenant industrial build-

The business does work including hot rod restoration, parts fabrication and sheet metal fabrication. Asked about possible outside storage, business, owner Christopher Chytry said his work wasn't the type that would be left outside.

» A special land use was

also approved for a proposed body art studio to be located at 1939 N. Wayne Road, south of Ford.

"This is another new business. It will fill the last vacant spot in the Westland Town Center," said Thompson. "It' a compatible use (with nearby businesses). It is also located in the DDA.'

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Owner Scott Kneeshaw had operated his business for five years at Northland Center and was forced to relocate when the mall in Southfield closed recently.

» Council approved a land division to split a 2.27-acre parcel adding land to Foundry Products Inc., 6000 N. Hix. The parcel being divided is to the west or rear of the business.

Owner William Brown said that the vacant land wasn't being utilized. The foundry business has a lot of trucks coming in on a daily basis, he said, so

acquiring the land enables him to acquire needed room.

'With Texas Roadhouse and the other businesses approved, we are seeing growth and more of it," said **Council President** James Godbout. "We are very fortunate. Other cities are not seeing the redevelopment and new businesses that we are see-

Godbout noted the hard work by Thompson and Economic Development Director Lori Fodale on retaining and attracting businesses

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CORRECTION

A headline in Sunday's Observer should have read the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present its final concert of the season at 4 p.m. Saturday,

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dementia caring, as well as many other topics.

One of those booths was for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Monday was the group's first Spring Expo, said Livonia resident Dorothy Amberger. She said several people showed interest in possibly starting a hobby like painting.

Given that many people at the expo were retired, Amberger said there was no better audience to attract to a class at their facility at Five Mile and Newburgh.

have time who might want to start ... an art hobby," she said. "We're happy if we get one or two students.'

These are people who

In addition to newcomers to the event, several people, including members of the Farmington Hills chapter of the



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Erin Hill-Brody (right) of Managed Rehabilitation Consultants hands out literature for her business at the spring expo.

Red Hat Society, are a common appearance each year.

Shirley Ziemba of Farmington Hills said many of the members do lunch and head over to the Spring Expo. While

an annual attendee, she said she planned on heading to booths and lectures to learn more about a popular topic — food.

"I like the stuff that explains about food. Healthy eating, that sort

of thing," she said. "The ladies love it."

First-time dendees Phyllis Clanoy of Commerce Township and Lationia antident Mary Wiebe came and walked out with a bag full of goodies collected from the vendors.

"It's basically what I thought it would be," Wiebe said.

She said while some of the information available was not as relevant to her, she said she could see how many of the topics, including the pain management information, could be helpful.

The event attracted attendees from more than a half-hour away. One of those people was Tom Mazur, who drove from Warren to attend.

He said there was not anything specific that caught his eye, but he was happy to walk out with more information on a variety of subjects.

"There's a lot of things going on here," he said.

May 2, at Clarenceville High School, Livonia.

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The employee told police that she was outside smoking when she saw the man sitting next to a large tree in the field. She said he ap-

When she checked on him a second time, she said he was crawling around the field on his hands and knees apparently looking for something. Concerned for his

peared to be intoxicated.

well-being, the employee said she called police.

When the man left the field, she said she walked over to see if she could find what he had been looking for and saw the shotgun.

Matthew Gunnarsson, whose age wasn't released, was arraigned April 20 in Wayne 29th District Court on weapons charges – having a short-barreled shotgun and felony firearm. A not guilty plea was entered. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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the city's \$1.6 million general fund shortfall.

"We're balancing the budget with OPEB money, it's really running out. This is the last year we can do this," said Mur-phy. "I don't consider it a balanced budget."

The problem is the city's structural deficit. The financial shortfall is projected to continue moving forward as revenues fail to meet expenditures.

Part of cost-cutting in

the budget includes eliminating currently vacant positions, including two police officers.

"There is no 'fat' left in the budget to be trimmed away," said Murphy.

Alternate budget

Councilman Albert Damitio proposed closing city hall and the engineering services building, which houses the Department of Public Works, and relocating those operations into the community center.

'We need to develop an alternate budget for options so we don't have to close the community center," said Damitio, adding there would be

cost-savings by consolidating services into the community center. "I don't throw out the

idea lightly. I think we can balance the budget and not close the community center," he said. For the three munici-

pal budgets, Councilman John Rhaesa said he had been looking for a budget with expenditures below revenues. Mayor James Hawley agreed.

"I would love to keep the community center open but do you keep the community center open and lay off cops?" said Hawley. "The community center is very expensive to operate, more than city hall. There is a cost to relocate to the community center."

The council needs to start looking at balanced budget that doesn't count on voters approving new funding or using reserve funds, Hawley said.

The proposed budget does not include any revenue from a proposal before voters on May 5 a 3-mill proposal to create a 345 police and fire retirement fund which would generate over \$1 million or state Proposal 1, the roads proposal which is expected to provide an additional \$160,000 in state shared revenue.

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Thousands attend service remembering victims of Armenian genocide

More than 2,000 people remembered the 1.5 million Armenians killed by the Ottoman government 100 years ago during a worship service Friday in Livonia.

Leaders of Metro Detroit's four Armenian churches and those from other faiths united for a special ecumenical service at the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary on Martyrs Day, the day that annually honors the victims of the first mass ethnic cleansing of the 20th Century.

The principal homilist was Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

An outdoor digital art display on the church's buildings and bell tower projected images of iconic Armenian churches and religious symbols telling the story of the genocide and the Armenian nation's rich religious influence.

The four Armenian churches involved were



TOM BEAUDOIN Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, delivers a homily during the Mass held at the

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St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in Southfield, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn, St. Vartan Armenian Catholic Church in Detroit and **Armenian Congregation**al Church in Southfield.



Members of the four area Armenian churches hold candles that represent the 12 major provinces in Turkish-occupied Armenia where the genocide took place in 1915.



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Clergy from different faiths from around metro Detroit attend the service commemorating the Armenian genocide that took



The Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia had 2,000-plus people in attendance this past Friday for the commemoration of the Armenian genocide.



TOM BEAUDOIN "Illuminated Images" of Armenian churches lit the front of the Basilica of St. Mary Friday evening in Livonia.



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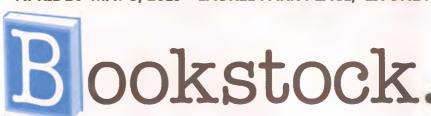
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Fraud

» A Westland woman told police April 26 that she had been contacted by her bank about six unusual transactions using her debit card. The transactions, totaling nearly \$450, were made at a gas station in Canada during the early morning hours. She said she had the card in her possession and hadn't given the number to anyone.

» Another Westland woman

told police April 23 that she had been contacted by her credit union that she owed \$368 for an AT&T account. She said she had never opened an AT&T account.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 6600 block of Caribou told police April 26 that someone had stolen a digital camera and an Apple digital storage/playback device from her vehicle while it was parked on the street overnight. The

vehicle was undamaged and it was unclear if it had been left locked.

Vandalism

On April 26, a resident in the 32000 block of Harvard told police that someone had smashed the rear driver's side window of his vehicle while it was parked on the street. He said the vehicle had been parked overnight and a friend had noticed the smashed window.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident of the Skygate Apartments, 6501 Yale, told police April 22 that overnight someone had broken the rear window of her vehicle and stolen the factory navigation radio.

» On April 26, a resident of the Riverbend Apartments, 30947 Warren Road, told police that overnight someone had sawed the exhaust pipe on his 2002 Pontiac Grand Am to steal the catalytic converter.

Hit and run

A Trenton woman told police that she was attending a function at Beaver Creek, 1609 N. Wayne Road, April 19. When she left, she said she noticed a vehicle had struck the left front end of her 2014 Ford Focus, damaging it.

By LeAnne Rogers

Officers arrest man trying to enter cars

A Detroit man was arrested on larceny charges early April 27 after two Westland Police officers spotted him trying to get inside locked vehicles.

The officers reported being on patrol about 2:20 a.m. in the 31000 block of Cowan when they observed a suspi-



ed a suspicious person in a parking lot. The man went up to a parked vehicle and attempt-

ed to open the door, the officers noted, but it appeared he was unable to open the door because it was locked.

Officers reported watching as the man began walking to toward a second vehicle in the parking lot. The officers then approached the man, eventually identified as Christopher Phillips, 21, of Detroit.

Phillips was arraigned at the Westland 18th District Court on larceny charges and a not guilty plea was entered. Bond was set at \$5,000/10 percent. A pretrial hearing was set for Tuesday, May 7, also in 18th District Court.

– By LeAnne Rogers

Larceny

» A catalytic converter was reported stolen from a car in the 31000 block of Rush Avenue April 28.

The owner called police after a neighbor told him that someone had just stolen something from the bottom of his car which was parked in the driveway of his fiance's home.

The neighbor told police he heard his dog barking and went outside to check. He said her heard a sawing noise and went in front of his home and saw a newer silver car, possibly and Audi fleeing north on Moeller to Warren Road. The neighbor was unable to get a license plate number.

Police checked the car and found a smeared hand and palm print on the driver's window and driver's side front fender. They were dusted for prints with negative results.

Police also reported that 2007 silver Audi had been re-

ported stolen earlier in the day from the 30000 block of Birchwood in Westland might be the vehicle involved in the theft.

» A resident in the 6500 block of Gilman reported the catalytic converter stolen from his car while it was parked in the street between 1 p.m. April 25 and 11 a.m. April 26. The man said he had not heard anything unusual during the night

Suspended License

A 40-year-old Westland man was cited for driving with a suspended license after he was stopped on Middlebelt south of Warren Road April 27.

Police had observed the man cross the center line dividing through lanes on Warren Road and the yellow line on Middlebelt. The man initially told police it had happened because he was nervous. He later told police it had happened because he was answering his phone.

He also told police he was on his way to Garden City Hospital because he was experiencing complications from sickle cell anemia. However, he refused to have a Garden City fire rescue take him there

Shoplifting

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

A man made off with an unknown amount of merchandise from the Dollar General store, 5736 Middlebelt, April 26.

A clerk told police the man had been in the store for about five minutes and when he was leaving she saw that his pants were full of merchandise. The clerk yelled at man, but he ran out of the store and jumped into the front seat of a Ford Crown Victoria.

A surveillance video showed the man leaving the store with merchandise stuffed in his pants and down his left leg.

Stolen license plate

A resident reported that the license plate had been stolen from a car parked in the 30000 block of Dawson between noon April 24 and 3 p.m. April 25. The man told police the plate had been on the car when he washed it while parked in the driveway on April 24.

Attempted theft

The owner of Down Home Construction reported damaged to a Ford stake truck between 6 p.m. April 23 and 8 a.m. April 24 while parked on the 32000 block of Manor.

The owner told police that he found the ignition damaged and removed from the steering column when he got into the vehicle, which had been locked. He also told police that four vehicles have been stolen in the area within the last six months.

By Sue Mason

WAYNE COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A Farmington Hills woman told police April 24 that she stopped at the Village Bar, 35234 W. Michigan Ave., about 8:30 p.m. to have dinner. About two hours later, she said she went to leave and found that someone had stolen her 2012

Chevrolet Equinox.

She said she was current with the payments and had the only set of keys. The vehicle was valued at \$15,000.

Larceny from a vehicle

On April 21, a Wayne man told police he spent the night at his girlfriend's home in the

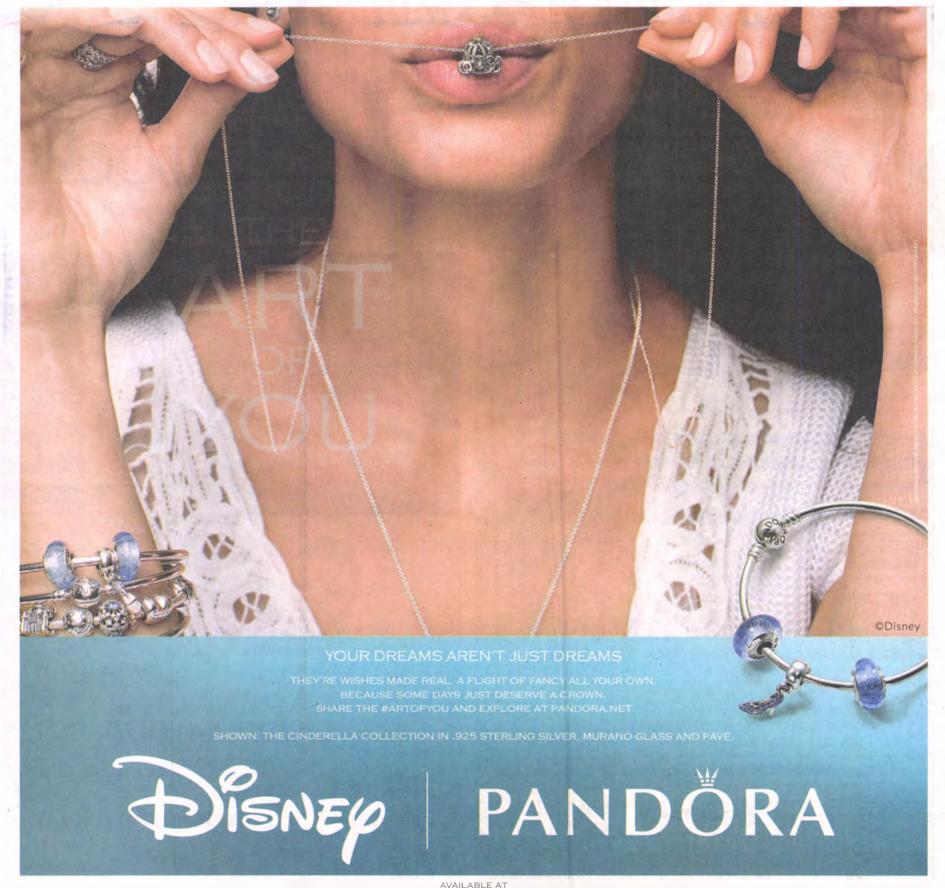
34000 block of Winslow when someone entered his unlocked car parked on the street. He said a complete set of Callaway golf clubs valued at \$1,400 were missing.

Larceny

A resident in the 5000 block of Treadwell told police April

18 that his truck had been broken in to overnight. He also said several cars had been ransacked and some scrap rims were stolen.

By LeAnne Rogers



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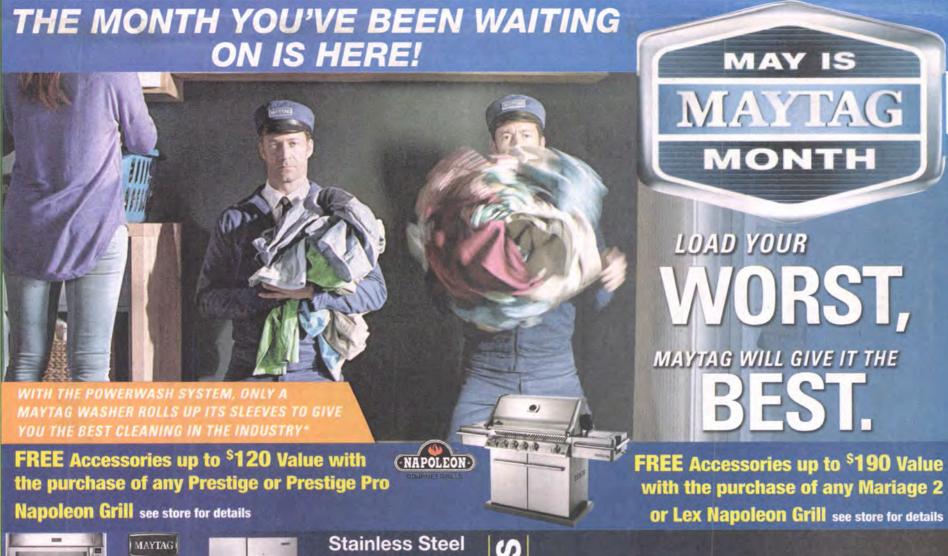
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But it's deeper than that. Imagine if your heart's – no, life's – desire is to do a particular thing, something that less than 1 percent of the American population get to experience.

And imagine if you were chosen.

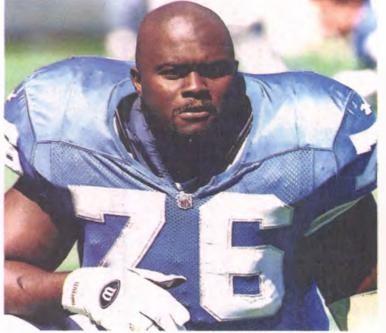
You'd celebrate, yes. But then reality would set in, and you'd realize immediately that you are faced with a tremendous amount of responsibility, expectation, and, of course, pressure.

My husband, Scott Conover, was selected by the Detroit Lions in the fifth round of the 1991 NFL draft. He was 118th out of a total of 334 players drafted that year. He went on to experience a six-year career in the NFL, playing exclusively for the Detroit Lions and blocking for Hall of fame Running back Barry Sanders.

And while Scott is actually the first member of his family to make it to the NFL, he wasn't the last: His first cousin, Frank Conover, was also drafted to the NFL (Cleveland Browns) in the eighth round of the very same draft.

More on that in a minute. But first, here is my husband's draft day experience, in his own words...

1. In the countless conversations we've had about the NFL draft, you say that you didn't expect to be drafted. But you had to have had some idea that this was coming.



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Scott Conover was selected by the Detroit Lions in the fifth round of the
1991 NFL draft.

No, I really didn't. You can't assume anything. I did have an agent, and I worked out at the NFL Combine – and I also completed a work-out in front of 18-20 teams. But you never know.

2. Briefly explain the NFL Combine

It's like an audition that's sponsored by the NFL and held a few months before the draft. Only 1,500 players total are invited to attend.

3. Most people first became aware of sports agents through the film Jerry McGuire, but can you further explain the role an agent plays in the draft? Also, how did you find your agent?

My agent found me, so I didn't have to look for one. An agent showcases a player in the same way that an agent would help actors, models and writers get work. They get

your resume in front NFL team scouts and coaches.

4. Take me back to the day of the draft. What did you do? What was going through your head?

I sat in the living room with my family and friends, uncertain and anxious, and watched the draft in real time on television. My agent informed me that the Cleveland Browns had the first pick in the second round of the draft, and they were eyeing me and two other players. That's when I got my hopes up. Even though that didn't materialize, I remained hopeful because my agent told me that the way the draft was shaking out, I could expect to be drafted between the third and fifth rounds. So I detached myself from the draft until the third round. But because the 1991 draft was running so long, it

ended for the day at the end of the third round. And I still wasn't drafted.

5. And what happened then?

I got up that morning because I had to get ready to catch a flight back to Purdue University (in Indiana). I was sitting at the kitchen table, eating a bowl of cereal when the phone rang. I wasn't even thinking that the call could be for me – it caught me completely off guard. At this point in the draft, it was no longer televised. I was still half asleep. My mom hands me the phone, and it was a coach from the Detroit Lions.

6. How did that conversa-

He introduced himself and told me that they had the seventh pick in the fifth round and they were going to make me their selection. Then they put me on hold for a couple of minutes. When they returned, they informed me that they had made it official and welcomed me to the Detroit Lions family.

7. Your life changed with that phone call. When did it all sink in?

It really sank in when I flew out to the Lions training facility the next week to participate in mini-camp. They picked me up in a limo and drove me to the Pontiac Silverdome, where the Lions practiced and played at the time. Head coach Wayne Fontes and his staff greeted me at the door. And then I went into the locker room to find a locker with my name on it. I thought to myself, "Wow. This is real."

8. How cool was it to have your closest cousin play in the NFL with you? How did you guys keep from being too competitive with each other?

It was easy: We played two different positions, in different NFL conferences, and never

actually played against each other.

9. As an NFL veteran who has gone through this process before, what would you tell members of this year's draft class?

This is only the beginning. You have to work hard to win a spot on your team. Being drafted doesn't guarantee anything – only an opportunity. Good luck.

10. It's been years since you played in the NFL, but you still remain very much involved in football at the youth level (as a USA Football Heads Up ambassador) and at the professional level (as the secretary of the Detroit chapter of the NFL Alumni Association) – and you continue to serve the community through both venues. Why is this so important to you?

I want to lead by example and demonstrate - particularly to our children (Scotty, 3, and Kennedy, 1) – the importance of giving back. I was very fortunate to have played in the NFL for as long as I did, and if I can use that to better the lives of others and help them deal with hardships and challenges – or just put a smile on someone's face – then why not? There's a quote from the late Frank Gansz, my special teams coach at the Detroit Lions, that I'll never forget it: "What you keep, you lose; but what you give will grow."

11. Football has been very kind to you, but in a lot of ways, it has also been cruel: I know your body aches...A LOT. Would you do it all again?

Yes. Absolutely.

Wayne resident **Courtney Conover** is a mom of two, writer, and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and oversharing on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair.

Understanding repercussions of global warming

According to a report published on April 27, in Nature Climate Change, we are already in the midst of experiencing the repercussions of global warming. Extreme weather is occurring far more often and is far more destructive than ever before. We are seeing long stretches of heat waves, droughts

waves, droughts and severe storms that are happening four to five times more frequently

than they did a century ago.

What this means is that we are no longer in a position of dominating the planet. We are running out of time to limit future havoc. We either change how we live our lives now, or wait for the environment to painfully force us to change. The potential to change exists, but there are still many barriers in place blocking us from totally avoiding climate chaos.

Naomi Klein's recent book, This Changes Everything, beautifully illustrates where the problems lie and what action is needed. The overall feeling given off is one of hope. In Behind the Curve: Science and the Politics of Global Warming, Joshua Howe makes the argument that it is the politicians and economists who have the greatest ability to stop global warming, even more than scientists.

For decades, Bill McKibben has been trying valiantly to warn us of what's to come, starting with The End of Nature, over 20 years ago. In Earth: Making Life on a Tough New Planet, McKibben acknowledges that we've waited too long to stop climate change, but we can still scale back, if we want to survive on this out of balance planet.

All of these books and more are available to be checked out at the Westland Public Library. Find out what can be done to help in small and large ways.

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

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Friday Night Movie, 7 p.m. May 1 – Join us for the Friday evening institution. Tonight's movie is, Into the Woods. "A witch tasks a childless baker and his wife with procuring magical items from classic fairy tales to reverse the curse put on their family tree" (IMDB). Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. Rated R. This movie is not suggested for viewers under 18 years of age.

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First-Time Homebuyer Education Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2 - This workshop is conducted by the Community Housing Network, a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) certified Homeownership Education Counseling agency. Attending this workshop fulfills certain requirements of the MSHDA mortgage loan program. Register in advance at mjaks@chninc.net or by calling 248-824-7392. Space is limited.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. May 6, teens and kids age range grade 5 and up Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Sword Combat Demo, 7 p.m. May 6 – Who isn't a fan of the sword-fighting and weaponry in Game of Thrones? Come watch the Ring of Steel Action Theatre Troupe perform a variety of fight scenes using swords and/or whips.
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Skill Building Conference for Local Writers, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 9 – The Westland library is proud to host its third annual Skill Building Conference for Local Writers. This free program is open to all area writers looking to improve their fiction, poetry and nonfiction skills, as well as provide a forum to learn about the publishing industry. For more information or to sign up, visit: westlandlibrary.org/ events or contact Andy Schuck at andy.schuck@westlandlibrary.org.

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

Rummage sale

The Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, 35245 Wallace St., Westland, is having a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2.

Great Lakes shipwrecks

Wayne Historical Society member Lindsey Wooten will give a talk about the shipwrecks of the Great Lake Ships, Jupiter and Saturn on Thursday, May 14, at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, Wayne. The program will start at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the program.

The annual business meeting will be held after the program and invite members will fill open trustee positions at that time.

Join the Wayne Historical Society. There is a \$10 annual membership fee or a one-time only \$100 lifetime membership fee.

Business Alliance

The Garden City Business Alliance meets on the second Friday of each month. Its next meeting will be held 9 a.m. Friday, May 8, at the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, visit gcbiz48135.org or send an email to gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Tea

The Maplewood Center Senior Department will holds its annual Mother's Day Tea noon to 3 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Tickets costs \$12 per person and are on sale at the center's Balmoral Desk or call 734-793-1870. Bring your favorite tea cup, and then try your luck at the Volunteer Committee's Basket Raffle. Tickets for the raffle sold only at the event.

Yard sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions in Westland is currently accepting donations for a yard sale to be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. now through May 9. The mission at 34033 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-3885.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh.

For more information, call 734-419-2020.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

The AMVETS Auxiliary is sponsoring a Mother-Daughter Luncheon Fashion Show 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Memorial Hall, 1217 S. Merriman, Westland. Fashions will be provided by the Dress Barn of Dearborn Heights.

Tickets are \$7 each. They're available at the door or by calling Brenda Meloche at 734-968-5235.

5K races

» Champions of Wayne will hold at 5K Run/Walk Wednesday, May 6, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., east of Wayne Road, Wayne.

Advance registration by May 5 is \$15 for those 18 years and under and \$20 for those ages 19 and older. On-site registration is \$25. Preregistration check-in and race day registration will be 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Register at championsofwayne.org or in person at the Wayne Memorial Office or in Rooms 169 or 327. More information is available on the Champions of Wayne website.

» Warren Road Light and

Life Church will hold its second annual 5K for a Cause at 10:10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Register to walk, run or

volunteer at www3.signupgenius.com/mobile/index.cfm?action=signups.signup&UR-LID=20f0844afa928a5fc1-5kfora. Click Find a Sign Up and enter sprunger21@hotmail.com.

The donation is \$10 per person at the time of event. All proceeds support Life Remodeled and their ongoing efforts to beautify Detroit. Contact Josh Sprunger at 260-525-4171 for more information.

AARP Smart Driver

Seniors can refresh their driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver course. Learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and the new traffic law and rules of the road. There are no tests to pass and it doesn't affect your driver's license.

The course is available to anyone 50 years and older. It will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5-6, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. The cost is

\$20, and \$15 with proof of an AARP membership. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate.

Call 734-721-7460 to reserve a spot.

Spaghetti dinner

The Wayne Baseball Association and Parks and Recreation Department have teamed up for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children and are on sale at the Wayne Community Center.

Open House

The American Legion Post 251 in Westland is holding an open house Saturday, May 9, to expand their membership to better serve the veterans and their families in the area.

The open house is for all veterans and their families. It will be held at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Bill Acton, post commander at 734-326-2607, 734-776-5491 or williamacton@aol.com.



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Makingiis case: Colbeck sees alternative to May 5 road proposal

By Lonnie Huhman

With a vote just days away, state Sen. Patrick Colbeck held a transportation forum Monday at Northville Township Hall to let voters know that there are other options in getting road repair funded without putting an extra tax bur-

The forum was an opportunity for residents to meet with Colbeck, R-Canton, and road construction industry leaders to get an inside view on the current state of Michigan's roads, options for funding road repairs including the May 5 Ballot Proposal 15-1 and ways to improve the longevity of our roads.

He was joined by John Wyke, president, Joba Construction Co.; Dan DeGraaf, executive director, Michigan Concrete Association; and Anil Sanne, director, **Everlast Concrete Tech**nologies.

The panel was balanced a bit with DeGraff stating he thinks the proposal is in the state's best interest to get the roads fixed now while the others, including Wyke and Colbeck, expressed their concerns with the proposal. Sanne spoke about new concrete mixes lasting longer than what has been traditionally used in

Colbeck believes thetives last session, as well other options that are as the Proos Plan; priobetter than the proposaritizing the spending of existing funds and makboth short- and longing appropriations

"I think we can do better," he said of the government expenses in government expenses in May 5 proposal. other areas; and all of the He said there are a labove.

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year one (more than

twice the \$432 million that would result from

Alternatives to measure

roads.

the ballot proposal, he There were at least 5said) and to apply more people on hand, and than \$1.4 billion toward many of them liked whamaintaining our roads Colbeck had to say and for each subsequent year. were generally not in He's encouraging favor of the proposal. everyone to take some Gary Timco, of Plymouttime to explore these Township, was one sup-four alternative road

porter. He thought the funding ideas before forum was really good filling out the ballot on and informative. May 5. "I think he has the

right ideas," Timco said Ihuhman @hometownlife.com | of Colbeck's alternative:cell: 517-294-4215; Twitter:

The alternatives in- @lhuhman clude the Bolger Plan, as passed by the state



LONNIE HUHMAN

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, spoke at a public forum at Northville Township Hall on April 27 about the alternatives he sees for road funding.

St. Damian claims Chess Club trophy in school rivalry



The Chess Club rivalry between St. Edith School in Livonia and St. Damian School in Westland continues; this year the tournament was held at St. Damian on April 23. Twelve students from St. Edith and 13 students from St. Damian competed this year for the trophy. The results came in favor of St. Damian, 8-6. Next year, the tournament will be hosted at St. Edith.



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The journey home: Restored Sabre jet returns to Yankee Air Museum

MIAT students refurbish Cold War-era aircraft

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Imagine driving down a road, minding your own business, when a largeas-life U.S. Air Force plane joins traffic.

"When people saw the plane, they just stopped. Some took photos and video," said Bob Catalano, who works in the collections department of the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport.

The journey for the F-86L began last Tuesday morning at the MIAT College of Technology, 2955 S. Haggerty, in Canton. The college, with its large warehouse-like facility, has been home to the vintage 1950-1960s long-range interceptor for more than the past six months.

At least 180 students, who are studying aviation technology, rolled up their sleeves and breathed new life into the F-86L, which had been housed at the Yankee Air Museum for some time.

"They were assigned specific tasks. They did the research on how to repair the plane," MIAT instructor Craig Vassell said.

The students were required to follow Federal Aviation Administration and structural repair guidelines for the singleseat military jet, which in its belly once carried a set of 20 missiles that would be fired simultaneously. "When it came in, it was pretty damaged," Vassell said.

Panels on the plane were caved in, for example, and students had to repair or build new metal panels for the jet's skin, which on military aircraft is double-thick. Most of the work was on the exterior

"One group drew engineering drawings, while another followed them," Vassell said.

MIAT instructor Neal Perkins supervised students on the jet's electri-cal components, includ-ing navigational lights on the wingtips.

As the F-86L was pulled out of the former La-Z-Boy factory, it was missing one important component — an engine. But according to rules and regulations under which the museum operates, the F-86L won't be allowed to fly, so an engine isn't necessary for

"I hope they will be careful with it," Perkins said as he watched the F-86L gently pulled out of the warehouse by an old airport tractor that was once used at Detroit Metro Airport.

The F-86L made it to the Yankee Air Museum in procession. The route and the rules of the journey were established by the Wayne County Weighmaster. "He comes in with a route and when and how we are doing this," Catalano said.

The plane made its way down the MIAT driveway and turned left on to Haggerty. It then crossed Michigan Avenue and headed down Tyler to the museum. It took about 1½ hours for the the plane to make it safely to the museum.

The next step for the F-86L is a paint job, which will be completed at the museum. "It won't be painted with the original configuration," Catalano said. "We found



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Pulled by a vintage tractor once used to pull planes at Detroit Metro Airport, the F-86L slowed traffic and drew interest from



Yankee Air Museum curator Julie Osborne keeps close watch on clearance as the F-86L eases down the MIAT driveway.

colors online."

Because of the F-86L's association with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics -NASA's predecessor — it will be placed in a new section of the Yankee Air Museum dedicated to the space program.

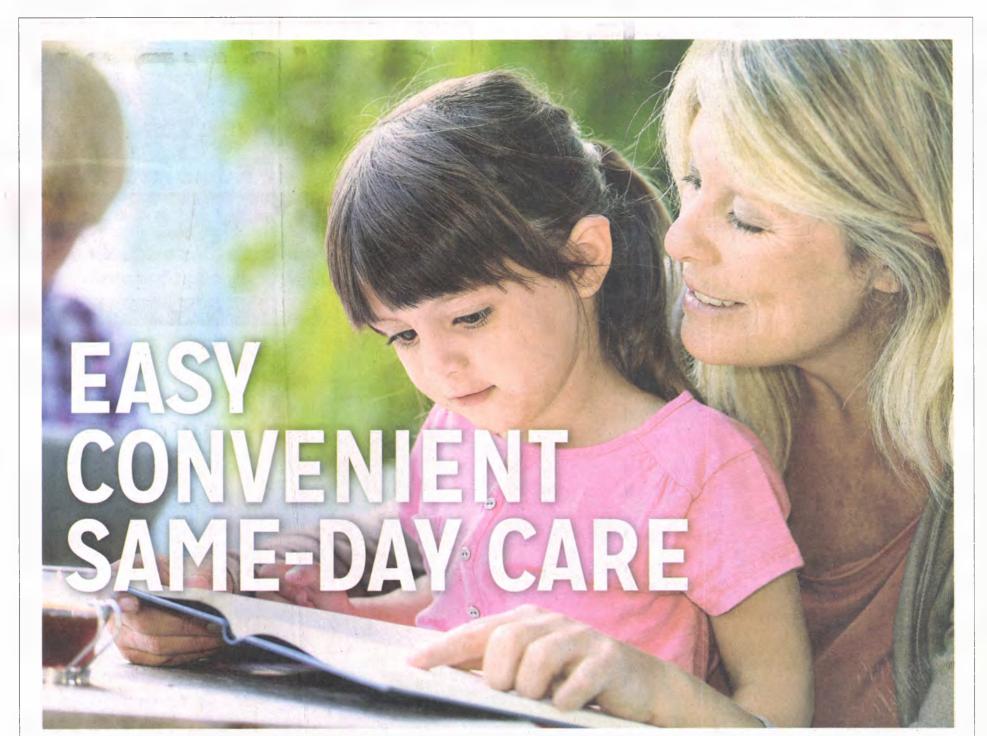
Meanwhile, MIAT students are rolling up their sleeves on yet another Yankee Air Museum project --- refurbishing a T-33 Shooting Star, a Lockheed jet trainer aircraft. It has already been delivered to the MIAT facility.

"We are able to give our students hands-on practical experience," said Kevin Burchett, MIAT president and CEO. "This will be part of the legacy of their lives."

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Ralph Koehler attaches the hook that the tractor will use to tow the airplane.



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Arbor Day: Growing goodness at Garfield and the world

A special Arbor Day celebration took root Friday afternoon at Livonia's Garfield Elementary School, where students showed off their tree-themed artwork, sang songs, planted three new trees and even staged a parade to celebrate the beauty, unity, diversity and goodness of trees.

Joined by members of the City of Livonia Tree Committee, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Livonia Public Schools administrators and other city leaders, the students first held a festive assembly before they paraded outdoors, around the school, and past the three new trees on the school grounds.

Principal Bill Green said trees are much like



LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey addresses the students. At right is
Garfield Elementary Principal Bill Green.

people, in that they bring unity, represent diversity with all of the different types and they grow

strong roots.

Each student at Gar-

field received a tree to take home to plant. The Tree Committee also gave all LPS fourth grade students a sapling to plant.



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Garfield Elementary School students helped out in the planting of four trees outside their Livonia school on April 24. From left are: Jayden Ghostohk, Damon Watson, Landon Kozlowski, and Logan Hicks.

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Students like Garfield second-grader Nevavh Haitwick, center, paraded around the school on April 24 with spring flowers and signs welcoming spring for their Arbor Day celebration.

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Westland brother-sister team take on the market with hot dog cart

By Linda Sparkman

The brightly colored hot dog stand of Heavenly Hot Dogs and Catering has become a familiar sight around Westland in recent years. It will be back this season, but new faces are serving up the goods.

"A year ago, I never would've thought, 'I'm going to own a hot dog cart and I'm going run it with my sister and I'm going do all these events," Tommy Ruark said. He and his sister Heather hadn't been looking for a business, but when the opportunity came up, they jumped on it. Both are longtime Westland residents who work part-time at Kmart and are studying business at Schoolcraft College. Tommy is a 20-yearold, full-time student getting ready to finish his associate's degree. Heather is a 26-year-old mother of two, working part time on her business degree.

The brother-sister team purchased the hot



LINDA SPARKMAN

Tommy Ruark and his sister Heather are the new owners of the popular Heavenly Hot Dogs and Catering cart that's a fixture at the Westland Farmers Market

dog stand last September from Rich and Betsy Mazurkiewicz, who owned the business for the past eight years.

Late last summer, the Ruarks' father got into a discussion poolside with Rich Mazurkiewicz, who mentioned he and his wife would like to sell their business. Although neither Tommy nor

Heather had ever owned a business – or even seen the hot dog cart before – it wasn't long until the transaction was completed

Now the stand is available for hire for parties, graduations, farmers markets, community events, festivals, picnics and luncheons. They cater hot dogs with all

CATCH THE CART

Heavenly Hot Dogs and Catering can be found: » 2-7 p.m. each Wednesday, June 3 through Oct. 14, at the Lathrup Village Farmers Market, 27400 Southfield

» 3-7 p.m. each Thursday, May 7 though Oct. 8, at the Westland Farmers Market, 1901 N. Carlson. 734-326-7222.

the trimmings, including chili and sauerkraut. They also have pop and chips available, plus nachos can be specially requested.

"We can do other meats, like brats and other types," Tommy said. "It just depends on the venue and what the customers decide."

Helping out

Mazurkiewicz helped Tommy a lot with his crash introduction into the business.

"He still does," Tommy said. "He took me to a luncheon he catered to show me the ropes and I can still call and ask him a question and he's just ready to help me out. When we started the Westland (Farmers) Market, he said he'd come and help me out if I wasn't comfortable yet.

"Our first and still favorite venue is the Westland Farmers Market," he added. "The other vendors have been great to us. They really welcomed us. Market masters Brookellen Swope and Mary Vellardita are really helpful, too. We have a lot of con-

nections through them."
Other places the pair is scheduled to service

is scheduled to service include several graduation parties, other city's farmers markets and Canton's Liberty Fest.

To become a qualified food vendor, Tommy studied for and got a food safety certification.

"I am licensed vendor," he said. "There's a lot to know about safe handling of food. For instance, anything foodrelated has to be six inches off the ground at any time."

In preparation for opening this spring, Tommy painted the cart and touched up small spots.

"It's all ready for inspection by the health department later this month," he said.

"I was surprised how expensive it is to start a business," Heather said about her experience so far. "Not only the business itself, you've got to pay for license, insurance, inventory and other expenses."

Expenses aren't the only hurdle, as things don't always go smoothly for the brother-sister team.

"One time we were doing the Farmington winter market," Tommy said. "I forgot the chili and I couldn't get the flame to stay lit. It finally worked out, but we couldn't have chili dogs."

"Now we have a check-list of stuff to bring," Heather said.

"And I'm really big about keeping extra things in the car," Tommy added.

Family affair

The business has become a real family affair, including help from their sister Holly and their father

"They both pitch in, that's why we're able to do two different markets at the same time," Tommy said

"We love it," he said of the experience so far. "I always, always loved hot dogs as a kid. We would go anywhere for dinner and my mom would ask me what I would want and I'd always say, 'hot dogs.""

"He probably dreams of hot dogs at night," Heather said. "Even on a cruise we went on when he was little, he'd always want hot dogs for dinner."

There's plenty of sibling humor, like the family picnic that was interrupted by customers who saw the cart and stopped to buy hot dogs. "We're always laughing," Heather said.

"The cart brings us together," Tommy said. "We just have fun. My friends come up and support me, too. It's really nice to know we have people who can help."

Tommy and Heather are focused on growing their business and having some fun with their family while they finish their education. Future plans include a website, a second cart and securing an accounting degree.

"I never thought I'd be doing this," Tommy said. "But when you put your mind to anything, you can do it."

Do your homework before donating to any charity

Rick

Bloom

ver the last few days, most of us have seen pictures and video of the destruction in Nepal. It seems that we go from one natural disaster or man-made catastrophe to another.

The pictures are horrifying and they certainly pull at our heartstrings. That being said, whenever there is a disaster, charitable organizations and relief groups spring into action to help those in need.

What also happens is that lowlifes who look at taking advantage of the public's good nature also spring into action. We are already starting to see scams and frauds develop around the earthquake in Nepal.

Many of these charities have names that look legitimate as they try to mimic well-known charities. They may solicit you in a number of different ways, by phone, mailing or email. Unfortunately, just by looking at their material, you have no idea that they're not legitimate.

Their materials are professionally done and their websites look legit. These scam artists are good at what they do. Because of this, you have to be extremely cautious about giving to charities, particularly as a result of



disasters.

MONEY MATTERS natural or man-made

When it comes to investing, you need to set rules for yourself; the same applies to charitable giving. It is only by following some rules that you can make sure that your money goes to the cause that you want, not some scam artist Ir addition, you want to make sure your money doesn't go to a legitimate charity that spends too much of its money fundraising and on administrative costs.

Before giving to any charity, it is important to check it out. Because of the Internet, it has gotten easier to determine whether a charity is legitimate and if it's spending money wisely. Some websites that you can look at to review a charity are www.charitynavigator.com, www.guidestar.com and www.wisegivingalliance.com, operated by the Better Business Bureau.

We all receive pitches from charities. I have established a few personal rules.

When it comes to

emails, I assume that any email I receive seeking a charitable contribution, unless it's from an organization that I've previously worked with, is bogus. I don't click on any links, as the hackers use these links to infect computers with a virus. If you receive an email and you are interested in that particular charity, type in the charity's web

address yourself.

I also never give through phone solicitation. At a minimum, if I'm interested, I ask for information. After all, why give that person on the other end of the phone a credit card or bank information? It doesn't make sense.

We give to charities because it makes us feel good. We want to help those in need and make this world a better place. However, none of this can happen if the money we direct to a charity is not used appropriately.

Before you give, do your homework so your money can go to a just cause.

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Planet Fitness takes walk for Make-A-Wish

Planet Fitness, the health club franchise known for its Judgment Free Zone, has announced its support of Make-A-Wish Michigan's 17th annual Walk for Wishes at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak on Saturday, May 2.

Walk for Wishes is hosted by Make-A-Wish Michigan, a statewide nonprofit that grants the wishes of Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions. More than 3,000 supporters are expected to attend Walk for Wishes.

Planet Fitness is sponsoring the wishes of wish children Katlyn of St. Clair and Alyssa of Canton and will participate in a check presentation during the event. Katlyn, 15, is the recipient of a heart transplant. She loves cheerleading and shopping, and wanted to go to California. Her wish was granted with a

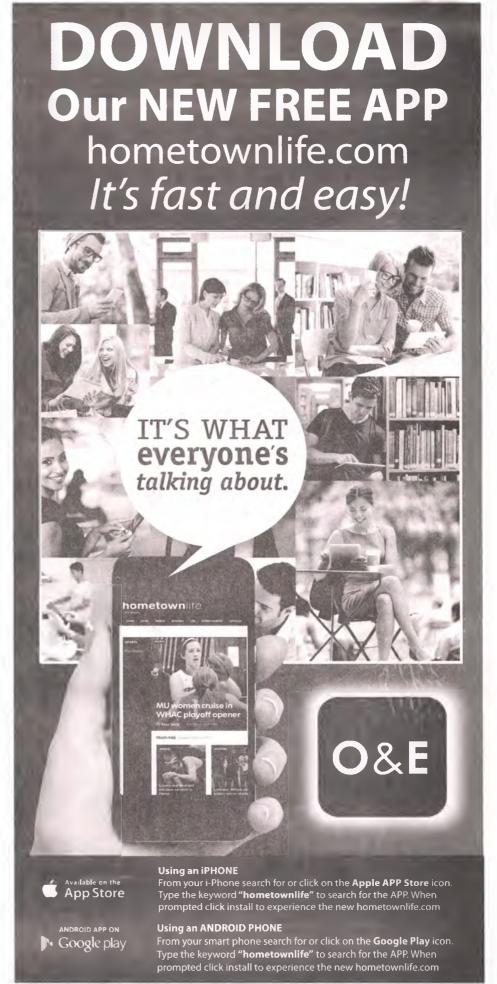
recent trip to the West Coast where she enjoyed the beach. Alyssa, 14, and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Her wish for a bedroom makeover came true when Make-A-Wish Michigan redesigned it with her love for purple and sparkles.

Planet Fitness clubs, including its Westland location, are also encouraging members to join their Walk for Wishes teams. Members can register as an individual or with their family, friends and workout pals at www.planetwishes-.com. In addition to the initial donation of \$25,000, the Planet Fitness Metro Detroit team has set a goal to raise another \$25,000 to help Make-A-Wish Michigan.

"We are excited to celebrate Planet Fitness' support of Make-A-Wish Michigan and to honor Katlyn and Alissa," said Planet Fitness franchisee Chris Klebba. "These two girls are amazing examples of the difference Make-A-Wish is able to make in families' lives, and we are honored to meet them both and hear their courageous stories."

"Events like Walk For Wishes help Make-A-Wish Michigan raise critical funds to grant the heartfelt wishes of Michigan kids and provide hope, strength and joy in the midst of their medical battles," Make-A-Wish Michigan President and CEO Karen Davis said. "Make-A-Wish Michigan is truly grateful for the tremendous support of Planet Fitness to help us grant wishes for more children like Alyssa and Katlyn."

Registration for Walk for Wishes is free, and there's still time to register. Visit walkforwishmi.org for more informa-



OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Time to vote; proposal needs your support

Next week Michigan voters will be asked if they support a request to increase the state sales tax. Locally, Wayne residents will decide if they support a proposal to create a 345 police and fire retirement fund.

If you're registered to vote, we hope you make sure to take some time to vote. Granted, if you're reading this newspaper, research indicates you're more likely to head to the polls, if you haven't already made your choice via absentee ballot.

So perhaps your task should be to encourage others to vote May 5.

The requests are an important issue, one that will hit you in the wallet. The city proposal, if approved, will be noticed when it's time to pay property taxes. The state sales tax increase will have an impact more regularly. Daily, if you're out and about all the time. Every time you buy toilet paper, a pair of jeans or garden shovel, the total cost will be a bit more.

This is the second time Wayne has asked residents to approve a 345 police and retirement fund. The city is seeking approval of a five-year 3-mill tax levy that would generate more than \$1 million.

Wayne currently is in the throes of a financial crisis. Coupled with cuts in state funding, Wayne has lost more than \$5 million in property tax revenue annually since the real estate market tanked in 2008. It has been limping along using reserved funds to prop up the budget. That well is running dry and hard decisions need to be made to erase the budget deficit.

Established under state law, a 345 millage would separately fund the police and fire pensions, costs currently paid from the city general fund. By taking the legacy costs out of the general fund, money would be available to help maintain city services and reduce the deficit.

This is the second time the city has asked voters to establish a 345 retirement fund. In 2013 the request as well as a 7-mill tax levy was soundly rejected by residents. Voters were skeptical of the request, since council offered no plan B - what would happen if the proposals failed. That plan B is what is happening now – the closing of the ice rink and aquatic center and a proposal to close the community center completely in the upcoming budget year.

There appears to be a disconnect between residents and the council and there are those who would rather see the city file for bankruptcy or have the state appoint an emergency manager to solve the city's problems. They would rather shirk the responsibility for righting their ship and letting someone who knows nothing about the community and its residents make the decision.

On Tuesday, voters need to decide what's important to them. The city's fate is in their hands and we believe, the tax request deserves a YES

The sales tax increase is part of a series of bills that would raise money for road repairs, schools and local government, among other things. And while the rocess was a bit convoluted to get there, the becom line is Michigan's roads need improvement, an t is was the best idea legislators could agree upon. Opponents claim there's plenty of money available in Lansing and a new tax isn't needed. To that we pent to the many legislators who campaigned on such a platform. But session after session, we still haven't seen anyone point to this hidden stash of money for much-needed pro-

Tax increases stink, for sure. But the improvements we'll see through this ballot measures make it worth it.

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday; however, registered voters can still request an absentee ballot. The city clerks' offices in Wayne, Westland and Garden City will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to process requests.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not good stewards of money

We have all heard about knowing politicians are lying by when we see their lips move. The politicians in Wayne are moving their lips.

Their solution to get out of our debt crisis is to keep spending and then raise taxes because they never have enough. We approved a tax increase for the rec center but it is slowly closing in increments. We approved more taxes to maintain our public safety departments, but they cut staffing levels anyway. We approved money for roads. After the administration repaved their streets, they told us the millage was not generating enough money for any more roads. Although no one was in favor of paying for streetlights, the council imposed taxes on us anyway through a special assessment.

Half of the city employees were let go but that did not balance the budget either. We now pay full-time wages and give benefits to the city hall employees who seem to be giving us part-time service. They claim they have "cut to the bone" and are down to vital services but let's look at that.

The IT department costs us \$160,000 but the cable TV channel is still running notices about raking leaves and winterizing fire hydrants. It took two years to pull the 2012 Weed Control notice from the city's web page. This year they declared it a double leap-year and gave us reduced animal license fees until February 30. Council boasts they would rather err on the side of giving too much info vs. not enough.

Does a city in a wage freeze and hiring freeze need a Personnel Director?

Our Community Development Director is supposed to attract new business and retain old business. I can name over 20 businesses that have closed and/ or moved out in the last decade. Yet we still pay \$60,000 annually for this position.

Don't forget, the state wants to raise the sale tax on the premise of fixing roads, the schools are always asking for more funding, water rates are going up 11 percent, gas prices are inching higher and it sounds like the county is worse off than we

were previously told.

If the city worked to improve our home values, they would generate more revenue from property taxes which we cannot vote against. Stop people from parking cars all over their lawns. Stop trashing the city with illegal signs everywhere, making our town look like an urban ghetto. Go after the tax cheats who illegally get principal residence exemptions or don't pay for permits and inspections. The scofflaws who disobey traffic signals and speed should be paying for our traffic cops. Stop buying properties and tearing down buildings, leaving the land off the tax rolls for years. By the time they are sold again, any profit is eaten up by lost tax revenue and maintenance assessments. Stop the frivolous spending on things that can wait for better times.

They want you to believe they are working hard on our finances but their labor is stalling to make cuts to services we are not getting. They have shown that they are not good stewards of our money. Don't give them

Howard Aldrich Wayne

Too little of Prop 1 would

fund roads

Via the various television and radio ads, we hear about how Proposal 1 is all about fixing our roads. As is the case with most things political, this isn't exactly true.

The projected \$1.95 billion this proposal would raise doesn't come from just the increase of our state sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent (making it the second highest in the country), but it also comes from raising our fuel tax from 19 cents per gallon to 41.7 cents per gallon. While the proposal does remove the sales tax from the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel, the consumer will see a net increase of roughly 10 to 13 cents per gallon at today's prices. Also, yearly vehicle registration fees will be increased.

But the real problem with Proposal 1 is how this projected increase in tax revenue will be spent. More than 30 percent of the additional tax money raised will not go to fixing our roads: \$116 million will go to fund mass transit, \$200 million will go to

the School Aid Fund, which provides incentives and scholar ships to attendees of communities colleges and technical schools; \$40 million will go to the public school's "At Risk" program; \$24.8 million will go to the Recreation Improvement Fund; \$111 million will be shifted to various local city governments; and \$173 million will go into the state's general fund. Also, the Earned Income Tax Credit will be increased to 20 percent from its current 6 percent, which will result in an estimated loss of \$261 million to the state's trea-

> James A. Kidd Livonia

Another tax

I am a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and am writing regarding the upcoming special election May 5 to raise the sales tax one cent for the state of Michigan.

As a student and a person who is living on a fixed income through Social Security, I feel that it is another tax that would add to my expenses each year. If it is only going to the deplorable roads that we have in Michigan, I am sure that some people would vote for it, but I am not sure that it is just for the roads.

Betty Dills Livonia

Burden for middle class

I am grateful to the League of Women Voters for sponsoring the overview of the May 5 ballot proposal. I left the event with more knowledge of the proposal, feeling a little less confused and with a decision on my vote. I will not be voting for Proposal 1.

Proposal 1 clearly has some positive features. My decision is grounded in the fact that it will cost us, the taxpayers, more money at a time when the state median wage is low. At one time, Michigan's median wage was ranked fourth in the country. Today we are 24th. Michigan has lost many jobs to other states and other countries.

Proposal 1 would increase our sales tax, auto registration fees and gasoline fees right off the top. This places a financial burden on the middle-class resident who is already stretching their

> **Rosemary Doyle** Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Why the state's Proposal 1 will fail on May 5

o one would like to see more funding for Michigan's infrastructure, school systems and support for local governments than I. In saying that, I have to look at what experience and ongoing history have taught me in concluding that the state's Prop 1 will fail on May 5. These points are well-reasoned, based on my experience working with the Michigan Legislature and as a citizen activist over the past 40 years in our great state. These

points are: 1. All politics are local. While the overall state of Michigan's road infrastructure is deplorable and in great need of repair, the fact remains, in the words of the late U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Tip O"Neill, "All politics are local." While citizens in a given city or township will be more willing to impose a millage proposal for repair of roads (like we did in Livonia), they are less inclined to vote for an overall tax increase for roadways outside of their immediate jurisdiction. Sure, many have to travel from area to area, but it depends on the state of the roads on the routes they travel. Demographics also play into this equation. If they work locally,

they will support local roads. 2. The changed voter demographics. More and more of our communities and actual voters are older citizens and are generally opposed to any tax increase that will drastically impact their fixed income status. Just look at the Headlee Amendment that was approved by an aging voter citizenry. That proposal, too, dealt with property taxes and the school funding issue. Millenials too will vote, if they vote, against Proposition 1 because they simply do not have any discretionary income for increased taxes.

3. The legislative process



itself. When it comes to "No taxation without representation is tyranny," the Michigan citizenry looks to the Legislature itself to honestly debate taxation issues and to allow for input from their constituents regarding whatever taxation is being proposed. This did not happen with Proposal 1. The Legislature, because it was such a political hot potato or for whatever reasons, has thrown it back into the laps of the voters. Voters do not want to represent themselves regarding tax increase issues. The subject taxes need to be explored and discussed by citizens with their elected representatives in advance. This did not happen. It was thrust on the voters by a reluctant legislature.

4. As a local election official for many years, I have observed that the major demographic that turns out for special elections is older citizens. They are motivated because they have the time to vote, and if an issue really affects their fixed-income pocketbooks, they will turn out at the polls. This will be the case on

May 5 for Proposition 1. 5. Voters will not be forced to a "take-it" or "leave it." There are always other choices to consider to address the issue. There are other alternatives, such as a combination of precious tax dollars and private funds from a true public-private partnership of the users of our roadway system. Already there is a national movement of the big companies that use our highways to put some "money in the game." And, if Proposition 1 is rejected by the voters, the Legislature and the

governor will be forced to look

at such alternatives.

6. I mean this respectfully: All of the organizations that would like to see Proposition 1 pass, the school boards, local governments, and road builders are pouring tons of precious dollars into the campaign for a "yes" on Proposal 1. I would expect them to do so for their constituent groups. As I said, my heart is with them. But the flaw that I see is that while such organizations are passing resolutions calling for a yes vote, there has been very little follow up with special communications to their members and constituents to urge them to get out to the polls to vote yes. At this point, it would be a futile exercise as the election is just around the cor-

7. The thousands of dollars of funds spent by those who would like the proposal to pass could have been more strategically used to have the lawmakers do the job they were elected to do. If Prop 1 fails, what then, more funds from finite sources to get the job done?

Inclosing, I hope that the voters will do the right thing in voting their wallets. But, in my book, Proposition 1 will be singularly rejected by the voters. Then it's back to all of the Plan B, Plan C, Plan D ideas. Remember, there is always a "third way" to address the problem if we all get together to think outside the box.

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County closes Hines Drive for Saturday in Park beginning May 2

Did you know the No. 1 concern of cyclists, skaters, runners and walkers is motor vehicle traffic?

Wayne County Parks has the solution. On May 2, its popular Saturday in the Park program returns for 2015. Visitors will have the opportunity to do their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment on a sixmile stretch of Hines

Each Saturday from 9

a.m. to 3:30 p.m., people will be able to walk, run, skate or cycle safely on Hines Drive which will be closed to vehicular traffic from Ann Arbor Trail in Westland to Outer Drive in Dearborn.

"Providing recreational activities in a safe environment is a priority of Wayne County Parks,' said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

"Saturday in the Park is a great way for families to

enjoy biking, running and walking without road traffic."

Parking is available at the Helms Haven Area of Hines Park at Hines Drive, west of Outer Drive, and the Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information, call Wayne County Parks at 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecoun-



Cyclists will get to ride Hines Drive with the resumption of Saturday in the Park on May 2.

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Lauren Montgomery, auction hostess, holds a Green Lantern #1 DC Comics, his first appearance in his own series. While that comic book sold for \$575 during the monthly coin and comic book auctions at Back to the Past Comics, people can get one of 50 special free comic books Saturday, May 2, as part of Free Comic Book Day. BTTP, located at 12670 Inkster Road, Redford, and A to Z Comics, 32647 Ford, Garden City, is among comic book stores throughout the country that will be giving away free comic books to everyone who visit their stores. There also will be other special activities.

Stretch! Yoga Day at Mercy Center offers 16 classes

Yoga enthusiasts can indulge their passion Saturday, May 2, during training sessions at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

The nonprofit Yoga Association of Greater Detroit is sponsoring the all-day event. Sixteen different yoga teachers, including four former presidents of the Yoga Association, will offer 75-minute sessions. This is the 32nd year for the spring yoga day.

Local residents who are instructors include Lynda Herman of Garden City, Juli Jeffrey of Livonia, Doris Sheikh of Farmington Hills, Veronica Zador and Stephen George of West Bloomfield and Yvette Cobb of Birmingham.

The first four sessions (9:45-11 a.m.) include Kundalini Mind Kriva, your first yoga class, Mantra and Mediation. and healing sounds.

The second sessions (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) include "let's stretch," Kundalini yoga, yoga alignment and yoga communication.

The first afternoon sessions (1:45-3 p.m.) include chair yoga, Yin Yang, pranayama (breathing and chanting) and deep breathe lessons. The final sessions

(3:15-4:30 p.m.) include Tadasana or reflections on the mountain, Vinyasa flow, fun yoga tricks (all levels) and restorative

For registration information and a fuller

explanation of all 16 classes, visit the YAGD website at ww.yagd.org There is a small fee for the classes. Bring your own lunch or eat at nearby restaurants. The association will provide cof-

fee and tea in the morn-

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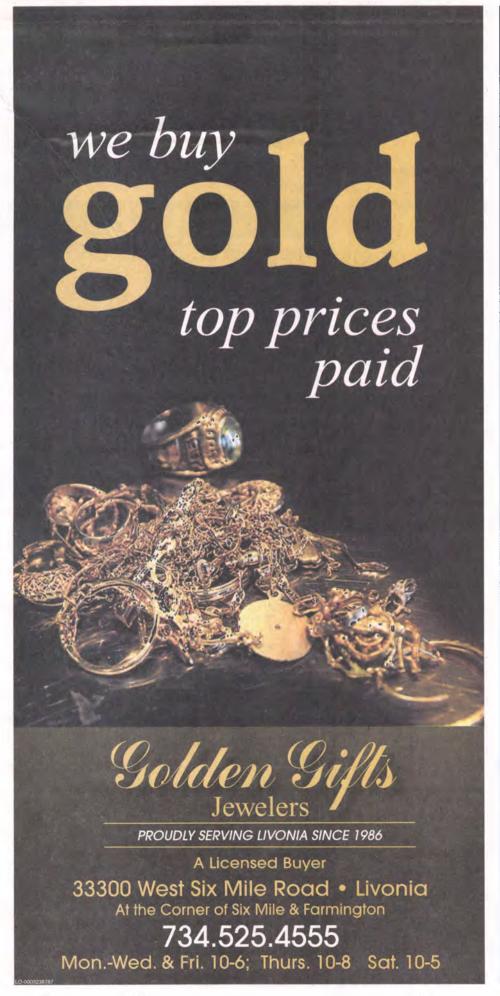
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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Stevenson netters earn another crown

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team delivered an exciting encore performance to last week's Livonia City Tournament championship when it piled up 22 points to win Saturday's eight-team P-CEP Invitational.

The Spartans were fueled by championships in four doubles flights – first, third, fourth and fifth – which accounted for 12 of their points.

Salem nipped Plymouth, 18-17, for runner-up honors, while Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard took fourth with 14 points.

Also competing were Dearborn (12), Franklin and Canton (nine points each), and Temperance Bedford (seven).

The Rocks captured firstplace points in the first three singles flights to stay close to the Spartans.

Winning flight champion-

Spartans follow up Livonia City title with P-CEP championship

ships for the Spartans were the No. 1 doubles duo of Arryn Dochenetz and Sam Digiovanni, the No. 3 team of Lauren Larson and Sarah Morse, the No. 4 tandem of Caitlin McCamant and Clairessa Smith, and the No. 5 pairing of Allison Malkowski and Alyssa Ayash.

All four Stevenson singles players –Sam Cyrus, Jill Weiand, Danielle Marzec and Molly Cormier – were triumphant in two of their three matches.

The Spartans' No. 2 doubles team of Maddie Chimento and Natalie Hay also went 2-1.

Franklin's top performers were No. 1 singles player Kendall Payne, who went 2-1, and the No. 4 doubles team of Grace Mathews and Emma Fogle, who dropped just one of its three contests.

Salem's Chelsea Yu captured the No. 1 singles title by blanking Gabriel Richard's Colleen O'Leary, 6-0, 6-0, in the final.

Stevenson doubles up Salem

The Spartans defeated Salem, 6-3, in a KLAA Central Division match on Monday.

Winners for Stevenson were Cormier, and the duos of Digiovanni-Dochenetz, Chimento-Hay, Larson-Morse, Smith-McCamant and Ayash-Malkowski.

Patriots upend Churchill

Franklin won four of the five doubles matches to double-up Churchill, 6-3, last week.

Chargers freshman Kaitlyn Rogosch defeated Payne, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1 singles while Churchill's Triveni Arvikar swept Chelsea McWilliams at No. 2. Franklin evened the singles count at 2-2 thanks to victories by No. 3 Carla Yanez, who upended Madison White, 6-4, 6-1; and No. 4 Yasmeen Freeman, who defeated Kayla Gruich, 6-0, 6-4.

Churchill's lone doubles point came from the No. 1 duo of Maggie Trinka and Lexi Fata, who defeated Kaity Swenson and Ashlee Mahoney, 6-4, 7-5.

Franklin's doubles winners were the No. 2 team of K-Jana Malone and Snigda Thyagaraj; the No. 3 pairing of Janki Patel and Sophia Bastas; the No. 4 team of Grace Mathews and Emma Fogle; and the No. 5 team of Haley Griffin and Esthlea Ochoa.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Churchill, Franklin split make-up twinbill

Patriots win opener, 6-5; Chargers roll in nightcap, 11-1

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

The final moments of the first game of Tuesday afternoon's rivalry softball double-header featuring Livonia neighbors Franklin and Churchill could not have been more tense.

The same cannot be said of the second game.

When the dust had cleared and sun had set on the make-up twinbill, the teams split the pair with the Patriots surviving to take the opener, 6-5, before the Chargers seized control early in the nightcap, winning 11-1.

Trailing 6-5 in the opener, Churchill put its first two batters on base in the sixth and lead-off hitter on in the seventh, but couldn't finish against Franklin senior pitcher Alaina Defrain, who was aided by some air-tight defensive play by her teammates.

In the sixth, Elyse Baumgardner led off with a bunt single for Churchill before Victoria Lupher walked. Defrain then got the next two hitters – Erin Carpenter and Rachel Mattison – to hit into fielder's choice plays before she struck out Melanie Richardson swinging.

Churchill's Regan Peyton reached on an error to lead off the seventh. After the next batter hit into a fielder's choice, Defrain notched a strike out, but Lauren St. Pierre laced a two-out single to put the tying run on second.

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ED WRIGHT

Churchill's Lauren St. Pierre's squares up a pitch Tuesday against Franklin.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



ED WRIGHT

Stevenson's Jack Ferguson threw a complete-game two-hitter against Canton Monday afternoon.

JACK OF DIAMONDS

Stevenson senior pitcher Ferguson 2-hits Canton

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

For a baseball team like Livonia Stevenson, which has grown accustomed to seventh innings saturated with drama, Monday's final frame against visiting Canton was about as boring as watching artificial turf grow.

And the Spartans can thank senior starting pitcher Jack Ferguson for that.

The hard-throwing lefty limited the Chiefs to just two hits – a second-inning double by Nick Durocher and a sixth-inning single from Cody Zidzik – to lead Stevenson to a 5-2 victory in a KLAA cross-over clash.

Working with a rare three-run lead in the seventh, Ferguson issued a lead-off walk to Edward Zajdel before retiring the next three Chiefs with a strike out and two ground outs.

Ferguson, who will extend his baseball career at Saginaw Valley State University beginning next season, struck out seven and walked four.

"It's always special to throw a complete game," said Ferguson, who helped his team improve to 10-5 overall and 5-2 in the Kensington Conference. "I threw a couple last year, but it still feels good. I felt strong at the end. I threw 106 pitches my last game [Thursday] and I was at 91 coming into the seventh today, so my pitch count was good."

Ferguson said he doesn't necessarily have a batter-by-batter strategy heading into games.

"Once I get through the first round of hitters, then I'll kind of have a game plan as far as how to go at them, but not until the second



ED WRIGH

Livonia Stevenson's Mark Pettersson beats a tag attempt by Canton infielder Justin Dolney during Monday's KLAA baseball game.

or third time through the order," he said. All but a handful of the Spartans' past several games were either decided with seventh-inning walk-offs or suspended in the

latter stages with the game tied.

"We're still a young team, but it's a very positive group who are buying into what we're telling them," said Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman. "They never give up and they're very coachable."

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Tim Shaw football camp

Tim Shaw's annual Dream it! Do it! football camp will be held Friday, June 15, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Clarenceville football field, located on the east side of Middlebelt Rd. between Seven and Eight Mile roads.

Shaw is a former Clarenceville football star who had outstanding careers at Penn State University and in the NFL.

The camp is free for all kids entering fourth through 12th grades.

Registration begins at the field at 4:45 p.m. on June 12. Participants can pre-register at timshawfootball.com.

The non-contact camp offers football-specific and speed skills that will be taught according to position and grade level.

Instructed by current and former NFL and college players as well as local coaches, athletes will be inspired to reach their goals in a positive environment. A sports trainer will be on site during the camp.

The first 150 registrants accepted will get a T-Shirt.

For more information, send an e-mail to john-shawfamily@gmail.com.

GCYAA football registration

Registration is still open and roster spots are still available for Garden City Youth Athletic Association flag and tackle football teams.

Visit gcyaafootball..com for registration forms and age requirements. Questions can be e-mailed to gcyaafootball@hotmail.com.

Walk-in registration will be held 6-8 p.m. May 20 in the Garden City High School gymnasium. Physicians from Infinity Primary Care will be conducting physicals for a discounted rate of \$10 during this two-hour block.

Practice kicks off July

Blazers stop Saddlelites

Jaclyn Mullen and Jillian Jacobs each scored three goals Monday leading host Livonia Ladywood to a 12-8 girls lacrosse victory over visiting Warren Regina.

The Blazers, who improved to 5-3 overall and 5-0 in Division 2 of the Catholic League, also got goals from Dani Dwyer (2), Nicole Reece, Shannon Mulcahy, Kristen Karwan and Sydney Pilut.

Libby Matias and Olivia Beasley each tallied three goals for the Saddlelites (1-5, 0-3 Division

Ladywood junior goalie Aliya Grandison made nine saves.

"We didn't start out very strong in the first half and did not take good shots," said Ladywood coach Kris Sanders, whose team led 6-4 at halftime. "We regrouped and began winning ground balls allowing us to spend more time on attack where we began scoring goals, slowly chipping away at the goal differential to move ahead. The team came together and gave everything they had to pull out the win."

Reporting 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.

GIRLS SOCCER

Trenton rules Ladywood soccer tourney

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

How does a team not allow a goal in three games and not win the tournament?

It happened Saturday to host Livonia Ladywood, which was derailed in its own girls soccer tourney opener by eventual tournament champion Trenton, 1-0, in a shootout following a scoreless deadlock in regulation

In the championship final, Trenton defeated

Fraser on the ninth penalty shot to capture the title.

Both Trenton and Fraser went 1-0-2 on the day in the eight-team tournament followed by Dearborn (2-1), Chelsea (1-2), Ladywood (2-0-1), Divine Child (0-1-2), Sterling Heights Stevenson (1-1-1) and tournament host Livonia Stevenson (0-3).

"To not lose a game and not concede a goal and finish fifth in your own tournament is rough," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team is 8-3-1 overall. "But overall I was pleased with our effort all across the field. We have a big week ahead of us with three key league matches."

Ladywood outshot Fraser, 9-4, but the Ramblers advanced on PKs.

In the consolation round, Ladywood defeated Stevenson, 3-0, on goals by senior Sam Riga in the 24th and 48th minutes, respectively. Clare Kelley also added a goal in the 46th minute.

Assists went to Conner

Huggins, Amy Babon and Kennedi Bullard as Ladywood outshot the Spartans, 8-6.

In the final consolation round match, Ladywood downed Catholic League Central Division foe Dearborn Divine Child, 1-0, on Riga's 17th goal of the season off an assist from Taylor Bullard in the 46th minute.

Ladywood goalkeeper Holly Cusick made five saves on the day to post her third, fourth and fifth shutouts of the season.

STEVENSON

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Berryman credited

Ferguson and No. 9 hit-

ter Mark Pettersson for

Monday's solid victory.

"Jack did an out-

standing job of mixing

his speeds and mixing

his pitches today," Ber-

ryman noted. "I like to

finish a game like he did

today. He pitched well

"Mark has been

slumping lately - I just

9 – but he had a couple

and was our unlikely

hitting hero. He did a

paw like Ferguson -

nice job today."

really nice at-bats today

Canton starting pitch-

er Tyler Byers - a south-

turned in a strong outing,

two walks while striking

Scott Bazner pitched

"This is Tyler's fourth

a 1-2-3 sixth for Canton.

start and he's improved

Canton head coach Mark

Blomshield. "There are

no morale victories in a

mance was a positive. It

viceable for us down the

looks like he'll be ser-

loss, but his perfor-

every time out," said

scattering six hits and

out five over five in-

nings.

moved him from the No.

6 spot in the lineup to No.

with the lead.

see kids who want to

Riga lifts Blazers

On Tuesday, Riga notched her 18th and 19th goals of the season as host Ladywood downed Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a battle of Division 2 stateranked teams, 2-1.

Riga scored in the fifth minute from Kennedi Bullard, but Erica Wiest countered for the Fighting Irish in the 37th minute to make it 1-1 at halftime

Riga then scored the game-winner in the 66th minute from Kennedi

Bullard as No. 4 Ladywood improved to 9-3-1

overall and 4-2 in Division 1 of the Catholic League. Ladywood outshot No. 6 Notre Dame Prep (5-4,

League) by a 15-7 margin. Holly Cusick made one save in goal for Ladywood.

3-3 Division 2 Catholic

"We had to battle tonight from start to finish," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "It was a really nice effort from our girls.'

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Hawkeyes soar to hoops title



The Hawkeyes basketball team recently won the 2015 Livonia Junior Athletic League Varsity Gold Division with a 9-1 record. Pictured are (from left) Isaac Bai, Noah Fuller, Dylan Johnson, Mike Reed, Jeswin David, Dylan Pillai, Lucas Kyle, Riley Herrmann, Jake Rudd, Vince Wheeler, Devin Reynolds and Mitchell Regan. Not pictured are coaches Casey Reed, Jeff Fuller and Raj Pillai.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALI Thursday, April 30 South Lyon at Garden City, 4 p.m.

South Lyon at Garden City, 4 p.m. HVL at Bapistis Park, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westand at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 Wayne at Ypsi Lincoln (2), 4 p.m. Fordson at Churchill, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Franklin, John Glenn at Big 16 Tourney, TBA Lakeland at Churchill (2), 11 a.m. Stevenson at Lathrup Tourney, 9 a.m. Renaissance at Thurston (2), 11 a.m.

Garden City at New Boston, 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 30
Churchill at W.L. Central (2), 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Inter-City at HVL, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 Franklin at Salem Tourney, TBA Garden City at Stars Tourney, TBA Churchill Invite at Rotary Park, 9 a.m. GIRLS SOCCER Thursday, April 30

John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 5:30 p.m. Southfield Christian at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Friday, May 1 W.L. Central at Churchill, 5:30 p.m

Marian at Ladywood, 6 p.m. Wayne at Belleville, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Ladywood at Mercy, 4:30 p.m.
TRACK & FIELD John Glenn at Golden Triangle Meet, 11

Saturday, May 2

GIRLS TENNIS Friday, May 1
John Glenn at Fordson, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 2
Brighton Quad, TBA
Wayne Quad, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 2 Ladywood Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Observerland Relays at Churchill, 3 p.m. **BOYS GOLF** Thursday, April 30 Canton at Franklin, 3 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 3 p.m. Friday, May 1 Churchill at John Glenn, 3 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 3 p.m. Dearborn Heights/Redford Tournament, Saturday, May 2 Stevenson at Lakeland Invite

road and be able to pitch at a high level. "Their pitcher did a real nice job today. He's a hard thrower and experienced. He attacked the strike zone and had us

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pretty much all day." Canton seized a shortlived 1-0 lead in the top

defensive at the plate

of the second when Bazner drew a two-out walk before scoring on Durocher's double up the

right-center field gap. Stevenson countered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. With runners on first and second and one out, Pettersson and lead-off batter Chris Tandervs delivered back-to-back RBI singles, scoring C.J. Breen and C.J. Weiss.

The Chiefs drew even at 2-2 in the fourth when Nick Romanauski drew a lead-off walk, advanced to second on Andrew Miller's sacrifice bunt and scored on a two-out error

The Spartans answered with a pair in their half of the fourth to take the lead for good. Nate Bunton walked and scored when Pettersson's hard-hit single eluded the Canton right-fielder and allowed him to advance to third. Petterson came home on a Tanderys sacrifice fly.

Stevenson tacked on an insurance run in the fifth when Gordon Ferguson's infield single scored Frank Carlin, who opened the inning with a

Split with Hawks

On Saturday, the Spartans split a double-header with visiting Farmington Hills Harrison, taking the first game, 9-8, thanks to a two-run eighth, before losing 11-0 in the nightcap.

Danny Morris was the winning pitcher in the first game after yielding three hits and one run over the final two innings. Nate Bunton

pitched the first 51/3 innings, giving up five runs on eight hits.

Jack Ferguson and Frank Carlin both ripped four hits. Ferguson scored four runs while Carlin drove in four. Other key contributors were C.J. Weiss (2-for-4, two runs, RBI) and C.J. Breen, who went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Harrison's David Vinsky pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the second game. Breen. Gordon Ferguson, Devin Dunn and Bunton had one hit each for Stevenson.

Late setback

Salem senior Tyler Brooks launched a walkoff two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday to lift the Rocks to a dramatic 4-3 victory over Stevenson in the first game of a KLAA Central Division double-header.

The second game of the twinbill was suspended due to darkness in the top of the sixth inning with the score deadlocked at 7-7.

Eric Scott earned the victory for the Rocks with two innings of scoreless relief. Dan Bos suffered the loss after giving up two runs and two hits over the final 21/3 frames

Brooks started on the mound for Salem, giving up three runs and five hits in five innings.

Jack Ferguson was the lone Spartan with two hits. Breen and Morris clouted RBI doubles for Stevenson.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middle Belt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to amend the Planned Development Plan for the Garden City Hospital located at 6245 Inkster Road. The amendment is being requested to permit construction of a single-story, 3,680 square foot building addition to accommodate a new cardiac catheterization lab and a two suite OB

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Building Department, City of Garden City, 6000 Middle Belt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135. The proposed amendment is available for inspection at the Building Department during regular business hours.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-09 **April 21, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT Hawley, Monit, Damitio, Rowe, Rhaesa, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: James. A moment of silence was held for Jake Davidson. Presentations were done re: WMHS Boys Bowling Team, the Senior Alliance, Wayne County Commissioner Haidous and First Congregational Church. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of April 7; Public Hearing for the 2015 Special Assessment and confirmed the roll; call a Public Hearing for 5/19/15 for the FY 2015-16 Budget; Special Budget Study Sessions for 5/7/15 and 5/12/15 at 7p.m.; \$300 to the Memorial Day Parade; traffic control order #609; Arbor Day resolution; Ward resolution; schedule DTE presentation re: LED streetlights; Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Garden City's Claire Konopatzki scored her first varsity goal Monday against Redford Union.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Red-hot Garden City hangs 10 on Redford Union

Churchill wins, Clarenceville loses to Belleville, 8-0

> **By Ed Wright** Staff Writer

Garden City inched over the .500 mark on Monday night with a 10-0 mercy ruleshortened victory over host Redford Union.

The game was ended at halftime due to the lopsided

The victory marked the

fourth consecutive shut-out victory for the Cougars, who improved to 5-4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Hope Pickens notched her fourth shut-out, stopping the only shot she faced.

Pacing the Garden City offense were Skyler Clendening (two goals), Lindsay Yankasky (one goal, two assists), Chelsea Booker (two assists), Claire Konopatzki (first goal of season) and Hayley Griffith, who had one helper.

Chargers win

Livonia Churchill registered a 2-1 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Trojans foiled

Belleville High School handed visiting Clarenceville an 8-0 loss in girls soccer Monday.

Jordan See was in net for the first 20 minutes and made saves on 13 of 16 shots before moving to center mid. Jillian Bunker assumed the goaltending duties for the rest of

the game and stopped 21 of 25 shots.

Kyla Johnson, Sarah Curvin, Samantha Franco, Ashli Hearns and Hida Xhilaj communicated better throughout the game and played well defensively, according to

coach Amanda Moody. Ry'Ver Alvin and Dawn Longoria tried to push the ball and played aggressively on the offensive side of the field, Moody added.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Trojans stay unbeaten in WWAC with shutout win

Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Junior Ryan Menifee played two pivotal roles in Livonia Clarenceville's 2-0 victory over visiting Redford Thurston in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference baseball game Mon-

Menifee was the winning pitcher, striking out 14 opposing batters, and scored the winning run after leading off the bottom of the sixth inning with a triple.

"Ryan had a great game, to say the least," coach Craig Cotter said. "He only threw 80 pitches and pounded the strike zone. He simply overpowered everyone he faced.

"Everyone contributed. Our guys were patient at the plate and got Thurston's pitch count up. It was a great game to be a part of."

The Eagles threatened in the top of the fifth. With two outs and runners on first and second, right fielder Adam Sade fielded a base hit and made a one-hop throw to cut down the lead runner at the plate to keep the game scoreless.

In the bottom of the sixth, Menifee scored as a result of a wild throw on a ball hit to shortstop by Justin Kelley

Ronnie Topolewski walked and Matt Drain laid down a bunt to move both runners. Mitch Kubiak delivered a pinch-hit single to get an insur-

"Mitch has been struggling at the plate, but I told him to be ready," Cotter said. "If we got guys in scoring position, I wanted him to hit and he delivered."

The Trojans were 3-0 in the conference and were scheduled Wednesday to play Red-

ford Union. In tournament play Saturday at St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Clarenceville lost to the host Huskies, 9-0, and tied Eastpointe East Detroit, 9-9.

In the semifinal game with Lakeview, the Trojans kept it close until the fifth inning. The Huskies scored three runs and added four more in the seventh. The winners collected 12 hits - five for extra bases.

"The Huskies bunted and ran the hit-and-run very well," Cotter said. "We had our chances, but base-running mistakes and untimely errors on routine balls in the field killed us today.

"I really like our team and we're headed in the right direction. This was our first loss in the last four games, so we are

making progress.' Freshman Nick Bisaro pitched five strong innings. He gave up five runs on nine hits

and struck out five. "Nick is averaging over a strikeout an inning," Cotter said. "He loves to compete."

In the East Detroit game, the Trojans scored four runs in the fourth inning to take a 9-8 lead. The Shamrocks tied the game in the bottom of the fourth.

Menifee preserved the tie in the fifth with a pick-off move to second base.

"Ryan noticed the runner was taking a huge lead and he spun and got him by five feet," Cotter said.

Menifee struck out the next batter and got the final out on a weak grounder to short.

Kam MacIver started the game; Zach Richards pitched long relief before Menifee entered the game to close it

The Trojans got on the board first with a two-out double by Drain in the first inning. Kelley also had a two-run single in the

"Justin and Matt have been really hitting the ball with authority over the last four games," Cotter said.

Bisaro drove in two runs, too. Kelley ended up with two hits. Bobby Jaber had a hit, walk and sacrifice fly.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pats, Chargers split exciting DH

By Ed Wright

Defense and pitching may win championships, but a heavy dose of both couldn't push the Franklin or Churchill baseball teams to a sweep of Tuesday's make-up doubleheader on the Chargers' dia-

In a twinbill dominated by incredible pitching and airtight defense, Churchill earned a 2-1 walk-off victory in game one before Franklin nailed down a 1-0 triumph in the nightcap.

The results left the Patriots with a 12-5 overall mark and 6-2 record in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

Both teams' starting pitchers - Rob Copciac of Churchill and Adrian Reed of Franklin were lights-out good in the opener, which wasn't decided until the bottom of the seventh when Joe Hattley singled in pinch-runner Connor Pawlak with the game-winning

Copciac opened the frame with a single before getting replaced by Pawlak. Mitch James then sacrificed the runner to second, setting up Hattley's heroics.

Churchill jumped in front 1-0 in the first when Steve Szymanski singled, moved to second on James Rintala's sacrifice bunt and scored on Jon Hovermale's single.

In control throughout, Copciac didn't allow more than one Patriot to reach base until the sixth when Tyler Camp singled with one out, stole second and advanced to third on a high throw from the catcher. Ryan Prohaska then launched a double up the leftcenter field gap to plate Camp.

With the score deadlocked at 1-1, Hovermale led off the bottom of the sixth with a double, but Reed retired the next three batters on a popup, ground-out and strike-out.

Copciac gave up just five hits while striking out six.

Reed struck out three and was aided by a slick 1-2-3 double-play in the third.

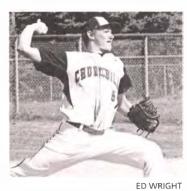
Recent junior-varsity callup Harrison Merrill was Franklin's star in game two as he blanked the Chargers on just five hits over 51/3 innings.

Jay Hopson picked up a hard-earned save when he took over for Merrill in the sixth with the bases loaded and one out. He struck out the first two batters he faced to escape the jam.

Hopson was also Houdiniesque in the seventh as the



Franklin's Tyler Camp slides into third base during the sixth inning Tuesday afternoon.



Churchill's Rob Copciac delivers a

pitch during Tuesday's double-header against Franklin.

first batter he faced reached on an error and moved up to second on a sacrifice bunt, but the Patriots ended the game with a 5-3 double-play with Chargers on first and second and one out.

Warriors ground Eagles

Lutheran Westland's bats were smoking during Saturday's double-header sweep of host Redford Thurston.

The Warriors won the opener, 12-2, before taking the nightcap, 10-2.

Brandon Ruelle spearheaded the winners' offense in game one with a 4-for-4 effort that included three runs and three RBI. Nate Abbot earned the mound win with four innings of solid work, striking out three with four walks. Evan Zagata pitched a perfect fifth for LW.

Drake Snyder went 2-for-5 with two RBI in the nightcap.

GC cruises

On Friday, Garden City thrashed Hamtramck, 15-0, in three innings.

Cougars pitchers Jassen Matuscak and Alex Centofanti did not allow a base-runner. Matuscak tossed two innings. striking out four, while Centofanti struck out the side in the third

Offensively, the winners were powered by Adam Crunk (two hits, three runs), Travis Kidd (two hits, five RBI), Trent Wallace (two-run double, three runs), Dakoda Darocha (hit by pitch three times, three runs) and Matuscak, who had a hit and two

Novi blanks Franklin

The Wildcats scored all of the game's runs in the third inning of their 3-0 victory over visiting Franklin Monday afternoon.

Bobby Mandrink was the hard-luck loser for the Patriots, yielding just four hits over 6 innings. He walked two and struck out three.

"We had runners in scoring position a few times, but we couldn't get the big two-out hit," said Franklin head coach Matt Fournier.

Mitch Gonyaw ripped two of the Patriots' five hits. Franklin committed three errors.

On Saturday, the Patriots split a double-header at Dearborn Edsel Ford, dropping the opener, 7-6, before bouncing back to claim game two, 12-2.

Ryan Prohaska (3-for-4, three RBI), Mandrink (2for-3) and Adrian Reed (2for-3, RBI) led the Patriots. Gonyaw earned the win by pitching a solid first four innings. Jay Hopson tossed a perfect fifth.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Franklin, Stevenson card wins

By Ed Wright

Livonia Franklin defeated Wayne Memorial, 177-241, Tuesday afternoon.

Matt Wiebelhaus led the Patriots with a nine-hole round of 43. Also contributing to the winners' cause were Jacob Kenward (44), Will Hettel (45), Zach Nelson (45) and Jeremy Haist (45). Trevor Van Vliet's 58 did not count toward the

scoring. John Hicks led the Zebras with a 58. Also scoring for Wayne were Nick Jefferson and Cameron Salt, both of whom shot 60; and Daniel Kosick (63). Zachery Boland fired a 64 while Jacob Sterling carded a 68.

Spartans prevail

Livonia Stevenson defeated South Lyon, 169-180, in a KLAA Central match Tuesday after-

The Spartans were incredibly consistent with all six varsity players scoring between 41 and 44.

Jon McDonald paced the winners with a 41, one shot better than Alex Hunt's 42. Hyder Mansour, Ben Zammit and Noah Papalardo all shot 43's. Kevin Collins turned in a

Nick Stein led South Lyon with a 41. Also scoring for the Lions were Nate Copp (44), Evan Montieth (47) and CJ Hatton (48).

Chiefs trump Chargers

Donnie Trosper fired a 33 to lead Canton to a 138-183 victory over Churchill in a match played at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township.

Also scoring for Canton were Brian Oldani (34), Chris Dooley (35) and Noah Lindl-

Sam Spayd was low man for the Chargers with a 41. John Doyle shot a 46, Petyon Elkins a 47 and Griffin Ahmet and Logan Welch both 49 for Churchill. Chase Fallu shot a 53 for Churchill.

GC victorious

Garden City defeated Dearborn Fordson, 136-182, on Mon-

Leading the Cougars were Jarid Latham, who shot a oneover-par 31, Joe Pummill (33), Juston Bastion (35), Connor Johnson and Austin New (37s), and Evan Breen, who turned in a 39. The Cougars' fourth straight victory improved their record to 4-1 overall and

3-0 in the WWAC. The victory was a milestone for GC head coach Ron Pummill, who now has 200 wins over his 25-year head-coaching

career.
"I would like to thank all the great players I have been privileged to coach," Pummill said. "Their hard work and commitment to excellence has allowed our program to be successful and I appreciate them."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Northwestern Ohio takes twinbill from Madonna

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

What started out as a promising weekend ended with two losses Sunday for the thirdplace Madonna University baseball team, which was swept by host University of Northwestern Ohio, 9-1 and

The No. 16-ranked Racers, who lost Saturday to MU, 5-4, improved to 37-10 overall and 25-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and re-

main in second place. Madonna, meanwhile, falls to 34-13 and 24-6.

Rafael Lozada went 4-for-4 with two RBI in game one, while Jose Cruz was 2-for-3 with two RBI as the Racers cruised to victory with a 15-hit attack.

Winning pitcher Ruben Medina (7-2) went the first eight innings allowing just one run on five hits and a walk while striking out six.

Losing pitcher Adam Prashad (6-2) was charged with four earned runs on six hits and a walk in just 21/3 innings. Reliever Zack Schmidtke fared no better allowing five earned runs on eight hits and three walks

over the next 4\% innings. Chase Dobbie colllected the lone RBI for Madonna.

In game two, Northwestern starter Ryan Burns (7-1) went the first five innings and combined on the shutout with reliever Ryan Carter on a 4-hitter. Burns struck out five

and walked one. Losing pitcher Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) gave up three earned runs on five hits in five innings before giving way to Patrick Wierimaa in the sixth. DeYonker slipped to 5-3.

Zyler Cosby and Lozada

each had an RBI for the Rac-

Madonna closes out the regular season Wednesday and Thursday at Ilitch Ballpark with a big four-game set against first-place Davenport (44-6, 27-4), which is ranked No. 7 in the latest NAIA Coaches poll. Both doubleheaders start at 2 p.m.

MADONNA 5, N'WESTERN OHIO 4: On Saturday, the Crusaders (34-11, 24-4) rallied for three runs in the top of the ninth inning to upset the Racers (35-10, 23-4).

the Racers (33-10, 25-4). Levi Larmour's 2-run single in the top of the ninth put the Madonna ahead to stay. Ryan Lambrecht went 2-for-5 with an RBI, while John Lauro and Taylor Grzelakowski also knocked in runs for the victorious Crusaders.

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MU starting pitcher Evan Piechota (Livonia
Stevenson) allowed four earned runs on 11 hits an a
walk in seven innings. Patrick Wierimaa pitched a
scoreless eighth, while Bobby St. Pierre closed it out
in the ninth with his school-record 10th save, which
included a walk and a pair of strikeouts.
John Schreiber, who came on in relief of starter
Ryan Petrangelo in the ninth, suffered the loss as he
gave un three earned runs which included four.

gave up three earned runs, which included four walks. Schreiber gave up just two runs on five hits and three walks.

Rafael Lozada hit a 2-run homer in a losing cause

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Huron Valley derails Southfield Christian

Clarenceville upends Redford Thurston

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Huron Valley Lutheran senior Julie St. John was a two-way force during Tuesday's 14-0 victory over Southfield Christian.

On the mound, St. John yielded just two hits while striking out 11. At the plate, she went 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBI.

The Hawks set the tone early with five first-inning runs against losing pitcher Emma Paryaski.

In addition to St. John, Bethany Schaffer (4-for-4, RBI) and Jessie Strauch (2-for-3, home run, three RBI) had productive days for the winners.

"Julie pitched well tonight, and really kept their hitters off balance," said HVL head coach Eric Ruth. "I was very happy with how we hit as a team tonight. We need to keep making solid contact with the ball."

HVL improved to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

Chargers 2-1 at own tourney

Livonia Churchill came within a two-run, seventh-inning rally by Holt of going 3-0 at Saturday's Churchill Invitational at Rotary Park.

The Chargers defeated Chelsea, 10-2, behind the robust hitting of Madison Christensen, who went 2-for-4 with a home run and six RBI. Victoria Lupher went 4-for-4 while Melanie Richardson was tough on the mound, limiting Chelsea to five hits while striking out eight.

Churchill defeated Farmington, 9-0, as Christensen tossed a five-hitter, striking out seven. The offensive stars for the Chargers were Regan Peyton (3-for-3, two runs), Richardson (3-for-4, two runs), Colleen McGowan (2-for-2, two RBI) and Elyse Baumgardner, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI.

The Rams spoiled Churchill's perfect day with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh. Richardson was stellar on the mound, scattering eight hits and a walk while fanning five in seven frames. Only three of the four runs she yielded were earned. Christensen went 3-for-3 with an RBI at the dish.

Trojans nudged Thurston

Clarenceville led from start to finish Monday in its softball game with Redford Thurston, but the 10-8 victory was not certain until the last out was made.

Senior pitcher Emily Schwartz went the distance to lead the host Trojans to their second victory in six games.

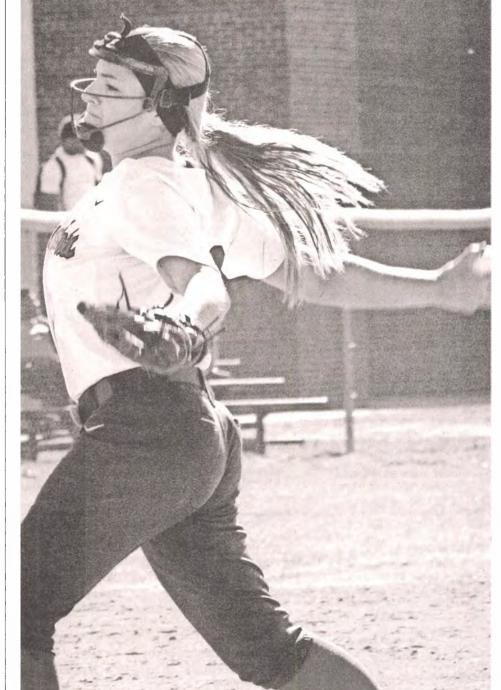
She limited the Eagles to five hits, struck out 15 and walked three. Schwartz managed to overcome five errors by the Clarenceville defense.

"Emily carried us and was determined to win," coach Joe De-Caire said. "Our offense stranded a number of base runners (nine), and our defense has to improve if we are going to be successful."

The offense was led by senior Mia Sampson, who had two hits, including a triple, was hit by a pitch, scored two runs and drove in two

Kylee Hammond,
Nicole Scott and Allison
Szostak had two hits
apiece, too. Scott had
three RBI, Hammond
two and Szostak one.
Szostak also scored two
runs and Hammond
one.

Thurston third baseman Ivory Mamo was 3-for-3 with two triples, a single and a walk. She scored two runs.



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Franklin senior pitcher Alaina DeFrain delivers a pitch Tuesday afternoon at Churchill.

SOFTBALL

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Alyssa Mazur then hit a sharp ground ball to freshman shortstop Ashley Kent who calmly secured the ball and fired a strike to first to end the game. The Chargers erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the first of the second game and never looked back.

Peyton produced two hits and four RBI, St. Pierre's box-score line included four twos – at-bats, runs, hits and RBI – while Lupher went 3-for-3 with a trio of

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ribbies.

Madison Christensen was stellar in the circle for the Chargers, scattering six hits and yielding no earned runs over the five-inning contest.

Franklin's lone run came in the first when Brooke Garbarino knocked in Kent.

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A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. MEMBERS PRESENT Hawley, Monit, Damitio, Rowe, Rhaesa, Miller. MEMBERS ABSENT: James. The Council recessed to a Closed Session at 7:02 p.m.; the City Council reconvened at 7:51 p.m.; Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Franklin boys out-sprint Plymouth

Patriot girls win; Churchill teams sweep Canton

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Fueled by point leaders Nathan Rodgers and Jeremy Sheppard, Livonia Franklin's boys trackand-field team streaked past Plymouth, 85-52, Tuesday afternoon.

Both Rodgers and Sheppard won an event, finished second in another and contributed to two first-place relay performances.

Overall, 17 athletes participated in the Patriots' triumph. Franklin improved to 2-1-1.

FRANKLIN 85, PLYMOUTH 52 FRANKLIN 85, PLYMOUTH 52
Shot put: 1. Michael Jordan (P), 48 feet, 8
inches; 2. Matt Wayne (P), 41-2; 3. Joe
Alarcon (F), 40-1.
Discus: 1. Jordan (P), 146-5; 2. Dan
Domzalski (F), 125-11; 3. Wayne (P), 108-5.5.
Pole vault: 1. Drew Niemiec (F), 10-6; 2.
Ethan Nordstrom (F), 10-0; 3. Kevin McGre-

gor (+), 9-6. **Long jump:** 1. Charles Keith (F), 18-7; 2. Jacob Kast (F), 18-2.5; 3. Filey (P), 18-1.5. **High jump:** 1. Nathan Harris (P), 6-2; 2. Charles Keith (F), 5-6; 3. Cory Linsner (F),

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 9:10.90; 2. Franklin, 9:14.90. **110 hurdles:** 1. Jeremy Sheppard (F), 16.5; 2. Ian Hogg (F), 17.2; 3. Jake Sarafian (P).

100 dash: 1. Brandon Smiley (F), 11.3; 2. Nathan Rodgers (F), 11.4; 3. Victor Abraham 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Sheppard, Smiley,

Matt Wirick, Keenan Jones), 1:35.9; 2. Plymouth, 1:39.20. Matt Wirck, Keenan Jones), 1:35.9; 2.
Plymouth, 1:39.20.
1,600 run: 1. Matthew Pahl (P), 4:31.80; 2.
Tony Floyd (F), 4:36.9; 3. Byrnes (P), 4:48.9; 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Sheppard, Rodgers, Wirick, Jacob Clark), 45.4; 2. Plymouth, 46.5.
400 dash: 1. Jonny Dalton (P), 51.1; 2.
Jones (F), 52.4; 3. Smiley (F), 53.4.
300 hurdles: 1. Hogg (F), 44.7; 2.
Sheppard (F), 45.9; 3. Linsner (F), 46.8.
800 run: 1. Byrnes (P), 209.9; 2. Macias (P), 2:13:10; 3. Takuma Minami (F), 2:16.10.
200 dash: 1. Rodgers (F), 23.7; 2. Clark (F), 24.3; 3. Jones (F), 24.6.
3,200 run: 1. Pahl (P), 10:09.8; 2. Floyd (F), 10:49.2; 3. Nathan McCall (F), 11:13.7.
1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Hogg, Wirck, Rodgers, Jones), 3:38.8; 2. Plymouth, 3:40.80.

Franklin girls cage Wildcats

Livonia Franklin's girls team improved to 4-0 in the KLAA South Division with Tuesday's 83-54 victory over Ply-

"A lot of kids really stepped up today to get the points we needed to win," said Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund. "We definitely bounced back after a disappoint-

ing city meet on Friday." FRANKLIN 83, PLYMOUTH 54 Pole vault: 1. Kayla Janevski (P), 10-8; 2. Emily Caragay (P), 9-6; 3. Hailey Metz (P),

High jump: 1. Julie Wonch (F), 5-2; 2. Kat Harris (P), 5-0; 3. Bailey Brown (P), 4-8. Long jump: 1. Anna Lukens (P), 15-7; 2. Mikaela Hille (F), 15-0.5; 3. Hailey Foster (P),

City of Livonia: Regular Meeting Synopsis: 4/01/2015

#82-15 Approving the minutes of meeting on 03/16/15.

specification and bids for solid waste/recycling services.

Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Technologies, 33233 W. Eight Mile Road.

Department of Parks and Recreation.

Items were received and filed.

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Livonia City Clerk

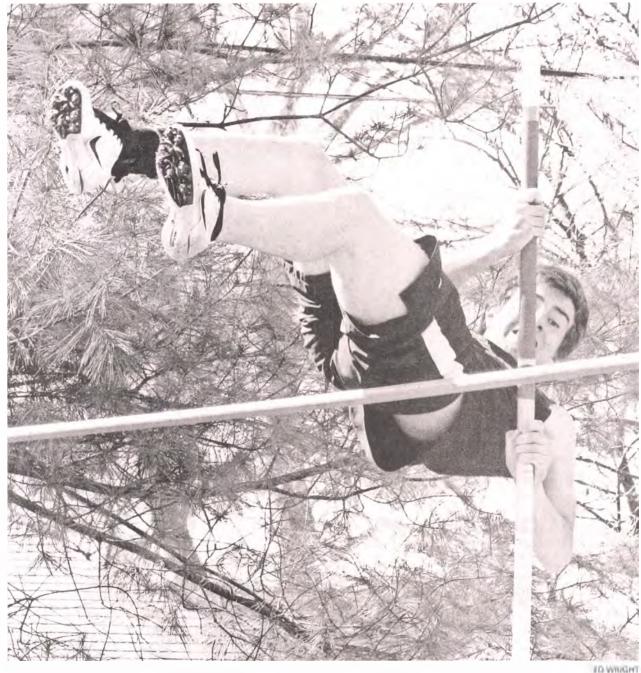
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Parks and Recreation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

"L" Magazine.

Present: Toy, Scheel, Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Brosnan



Franklin's Drew Niemiec won the pole vault competition Tuesday against Plymouth.

Shot put: 1. Sophia Modes (F), 32-6; 2. Alexis Browning (F), 30-2; 3. Elise Wehmer (P), 28-9.

(P), 28-9. Discus: 1. Modes (F), 94-6; 2. Browning (F), 88-6; 3. Nadia Lengel (P), 83-9. 3,200 relay: 1. Franklin (Ellary Marano, Mandy Pokryfky, Partyn Santi, Katelyn Kovach), 1F), 0:33.0; 2. Plymouth, 10:56.5. 100 hurdles: 1. Aubrey Mavin (F), 16.2; 2. Kirsty McInnes (P), 17.3; 3. Nadie Salamey (P), 17.4

100 dash: 1. Ryen Draper (P), 12.7; 2. Bryah White (F), 12.9; 3. Victoria Richardson 800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:47.2; 2. Franklin,

1,600 run: 1. Natalie Douglas (F), 5:43.5; 2. Marano (F), 5:43.7; 3. Emma Radke (P),

6:09.0. **400 relay**: 1. Franklin (Mavin, Jenna Jacobs, Richardson, White), 53.1; 2. Plymouth, 54.5. **400 dash**: 1. Jewel Davis (P), 58.6; 2. Wonch (F), 1:00.1; 3. Draper (P), 1:00.3. **300 hurdles:** 1 Mavin (F), 49.1; 2. McInnes (P), 50.1; 3. Aleah Rogalski (P),

52.7. **800 run:** 1. Douglas (F), 2:33.8; 2. Foster (P), 2:36.5; 3. Camryn Zurawski (F), 2:38.9. 200 dash: 1. Davis (P), 25.7; 2. White (F), **3,200 run:** 1. Marano (F), 12:59.4; 2. Pokryfky (F), 13:02.3; 3. Domzalski (F), 13:43.6.

Public Hearings Announced – Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7PM with the subject of a request

to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from McLaren Performance

#83-15 No further action on the request to adopt an ordinance prohibiting delivery of

#85-15 Accepting the bid of Corporate Dining Concepts for LCRC beverage and snack

#84-15 Request Law Department to draft a letter to media outlets regarding their business

#86-15 Accepting the bid of Advantage Marketing Solutions, LLC for ad solicitation for the

#87-15 Accepting the bid of Jacobsen-Great Lakes for one golf course greens mower for Fox

#88-15 Accepting the bid of Direct Fitness Solutions, LLC for exercise equipment for the

#89-15 Accepting the bid of Star Trac, for exercise equipment for the Department of Parks

#90-15 Accepting the bid of All Pro Exercise, for exercise equipment for the Department of

#91-15 Authorizing the Director of Finance and the Director of Public Works to prepare bid

1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Hille, Jacobs, Mavin, Wonch), 4:15.9; 2. Plymouth, 4:24.8.

Churchill boys win

The Chargers surged to an 80-57 victory over host Canton on Tuesday.

Among the highlights for Churchill were Jamal Allen's victory in the 400-meter dash (49.92 seconds) and Dash Dobar's first-place effort in the 1,600-meter run (4:44.52).

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 80.

CANTON 57 Shot put: 1. Collin Caflisch (C), 45-11; 2. Demarco McKinney (LC), 44-4; 3. Michael Grabda (LC), 43-7. Discus: 1. McKinney (LC), 143-0; 2. Caflisch (C), 138-2; 3. Austin Simpson (LC), 127-3. **Pole vault:** 1. Theodore Lang (C), 14-0; 2. Ethan Burke (LC), 13-6; 3. Andrew Koenig-

Long jump: 1. Shakur Lockett (LC), 20-7.5; 2. Lee Yetts (LC), 19-1; 3. Dash Dobar (LC), 19-0.5.

High jump: 1. Tim Dulin (LC), 5-8; 2. Brett Lee (C), 5-8; 3. Alec MacDonald (C), 5-8. 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Frank LaFave, Dobar),

8:46.15; 2. Canton, 8:53.37. **110 hurdles**: 1. Dulin (LC), 16.7; 2. Jemal Vaunado (C), 16.8; 3. Ryan Bragiel (LC), 17.4. **100 dash**: 1. Jacob Mallad (C), 11.57; 2. Darren Davis (C), 11.64; 3. Carrington Smith (LC), 11.66. 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Dulin, Paul

4.00 relay: 1. Churchill (Dulin, Lockett, Romain, Yetts), 43.3; 2. Canton. 400 dash: 1. Jamal Allen (LC), 49.92; 2.

Caleb Moraw (C), 50.83; 3. Dirk Thorn (C), 51.55. **300 hurdles:** 1. Dulin (LC), 40.7; 2.

Romain, Yetts, Smith), 1:33.9; 2. Canton,

1,600 run: 1. Dobar (LC), 4:44.52; 2. Matt Cohan (LC), 4:46.41; 3. Michael Roberts (C),

Vaunado (C), 40.89; 3. Bryan Eastman (C), **800 run:** 1. Cohan (LC), 2:02.37; 2. Dobar (LC), 2:04.88; 3. Meakin (LC), 2:06.88. **200 dash:** 1. Mallad (C), 23.2; 2. Davis (C), 23.61; 3. John Everitt (C), 24.84.

3,200 run: 1. Zachary Clark (C), 10:41.02; 2. Tyler Opdyke (LC), 10:42.21; 3. Josh Mussen (LC), 10:43.51. **1,600 relay:** 1. Canton (Vaunado, Thornhill, Isaac Pennock, Moraw), 3:38.36; 2. Canton, 3:50.48.

Chargers girls blaze winning trail

Livonia Churchill's girls track-and-field team upped its KLAA South Division record to 4-0 on Tuesday with an emphatic 93.75-43.25 victory at Canton.

Junior sprinter Chanel Gardner continued her impressive run through the spring by winning the 100 (12.76) while senior teammate Odili Onwudiwe took the 200 (27.52).

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 93.75, CANTON 43.25 Shot put: 1. Emily Meier (C), 41-0; 2. Garbrielle Cater (LC), 36-6; 3. Elisabeth Schenk (LC), 31-4.5. Discus: 1. Meier (C), 126-3; 2. Carter (LC), 122.2; 3. Meiers (LC), 27, 7, 7, 7 122-2; 3. Melissa Fular (LC), 92-7. **Pole vault:** 1. Olivia Ryktarsyk (LC), 11-1;
2. Alexann Zahara (LC), 9-0; 3. Ashley
Rebain (LC), 8-0.

2. Alexani Lamard (LC), 3-0.
Long jump: 1. Juliet Hope (LC), 16-0.5; 2.
Emma Rimatzki (LC), 14-8.75; 3. Grace
Grines (C), 14-4.
High jump: 1. Hope (LC), 5-2; 2. Ryan
Sparks (C), 4-10; 3. Alexis Panizzoli (C), 4-6.
3,200 relay: 1. Churchili (Alexis Lombardo, Raquel Zwick, Megan Gendjar, Gabrielle
Swider), 10:56-92; 2. Canton, 11:12.09.
100 hurdles: 1. Kourtney Strong (LC),
18.04; 2. Lauren Kucharczyk (LC), 19.0; 3.
Rachel Socha (C), 19.28.
100 dash: 1. Chanel Gardner (LC), 12.76;
2. Odili Onwudiwe (LC), 13.30; 3. Jessica
Krone (C), 13.42.
800 relay: 1. Canton (Marissa Gubacz,

800 relay: 1. Canton (Marissa Gubacz, Imani Askew, Kelsea Kernosek, Krone),

1:59.25.
1,600 run: 1. Kathleen George (LC), 5:35.06; 2. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:43.44; 3. Allison Putz (C), 5:45.20.
400 relay: 1. Churchill (AnnaMarie Lumetta, Ornwudiwe, Emma Rimatzki, Jessica Parks), 51.15; 2. Canton, 52.15.
400 dash: 1. Sarah Plant (C), 1:01.8; 2. Nicole Gilbert (C), 1:04.59; 3. Sydney Good (C), 1:05.78.

(C), 1:05.78. **300 hurdles:** 1. Ryan Sparks (C), 53.48; 2. Mikaila Murphy (LC), 54.49; 3. Strong (LC),

35.63. **800 run:** 1. Swider (LC), 2:28.65; 2. Gendjar (LC), 2:30.07; 3. Samantha McGrath (C), 2:34.78. **200 dash:** 1. Onwudiwe (LC), 27.52; 2. Krone (C), 27.76; 3. Askew (C), 28.26. **3,200 run:** 1. Kathleen George (LC), 12:29.16; 2. Murphy (LC), 12:54.13; 3. Putz (C), 13:41,47

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Lumetta, Raquel Zwick, Gendjar, Swider), 4:26.24; 2. Canton,

CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 8 4/20/15

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer, Reeves 46: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 4/6/15.

Appr. USA Fireworks temp structures at various locations 6/23-7/7/15. Appr. North Bros./Ford/City of Westland 5K Run/Walk 5/16/15.

Appr. WWFA Charity Boot Drive 4/23-25 Wayne & Ford Rds.

Appr. Construct Contract for PD Renovations.

Appr. Settlement Agrmnt. w/Toter LLC for replacement of waste carts.

Appr. WC Subrecipient Agrmtn. for T. Gist Academy. Appr. Rental Agrmnt. w/Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency for rental of 3

classrooms at JBCVC

- Appr. 1 yr. MSB contract for Park Ranger services; amt; \$60,000.

- Appr. Official Payments Svcs. Agrmnt. for City's credit card processor. - Appr. & adopt Resolution authorizing 2015 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds

47: Close Public Hearing on CDBG XLI.

contingencies. 49: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Mad Professor Customs & Hot Rods, 5747 Executive Dr. 50: Appr. Spec. Land Use for prop. Body Art Studio, 1939 N. Wayne Rd.

48: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. seating addition for Texas Road House, 36750 Ford Rd. w/

51: Appr. prop. Land Div. PID #028-04-0043-002 & 028-02-0005-000, 5000 N. Hix Rd. 52: Appr. checklist: \$2,436,127.32.

Mtg. adj. at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout

Council President Publish: April 30, 2015

Eileen DeHart-Schoof, CMC City Clerk

INVITATION TO BID BID NUMBER T5 DOCUMENT CAMERAS FOR LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Technology Document Cameras bid package.

Bid Documents can be obtained on or after April 27, 2015 from ARC (1009 W. Maple Road Clawson, Michigan 48017, phone: 248.288.5600, website: www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson), and will only be available through electronic downloads. If hard copies of documents are needed, they will be printed at the bidder's expense.

Sealed bids labeled, "BID NO. T5 - Document Cameras" are due by 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of May, 2015, at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

There will be no Pre-Bid Meeting. Questions pertaining to this RFP should be submitted by 12:00 noon May 6, 2015 to rob.greager@bartonmalow.com or kevin. colbert@bartonamlow.com.

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

All bidders must complete the following disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public Schools Board, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or the Livonia Public Schools Director of Business Services, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit of compliance - Iran Economics Sanctions Act of 2012. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Three (3) signed copies of the bid form are to be addressed to the attention of:

> Administrator of Finance Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474
> "BID NO. T5 – Document Cameras"

Nick Armelagos

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

6:30 P.M. Livonia City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room

PUBLIC MEETING

LIVONIA BOARD OF ETHICS

33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI 48154 BOARD MEMBERS: Richard W. McDowell, Chairperson Hon. James R. McCann, Vice-Chairperson Audrey E. Greenleaf, Secretary

Jacob S. Ghannam

Lora Weingarden Telephone No. (734) 466-2520

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND: City

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO

In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act as it pertains to access to Public Meetings, the City Clerk as the Clerk of the Council of Livonia, upon adequate notice, will make reasonable accommodations for persons with special needs. Please call (734) 466-2230 if you need assistance.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME



The Greenwich Circle home's exterior is inviting.

Canton home offers relaxed, easy lifestyle with a view

By Julie Brown

Canton is a booming community, and a home at 48566 Greenwich Circle in the township shows why.

The home was listed at \$389,990 by RichRealty of Plymouth with Realtor David Fletcher, and has drawn an offer.

'It's a majestic looking home, Fletcher said. "Not much sells in there.

People just move in and they stay."

The home is south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road, and in the Plymouth-Canton school district. It was built in 2001.

"You can see the golf course," Fletcher said of the nearby Pheasant Run course. "The property backs right up to the pond area. It's a really nice

The colonial home has four bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms.

There's a nice-sized patio for relaxing. There are hardwood floors throughout the first and second story. The master bedroom suite is goodsized, and the glamour bathroom is praised by RichRealty.

The kitchen has granite counters and a large island. It also has upgraded kitchen cabinets, he said.

The stainless steel appliances in the kitchen will stay, he said, and are only about a year old. "There's actually three ovens in the kitchen. The kitchen is very large.

There's a second floor laundry room



The Canton home's kitchen features an island and granite counters.

with a newer washer and dryer also staying, Fletcher added.

There's a three-car attached garage, as well as a family room, living room and dining room.

Fletcher agreed Canton is booming, noting the Plymouth-Canton schools bring in buyers. "That's just such a positive," he said.

Taxes are lower in Canton Township than Plymouth, too, he noted. "They get all the benefits of the communities," he said of Canton residents.

Fletcher noted the extensive upgrades include crown molding and wainscoting on the lower part of walls.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

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17295 W 14 Mile Rd	\$153,000
32840 Wentworth St	\$230,000
30335 Woodhaven Ln	\$365,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23860 Overlook Cir	\$280,000
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410 Bennaville Ave	\$265,000
1525 Cole St	\$232,000
2260 Derby Rd	\$280,000
1584 Dorchester Rd	\$620,000
1592 E Lincoln St	\$175,000
1524 Fairway Dr	\$335,000
1048 Ridgedale Ave	\$418,000
1145 S Eton St	\$250,000
411 S Old Woodward	\$260,000
Ave Unit 823	
2020 W Lincoln St	\$600,000
323 Wimbleton Dr	\$443,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1535 Lone Pine Rd	\$467,000
2364 Mulberry Rd	\$200,000
4961 Dryden Ln	\$440,000
726 Parkman Dr	\$634,000
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Court rejects fair housing claim on parking

Q: Do you think a fair housing violation occurs when a disabled unit owner seeks permission to park in a handicap parking space that is a limited common element of another unit?

A: Not necessarily, because the association may have not have had a right to take the assigned park-

ing of another unit owner. In a related case out of Virginia, the condominium at issue contained under-

ground parking garages, and four of the spaces were identified as handicap parking spaces. In 1995, the developer conveyed each parking space as a limited common element for the

exclusive use of the unit owner of each of the four condominium

Robert

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In 2007, a husband and wife contracted to buy a unit. Prior to closing, the couple received a parking diagram showing the four handicap spaces, and also showing the four spaces were limited common elements assigned to individual unit owners. The couple viewed the parking space assigned to their unit, saw it was not a handicap space and would not meet their needs, (the husband suffering from severe osteoarthritis), but did not inquire about handicap parking availability prior

to closing.
Soon after closing, the husband notified the condominium manager that he could not park his van in his parking space and that he required a larger parking space in a better location. The manager stated he could not do this since all of the spaces were individually owned, but that the new unit owner could trade spaces with another owner, provided they were willing to do so. The manager offered to post a flier on a community bulletin board to promote the husband's interest in wanting to trade parking spaces.

The husband filed fair housing complaints. After this, one of the handicap parking space owners expressed a willingness to license the use of his handicap space to the disabled husband, but the husband rejected the offer because the parking space owner demanded the right to reclaim the parking space if the unit was sold, or if he acquired a tenant who needed a handicap parking space.

The trial court granted judgment to the association, finding no fair housing violation, and the association appealed, but the appeals court upheld the result, noting among other things that limited common elements, (including handicap parking spaces) can only be reassigned if all property owners affected by the reassignment consent.

Q: Can an association's letter of intent between two associations be an enforceable con-

A: Yes, provided it includes all the material terms of agreement, and provided these terms are defi-

In a case recently decided, a condominium association filed a lawsuit seeking a determination it was the owner of several parking spaces located between its units and adjacent townhouses constituting part of a homeowner's association. The condominium association argued it believed it held title to the parking spaces for over 20 years, and that even though it did not hold actual title, it acquired title through adverse possession, and if not, that it had obtained an easement for their use.

As trial approached, the parties entered into negotiations, and represented to the court that they had come to an agreement in principle, but needed more time to memorialize the terms of the agreement, including a lease for 99 years. The condominium association and the homeowner's association signed a letter of intent, but problems later developed, and the homeowner's association asked the court to enforce the letter of intent. The trial court found an enforceable contract existed and had to be enforced, and the appeals court upheld the decision.

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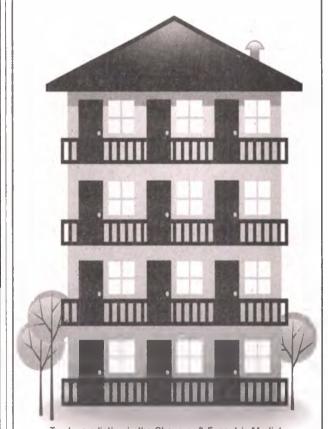
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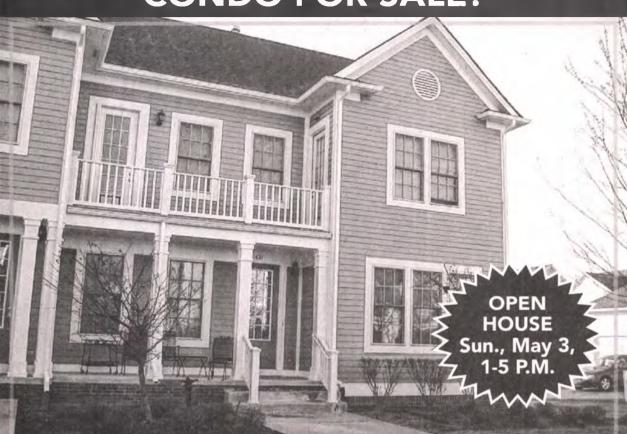
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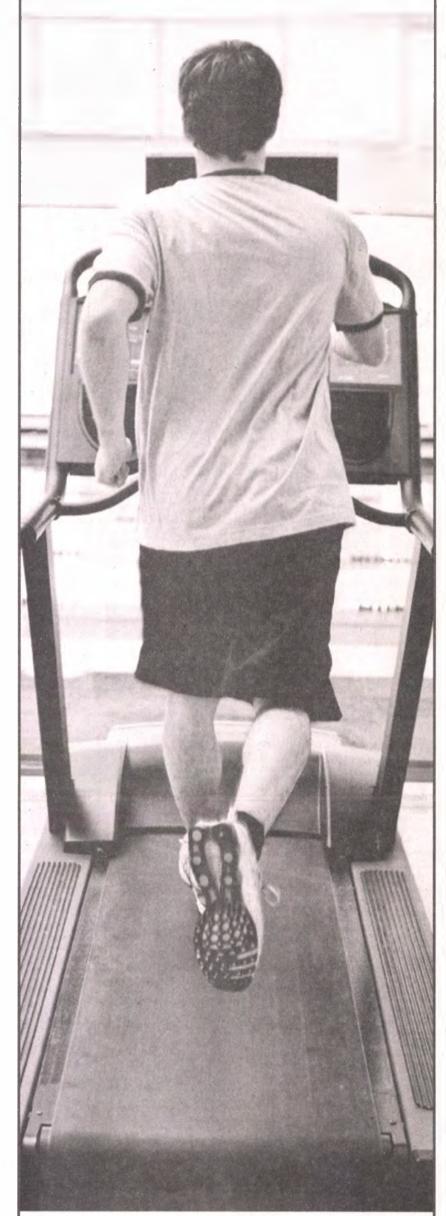
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Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 2

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** Admission for Thursday's preview sale is \$2. Bag sale (\$3) and half-price sale are on Saturday. Bags will be provided Contact: 734-464-0211

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only: Free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday halfprice sale.

Contact: 734-422-0149

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Location: Lola Park Lutheran

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield Details: Ricki Lake, actress, talk show host and documentary film producer, is the guest speaker at the Lois Linden Nelson Woman's World, a fundraiser for the Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. The boutique will offer a variety of gift items, including Judaica, from favorite and new vendors. Boutique admission is free. Lunch and speaker tickets start at \$72 Contact: 248-357-5544, Ext. 48; linwomansworld.org

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Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 15

Location: SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland Details: Play cards and games of your choice. Includes door and table prizes, along with 50-50 drawing, light meal and snacks. Admission is \$8

Contact: 734-722-1343 **CONCERT**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton **Details:** Mitch McVicker Concert will support Kids Against Hunger. Free will offering. A food packaging event will be held 9:30 p.m. May 16 for Kids Against Hunger

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Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, May

Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort, Detroit **Details:** The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present Haydn's Mass in D minor and Poulenc Organ Concerto in G minor with David Wagner on the organ. Tickets are \$20 Contact: fortstreet.org; 313-961-

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Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednes-

day, May 27 Location: St. Colette Parish, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Aging in Place Successfully" looks at the cognitive symptoms of dementia-related diseases, treatment options and staying in one's home. The program is part of an ongoing series, featuring a team of dementia care specialists and ministry facilitators. Each session is held at a different church in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate

Contact: Nancy at 734-464-4436 KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Friday, May 8 Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia **Details:** For registered families or those interested in sending their child to St. Genevieve School for kindergarten Contact: jslaviero@stgenevieve.org; 734-425-4420

LIVING ROSARY Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

May 20 Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: In this candlelit service, a person or small group represents a bead of the rosary and leads the prayer that bead represents

Contact: 734-261-1455 **MYSTERY PURSE AUCTION**

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-

man, Livonia Details: Purses are filled with items ranging from lotions to candles to gardening items. Participants must be over age 16 to bid during this family-friendly event. Auction starts at \$5 per purse. Gift for first 50 attendees and door prizes for moms. Includes light lunch, presentation by Shawn Taft from Family Services Alliance and Livonia Cares, Proceeds benefit Livonia Cares and Women of Faith

471-1322 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2 Location: Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, 35245 Wallace,

Contact: Mary Cisney at 248-

Passages

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HARRIETTE'M.

Long time resident of Livonia Age 76, April 26, 2015. Preceded in death by son Patrick (Beverly). Survived by daughter Elizabeth (James), sons Gregory (Blake) and Kendall (Dipti), Grandchildren Karlee, Anshul Kalina, sister Drusilla (George) and family and several step-grandchildren and greatstep-grandchildren. Harriette's cremains will be laid to rest near her late father. The family will host an open house remembrance on May 16. In honor of Harriette's kind spirit, please consider a memorial gift Suncoast Hospice:

thehospicefoundation.org



Contact: 734-721-1511 **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of

Farmington Road, north of 12 Mile Farmington Hills Details: Includes baked goods, clothing, household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books and a boutique. \$3 and \$6

bag sale Saturday Contact: 248-553-3380 **WIDOWED**

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

Details: Mass. fellowship, light lunch. Helpers needed to assist with the Mass and lunch. Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246 or

Liz at 734-452-9149 **WORLD LABYRINTH**

Time/Date: Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Walk the church's

11-circuit medieval-style labyrinth. Staff will be on hand to facilitate group walks and answer questions. Weather permitting, a canvas, three circuit labyrinth will be available for younger children

Contact: Lunice Clay at 734-748-

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman,

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazel-

wood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last

Saturday of the month Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation

Contact: info@cantoncf.org **FAMILY MEAL**

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

Thursday Location: Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

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

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

at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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

They know their catechism



Nicholas Maccani, Sara Stawarz, Hannah Rawlings, Mackenzie Shick, and Julia Zurenko of St. Robert Bellarmine School show off their certificates for participating in a Catechism Bowl held at St. Genevieve School. They attained second place overall.

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

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

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

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

or Kristen at 734-542-0767

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

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

Contact: 313-563-0162 **PRAYER**

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

day Location: Parish office, 15089

Newburgh, Livonia Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

464-1223 Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Friday Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton **Details:** Praying silently or

aloud together; prayer requests welcomed Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information **SINGLES Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those

who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social

time: 7:30 p.m., announcements: 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile. Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 **SONG CIRCLE**

Bloomfield

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

nancyellen879@att.net. **SUPPORT**

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth. Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connec-

tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford: Room 202 **Details:** Addiction No More

behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist

offers support for addictive

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist

Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman,

Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@fire-

sidechog.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard. Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items)

Contact: 734-421-8451 » St. Thomas a' Becket

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m

Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

0322 » Unity of Livonia Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile,

Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722:

between Middlebelt and Inkster,

www.oa.org for additional information

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m.

small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts) Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

ville Township **Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information **Way of Life Christian Church** Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third

Saturday from October through Location: 9401 General Drive,

Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a

question to know God more in

their lives. Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month **Location:** The Solanus Casev Center, a Capuchin ministry, at

1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassignate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although

donations are accepted. Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP » Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100 » Bethlehem Lutheran Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

service

Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-

» Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Meth-

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist

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Plymouth Oratorio Society sings 'new' Vivaldi work

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will be the first choir in Michigan to sing Vivaldi's Dixit Dominus when it takes the stage Sunday, May 3, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

"It will be kind of fun to be the first," said Richard Ingram, POS director. "It's fun to tell all my musician friends we're performing a new piece by Vivaldi. They chuckle. I think this piece will end up being a popular piece by him."

Ingram contacted the company that published the work and discovered POS will give the piece its Michigan debut. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at the church, 45201 N Territorial, a quarter mile west of Sheldon, Plymouth Township. Admission is free, although a free will offering will be taken. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist Mary Ann Balduf will perform with the choir.

Mistaken identity

Vivaldi was an Italian composer, known for his violin concerto, The Four Seasons, who wrote during the Baroque music period. He lived from 1678-1741. Dixit Dominus originally was attributed to Baldassare Galuppi, but a musicologist 10 years ago noticed the piece was written in Vivaldi's

"They decided that back in the 1750s somebody had ordered music by Galuppi from someone who also handed them this," Ingram said, explaining that Vivaldi's Dixit Dominus was incorrectly identified as a Galuppi composition at the time. "It's pretty unusual centuries later to find out there is more music by a famous composer that we never knew about.

"The Vivaldi Institute, a group that promotes the music of Vivaldi, had a musicologist make a modern version of it and they published it. The music is available."

Gregg Powell, Michigan Sinfonietta business manager, came upon the composition in a little music shop in Italy while on vacation. He told Ingram about the music, who listened to a recording of the piece.

Solo parts

"His Gloria is (Vivaldi's) most famous," Ingram said, pointing out that Dixit Dominus shares its attributes, including a sense of excitement and interesting rhythm. "It's just fun to sing.'

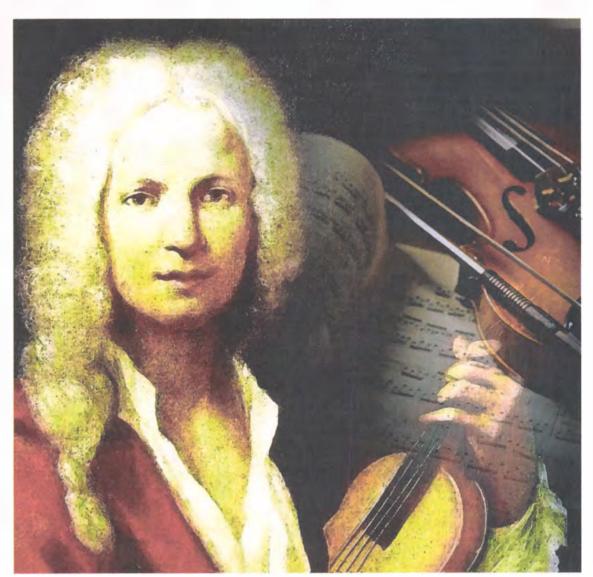
Dixit Dominus is divided into 11 movements and includes several challenging

"I thought it was something that we could do well. For some of the organizations the solos are pretty hard. Luckily, we have a number of soloists in the organization."
POS also will perform Mo-

zart's Solemn Vespers, which Ingram chose as a contrast to the Vivaldi selection.

The Mozart piece is better known and more lyrical, In-

"The Vivaldi piece is defi-nitely from the Baroque period. Mozart was a little later from 1780 or so. The Mozart piece has beautiful melodies in it and the most well-known movement is a soprano solo



that has chorus underscoring it. It's beautiful. We've got a good soprano."

The POS draws singers from throughout southeastern Michigan to rehearse 7:30-9:15 p.m. Monday from JanuaryApril at the church in preparation for its annual concert in May. No auditions are required, although singers must be capable of reading and singing classical music.

'We're looking forward to

our 30th year," Ingram said.
"We'll probably perform one of the big standards for chorus and orchestra."

For more about POS, visit plymouthoratoriosociety.org



Classical Bells, a Livonia-based handbell ensemble, will perform May 8 at a fundraiser for Paul's Players, a community theater group.

Handbell concert to benefit scholarships for drama camp

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Livonia-based Paul's Players will add a program for high school students to its summer camp lineup this year.

'I'm excited about starting the new high school program, said Pat Hutchison, founder and director. She also runs drama camps for elementary and middle school students, and stages an annual familyoriented summer musical.

"For the teen camp, we'll only use 10 kids," Hutchison said. "We're trying not to

charge the kids for that camp. "Each will get 15 minutes" for their own musical play ... to tell about something that bothers them."

Hutchison said an alumni of her theater program suggested the program, which has been dubbed "baggage and back-

packs." Teen camp scholarships and the staging of Fiddler on the Roof, this year's summer musical, will be costly. Hutchison figures the rights for Fiddler at approximately \$2,000.

"It's an expensive summer we're about to embark on," Hutchison said. She has enlisted the help of Classical Bells to help defray costs.

The handbell choir, based at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, will play a benefit concert for Paul's Players, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 and include a dessert buffet with sweets from Livonia bakeries including Elite Sweets, Cantoro's Market, and Heritage Bakery. For tickets, call 248-347-4134 or email paulsplayers@gmail.com.

Classical Bells, founded 31 years ago, will play a variety of music including classical, jazz, pop, swing and inspirational.

'Most people think of handbell choir as church music,' said Rebecca Rowan, a member of both Paul's Players and Classical Bells. "We're doing a nice arrangement of What a Wonderful World, Over the Rainbow with a ukulele player , and Ain't Misbehaving. We've got a bluegrass one with an accompaniment track.

"There will be a small group of singers from Paul's Players doing selections, too," she said, adding that their theme is bells. "It will add some fun."

Rowan, who plays with two bells in each hand, fell "in love

with the sight and sound" of handbells when she was a teen. She played piano for many years - a good foundation for handbells — before giving bells a try in 1998 and joining Classical Bells.

"Practice is a big part of it. A lot of bell playing is muscle movement. A lot of times you're putting a bell down and picking up other bells," she said. "It's also about your brain. All of us are middle age. This is good for our brains.'

Classical Bells has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and toured throughout the Upper Peninsula last year. For more, visit

classicalbells.com Hutchison said auditions for Fiddler on the Roof will be open to all ages 5-8 p.m. June 8-10, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The Children's Theatre Camp for elementary school students runs July 13-17 and costs \$65. The Broadway Bound camp for middle school students runs June 15-19 and costs \$125. The Teen Workshop runs June 15-19 and July 13-17.

Download a registration form from Paul's Players on Facebook.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

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

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS LIBERTY STREET BREWING

Time/Date: Through May 30 Location: Upper Hall Gallery at the Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth **Details:** Works by Lanny Henderson

Contact: 734-207-9600 **NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1-16. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. May

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: 16th annual Student Art Show features works by middle and high school students in Northville Contact: 248-344-0497

FILM AUDITION

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10

Location: Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Detroit filmmaker Colin Duerr will meet with eligible actors to cast for the lead in a feature film, The First Grade G. Children who audition for this role of a young serial killer should be bi-racial — African American and Caucasian — ages 6-10. Boys and girls can both audition, but if a girl is chosen, she may require a haircut. Actors should request a page of the script for preparation and send two head shots and resumes to casting@thefirstgradeg.com

Contact: www.thefirstgradeg.com **LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: May 10-21

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Tickets are \$12 per film or \$360 for two patron passes which includes entrance to every film, along with the patron night reception on May 17. Thirty films will be screened, including a portrait of musician Marvin Hamlisch and Starfish Throwers. which looks at three individuals who feed families in need. Check online for complete list of films and screening

Contact: 248-661-1900; theberman.org

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday April 30; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 1-2; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 3; 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: The Second Best Exotic Mari-

gold Hotel: admission \$3 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-

HISTORY HISTORIC GREENMEAD

Time/Date: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2 Location: 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, in Livonia

Details: Storyteller Nancy Klein will tell the story of Peter Rabbit and lead children on an adventure through the Village, following the footpath of Peter Rabbit. The event, aimed at ages 3-7, will include a sack lunch, beverage and

Peter Rabbit gift. All tickets sold in

advance. Cost is \$7 per child Contact: 248-477-7375 **KELSEY MUSEUM**

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

Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor Details: "Death Dogs: The Jackal Gods of Ancient Egypt" features approximately 40 artifacts, some never before displayed, along with archival photographs and explanatory graphics

Contact: 734-764-9304 **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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

Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: "Creative Hands: Busy Hands" runs through June 14. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940 **YANKEE AIR MUSEUM**

Time/Date: Doors open at 4 p.m. Friday, May 8

Location: Hangar 1, Bay 8 entrance at the end of Kirk Profit Drive on the west side of Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti.

Details: The museum launches its flying season. The public may watch flight operations of its historic World War II aircraft and book a ride on the B-17 Flying Fortress or B-25 Mitchell medium bomber. The B-17 will follow a special flight plan, flying over Memorial Park in Royal Oak, where a 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day will take place. Rides on the B-17 are \$450 and \$400 on the B-25. They last approxi-

Contact: 734-483-4030, Ext. 236 **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS**

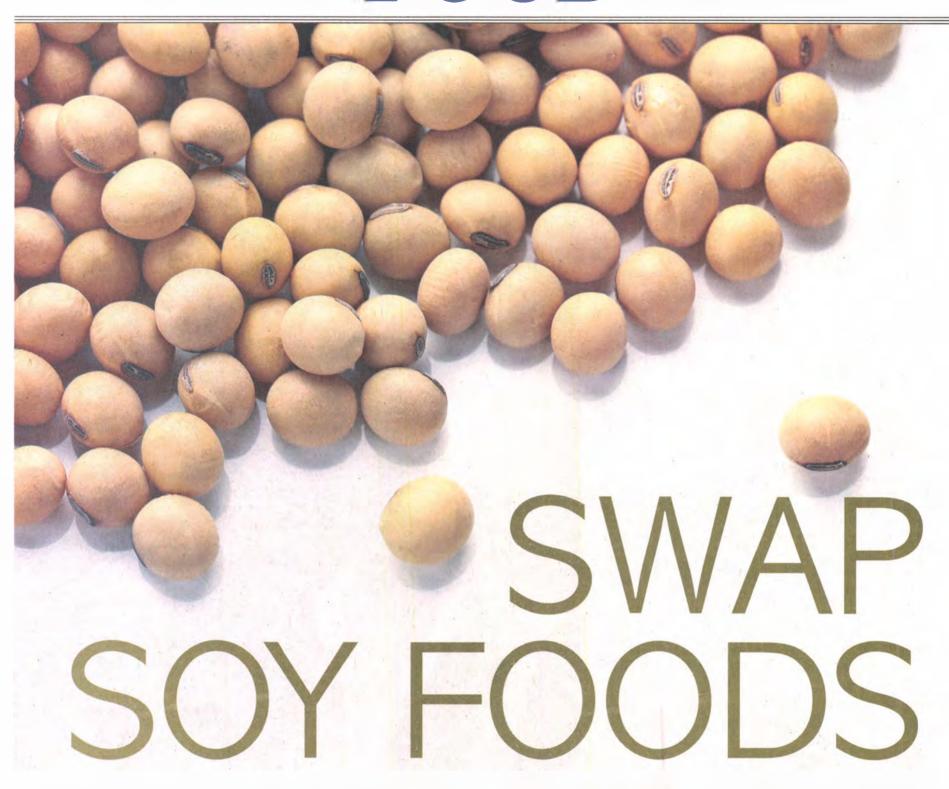
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

Location: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville.

Details: The 70-member Chorus, directed by Steve Segraves, sings tunes from Broadway shows, such as Les Miserables, Sweeney Todd, Oklahoma and Phantom of the Opera. Tickets in advance for \$12 or at the door for \$15.

Online ticket sales end May 5 Contact: farmingtonchorus.com



FOR MEAT, DAIRY INGREDIENTS IN RECIPES

s families look for easy-to-prepare and affordable sources of protein, soy foods are increasingly in the spotlight. The nutrition profile and versatility of this plant-based protein makes it an attractive mealtime solution, but how to cook and prepare soy foods may have the average home cook stumped.

These days, soy foods can be found throughout the supermarket, with protein-enriched bars, cereals and snacks becoming top sellers, followed closely by traditional soy foods such as tofu and soy milk. But a 2013 study by Edelman Berland shows that when it comes to cooking with soy foods, people are hesitant about the unknown.

"There's plenty of ongoing research that illustrates the wide variety of nutrition benefits of eating more soy, but many people are intimidated by not knowing how to prepare soy foods," said Barbara Ruhs, a registered dietitian and retail expert. "Most soy foods don't have very strong flavors, which is why they're the perfect addition to most recipes and meals. My best advice is to

just experiment and enjoy."

It's actually quite easy to incorporate tasty soy-based foods and beverages into your family's meals and snacks. Soy foods can be incorporated into everything from on-the-go snacks to comfort food, adding protein and cutting cholesterol for heart-health benefits in your favorite foods.

For example, tofu is so versatile you can use it instead of ricotta in lasagna or the cream in your pumpkin soup. These tips for cooking with soy foods will help get you started:

» Use firm or extra-firm tofu for baking, grilling, sauteing and frying. For an even firmer, more meat-like texture, use a tofu press to squeeze out the moisture and allow the tofu to absorb marinade.

» When re-hydrated, textured vegetable protein (TVP), also known as textured soy protein, resembles cooked ground meat. Similarly, pre-cooked soy crumbles are perfect for chili, spaghetti sauce and tacos, and contain no saturated fat or cholesterol.

» Edamame, or young soybeans, are a fun, protein-rich snack to eat out of the shell when steamed, and can also be used instead of other beans in your favorite recipes.

» For sustained energy on-the-go, foods with soy protein such as protein bars, cereal, and shakes keep you feeling full longer.

Find more tips at www.soyfoods.org and facebook.com/SoyfoodsAssocia-

Courtesy of Family Features



TORTILLA BAKE

Servinas: 12

2 medium onions, chopped 1 green bell pepper, chopped

½ cup mild salsa 2 cans (15.5 ounces each) chili

beans (do not drain)

1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce 1 cup textured vegetable protein (TVP), dry (or soy-based

"crumbles") 1 cup corn kernels

¾ cup water 1 can (2.25 ounces) sliced black

olives, drained 1 tablespoon chili powder

18 (6-inch) corn tortillas

1 cup shredded Mexican-style or cheddar cheese

Optional garnishes: sliced

tomatoes, olives and avocado Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat

9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Combine onions, pepper, salsa, chili beans, tomato sauce, TVP, corn, water, olives and chili powder in large saucepan and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spread about one quarter of chili mixture on bottom of prepared baking dish. Top with six tortillas, overlapping or cutting to fit as necessary. Top with another quarter of chili mixture and a third of cheese. Repeat for two more layers each of tortillas, chili mixture and cheese.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Garnish with tomatoes, olives and avocado, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 240 calories; 12g protein; 36g carbohydrate; 8g dietary fiber; 6g fat; 494mg sodium



SPICY CORN MUFFINS

Recipe from Silk Makes 12 muffin

¼ cup yellow cornmeal

1 1/4 cup unbleached all-purpose

flour 2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon cumin 1 cup Silk Original or

Unsweetened Soymilk

1 egg ¼ cup canola oil

1 tablespoon honey 1 (7 ounce) can chipotle chilles in

adobo sauce, drained 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray or grease a 12-cup muffin pan. Whisk together cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, and cumin in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together soymilk, egg, oil, and honey.

Pour egg mixture over cornmeal mixture and stir until ingredients are moistened. Do not overmix. Remove chilies from can and chop. Gently stir chilies and corn

into batter. Spoon into prepared pan and bake for 15-18 minutes until golden

Nutrition per muffin: 152 calories, 3.5g protein, 14.5g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 6g fat (0.5g saturated fat), 15.5mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium (calculated using unsweetened soymilk)



TABBOULEH WITH

EDAMAME & FETA Recipe by Sunrich Naturals

Makes 6, 1 1/4-cup servings 2 ½ cups water

1 ¼ cups bulgur ¼ cup lemon juice 1/4 cup prepared pesto

2 cups Sunrich Naturals Shelled

Edamame 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

½ cup feta cheese, crumbled

1/2 cup green onions, thinly sliced 2 tablespoons fresh parsley,

chopped 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

In a medium saucepan, bring the water to a boil; add uncooked bulgur. Return to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer about 15 minutes or until most of the liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and transfer to a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice and pesto. Add to bulgur along with edamame, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, green onions, parsley, and pepper. Toss to combine. Garnish with parsley springs.

Nutrition per serving: 279 calories, 13.5g protein, 32.5g carbohydrates, 8.5g fiber, 11.5g fat, 243mg sodium



SOY-SILKEN DARK CHOCOLATE PUDDING

Recipe from United Soybean Board

Makes 6, 1/3-cup servings

1 package (12.3 ounces) silken

tofu, drained 2/3 cup dark unsweetened cocoa

powder

1 cup powdered sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract Whipped topping (optional

Place tofu, cocoa powder, powdered sugar, and vanilla in food processor. Puree for one minute, scraping down sides as needed, or until very smooth. Divide equally into six dishes and top with whipped topping before serving, if

desired. Tempting variations: » Raspberry Chocolate Soy Pud-

ding - Layer pudding with fresh raspberries and whipped topping. » Mexican-Style Chocolate Soy Pudding - Stir in a pinch of ground cinnamon and cayenne pepper to taste, layer with whipped topping and top with chocolate shavings. » Caramel Banana Chocolate Soy Pudding – Layer pudding with banana slices and whipped topping;

Nutrition per serving: 160 calories, 6g protein, 31g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 2.5g fat (0g sat fat), 0mg cholesterol, 20mg sodium

drizzle with caramel sauce.