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# School board rates superintendent Harmala as highly effective leader

**By Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

Almost a year to the day of her selection, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Michele Harmala found out how well she is doing at the helm of the state's 14th largest school district.

The school board rated Harmala as highly effective, giving her an overall comprehensive rating of 93.10 percent for the 2014-2015 school year based on her performance in



Harmala

11 different categories. Those categories included her relationship with the school board, community relations, staff relationships, business and finance, education relationship and student growth and achievement.

"We couldn't be more fortunate to have her as superintendent," said board President

Thomas Buckalew in announcing the results of the evaluation, completed May 11. "These are extraordinarily challenging times. Consistent, competent and strong leadership is the backbone to successful organizations. Dr. Harmala has shown her devotion to the job and understanding of what is best for the students of this district. She is deeply committed and exhibits her dedication to this district on a daily basis."

"Everywhere we go we hear

nothing but great things," added school board Treasurer Shawna Walker. "We're blessed to have her. She brings great things to our school district."

The board voted unanimously to approve the evaluation. Harmala is in the first year of a three-year contract and received a one-year extension based on her evaluation. Based on law, she also was entitled to \$5,000 in merit pay for being rated highly effective; however, in recognition of

the district's financial condition, she opted not to accept it and "allow the district to retain the bonus," Buckalew said.

"I'm not surprised with your decision — that's the kind of person you are," Buckalew said.

"I admire Dr. Harmala for making that decision," Trustee Charles Trav Griffin said. "The board did not ask her to do this. When we get back in

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Gary Prevo sings with backup from Mike Adams, John Jordan, Jim Jordan and customer Chuck Powers.

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## Westland teen faces murder charges

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been arraigned on charges that he forced his way into a neighbor's home and fatally stabbed a Belleville man early Saturday morning.

The incident happened after the Westland man's mother exchanged words with neighbors about being noisy.

Dion Patterson, 17, was arraigned Monday in 18th District Court on charges of homicide-felony murder, homicide-second degree murder, first-de-



Patterson

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## BARBERSHOP SINGER GETS BARBERSHOP TO SING

**By Sue Mason**  
Staff Writer

Gary Prevo calls it creative marketing, having a barbershop quartet sing in a barbershop. It sounded good, but it turned out to be a "one-note concert" at Jim Jordan's Barbershop on Thursday morning.

"I must have misunderstood him,"

owner Jim Jordan said. "I thought he was coming in with a barbershop quartet and a photographer to get photos. I thought it would be kind of fun."

"The first time I told Jim I'd bring some barber shoppers by, somehow I messed up and we didn't come," Provo said. "He asked where we were; he had refreshments."

Provo showed up this time accompa-

nied by his skimmer, the straw hat worn by barber shoppers. Little did Jordan know the rest of the quartet were his barbers — son John of Westland and Mike Adams of South Lyon — himself and customer Chuck Powers.

Adams was the baritone, John Jordan tenor and Jim Jordan base. Provo was

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## Annual veterans parade set for Sunday

**By LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A longtime veterans activist will be honored as grand marshal of the annual Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade on Sunday afternoon.

Rick Patrny, who headed the Westland POW/MIA Day observances for more than 25 years, will be honored during the annual parade.

Each year the parade alternates routes heading either south to Wayne or north to Westland. This year, the pa-

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lead (alto).  
 "We were a one-note concert; there were no mellow tones echoing through the halls," the Livonia resident said.  
 "If there were, they weren't really good ones," Adams said. "I carry a note pretty good."  
 "A hell of a note," observed John Jordan.

**Loves singing**  
 Prevo has always loved singing. He grew

up singing at his grandmother's house. It was an Irish house and there was always singing, he said.  
 He started singing four-part harmony in 1960, starting out with Jerry Smith and the Bentley Chorus 1. That was just three years after the barbershop at on Merriman just north of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland open. Jordan has owned it since 1995.  
 Prevo also sang with the Renaissance Chorus and was the business manager, booking shows for the group.  
 "They're no longer

around, so there are no gigs. I decided to set one up here," the Livonia resident said with a smile. "I got 60 some singers to sing at Tiger Stadium several times. I got some experience with pulling things off."  
 Members of the chorus also went to St. Joe's Hospital to sing for the father of a member who was there. After the impromptu concert, they were approached by another visitor who asked if they would sing for their dad.  
 "We sang My Wild Irish Rose," he said. "I said he looked Irish and

they said he was from Virginia. I said close enough. The tears were flowing. That's why I like barbershop singing. It's very emotional."  
 Prevo remembers auditioning for the Wayne-Westland Chorus in a barbershop in the basement of Westland Shopping Center. They gave him a skimmer, put him in the barber chair and had him sing.  
**Still singing**  
 He still does barbershop singing with the Livonia Civic Chorus. In barbershop, alto are called leads, they sing

the melody. However, in civic choruses, the ladies sing alto, so Prevo sings tenor or base.  
 He is pleased to see barbershop singing making inroads in high schools, pointing out that Northville High School has an excellent program. He also points to the Harmony Town Chorus which rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Kirk of Our Savior on Cherry Hill in Westland. The chorus has about 40 members, and, singing or listening, everyone is invited.  
 "If you can walk, you can dance; if you can

talk, you can sing," he said. "A lot of the singers are older gentlemen. When I came into one chorus, I was 53 years old. A guy who was an accountant said I raised the average and mean age."  
 Prevo is pleased that Jordan and his staff went along with it.  
 "Milli Vanilli faked it. If they can do it, so can we," he said.  
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## PARADE

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rade will begin at 1 p.m. at the Wayne-Ford Civic League and head north along Wayne Road.  
 The parade route heads west on Ford to Central City Parkway then north to the Veter-

ans Memorial Garden of Westland, located directly behind the William P. Faust Public Library.  
 This is the first year the parade will end with a ceremony at the memorial garden, which was dedicated Veterans Day 2013. In prior years, the parade would end at the old Westland City Hall.  
 "This is definitely a

better location. The memorial garden is looking good. It's a lot better than the old location," said Dan Stachow of the parade organizing committee.  
 The memorial garden features alcoves that include monuments describing each of the wars which American military personnel have fought.  
 "If people take a few minutes to walk through the memorial garden, they will see all the conflicts America has been involved in," Stachow said. "It's the whole histo-

ry of the United States."  
 Due to the library being closed, Stachow said there will also have plenty of parking for the parade.  
 "It might seem a little hodgepodge this year since it is the first year we have been at this location," Stachow said.  
 About 35 units of varying sizes will be participating along with two or more bands.



FILE PHOTO  
 Last year, the 101st Airborne Division Association displayed the "Kneeling Soldier" in honor of those who have served and continue to serve our country in the Veterans Parade.

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gree home invasion and assault with a dangerous weapon. He is jailed in lieu of bond. A not guilty plea was entered for him.  
 The victim, Matthew Green, 33, was visiting his girlfriend who lives next door to Patterson in the 35000 block of

Thames, south of Avondale and west of S. Wayne Road. Green, his girlfriend and two other people returned home from a night out about 2:15 a.m.  
 "They were a little loud walking up the sidewalk. The neighbor, Dion's mother, had a verbal altercation with them," Westland Police Sgt. Burke Lange said. "She closed her window

after yelling at them. Her son woke up and asked what she was yelling at."  
 After his mother told him about the words that were exchanged, Lange said Patterson took a kitchen knife and went to the neighboring home, entering through an unlocked side door.  
 "The victim tried to push him (Patterson) out of the house and get him out of there," Lange said.

"He (Patterson) didn't know who had yelled at his mom."  
 Reportedly suffering three stab wounds, Green was transported to Annapolis Hospital where he later died of his injuries.  
 After the incident, Patterson returned to his home where he was arrested by officers without incident.  
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bargaining, it's important that we show that any money we have we share together top down."  
 "Thank you for not

joining us but leading us," Trustee Sally Madison said. "You are an excellent leader."  
 The release of the results of the evaluation came one year after the board voted unanimously to hire Harmala as superintendent to replace

Greg Baracy who retired after 17 years as the district's top administrator. She came from the Farmington Public Schools where she had been the associate superintendent for instructional services and organizational leadership.

"The fit has to go both ways," Harmala said. "As much as you say it has been a good fit for you, it has been a good fit for me."  
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# Patriotic ceremony to mark Memorial Day

The city of Livonia will host a poignant tribute to veterans, complete with patriotic music, military salutes and a wreath-placing ceremony, at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at Veterans Park Memorial Plaza, located at the corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads.

Livonia's U.S. Army Col. Miles Davis will once again serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

"Our veterans have given so much to their country," Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said. "It's important that we recognize their service and honor their sacrifice."

Officer of the Day will be U.S. Air Force Col. Robyn Slade, who will present the keynote address. Slade recently was assigned as the mobili-

zation assistant to the Director of U.S. Air Forces Europe/United Kingdom at Royal Air Force Base Mildenhall, England.

Slade, who has strong local ties, will be making the long trip from the United Kingdom to Livonia specifically to speak at the Memorial Day event. A graduate of Franklin High School, Slade was also a student of Kirksey's when he served as principal at Grant Elementary School.

Slade was commissioned in May 1987 through the ROTC program at Boston University. After beginning her



Slade

career as a public affairs officer at Langley AFB, Va., she was chosen for undergraduate pilot training.

She has been assigned to KC-135 tanker squadrons at a variety of bases, including both K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan. She has had duties ranging from a flight commander to the chief of standardization and evaluation.

Slade has earned the command pilot rating, logging more than 2,300 hours flying the T-37, T-38 and the KC-135.

She has deployed to a variety of locations, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, England, France, Italy and Germany, in support of actions including the Iraqi opera-

tions Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Slade earned her bachelor's degree from Boston University in 1987 and a master's of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University in 1998. She's also a graduate of both the Air Command & Staff College and the Air War College.

"Colonel Slade has had a truly impressive career," Kirksey said. "We're honored to have one of our own come back and be the featured speaker at such an important event."

The event will also pay tribute to Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Brett Marihugh of Livonia, who died recently in a training accident at a naval training base in Norfolk, Va.

Marihugh was a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School, earned his liberal arts degree from Schoolcraft College in 2005 and worked for a short time as an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy.

Also being honored is U.S. Marine Lance Corp. Daniel Rea of Livonia, whose name will be added as a Wounded Warrior to the Livonia Veterans Memorial Wall.

Rea, 23, a 2009 graduate of Churchill High School, was wounded in action by an enemy improvised explosive device while serving in Afghanistan.

Also being recognized are Henry Malec of PLAV Post No. 166, the Veteran of the Year, and U.S. Air Force Cadet Lt. Col. Brandon Geringer of the Junior ROTC pro-

gram at Churchill High School. The celebration, which this year features a performance by the Stevenson High School marching band under the direction of Heather Wickman, always draws hundreds of viewers and participants from the community.

Ceremony participants are invited to visit and lay flowers at the Memorial Wall honoring Livonia veterans whose sacrifices earned them inscription among the Killed in Action, Wounded in Action, Missing in Action or as a Prisoner of War. Their names are etched forever on its granite surface and are listed by the war in which they served, beginning with the Civil War.

For more details, call 734-466-2618.

## Livonia school board expands schools of choice to 100 seats

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has approved offering 50 additional seats next school year to general education schools of choice students, bringing the total number to 100.

The board had 108 applicants for the first 50 seats, so it voted 6-0 Monday to open another application period for 50 more seats for up to \$400,000 in additional

revenue. Those seats include 25 in kindergarten, 10 in first grade and five each in second, third and fourth grades.

The enrollment period started Tuesday and runs through June 2. The board approved the first 50 seats at a previous meeting.

Superintendent Randy Liepa said expanding schools of choice is one of several revenue-enhancement and cost-saving recommendations

administrators are considering to help balance the district's budget for 2015-16 without cutting programs. The district, which has a general fund budget of about \$146 million, expects to have less than \$1 million in fund equity at the end of this school year. That figure should be closer to \$11 million, Liepa has previously said.

"We believe it's rather essential that we go ahead and exhaust these

students that actually applied in our school district for these seats that were open in order to save programs for the other 15,000 students," he said.

This year, 60 seats in kindergarten through sixth grade were made available to general education schools of choice students in a pilot program.

Trustee Dan Centers said he is hearing "over and over" again support

for schools of choice. "People really care about (preserving) the programs," he said. He said many weren't even

aware there was a pilot program this year.

## Area thrift stores hold annual Memorial Day sales

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) is hosting its annual Memorial Day Sale.

Visit any of the 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations to enjoy 50-percent off clothing on Monday, May 25. Doors will be open at the nonprofit's 32

thrift stores from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its two dollar stores in Pontiac and Detroit.

"As families prepare for the summer, we invite them to enjoy great deals at our Memorial Day Sale," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan

Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We take pride in offering our communities great value, while benefiting a worthy cause."

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## Man enters plea in fatal shooting

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

A Ypsilanti man has pleaded guilty to a charge of being an accessory after the fact in the shooting death of an elderly Westland man in Detroit.

Dale Morgan, 43, entered the plea in connection with the December 6, 2014, fatal shooting of Charles Graham, 79. A first-degree murder charge against Morgan was dismissed. He is scheduled to be sentenced May 22 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A second defendant, Cortez Butler, 42, of Detroit, is facing charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. A



Butler

Morgan

May 11 jury trial that had been scheduled was canceled and the case is scheduled for review May 20.

Based on an investigation by Detroit Police, Graham met with Morgan at approximately 5:30 a.m. Dec. 6. The two men went to a house in the 9300 block of Woodlawn in Detroit where they met Butler.

A short time later, the three men got into a

nearby car. It is alleged that Butler handed Graham a bottle of unspecified pills and asked Graham for money. Reportedly, there was a dispute between the men and when Graham would not hand over the money, it is alleged that Morgan fired a handgun, fatally striking Graham in the head.

Morgan and Butler both had reportedly fled the scene when police arrived. Following their investigation, Detroit Police arrested the two defendants Dec. 11.

Both defendants have been jailed since their arrests. Morgan was remanded to jail with no bond set. Butler was also being held in lieu of \$1 million bond.

Morgan was paroled in 2013 for criminal sexual conduct and possessing a sawed-off shotgun. He also served time for two charges of escape/assaulting a prison employee and being a prisoner in possession of a weapon, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Butler is scheduled to be on parole until July 2015. He served 20 years for second-degree murder and two years for felony firearm stemming from a 1991 homicide, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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### WESTLAND COP CALLS

#### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident of the Hawthorne Club Apartments, 7616 N. Merriman Road, told police May 11 that overnight someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2005 Pontiac Grand Am.

He said he had spoken with some neighbors who reported hearing some noise in the parking lot about 3 a.m.

#### Larceny

On May 13, a resident of the Woodbridge Pond Apartments, 37159 Woodbridge Circle, told police that a month earlier he had mail-ordered a pair of blue jeans costing \$77. He said UPS reported the package had been delivered but it was never received. The resident told police he assumed the package had been stolen from his porch.

#### Attempted vehicle theft

A Tecumseh man told police May 12 that he was inside Burlington Coat Factory, 35555 Warren Road, for about an hour. When he went to his 2013 GMC Savannah, he said he noticed the keyhole on the rear doors was damaged, apparently from someone trying to force the lock.

Inside the van, the steering column was damaged where someone had tried to start the vehicle. Nothing was reported missing from the van, which was parked in a handicap parking spot directly in front of the store.

#### Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Sheffield told police overnight May 16 someone had slashed all four tires on her 2012 Dodge Journey.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Westland man to face trial in car accident that killed Garden City man

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

A 21-year-old Westland man waived his right to a preliminary exam Monday before 21st District Judge Richard Hammer Jr.

Hammer ordered Aaron Ronald Thomas bound over to circuit court on charges in connection to the death of Christopher Bonnici, 29, of Garden City, after an accident on Venoy near Maplewood Oct. 26, 2014.

Thomas faces charges of reckless driving causing death, a 15-year felony and a fine of \$2,500-\$10,000; reckless driving causing serious impairment of body function, a five-year felony and fine

of \$1,000-\$5,000; and reckless driving causing serious impairment, a five-year felony and fine of \$1,000-\$5,000.

Thomas continues to be out on a tether. Hammer told Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ron Haywood and defense attorney Rowland Short that Thomas cannot drive during this period or consume alcohol and/or controlled substances. He is allowed to go to work or school but someone must drive him.

According to police, passengers in the car



Thomas

were driving to the movies when the accident occurred about 3:30 p.m., resulting in the closure of Venoy between Ford and Warren Road for several hours.

The 2002 Pontiac Grand Am was traveling northbound on Venoy, when the driver of a southbound 2000 Chevrolet Impala reportedly lost control, crossed the center line and hit the northbound vehicle. The Grand Am was driven by Bonnici's 20-year-old sister Carly. Bonnici was a front seat passenger. Their mother, Michelle Foster, 48, and stepfather, Frank Foster, 58, were riding in the back seat.

Bonnici's sister was

seriously injured in the crash.

Witnesses at the scene have told police the driver of the Impala had been observed driving in what was characterized as a "reckless manner" just prior to the crash.

Bonnici's extended family was present at the courthouse Monday. Outside of the courtroom, Sharon Bergeron, Michelle's mother and Carly's grandmother, said that both women have had at least six surgeries as a result of the accident.

"Mother's Day was hard," Bergeron said.

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### WAYNE COP CALLS

#### Break-in

More than \$4,000 in coins was reported stolen from a home in the 4800 block of Woodward on May 15. The owner told police he had been on vacation since May 4 and returned home after a neighbor alerted him to a basement window being broken.

The window had been pried and the glass was broken. The homeowner told police he noticed several coins on his bedroom floor and found a five-gallon bucket, containing approximately \$3,000 in coins, was gone along with a glass jar, containing approximately \$1,000 in coins.

#### Break-in

A resident in the 35000 block of Glenwood told police May 12 that someone had broken into her home by using a blunt object to damage the front door handle, then kicked in the door.

The break-in had been discovered by a woman who rents a room at the home. The resident reported a large change jar containing \$150 in coins missing along with a gold necklace and locket valued at \$100.

The roommate reported a laptop computer, a jewelry box containing costume jewelry and a Bible, valued at \$350 missing from her room.

By LeAnne Rogers



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# Levan road resurfacing scheduled to begin in June

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Road work on Levan between Schoolcraft and Five Mile is to remain on schedule this summer, beginning June 1 and lasting until September, city engineer Todd Zilincik said.

Construction for the project was rebid, with bids opened on May 1. The low bidder on the project, Cadillac Asphalt, put in a bid of about \$1.22 million. That contractor is also the same one doing work on M-14 from Newburgh to Sheldon in Plymouth this summer.

"That helped provide us a better quality project being close by but also reduced the price for us," Zilincik said.

Lane reductions are expected throughout the project, though both northbound and southbound traffic will have access to the road during work.

The project was rebid after initial bids came in about 20 percent higher than expected. The Michigan Department of Transportation needed to approve the rebidding, as the project is being partially funded through grants coming from the state.

The work will only go the full mile between Schoolcraft and Five Mile. Originally, the project was expected to go a few hundred feet north of Five Mile, but was delayed.

"There is intent to do that, but not with this particular project," Zilincik said.

The Livonia City Council during its study session Monday night also reviewed the contract the city has drafted with Rochester Hills-based Spalding DeDecker for construction engineering services for the resurfacing project for the mile-stretch of roadway. The contract is for more than \$183,000 for the work. That contract will be voted on at the June 1 city council meeting. Another contract for mitigation, if needed, was reviewed for \$7,500 for Canton-based Northwest Consultants.

### Current construction

Some work off Levan is still taking place to install a new sewer 10-inch sewer main, done through a special assessment district for several businesses along that road.

Zilincik said he hopes that work will be complete by the time the resurfacing project begins next month.

"Our goal is to get the portion opened up at the



FILE PHOTO  
Current sewer work being performed on Levan near Five Mile. The road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile will see some closures this summer as it's resurfaced beginning in June.

throat at Levan and Five Mile in the interim, hopefully maybe this weekend with gravel," he said. "In the future, most likely as soon as the Levan Road sewer project wraps up, the east side will be closed because they'll be doing construction on that, and the west side will be down to one lane in each direction."

City council president Maureen Miller Brosnan said confusion with the current construction worried her, especially

seeing people do "crazy things" trying to access the hospital from the road.

"There is no northbound traffic allowed," she said. "So coming off of the expressway, it just would have been helpful had it started just past that second entrance to the hospital."

Zilincik said it is difficult navigating that area, though it was a balance trying to keep traffic flowing not only to the hospital but to the busi-

nesses nearby on Levan as well.

"With the hospital currently constructing the ring road at this time, there's only the south entrance," he said. "We tried to have enough warning signs throughout this area."

"We're hoping to wrap it up by next week."

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State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, testifies before the House Regulatory Reform Committee in support of House Bill 4185.

## Plawecki backs salvage vehicle certification appeals bill

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, provided testimony to the House Regulatory Reform Committee in support of House Bill 4185, which she sponsored.

The bill would allow due process protections for police officers that perform salvage vehicle inspections.

"House Bill 4185 is limited in scope with the intent to simply address the ambiguity of current state law and the absence of an appeals process," Plawecki said. "We are flexible on the provisions in the bill and are willing to continue working with interested parties to improve this legislation."

The legislation would establish an appeals process for the

revocation, suspension or denial of a police officer's salvage vehicle inspector certification. The bill would also remove lifetime revocation and require the Secretary of State to notify the officer in writing of his or her right to an appeal.

"Simply put, the intent of this bill is to protect citizens by providing them the right to appeal a state decision to revoke their certificate," Plawecki said. "Other certificate holders are granted the right to an appeal. Why deny this right to hardworking police officers that perform salvage vehicle inspections?"

Plawecki represents District 11, which includes Garden City and portions of Livonia and Westland.

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# Westland's Wild About Youth Works helps teenagers seeking jobs

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

More than 100 local teenage job seekers got tips on what they need to do to improve their chances of employment and a list of job openings at a program held at Westland City Hall.

It's the annual Wild About Youth Works! established by Westland Mayor William Wild, who spoke with the participants to kick off the event.

"My mother told me about this and said it would be a good idea," said Joshua Hirkey, a Wayne Memorial High School junior. "I was looking for jobs but I found nothing."

Hirkey was looking for a position, possibly with a chiropractic office, to help him get experience in a future medical field career.

A 10th-grader at Westland John Glenn High School, Zharia Jackson had also been looking for a job.

"I saw that Livonia and other communities had (job) programs, so I went to the Westland website and saw this one," Jackson said. "I'm looking for a retail job. I want to be an architect and designer."

## Getting started

Like previous events, teens received information about financial literacy from James Allen of First Third Bank. Also this year, they learned how to dress for success from Westland Councilman Dewey Reeves, a natty dresser himself

and owner of a clothing business.

In a change from previous years, prospective employers didn't attend and talk with the teens. Instead, the teens broke into smaller groups to meet with city staff, who will serve as mentors, and were provided a list of participating employers along with the positions they are looking to fill. The teens have a week to call about jobs in which they are interested in applying.

"There are more employers and more jobs than we have had before," Westland Economic Development Director Lori Fodale said.

The jobs ran from restaurants and office work to outdoor positions like lawn maintenance or groundskeeper for the city.

Applying for a job that suits your interests and possibly future career goals was recommended by Westland Personnel Director Cindy King, who joined Brian Harnos, in charge of Mike Modana Ice Arena and the Municipal Golf Course, to mentor a group of students.

King and Harnos talked about preparing for job interviews, making a first impression and taking a first job seriously as an opportunity.

"Find out the number of employees, the services provided or the primary area they serve," King said. "Typically, I ask if you have a question for us. Think of a question like if there are opportunities for



Wayne Memorial High School student Joshua Hirkey gets information from Shannon Ackron, executive secretary in the mayor's office, at the Wild About Youth Works! program.

advancement."

## Highlight leadership

Knowing teens will have little or no job experience; King suggested the students highlight leadership roles in sports, school activities, church or volunteer efforts.

"During an interview, you need to be honest and sincere. Don't be afraid to say you don't know how to do something but you are willing to learn," she said.

Harnos shook hands and introduced himself to each student in the group, stressing the need to create a good first impression with a firm



Zharia Jackson (left) and Joshua Hirkey listen during a talk from mentors at Wild About Youth Works!

handshake, making eye contact and saying their

name with authority. "I learned how you

should dress, how you should approach people. You should have a positive attitude," said Jackson after the program.

Already clad in dress clothes, including a tie, Hirkey said, "I learned how to sell myself and to look your best. You want to stand out from the competition."

It's not too late for youth 16 and older to apply for jobs, Wild said, noting this year there were more jobs listed than applicants. For more information, call 734-467-7904.

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## Westland's H2O Spray Zone opens Saturday

Westland's H2O Spray Zone spray ground in Tattan Park opens for the season at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23.

Weather permitting, the H2O Spray Zone will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7.

The cost is \$3 per person for Westland and Wayne residents, \$10 for non-residents. An annual family pass for up to 10 people is \$40 for Westland and Wayne residents, \$100 for non-residents.

Group rates for up to 10 people are \$25 for Westland and Wayne residents, \$100 for non-residents. There is a maximum of four groups permitted at one time.

» City offices in both Westland and Wayne, including Westland 18th District Court and Wayne 29th District Court, the



A water bucket is one of the many features at Westland's H2O Spray Zone in Tattan Park on Carlson south of Ford.

William P. Faust Public Library and the Wayne Public Library will be closed Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday.

In both communities, there will be no trash, recycling or compost

collection on the holiday. Trash and other collection will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

Emergency services, such as police and fire, will not be affected by the holiday.

## Library hosts Michigan Notable Book author

Every year, the Library of Michigan selects 20 noteworthy titles written about the Great Lakes region or by Michigan authors. In order to be selected, a book must be well-written and well-researched, and reflect Michigan's history, rich culture and ethnic diversity.

What's interesting about Michigan Notable Books is that they can be any type of work. Poetry anthologies, children's picture books, graphic novels, scientific non-fiction, biographies and memoirs have all been selected in the past. *Detroit: An American Autopsy* by Charlie LeDuff, *Annie's Ghosts* by Steve Luxenberg, *Canada* by Richard Ford and *Bird Box* by Josh Malerman are just a few of the selections.

This year, the West-

land library is very excited to announce that we're hosting a Michigan Notable Book author! Lolita Hernandez, author of the 2015 Michigan Notable Book *Making Callaloo in Detroit*, will be at the library at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4. In *Making Callaloo*, the author presents 12 unique stories about growing up in the city of Detroit as the daughter of parents from Trinidad and Tobago and St. Vincent.

This program is made possible thanks to support from the Michigan Humanities Council, the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Meijer and the Michigan Center for the Book. Copies of *Making Callaloo in Detroit* will be available for sale, and refreshments will be provided.

To discover more Michigan Notable Books, visit [www.michigan.gov/notablebooks](http://www.michigan.gov/notablebooks). For more information on which Michigan Notable Books are available at

the Westland library, call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or take a peek at our online catalog at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org). To sign up for Lolita Hernandez's visit, go to [www.westlandlibrary.org/events](http://www.westlandlibrary.org/events) or call the Reference Desk.

**Highlighted Events**  
**eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2 p.m.**  
May 21 – Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions.

Information Central was compiled by Liz Waun. 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](http://westlandlibrary.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Bowling fundraiser

The Westland Area Jaycees will hold its annual bowling fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

All proceeds from this event go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Westland Wayne.

There will be a trophy available for the highest team average score along with a silent auction, 50/50 and basket raffles.

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets include two games, shoe rental and pizza.

To purchase tickets in advance, visit [westlandareajaycees.org](http://westlandareajaycees.org).

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

### Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the Dorsey Center, 32517 Dorsey, east of Venoy and south of Palmer. The club meets the last Tuesday of every month with a few exceptions.

### Golf outing

Westland Veterans Association will hold its first annual Kenneth E. Mehl Memorial Golf Outing on Saturday, June 27 at the Fellows Creek Golf Club and Banquet Facility, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton. Proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Registration is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch, drink and dinner. Hole sponsors are available for \$100. There also will be

50/50 and prize raffles and a chance to win a two-year lease for a 2015 Ford Focus.

For more information, call Mike Williams at 734-634-5867 or Dwayne Walker at 734-664-2123.

### Teen volunteers

The Westland Public Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2015 Summer Reading Program, "Be a Hero, READ!"

Volunteers will help in the Youth Services Department and assist at many of the summer events.

This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization. Volunteers should be entering ninth grade or above in the fall of 2015.

Applications are available at the library and also can be downloaded at [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org).

Applications should be submitted to the Youth Services Desk before attending one of three "walk-in" training sessions on Wednesday, May 27, Monday, June 1, or Thursday, June 4, in the Youth Activity Room of the Westland Library.

Most applications are accepted as long as space allows, but earlier applicants have priority in scheduling. For more information, contact [Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org](mailto:Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org) or call 734-326-6123.

### Farmers Market

» The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market is open from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, now through Oct. 8, in Central City Park on Carlson, south of Ford.

There will be a variety of food and craft, special events and music. EBT accepted. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or send an email to [westlandchamber@gmail.com](mailto:westlandchamber@gmail.com).

There will be no market on July 2 and Aug. 13.

» The Wayne Farmers Market is open from

3-7 p.m. Wednesdays now through Oct. 28 in Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. It features more than 25 vendors providing Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, homemade soap, candles, garden art and more.

For more information on the farmers market, contact Olivia at 313-510-7061 or [market@growinghope.net](mailto:market@growinghope.net).

### Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Children age 3 and under are free.

The center will hold its monthly game night at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

### Blow out sale

Designer Duds 'n Infant Treasures, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland, is holding a Ladies Day Out Vendor Networking Event, Mom2Mom sale and Resale Liquidation Blow Out Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

Cost to display/sell is \$25 plus a raffle item. Reserve a space by calling 734-331-2519 with a credit card or can Paypal (as a gift) to [taylorlorskkt@gmail.com](mailto:taylorlorskkt@gmail.com). Spots are filled on a first-come first-serve basis and fill quickly. This is an indoor and outside event. All vendors must supply their own table and chairs.

Designer Duds n Infant Treasures also is clearing out all resale merchandise which will be 30-60 percent off. Stop in this week for another special coupon for \$5 off the purchase of \$25 or \$25 off \$100. In addition, DDIT will be holding a Bag Sale – \$15 to purchase a bag and fill it with what you can.



# Wild appointed to co-chair SEMCOG task force

Westland Mayor William Wild has been appointed co-chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Economic Development Task Force.

Wild will serve as co-chair along with Fred Shell from DTE Energy. SEMCOG will partner with the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition to develop the 2015 regional economic development strategy.

The goal of the Economic Development Task

Force is to develop a strategy to position southeast Michigan to be successful in a

globally competitive environment in promoting community assets, improving the region's business climate and in attraction and retention of human talent.

SEMCOG's broad objectives are to promote



Wild

economic activity throughout southeast Michigan that will improve services and provide jobs to those living and working in the region. SEMCOG's long-term objectives include the efficient use of tax dollars for infrastructure, effective government and informed decision-making by local elected leaders.

"I'm thrilled and honored to join SEMCOG's team of area leaders who will be working with me

on the Economic Development Task Force and I look forward to the exchange of ideas I am confident will benefit our region and the City of Westland," Wild said.

Additionally, Wild said he hoped that some of the innovative steps taken in Westland to control finances and help spur over \$200 million in new economic activity would lend themselves to a broader arena and in turn, benefit thousands of Michigan businesses and

residents.

"We are excited that Mayor Wild is co-chairing SEMCOG's Economic Development Task Force, as he brings many assets that will enhance this regional work," said Kathleen Lomako, SEMCOG executive director. "In addition to ensuring that Westland is a well-managed community, he is also a successful small business owner. We look forward to having him bring this same passion to regional economic devel-

opment."

SEMCOG is a regional planning partner with counties, cities, townships and community colleges in seven southeast Michigan counties.

The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition is a nonprofit public-private partnership of business, labor, government and education leaders. Both organizations promote regional cooperation to enhance the region's economic vitality and quality of life.

# Afghanistan veteran to speak at museum ceremony

The Yankee Air Museum, an organization that encompasses an abundance of military history, will honor Americans lost during war at its annual observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

The museum will hold a short program at 9 a.m. in the exhibit hall of the museum at 47884 D St. on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport. American veterans ranging from WWII to the recent Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be recognized, but the focus will remain on the men and women that sacrificed their lives for our country.

Retired Marine Sgt. Kenneth Bowen will be the keynote speaker. He served as an infantry squad leader in Afghanistan where he earned a Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V" distinguishing device for valor in combat.

"Memorial Day is the only occasion when the calendar officially recognizes all of the Americans killed in battle," Bowen said. "But for many families and combat veterans, every day of the year is Memorial Day."

Bowen was wounded in 2009 during combat



Members of the Civil Air Patrol prepare to present the colors at the museum's Memorial Day ceremony last year.

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operations while leading his squad in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He suffered third-degree burns on more than 50 percent of his body from an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast that killed two of his fellow Marines who were also in his armored Humvee.

"I may have scars, but my family can still call me on the phone, and there is not an empty seat at our dinner table

during Thanksgiving and Christmas," Bowen said. "This is to recognize those that never came home. It's important to remember their sacrifice and the voids left in countless families and communities across the United States."

The ceremony also includes patriotic songs from the Belleville Community Chorus and a solo performance by singer Sarah West.

Executive Director of the YAM Kevin Walsh said Memorial Day is especially important to the museum because this area was home to thousands of people who worked at the historic Willow Run Bomber

Plant.

"The museum has deep connections to the war effort during WWII," Walsh said. "This place was founded on the premise of the home front doing what it could to support those fighting

overseas. The event is very fitting for the Yankee Air Museum."

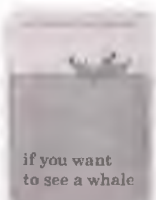
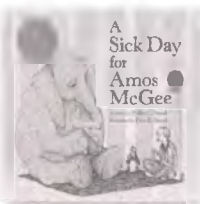
Memorial Day originated to honor the Civil War dead, and the holiday of remembrance was first called Decoration Day. It was renamed and officially recognized as a federal holiday in 1971.

"There are direct ties to our location and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving overseas, so we're proud to take time on this day to honor those brave airmen, and all men and women that were killed while serving our country," Walsh said.

The Yankee Air Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Memorial Day, May 25. There will be no charge to attend the Memorial Service or visit the museum that day.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization located on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport in Michigan. For more information about YAM call 734-483-4030 or visit the [www.yankeearmuseum.org](http://www.yankeearmuseum.org) website.

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## Establishing a Roth IRA for your working teenager, planning ahead

The unofficial start of summer is days away and it's that time of year, when high school kids will be looking for a job. For many, it will be their first job.

There are many benefits for a teen getting a job, including learning the discipline it takes to have a job and, at the same time, the pride it creates when someone earns their own money.

I encourage all parents to help their kids get that summer job, because the lessons and skills they learn will be invaluable to their fu-



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ture. That being said, having your teen work creates another opportunity. They automatically become eligible to open up a Roth IRA.

I recognize the last thing your child wants to think about is retirement, but the benefits of starting to save for retirement at a young age are tremendous. Just think about how much

money would grow if left in an account growing tax-free for 50-60 years. The numbers are dramatic.

Another benefit of working with your child to establish a Roth is the financial lesson. By encouraging your child to put money away for his or her retirement, you're teaching the importance of saving and investing.

Encourage your teen to put some of his or her money away for retirement with an incentive. For example, offer some sort of match program.

As long as the total contribution to the Roth IRA is equal or less to what their earned income is, there are no problems. For example, if your child earned \$2,500 in the summer, he or she is entitled to invest \$2,500 in a Roth IRA. Whether it is actually their money or your matching money is not relevant. The key is the total dollar amount being invested.

Opening a Roth IRA for a child is a little more difficult than opening up a Roth IRA for an adult. If your son

or daughter is under age 18, you have to open a custodial IRA. Companies like TD Ameritrade, Vanguard and Schwab all offer custodial IRAs at a low cost.

My recommendation is to get your child involved in the process at the very beginning. Work with them in selecting the right custodian and have them get involved with selecting the right investment. If they're involved in the process, they will take a much greater interest.

If you want to give your child or grandchild

a head start in their future, helping them open a Roth IRA is a great start. The earlier they can learn the appreciation and understanding of money, the better it will be for them. It will be a lesson they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Good luck.

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ASHLEY DANTO  
Ashley Danto is manager of the Laurel Park Place store.

## Danto Furniture Co. opens micro store at Laurel Park Place

Danto Furniture Co. opened a pop-up "micro store" at Laurel Park Place in Livonia on May 4.

Customers can purchase Ashley Furniture exclusively from Danto's virtual catalog on special 4K Ultra monitors, allowing them to view 500,000 square feet of living room, dining room, bedroom and home office furniture, plus Samsung and Sharp TVs, in just 100 square feet of store. Color and fine detail are

easy to see, according to manager Ashley Danto. "It's as if you are standing in the open doorway looking into a bedroom or living room," she said.

Danto's is taking advantage of the low overhead operating costs to provide pricing that rivals direct wholesale purchases. "We have an electronic catalog here at our kiosk in the mall and you can dress your room with our furniture and accessories," Danto said. Customers can also text/

email items from the touch-screen operating system.

Danto Furniture Co. is a family-owned, fourth-generation business. The two locations in Southwest Detroit offer retail furniture, appliances and electronics from more than 150 name brand manufacturers.

Ashley Danto's great grandfather immigrated from Lithuania and opened the furniture store in April 1940. "I work with my dad and grandfather and I bring the style from my

time in fashion in New York," Danto said. "I gave the social media the facelift it needed to compete with other furniture stores."

Danto's is located in the Carson's common area of the Laurel Park Place near Olga's. The best way to visit Danto Furniture's "micro store" is to enter through the mall's Ruby Tuesdays entrance.

For more information, call 313-949-8181 or visit [dantos.com](http://dantos.com)

## Businesses need to brush up to improve competitiveness

We've probably all heard that it's insane to repeat the same behavior and expect different results. Of course this implies that repeating the same behavior will in fact produce the same results.

However, these days it's a fantasy to imagine that doing the same thing will produce the



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same results. Instead, in the business world the reality is this: Doing the same things we've always done will not produce the same results we've always gotten.

Today's fast-changing business environment demands that we tune up our game and learn new plays if we want to achieve the same results now that we achieved in the past. This is even more critical, if we want to achieve superior results.

Businesses are at risk, if they assume that

the same old marketing or customer service techniques from past years will continue to produce the same results. Likewise, employees are at risk, if they think the skills they had when they got the job are the same skills that will be required keep the job. We absolutely must continually "brush up" to improve our com-

petitiveness or risk becoming irrelevant.

Let's stay in the game and have a sunny day!

Clarity P.S. "Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Albert Einstein, according to some Internet sources. This quote has been attributed to other people as well after Ein-

stein.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Westland building sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions, one of the nation's leading providers of commercial real estate services, recently sold a 14,200-square-foot industrial building located at 38309 Abruzzi Drive in Westland. The seller, Abruzzi Properties LLC, sold the building to Sri-rag Holding LLC.

The parent company is NutraNorth out of Canada, which manu-

factures and packages vitamins and supplements. This is their first American venture.

Bob Frank, Associate Broker, Brokerage Services at Friedman represented the seller in this transaction.

#### Camp Day at Tim Hortons

Enjoy a cup of coffee at the Tim Hortons restaurants in Wayne, Westland and Garden City in June and help make a difference in a child's life.

The first Wednesday of June, Tim Hortons will host Camp Day, the largest annual fundraiser for the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. Restaurant owners will donate 100 percent of coffee sales to the foundation, which provides programs and camps designed to change the way young people from economically disadvantaged homes think about themselves and the opportunities that exist for them.

In 2014, Camp Day

raised more than \$11.8 million, impacting more than 17,000 children who attended the foundation's seven camps across Canada and the US.

#### Buddy's helps MHS

Buddy's Pizza has raised more than \$10,000 for the Michigan Humane Society, from a product they call Buddy Bones, since embarking on the charitable initiative six months ago.

Unused portions of fresh dough left at the end of the day are trans-

formed into all-natural bone-shaped treats safe for dogs. Each Buddy Bones package, which includes five 15-gram pieces, are \$2, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Michigan Humane Society.

What began in November 2014 with a few Buddy's Pizza employees, also pet owners, grew in popularity among the greater community, spanning all 11 locations in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, including the

one in Livonia.

Only natural ingredients go into Buddy Bones, and Michigan Humane Society veterinarians worked closely to make sure the products were safe and healthy for pets. Grains, water, yeast and molasses go into the healthy treats. Due to the all-natural ingredients Buddy Bones are best if consumed within 30 days of purchase.

"When Buddy's Pizza approached us with the idea of Buddy Bones a year ago, we knew it would be a hit — but \$10,000 is amazing," said Matthew Pepper, president and CEO of the Michigan Humane Society. "It's clear that dogs love Buddy Bones, and the best part is that the proceeds will help other animals find loving homes."

#### Carson's aids March of Dimes

The Bon-Ton Stores Inc., parent company of Carson's and other department stores, is partnering with March of Dimes to raise funds for the imbornto® campaign for Father's Day. Customers will be given the opportunity to support the imbornto® campaign by making a \$3 donation in stores. In return for the donation, Bon-Ton will give customers a \$10 off \$25 purchase coupon.

Customers can also participate online at [www.bonton.com](http://www.bonton.com) by donating \$3 or more. Online donors will receive a promo code for 25 percent off regular or sale purchases.

The campaign will run May 26 through June 21. Carson's has a store in Laurel Place mall in Livonia.



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# Habitat for Humanity volunteers build new home for Westland family

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There are two things Westland resident Gail Jones is particularly looking forward to when she moves into her renovated Habitat for Humanity home late next month.

One is a bedroom for her grandson Patrick, 11, who she is raising. He moved into the one-bedroom apartment where Jones has lived for 15 years.

"He is 11 now and never had his own room with a door," Jones said. "He is so excited. My grandson said he might be scared. He's never been (sleeping) so far away from me and might need to come downstairs to sleep near me."

Sitting in the family room of her new home, which has a cathedral ceiling, a fireplace and a picture window, Jones said she can't wait for Christmas and a large tree.

"We always had to get a Charlie Brown Christmas tree and set it on a table all these years," said Jones, who already had a spot by the front window where the tree would be placed.

Jones's new home on Booth in Westland is being renovated by Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. Acquired by the city through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, this is the 10th Habitat home in Westland — five new construction, five renovated.

**'A hand up'**

"I like that Habitat is a hand up, not a hand out. It makes you feel good. God has truly blessed



Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell (left) and Deb Richardson, Community Development secretary, lend a hand during the Women's Build at a local Habitat for Humanity house.



Local volunteers for the annual Women's Build Week at a Westland Habitat for Humanity house.

me," Jones said. "I think it is a wonderful organization, and it's Christian-based. I like that."

Jones got emotional talking about all the volunteers working on her soon-to-be home.

"These aren't sad tears. So many people came and showed so much love. If people could only see all the love in the house today with the way the world is," Jones said.

Those receiving Habitat homes like Jones meet financial qualifications and don't get a free house. They do get an interest-free mortgage to be repaid over 20 or 30 years. Other requirements include sweat equity work on homes, built or renovated with volunteer labor.

Constructed in 1947, the house on Booth was actually in very good shape, said Westland

Community Development Director Joanne Campbell.

"The most important renovation was the staircase to the dormer, which had to be rebuilt to code," she said.

Since Jones has some mobility issues, Campbell said a first-floor master bedroom was built after a wall was bumped out.

Recently, work at the house had a distinctly feminine vibe as part of National Women Build Week. Women volunteers working on house included Campbell, Westland Deputy Mayor Thelma Kubitskey and employees from the Westland Lowe's store, a Habitat partner in the Women Build Week.

"We are excited to participate in National Women Build Week," said Alice Dent, Habitat for Humanity Western

Wayne County executive director. "This is a great opportunity for women of all skill levels to come together to help a family in need of better housing."

**Helping out**

This year, Lowe's contributed nearly \$2 million to National Women Build Week. Since its partnership began in 2003, Lowe's has committed more than \$63 million to Habitat and helped nearly 4,000 families improve their living conditions.

One of the volunteers working at the home on Booth was Margaret Tome, who is scheduled to be the next recipient of a Habitat home, likely new construction. She was putting in some sweat equity on Jones' house — volunteers don't need construction experience.

"I've helped people here and there. I learned to lay tile at the Westland

Lowe's," said Tome, a single mother of two Wayne Memorial High School students.

A cook at the University of Michigan Hospital Patient and Nutrition Department, Tome also worked in food service for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"My brother used to work and donate time to Habitat. We're waiting for funding. Hopefully, if the funding is there, we'll have a home in late summer," Tome said.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Keep Perrinville Center open, Livonia school board

Parents of students at Perrinville Center gave some pretty convincing arguments at a PTA meeting last week for keeping the preschool for special education students open.

We encourage the Livonia school board to carefully consider the administration's recommendation to close and raze the building in an effort to save approximately \$150,000 a year in operational expenses.

While the district needs to look at every single dollar in order to stay in the black, the parents (and some staff members) argue there would be costs to relocating the Perrinville programs to various elementary buildings within the district. Those costs include added expense for substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

It's difficult to get substitutes for special education preschoolers because no one wants to be bitten, spit on or help kids with the toilet, they said. With all the programs under one roof, staff can more easily fill in for each other.

But more important would be the impact on the students, who parents say benefit great-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
A crowd of about 130 turned out May 12 to argue in favor of keeping Perrinville open. Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa explains the district's financial situation to the crowd.

ly from being able to try out a more advanced program for five to 15 minutes a day until they are ready to move up. Several parents at the meeting passed a tissue box around as, one by one, they broke into tears while telling how their children wouldn't have made the progress they have if it weren't for Perrinville.

Easing into the next program up wouldn't be possible if students would have to be transported to another building, they said.

Perrinville PTA President Kristin Noel argues the center makes the difference between the preschoolers remaining in special ed for the rest of their school careers and, eventual-

ly, blossoming, integrating into the general education program and earning their diplomas.

Deborah Squirewell, program administrator for the Great Start Readiness Program housed there, said whoever had the idea back in 1998 to combine all the district's special ed preschool programs at one location had a good idea that is still working today.

Parents and some staff members also worry Perrinville preschoolers might be bullied at a K-4 school for general education students when those students see how some of the preschoolers sometimes behave, including disrobing and urinating in the hallway.

Administrators have recommended closing and razing the building to save the approximate \$150,000 annually in operational costs, but also \$800,000 in scheduled building upgrades. They would instead use the \$800,000 to upgrade other buildings, including Jackson Center, to accommodate incoming Perrinville programs.

However that \$800,000

would be funded with money from the construction bond approved by voters in 2013 and would have no impact on the district's annual operational budget.

Administrators also noted there would be educational advantages to the preschoolers going to the K-4 building where they will eventually attend kindergarten, including the ability for the teachers and principal to get to know them.

The school board faces some tough decisions in trying to balance the district's general fund budget. The district is expected to have just about \$1 million in fund equity at the end of this school year. With a \$140 million general fund budget last year, that figure should be closer to \$11 million, Superintendent Randy Liepa has said.

But the savings the district might get from closing and razing Perrinville don't seem to be worth the costs to the preschoolers making such great progress there. There's an old saying: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

## OUR VIEWS

# Remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day

Monday is Memorial Day, a time when Americans pause to remember the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our country. Communities around the nation will hold parades and solemn ceremonies. The graves of our fallen heroes will be decorated with flags as we remember the sacrifice they made so that we can remain free.

The tradition of Memorial Day dates back to the 1868, when Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, designated May 30 as Decoration Day "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance."

He wanted it to be pleasant for the "reverent visitors and fond mourners."

"Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a

people the cost of a free and undivided republic," he said.

The first observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery where, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR "made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns."

The tradition of decorating the graves continues today, but much of the solemnity associated with the first observances has faded. There will be parades and ceremonies, but many people celebrate the day with little thought to the reason for the occasion. For them, Memorial Day is the kickoff to summer, time for barbecues and to open the pools, cabins and cottages.

We cannot forget the 1.8 million Americans who have given their lives for America since 1775. The Wayne and Westland communities will honor their service personnel living and deceased with a Veterans Parade and

solemn ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24. On Memorial Day, residents of Garden City will gather at 11 a.m. on the lawn of Garden City Hall.

There is another way to pay homage to our military personal by stopping what we are doing and observing the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time. One minute is not a lot of time to give for those who gave so much.

The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War that is just as applicable today as it was then: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

We cannot and should not take our liberties and the men and women who preserve them for granted. We continue to be the land of the free because of the brave men and women of our military.



FILE PHOTO  
This monument is dedicated to the memory of our fallen service men and women.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Time to open our minds and end stigma of mental illness

By Brian Calley, Tom Watkins and Andrea Cole  
Guest Columnists

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is a perfect time for us to join forces as Michiganders to combat stigma and support persons with mental health issues on their road to recovery.

If we join forces, from the state and local level, from the rural and urban parts of our great state, Republicans and Democrats, together we can help eradicate the stigma that prevents far too many persons in our state from seeking help. Mental health is just as important as physical health and impacts every ZIP code in Michigan. This is only complicated by the stigma associated with it.

While one in four adults will experience a mental health issue in a given year, only about two-thirds of those people will seek treatment. It's an

unfortunate state of affairs that people often avoid treatment due to societal shame and stigma. The fear of prejudice and being ostracized by family, co-workers and friends leads many with treatable mental health issues to conceal their conditions. The fear of being shunned is a heavy weight to cast aside as one battles a serious mental health issue. We are committed to improving the lives and quality of health care for individuals living and dealing with these issues.

It is important for Michiganders, with and without mental health issues, to speak out and break the cycle of shame and stigma that impedes recovery. Imagine having cancer, diabetes or high blood pressure and being afraid to tell someone about it for fear of society's reaction. Mental health issues are not something to be ashamed of. They are diseases of the brain that are not in a person's control.

Decades ago, people suffering from mental health issues were sent away and institutionalized. Today, things are better, but stigmatizing beliefs still lead to discrimination in the housing market, in employment, in education and often lead to violence against those with the disease. People with mental health issues are more likely to be the victim of a crime than the perpetrator.

It's time to change the perspective and ensure that people with mental health issues receive the safety, quality treatment, respect, understanding and a pathway to recovery they definitely deserve.

The difficulty of dealing with mental health issues does not need to be compounded by society's misunderstanding of its causes. Yet beliefs still persist that those with mental health issues are inherently dangerous, untrustworthy, hopeless or irreparable. These generalizations are contrary to the evidence. In fact, some of humanity's most beloved contributors and today's celebrities and have been touched by mental health issues - Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Michelangelo, Buzz Aldrin, Princess Diana, Catherine Zeta Jones, Beyonce and Robin Williams.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to recover. With the proper diagnosis, treatment and support, a productive and satisfying life is possible. But those burdened by stigma and shame come to believe the myths about mental health issues and are left hopeless and as if the disease was their fault.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority recently partnered with the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation, a Michigan-based foundation dedicated to improving mental health treatment, to produce an educational television documentary titled *Opening Minds, Ending Stigma*.

The documentary sheds light on the varying perspectives of those affected by mental health issues from all walks of life. This documentary will help to educate communities, as ignorance makes it easier for society to blame persons with diseases of the brain and prevent them from obtaining the treatment and support they need.

We all have a role to play when it comes to ending stigma. By increasing our awareness of mental health, we can create a world where people with these diseases feel safe. You can expand your awareness by tuning in to *Opening Minds, Ending Stigma*, which airs on WWJ-TV (Channel 62) at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 23, or

by going to [www.dwmha.com](http://www.dwmha.com) or [www.flinnfoundation.org](http://www.flinnfoundation.org) to watch it.

Awareness is the first step toward changing behavior. Think before you mock someone with a mental health issue or consider them flawed, weak and unworthy of assistance. You can help spread awareness and positively impact the way we view our family members, neighbors and friends that have mental health issues. Coming together on this issue will certainly impact our community's health.

If you or someone you know needs help with a mental health issue, intellectual/developmental disability or substance use disorder, call the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority crisis line at 800-241-4949.

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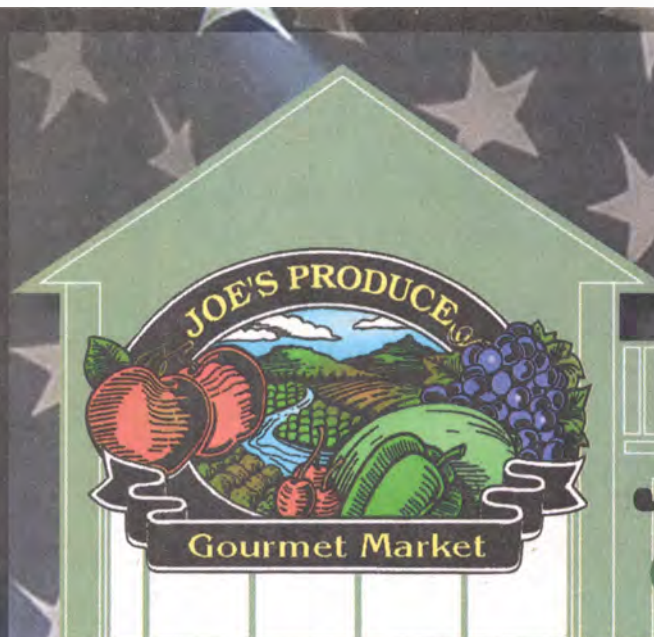


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DIVISION 1 GIRLS TENNIS REGIONAL

## Spartans netters earn state meet berth

Churchill freshman No. 1 player Rogosch also qualifies

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Fueled by regional championship performances from its No. 4 singles player and No. 4 doubles team, Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team is headed to the Division 1 state meet next weekend in Midland.

The Spartans' season was extended thanks to their runner-up effort at the regional they hosted May 15. The top two teams in each regional advance to the state meet.

Farmington Hills Mercy placed first with 29 points, followed closely by Stevenson, which racked up 22.

Stevenson No. 4 singles player Molly Cormier, who is just a sophomore, continued her fantastic season by winning her flight championship.

After earning a first-round bye, the top-seeded Cormier swept Churchill's Kayla Gruich, 6-4, 6-0. She then handed Franklin's Yasmeen Freeman a 6-1, 6-2 setback before upending Mercy's Kaela Brown, 6-4, 7-6 in the final.

Stevenson's No. 4 doubles tandem of Clairessa Smith and Caitlin McCamant, both seniors, drew an opening-round bye as the No. 2 seed before dominating



Stevenson's No. 3 singles player Danielle Marzec, pictured during an early tournament, won three regional matches.

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### CAP golf outing

The Churchill Athletic Patrons 15th annual golf outing will be held Sunday, June 7, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Proceeds generated by the event, which will tee off with a 2 p.m. shotgun start, help fund eight \$1,000 scholarships for Churchill students.

In addition to awesome prize packages, there will be a skins competition, 50/50 raffle, dinner and beverages.

The cost is \$85 if participants register as a foursome and \$95 per single.

Golfers can register online at [www.CHS-Cap.com/golf.htm](http://www.CHS-Cap.com/golf.htm) using Visa, Mastercard and Paypal.

### Chick Evans recipient

Livonia Churchill senior Joshua Rimatzki joins an elite group of 41 golf caddies from across Michigan who have earned a prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship, which is a full, four-year housing and tuition scholarship.

Rimatzki, a caddie at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, will attend the University of Michigan.

Rimatzki is one of 247 caddies in the United States who received the honor this year.

Evans scholars are chosen based on demonstrating a strong caddie record, excellent academics, outstanding character and financial need. The scholarship is valued at more than \$80,000 over four years.

### Heroes Classic

Lutheran Westland High School's baseball team will be hosting the Heroes Classic event Saturday, which will include a baseball doubleheader that will honor military and first responders who have sacrificed for our freedoms in the United States.

There will be a freewill donation at the gate to benefit the Brian A. Woelke Scholarship Fund at Schoolcraft College. Proceeds generated by concessions sales throughout the day will also benefit the fund.

The festivities will kick off with a balloon launch at noon in honor of fallen heroes. Local firefighters have been asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at 12:30 p.m.

Along with the host Warriors, participating teams include Lutheran Northwest, Martin Luther High School (Greendale, Wis.) and Lake Country Lutheran from Hartland, Wis.

PREP BASEBALL

## POWER TRIP

Spartans hold off Chargers 12-8 in Kensington hit parade

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

On an afternoon when extra-base hits were raining down on the Livonia Stevenson baseball field (and beyond its fences), the host Spartans repelled a late Livonia Churchill run explosion to post a 12-8 victory.

Stevenson improved to 21-11 overall in the KLAA Kensington Conference crossover match-up that featured teams that finished third in their respective division. The Chargers slipped to 13-14 overall.

Junior right-hander Gordon Ferguson was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs on seven hits in five-plus innings. James Rintala suffered the loss, giving up six runs and nine hits in four innings.

Sophomore shortstop Chris Tanderys had a monster day at the plate for Stevenson, belting a home run and a pair of doubles. The Spartans' lead-off batter scored three times and knocked in three runs.

Senior right-fielder Jack Ferguson also launched a round-tripper for the winners. He finished with three RBIs and a run scored.

Other big hitters for Stevenson included Mark Pettersson (3-for-4, two RBIs, two runs), Gordon Ferguson (3-for-4, three runs), C.J. Weiss (2-for-2, hit by pitch, two runs) and Austin Petrie (1-for-1, RBI).

Catalysts for the Chargers' 10-hit attack were junior second baseman Matt Jones, who went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored; Noah Cross (2-for-2, RBI, run), Rob Copciac (2-for-2, RBI) and Connor Pawlak, who contributed two hits, an RBI and a run.

The game had all the makings of a pitchers' duel early, as



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Stevenson's Chris Tanderys launched a double and a home run during Monday's 12-8 victory over Churchill.

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PREP BASEBALL

## Panthers one win from capturing Red crown

Pitching, defense power RU's second straight run

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Redford Union's baseball team is on the verge of winning back-to-back championships for the first time since the 1998 season. Considering it just needs a victory over a team it crushed 28-0 earlier in the spring, the banner should be sent to an embroidery shop.

The Panthers are in the catbird's seat thanks to a thrilling 2-1 victory Monday at Livonia Clarenceville. A victory by the Trojans would have meant that RU, Clarenceville and Dearborn Heights Annapolis all had two division losses heading into Wednesday's final day of league play.

The win lifted the Panthers



JIMMY ROLLINS

Redford Union's baseball team poses for a photo following Monday's 2-1 victory over Clarenceville.

to 8-1 in the Red.

Clarenceville seized a 1-0 lead in the third inning on Jayson Harris' RBI single.

RU bounced back to take a

2-1 lead in the fifth off Trojans ace hurler Ryan Menifee, who struck out five and walked three.

With two outs and nobody on,

Jackson Allison singled and stole second. He then scored on Brandon Pratt's single.

Pratt proceeded to steal second and third. On his second theft, the throw eluded the Trojans' third baseman, allowing Pratt to score the winning run.

Vinnie Diaz pitched the first four innings before giving way to Jacob Gagnon, who earned the win with a stellar three-inning relief stint.

The game ended in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the seventh. With Trojans on first and third and one out, the Clarenceville batter's suicide-squeeze bunt attempt was popped up and caught by RU catcher Brendan McGurk, who threw to Allison at third to complete the game-ending double play.

Pratt led the Panthers with

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GIRLS SOCCER

# Dearborn set pieces doom GC

Pioneers score pair of goals off corners

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

An inability to defend set pieces effectively proved to be the downfall for Garden City's girls soccer team during Monday night's 4-1 loss to visiting Dearborn.

The Pioneers, who clinched at least a share of first place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, scored three of their four goals off two corner kicks and one free kick.

"We weren't marking well on the corners and we need to get more physical in the box," said Garden City head coach Jeff Szypula, whose team slipped to 8-8-1 overall and 5-3 in the WWAC. "Dearborn is a physical team, but we weren't matching them."

After trailing 2-0 at the half, the Cougars carried the play early in the second half and cut their deficit to 2-1 in the 43rd minute, when Lindsay Yankasky drew a foul in the box while motoring up the left wing (her shot hit the left post).

The senior made the Pioneers pay when her right-footed penalty kick



Garden City's Angie Dimopoulos (left) defends a Dearborn forward during Monday's game.

settled in the back-right corner of the net to make it a game.

"I'm proud of how hard Lindsay has worked on her right foot," Szypula said. "She's left-footed, but she's stayed after

practices many nights and worked on getting stronger with the right and it has paid off."

GC kept the pressure on over the next 20 minutes, producing a handful of quality scoring

chances, including a 15-yard shot from the right flank by Brooke Collins that Dearborn's keeper was able to corral, plus a strong run by Samantha Sultana that just missed resulting in the tying goal.

Taking advantage of the Cougars' ramped-up offensive efforts, the Pioneers countered with two goals over the final 15 minutes to put the game on ice.

The Cougars observed senior night and recognized their five final-year players: Yankasky, Gabby Castillo, Hope Pickens, Savannah Childress and Hayley Griffith.

### Edsel Ford drives past Trojans

Dearborn Edsel Ford defeated host Clarenceville in girls soccer Monday, 8-0. The Lady Trojans (4-10) played better in the final 45 minutes, according to coach Amanda Moody, and limited Edsel Ford to three goals.

Jillian Bunker started in net and stopped seven of 11 shots before moving to center mid. Sarah Curvin moved from stopper to keeper and made 11 saves while facing 15 shots.

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## PANTHERS

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two hits. McGurk and Allison had the only other two hits against the stingy Menifee.

"We had our chances earlier in the game as well," said Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter, who had high praise for Menifee. "Every time Ryan goes out on the mound, he gives us a chance."

The Panthers lost a pair of games Saturday at Livonia's Ford Field to high-caliber opponents.

In the first game, RU nearly overcame an early 6-0 deficit against state-ranked Allen Park before falling, 9-6. Diaz and McGurk each laced two hits, while Gagnon went 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Steven Davis suffered the loss. Tommie Lewis pitched in relief.

In the nightcap, RU lost to Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 4-0.

"I thought we represented Redford Union very well against two very good teams," RU head coach Bob Miller said.

RU will open Division 2 tourney play at 4 p.m. May 26 when it hosts Clarenceville in a pre-district game. A victory would propel the Panthers into a Saturday, May 30, semifinal game against Redford Thurston, which drew a first-round bye. South Lyon

East and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard will tangle in the other semi-final contest.

### Weekend results

Clarenceville lost to the host team Saturday in the final game of the Clawson tournament, 9-6.

Every time Clarenceville scored in the top half of an inning, Clawson came right back and scored in the bottom half, according to Cotter.

He added the Trojans had their worst defensive performance in some time with four errors, all of which led to Clawson runs.

"I can live with physical errors; that's part of the game," Cotter said. "But we missed our cut-off man twice on base hits to the outfield, which led to an extra two runs. That is just lack of concentration."

Menifee led the offense with two hits. Matt Drain, Justin Kelley, Mitch Kubiak, Bobby Jaber, Nick Bisaro, Adam Sade and Kam MacIver chipped in one hit apiece.

"We are really hitting well as a team right now," Cotter said. "We are playing our best baseball right now."

In a semifinal game Saturday, Clarenceville defeated New Haven, 12-8. The Trojans banged out 19 hits. Menifee and Drain were 4-for-4.

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GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk  
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## Stevenson's Flannigan signs with SVSU

Livonia Stevenson senior student-athlete Melissa Flannigan (sitting, center) is pictured with her parents John and Chris and siblings Kimmy, Jeff and Kelly while signing a letter of intent to compete in swimming beginning later this year at Saginaw Valley State University. Flannigan began swimming for Fairway Farms Summer Club when she was 10 with coach Megan Bruestle. She was a varsity swimmer for the Spartans for three seasons for coach Greg Phill. Flannigan has also been a member of the Stevenson track and field team for three years.

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD REGIONALS

# Local schools advance athletes to state finals

Runners, throwers, leapers headed to elite competition

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Several athletes from Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville and the two Redford high schools qualified for the Division 1 and 2 state meets thanks to extraordinary efforts at their respective regional meets last week.

At North Farmington High School, the Spartans' boys team placed fourth Friday with 65.5 points, while the girls team tied with the hosts for seventh with 32.

The Spartans' boys individual state qualifiers were pole vaulter Logan Delonis, who cleared the bar at 12 feet even; long jumper Christian Sullivan, who soared 20-0; and thrower Nick Hitchcock, who

advanced in both the shot put (48-0) and discus (141-2).

The two qualifiers for the Stevenson girls squad were pole vaulters Nicole Sokolosky (9-6) and Sommer Pappas (9-0).

In a Division 2 regional at South Lyon East High School, Thurston, RU and Clarenceville all pushed athletes through to next week's state meet.

Thurston's Dasia Johnson was the most-decorated athlete at the meet as she qualified for the state meet in the 100-meter dash (13.24 seconds), 200 (26.99) and 400 (59.36).

Clarenceville's lone girls qualifier was thrower Staneisha Chambers, who placed first in the discus with a heave of 107-1.

In the boys competition, RU's Reginald Jennings qualified in the 100 with a third-place time of 11.53.

Clarenceville's Jonathan Harris and Thurston's Errol Franklin moved on with times

of 51.84 and 51.89, respectively, in the 400.

Eagle Caebryn Crabtree will be headed to the state meet after covering the 800 distance in 2:03.21.

Both Redford schools had one qualifier each in the 110 high hurdles: RU's Keyon Thomas (15.46) and Thurston's Laymon Giddings-Whatley (15.49).

Thurston's Robert Thomas qualified in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.33.

Clarenceville thrower Jonathan Hogan advanced in both the shot put (46-1) and discus (128-7).

Overall, Thurston's girls placed seventh with 40 points, just ahead of eighth-place Clarenceville (22).

In the boys regional standings, Thurston was sixth (44 points), Clarenceville ninth (19) and RU 10th with 18.5 points.

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Stevenson's Christian Sullivan qualified for the state meet in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet at Friday's Division 1 regional.



ED WRIGHT

Garden City's Vinnie Bakerian stroked a triple and a home run in his first two at-bats Tuesday against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

PREP BASEBALL

## GC in hunt for WWAC Blue title

Cougars down Belleville in 10, rally past Crestwood

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Garden City's baseball team persevered Monday afternoon to capture a pivotal 4-3, 10-inning victory over Belleville to improve its record to 14-7 overall and 7-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

The triumph left the Cougars in a tie for first with the Tigers in the division. A victory in its final contests – scheduled for Wednesday against Romulus – would assure the Cougars of at least a co-championship.

Senior pitcher Nick Montroy, who recently commit-

ted to playing college baseball for Schoolcraft College, threw the first seven innings, holding the Tigers to three runs (only one earned). Montroy struck out nine.

Dakota Mahkimetass picked up the win, turning in four stellar innings of relief. Mahkimetass struck out three while blanking Belleville down the stretch.

The Cougars threatened to end the contest sooner than they ultimately did as they loaded the bases in the seventh and eighth innings without scoring.

In the 10th, with the game still knotted at 3-3, Tyler Kelly led off with a double, Vinnie Bakerian was intentionally walked for the second time and Matt Kindred loaded the bases with a walk. Alex Centofanti then drove in the winning run with a sharp single up the

middle.

Travis Kidd finished 4-for-6 for the winners with two runs scored. Bakerian was 3-for-4 with an RBI double. Kelly went 2-for-5.

The Cougars overcame an early 5-0 deficit Tuesday to defeat host Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 12-6.

Kyle Wladysiak earned the win, yielding five hits while striking out seven.

All nine starters ripped hits for the Cougars, who were led by Kidd's 4-for-5 day that included three runs scored and three stolen bases. Also making life rough for the Chargers were Kelly (3-for-3, three runs, RBI), Bakerian (2-for-4, triple, home run, five RBIs) and Jassen Matuscak and Montroy, who had two hits each. Centofanti added a double and two RBIs.

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BOYS GOLF

## Cougars earn second place in WWAC tourney

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Garden City's boys golf team put the stamp on another successful spring Monday by placing second at the Western Wayne Athletic Conference championship hosted by Lake Erie Metropark Golf Course.

Dearborn High won the tournament with a score of 311, 22 shots lower than the Cougars. Dearborn Heights Crestwood was third with a 349 tally, followed by Belleville (355), Dearborn Edsel Ford (356), Redford Thurston (366), Redford Union (371), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (391), Dearborn Fordson (421) and Romulus (503).

Juston Bastion led the Cougars with an 18-hole score of 80. Also scoring for the Cougars were Joe Pummill (82), Connor Johnson (83) and Evan Breen (88).

Austin New (88) and Jarid Latham (89) also played well.

### Spartans conquer Chargers

In a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover encounter featuring rivals Stevenson and

Churchill, the Spartans prevailed, 169-180, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Stevenson's Noah Pappalardo and Churchill's Griffin Ahmet shared medalist honors after carding 41 each.

Also scoring for the winners were Hyder Mansour (42), Ben Zammit (42) and Jon McDonald (44). Connor McQueen fired 45 for Stevenson, while Connor McCarthy came in with 50.

Churchill's additional scorers were John Doyle (45), Mikey Palumbo (47) and Peyton Elkins (47). Chase Fallu scored 48 for Churchill, while Aaron Walton netted 52.

### Franklin falls

South Lyon East defeated host Livonia Franklin, 166-174, in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover match played Tuesday at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

Will Hettel led the Patriots with a round of 41. Also scoring for the hosts were Matt Wiebelhaus (42), Trevor Van Vliet (45) and Jacob Kenward, who fired a 46. Jeremy Haist (55) and David Shoemaker (59) played varsity for the Patriots.

## BASEBALL

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the first two innings were completed in about 18 minutes, with the Spartans in front, 1-0.

However, things got offensive from then on as Churchill seized a brief 2-1 lead with a pair of runs in the top of the third.

Stevenson then put up what looked like a winning lottery ticket over the next four innings, scoring 2-3-5-1 runs in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Trailing 11-2 and facing the prospect of a mercy in the top of the sixth, the Chargers erupted for a six-spot to trim their deficit to 11-8. The Spartans, though, scored another run in the bottom of the inning and closed the game with a perfect



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Churchill's Matt Jones steals second base during Monday's game at Stevenson.

seventh-inning pitching effort by Nick Cotter, who struck out two and induced a pop out. Stevenson outthit its rival, 16-10.

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PREP SOFTBALL

## Stevenson's diamond crew closing season with a bang

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's softball team is heating up at just the right time.

With the Division 1 district tournament looming May 30, the Spartans captured Saturday's Tier 5 championship at the Michigan Classic High School Tournament.

The Spartans opened Birmingham Marian, 6-5, in the championship game. Natalie Moore ripped a walk-off, bases-loaded single for the game-winner.

In the tournament's opening

game, Cassidy Lipinski launched a walk-off solo home run to help the Spartans upend Detroit Cass Tech, 6-5.

"Both of the games were very exciting and nice for our girls, who have had a tough season," Stevenson head coach Mike Reilly said.

The Spartans continued their winning ways Monday when they mercied Wayne Memorial, 18-3, in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game.

The Spartans have been powered by the pitching of freshmen Sarah Mesack and Elisabeth McCann, along with Moore. Lipinski, who recently



Members of Livonia Stevenson's softball team pose with their trophy after excelling in Saturday's tournament.

committed to play collegiate softball for upstart Schoolcraft College, has been the team's leading hitter, while Laura Coleman has been a defensive

mainstay in right field along with providing consistent hitting.

The Spartans open district play May 30 at Farmington

Hills Harrison against the winner of the Harrison-Farmington Hills Mercy pre-district game.

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John Glenn freshman Brian Martin, pictured playing third base during a game earlier this season, has had a phenomenal year.

## KLAA SOUTH DIVISION BASEBALL

# Martin a freshman fixture for Westland John Glenn

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Freshman baseball players as poised and skilled as Westland John Glenn's Brian Martin come around about as often as Halley's Comet.

A beast at the plate and on the mound for the Rockets this season, Martin pitched his team to a 7-4 victory Monday over Novi, striking out eight while scattering six hits.

Martin also contributed a clutch single during the Rockets' pivotal five-run fourth.

"Coaches of the teams we play ask me where I got this guy," John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer said, speaking about Martin. "He's been phenomenal. Nothing fazes this kid."

Monday's victory propelled John Glenn's record 15-14. The Rockets' three-game set in Taylor got washed out Saturday.

John Glenn jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first before Novi countered with three in its half.

The Rockets' game-deciding fourth included singles by Noah Damian, Martin and Zach Croft,

a bases-loaded RBI walk to Bernard Snell and a big hit by Kyle Smith, who has emerged as one of the team's best sluggers.

Smith finished with three hits and two RBIs. Brendan Wetmore went 2-for-5, while Vince Cadotto added a clutch single.

Damian's recent hot streak at the dish has elevated him to the No. 2 slot in the Rockets' batting order.

John Glenn opens Division 1 district play at 4 p.m. May 26 against Canton at Plymouth High School. With a victory, the Rockets would advance to the May 30 semifinal round against Salem, which drew a first-round bye. Plymouth and Churchill will square off in the other semifinal.

### Patriots double up Salem

Livonia Franklin continued its strong play Monday by defeating host Salem, 6-3, in a crossover battle featuring two second-place teams.

The Patriots overcame an early 2-0 deficit with three runs in the top of the fourth. The Rocks then knotted the game at

3-3 in the bottom of the fourth before Franklin took the lead with a single run in the fifth.

Franklin, which outit Salem 12-9, tacked on two insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

Adrian Reed earned the victory, pitching the final six innings in relief of starter Kolby Dewhurst. Reed struck out four while scattering six hits and two walks. Both runs he yielded were unearned due to a pair of Patriots errors.

Four players ripped two hits apiece for the winners: Jake Fry, Tyler Camp, Mitch Gonyaw and Ryan Prohaska. Fry added three RBIs, while Camp knocked in two.

"It was a gritty win for us, especially after having to pull out Kolby in the second inning," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said. "Adrian threw well in a tough spot."

Franklin will face Garden City at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, in a Division 1 district semifinal game at Dearborn High. The host Pioneers will take on Dearborn Heights Crestwood in another semifinal set for 12:30 p.m., with the final set for approximately 3 p.m.

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

### Lady Spartans basketball camp

The 2015 Lady Spartans basketball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 16-18 in the Stevenson Field House.

Girls entering grades 4-9 are eligible to participate.

Participants' age and skill level will be taken into consideration when players are placed into groups.

The cost is \$70, which includes group and individual instruction from Stevenson coaches and players, drills that can be used during the off-season and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Stevenson head coach Tim Newman at [tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:tnewman@livoniapublicschools.org).

### Churchill football camp

The Livonia Churchill summer football camp for kids entering grades 3-8 will be held 7-9:20 p.m. July 22-23 at the school's football stadium.

The fee is \$35 if registered before July 1 and \$50 after that date. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

All participants must bring cleats, running shoes and have a signed liability form.

For more information and a registration form, go to [churchill.livoniapublicschools.org](http://churchill.livoniapublicschools.org).

### Churchill boys basketball camp

The Livonia Churchill boys basketball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 22-25. The camp is for boys entering grades 5-9 and the cost is \$50, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call 734-744-2650, ext. 46194, or go to [churchill.livoniapublicschools.org](http://churchill.livoniapublicschools.org).

### Churchill hockey camp

The Livonia Churchill hockey camp will be held 8-9:20 p.m. Aug. 3-7 and Aug. 10-14 at Eddie Edgar Arena. The cost is \$175.

For more information, contact head coach Jason Reynolds at [Jay-Rey48152@gmail.com](mailto:Jay-Rey48152@gmail.com).

### Churchill soccer camp

The Livonia Churchill soccer camp for boys and girls will be held 9-11 a.m. June 22-26 at the school's turf athletic field. The camp is designed for kids ages 10-16.

The cost is \$49. Participants must be equipped with cleats or flats, shin guards and a soccer ball.

For more information, send an email to [mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mgrodzic@livoniapublicschools.org) or [rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:rfriedri@livoniapublicschools.org).

### Tim Shaw camp

Tim Shaw's annual Dream it! Do it! football camp will be held 5:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the Clarenceville football field, located on the east side of Middlebelt Road 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 grades 4-12.

Registration begins at the field at 4:45 p.m. June 12. Participants can pre-register at [timshawfootball.com](http://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 email to [johnshawfamily@gmail.com](mailto:johnshawfamily@gmail.com).

### GC football camps

The Garden City football program will host its football camp June 15-18 and June 22-24 for all 2015 ninth-through 12th-grade student-athletes. Cost for the camp is \$50, if registered by June 5. All campers will receive a T-shirt. Go to [www.gccougarcountry.com](http://www.gccougarcountry.com) for more information.

The Garden City football program will host its youth football camp July 20-21 and July 27-28 for all 10- to 13-year-old student-athletes at the GCHS varsity game field. Cost for the camps is \$50 total (all four days), if registered by June 5. All campers will receive a T-shirt. Go to [www.gccougarcountry.com](http://www.gccougarcountry.com) for more information.

The Garden City football program will host its youth football camp from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 25 for all 6- to 9-year-old student-athletes at the GCHS varsity game field. Cost for the camp is \$40, which includes lunch and a T-shirt. Go to [www.gccougarcountry.com](http://www.gccougarcountry.com) for more information.



Franklin first baseman Sarah Cramton stretches for a wide throw.

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## PREP SOFTBALL

# Franklin succumbs to Lions, 6-0

Patriots win one of three at Lakeland tournament

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin's softball team dropped to 12-17 overall following Monday's 6-0 loss at South Lyon in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game.

Alaina DeFrain suffered the loss for the Patriots, even though she did not allow an earned run. The Patriots committed five costly errors in the first inning alone and the Lions capitalized with four runs.

Fielding miscues haunted Franklin again in the second, when two mistakes directly resulted in two more Lions runs. DeFrain scattered six hits and struck out seven. Offensively, Lauren Michael ripped two singles, while DeFrain contributed a double.

The Patriots went 1-2 at a tournament hosted Saturday by Lakeland.

Franklin dropped a tight 4-3 decision to the state-ranked hosts in the opener as DeFrain carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning before the Eagles struck

for all four of their runs, stringing together four hits and a walk. Franklin scored one run in the first and two in the sixth.

Becky Giacobbi was the Patriots' catalyst, lacing two singles and scoring a run. Sarah Cramton chipped in with two singles and an RBI.

Following a 9-8 loss in the second game, Franklin upended Walled Lake Western, 9-8, in the finale as Giacobbi and Tara Trujillo each chipped in with two hits. Megan Chapman was the winning pitcher.

### Trojans edge RU

In a wild rivalry game, Livonia Clarenceville squeaked out a 17-16 win against visiting Redford Union in eight innings Monday.

The Trojans led the entire game and took a 16-7 lead into the seventh inning, but RU pushed across nine runs with two outs to even the score.

Clarenceville (6-10, 4-3 WWAC) loaded the bases in the eighth and sophomore Kristine Sidon's base hit scored junior Allison Szostak with the winning run.

Senior Emily Schwartz (6-8) went the distance to get the win,

allowing 18 hits and two walks. She struck out six.

Schwartz did her part offensively with two hits, including a double. She was hit by a pitch three times, walked once and scored four runs, as did senior Mia Sampson.

Clarenceville gained a doubleheader split Saturday with Southfield Christian by winning the second game, 14-11.

The Trojans trailed 8-0 after one inning. Schwartz earned the win in relief, allowing five runs on five hits. She struck out seven and did not walk a batter.

Sampson and Claudia Moore reached four times and scored three runs each. Freshman Kayla Schoenfeldt had her first RBI.

Southfield Christian won the first game in six innings, 11-1. Clarenceville's lone hit was a single by Kristine Sidon that scored pitcher Janie Waggoner.

The Trojans defeated Robichaud in three innings Friday, 21-0. They had one hit, but capitalized on 19 walks and nine hit batters.

Kylee Hammond had the one hit. Schwartz pitched a one-hit shutout, striking out five and walking one.

## TENNIS

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ing Dearborn's Marissa Haaq and Layla Jawad, 6-0, 6-0, and Franklin's Haley Griffin and Emma Fogle, 6-2, 6-1, to earn a berth in the final against Mercy's No. 1-seeded duo of Megan Haase and Nicole Meek.

In a nip-and-tuck encounter, Smith and McCamant prevailed, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The Spartans advanced other players to the final match before losing in the flight championship: singles players Jill Weiland (No. 2) and Danielle Marzec (No. 3) and the doubles duos of Natalie Hay and Maddie Chimento (No. 2) and Lauren Larson and Sarah Morse (No. 3).

Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Sam DiGiovanni and Arryn Dochenetz earned two points in a talent-rich bracket. Churchill and Franklin fin-

ished in a tie for third with 12 points each.

Churchill No. 1 singles player Kaitlyn Rogosch, a freshman, was the tournament's lone individual qualifier as she swept to a title with victories over Wayne's Janae Strickland, 6-1, 6-1; Franklin's Kendall Payne, 6-2, 6-1; and Mercy's Kathryn Dunleavy, 6-4, 6-4.

Dunleavy entered the regional as the No. 1 seed. Churchill picked up two points each from No. 2 singles

player Triveni Arvikar, the No. 2 doubles team of Angelica Zhou and Maddy VanWormer and the No. 3 doubles team of Julia Marsh and Franceska Spallari.

Two-time winners for the Patriots included Payne, No. 3 singles player Carla Yanez, Freeman, their No. 1 doubles pairing of Kaity Swenson and Ashlee Mahoney, their No. 3 doubles team of Janki Patel and Sophia Bastas and their No. 4 twosome of Griffin and

Fogle.

Wayne Memorial's two points were generated by one win each from the No. 2 doubles team of Rachel Cherian and Karla Strong and the No. 4 doubles team of Brittney Behlow and Brittany Nahle.

Westland John Glenn's single point came from No. 1 singles player Malaysia Martin's victory.

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## June 1 opening for Parade of Homes

Parade of Homes 2015, the 26th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeast Michigan, will open June 1 and run through June 30, 2015. Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America Home Loans sponsor this free public event.

"The new homes featured in this program offer a good cross section of the homes being built throughout southeast Michigan," Norm Finkelstein, builder, of Norwood Homes, Ltd. and 2015 president of HBA, said in a statement. "We're excited to be building innovative new homes for the families of southeast Michigan and to be offering them at a variety of price points."

The Parade of Homes offers potential home buyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 53 models under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$139,900 to \$1,358,000.

The homes are built by 22 different builders, all members of HBA. The Parade of Homes includes three attached condominiums, four detached condominiums and 46 single-family homes. Nine of the homes are pre-construction, so potential home buyers have the opportunity to work with the builder from the beginning of construction. Another three of the homes are currently under construction. The remainder are built and will be open for visitors beginning June 1.

Architects and industry experts will judge the homes and award blue ribbons in several categories. The judges will make their decisions based on a combination of factors, including innovation, aesthetic appeal and value for the price. Judges for this year's program will be Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates; and Paul Sal-



The Gardenia by Norwood Homes is located at 421 Gardenia in Royal Oak.

loun, retail sales manager, of Bank of America Home Loans.

A free Parade of Homes magazine, including photos, renderings, features, hours and location maps for all homes, will be distributed Sunday, June 7, within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, available at Bank of America locations throughout southeast Michigan, at select Kroger locations and at all participating model homes beginning June 1. The Parade of Homes website will also be available beginning June 1 at: [www.ParadeHBA.com](http://www.ParadeHBA.com). This is the only Parade of Homes event HBA will sponsor this year.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and Apartment



The Muirfield by Pinnacle Homes is located in Andelina Ridge in Novi.

Association of Michigan are trade associations representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry.

HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 150,000 individuals and companies.

## Condo pact questions? Ask an attorney

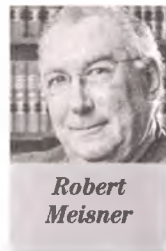
**Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers who sell new condos have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?**

A: I presume what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities.

When a settlement is reached, the parent developer, as well as the single-entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project, want a release from the association on any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the co-owners. While I think that is improper, purchasers of condos from these developers working through single-entity LLCs will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred in this and other property, particularly on when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of developers in the Detroit area.

**Q: I have heard the term "crowd funding" banded about since 2012 and I am wondering what is going on in Michigan and what it is all about.**

A: Since the SEC has continuously postponed publishing crowd funding rules to "unaccredited investors" since 2012, many states (including Michigan) have opened the door for in-state crowd funding as of Dec. 30, 2013. Despite much discussion, very few companies have established Internet portals for capital raises to benefit budding entrepreneurs or real estate developers looking for gap funding in order to complete their enterprise. This is basically an alternative financing tool which gives small investors an opportunity to get involved in real estate and other ventures. There is something called the Michigan Crowd Fund Program which can give you additional information.



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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 19-23, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

498 E Canford Park \$391,000  
4598 Hunters Cir W \$110,000  
42501 Proctor Rd \$228,000  
271 Roosevelt St \$303,000

42293 Saltz Rd \$130,000  
3040 Wakefield Ct \$301,000  
4114 Wrenwood Ln \$277,000  
4160 Wrenwood Ln \$275,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
556 Harrison St \$78,000  
30150 Rush St \$101,000  
**LIVONIA**  
35973 6 Mile Rd \$218,000  
38760 Ann Arbor Trl \$85,000  
35681 Elmira St \$160,000  
18583 Glengarry Dr \$325,000

**NORTHVILLE**  
16550 Cottonwood Ct \$405,000  
20489 Lexington Blvd \$385,000  
16130 Mulberry Way \$410,000  
41415 Rayburn Dr \$327,000  
17191 Spring Hill Ct \$530,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
242 Blunk St \$243,000  
42141 Lakeland Ct \$195,000  
**REDFORD**  
19538 Brady \$28,000  
17238 Garfield \$60,000

18446 Glenmore \$50,000  
11635 Grayfield \$76,000  
14233 San Jose \$50,000  
**WESTLAND**  
8121 Carrousel Blvd \$111,000  
29918 Gladys Ave \$115,000  
35246 Lewis St \$62,000  
2044 N Walton St \$38,000  
1266 Portland St \$108,000  
2289 Stieber St \$25,000  
8037 Tom Brown Dr \$243,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 22, 2014, to Jan. 2, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16960 Birwood Ave \$219,000  
32648 Old Post Rd \$372,000  
32300 Plumwood St \$320,000  
16238 Reedmere Ave \$240,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

768 Bird Ave \$620,000  
808 Bird Ave \$636,000  
1771 Birmingham Blvd \$270,000  
1590 Hazel St \$255,000  
1652 Henrietta St \$317,000  
842 Hidden Ravines Dr \$1,220,000  
1756 Holland St \$490,000  
1060 Kennesaw St \$385,000  
1370 Latham St \$833,000  
673 N Eton St \$107,000  
301 N Eton St # A \$94,000  
1826 Pierce St \$602,000  
662 Purdy St # 214 \$249,000  
564 Ridgedale Ave \$438,000  
1220 Smith Ave \$655,000  
452 Suffield Ave \$475,000  
2425 W Lincoln St \$280,000  
1620 Washington Blvd \$902,000  
1659 Washington Blvd \$420,000  
1992 Washington Blvd \$356,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5026 Kellen Ln \$395,000  
4555 Stoneleigh Rd \$540,000  
25 Cabot Pl \$1,090,000  
2694 Heathfield Rd \$815,000  
6445 Thurber Rd \$429,000  
893 W Glengarry Cir \$1,350,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
1715 Carrington Way \$580,000

1048 Glenwood Ct \$460,000  
2811 Heathfield Rd \$282,000  
1586 Heronwood Ct \$850,000  
175 Highland Ave \$215,000  
319 Hillboro Dr \$290,000  
5273 Hollow Dr \$374,000  
1121 Ivyglen Cir \$217,000  
729 Upper Scotsborough Way \$323,000  
801 W Long Lake Rd # H2 \$112,000  
1968 W Spinningwheel Ln \$287,000  
7055 White Pine Dr \$359,000  
2584 Amberly Rd \$460,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
4863 Birkdale Dr \$321,000  
2272 Calibouge \$75,000  
8291 Cascade St \$195,000  
3966 E Commerce Rd \$212,000  
2530 Hampton Ct \$300,000  
2620 Massena St \$142,000  
252 Phoenix St \$165,000  
240 Polvadera St \$135,000  
5874 Strawberry Cir \$495,000  
4806 Surfwood Dr \$310,000  
1838 Thorndale St \$150,000  
1505 Trace Hollow Dr \$300,000  
707 W Commerce Rd \$110,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
31241 Country Ridge Cir \$290,000  
23700 Oakland St \$260,000  
33144 Tall Oaks St \$168,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
29229 Autumn Rdg \$294,000  
37224 Berkleigh Ct \$305,000  
33695 Bostwick Pl \$195,000  
25507 Castlereigh Dr \$235,000  
33596 Colony Park Dr \$270,000  
38957 Country Cir \$125,000  
27689 Doreen St \$158,000  
29587 Kings Pointe Ct \$240,000  
30277 Kingsway Dr \$289,000

25480 Leestock \$66,000  
37412 Legends Trail Dr \$190,000  
32363 Olde Franklin Dr \$175,000  
29443 Pendleton Club Dr \$51,000  
30980 Pointe Of Woods Dr \$110,000  
22085 Purdue Ave \$62,000  
29424 Regents Pointe \$152,000  
25766 Skye Ave \$80,000  
35820 Springvale St \$250,000  
26266 Steele Rd \$199,000  
37900 Wendy Lee St \$80,000  
26610 Westmeath St \$229,000  
35138 White Pine Trl \$254,000  
21796 Whittington St \$118,000  
28788 Wilton Dr \$322,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
24755 Franklin Park Dr \$625,000  
**HIGHLAND**  
1998 Des Jardins Dr \$390,000  
604 Fisher Rd \$175,000  
2837 Jackson Blvd \$102,000  
2210 James \$100,000  
1595 Kingsway Dr \$149,000  
3620 Kingsway Dr \$259,000  
4475 Woodcock Way \$167,000  
**LATHRUP VILLAGE**  
26861 Bloomfield Dr S \$166,000  
17615 Coral Gables Ave \$193,000  
18941 Rainbow Ct \$160,000  
**MILFORD**  
220 Crystal St \$212,000  
2959 Hampikian Dr \$172,000  
696 S Garner Rd \$240,000  
213 Union St \$100,000  
1350 W Dawson Rd \$263,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
21712 Beauford Ln \$388,000  
44518 Chadbury Ct \$305,000  
20925 Maybuck Dr \$1,150,000  
21274 Summerside Ln \$360,000

**NOVI**  
25831 Abbey Dr \$326,000  
25516 Birchwoods Dr \$331,000  
39515 Burton Dr \$215,000  
24516 Cavendish Ave E \$652,000  
22563 Deerfield Rd \$244,000  
51188 E Bourne Ter \$295,000  
43040 Emerson Way \$290,000  
29752 English Way \$315,000  
40423 Franklin Mill St \$217,000  
22386 Mill Rd \$245,000  
30440 Norwich Dr \$380,000  
24772 Olde Orchard St \$115,000  
24881 Reeds Pointe Dr \$530,000  
31135 Rolling Grove Dr \$226,000  
47317 Scarlet Dr N \$280,000  
24259 Weatherwane Ct \$195,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
58214 Belfore Ct \$315,000  
52038 Copperwood Dr N \$102,000  
1130 Fountain View Cir \$145,000  
22897 Fremont Dr N \$452,000  
739 Norchester St \$165,000  
1115 Paddock Dr \$244,000  
28425 Pontiac Trl \$138,000  
52237 Red Cedar \$340,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
15580 Agnew Pl \$210,000  
27371 Apple Blossom Ln \$102,000  
21412 Buttercrest St \$61,000  
30424 Fairfax St \$110,000  
28556 Glasgow St \$60,000  
19310 Magnolia Pkwy \$63,000  
29399 McDonnell Ct \$100,000  
29435 Murray Crescent Dr \$78,000  
28750 San Carlos St \$145,000  
27745 Sutherland St \$155,000  
**WHITE LAKE**  
9989 Palmoor St \$120,000  
7610 Pontiac Lake Rd \$325,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Short sales

If you owe more than your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

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

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for a reservation or additional information.

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

For information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

#### Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email [Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com](mailto:Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com) or go to [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com).











RELIGION CALENDAR

**MAY BIBLE COLLECTION**  
**Time/Date:** Through May 31  
**Location:** Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The church is collecting Bibles for Africa through Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a nonprofit organization founded by church members Wayne and Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills. Drop offs may be made any time at the collection box at the main entrance to the church. Follow the Bonvallets at helpinghandstouchinghearts.blogspot.com  
**Contact:** 248-476-8222  
**CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Tatiana Scavnicki and Mark Watson perform a combi-

nation of rock, world beat, mystical and pop. Tickets are \$15 and available through Unity of Livonia Bookstore or by phone  
**Contact:** 734-421-1760  
**DEMENTIA SERIES**  
**Time/Date:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, 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

**JUNE CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Saturday,

June 6  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Mobile Millennium Carillon from Ohio will be on hand for a free concert featuring Julie Ford, director of music at St. John's, and Kimberly Schafer of Chicago, Ill. Attendees may bring blankets or chairs. The church will serve ice cream  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190; stjohnsplymouth.org

**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, Livonia  
**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 Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** No documentation needed  
**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org  
**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12  
**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

**MOMS Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 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 Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**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. daily  
**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@Connectionchurch.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 offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244  
**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**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@firesidechog.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) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451  
**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**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 Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322  
**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; 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, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**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 May  
**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 Casey 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. 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; 248-478-6520  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830  
**Congregation Bet Chaverim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month  
**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation  
**Contact:** www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com  
**Due Season Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.  
**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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LOVELAND, DAVID BURTON

Passed away on May 16, 2015 due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was born on July 25th, 1932 in Wyandotte, Michigan and was the child of Burton E. and Loretta B. Loveland. David graduated from Ecorse (MI) High School in 1951 and the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 1955. After graduation, he worked in and became co-owner of the Loveland's Pharmacy in Ecorse until the store was sold in 1973. He was then employed as a pharmacist in retail and hospital settings. He retired as a pharmacist in 2010. He was very passionate about service work and contributing to the betterment of others throughout his life. He was involved in the sport of rowing for over 50 years. Later in life he became devoted to the cause of child abuse through involvement in Exchange Clubs in Lincoln Park, Canton and Livonia. David was married to the love of his life Hazel Fayne (McCoy) Loveland on August 20, 1955 until her death on May 10, 2010. He is survived by sons Dr. Jeffrey David Loveland (Kathryn) of Woodstock, Virginia and Dr. Robert Brian Loveland (Michelle) of South Lyon, MI, daughter Cheryl A. Hammond R.N. of Tampa, Florida; along with five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A sister, Ruth Allen of Southgate (MI) also survives. He is predeceased by his parents, wife and brothers Donald E. Loveland and Warren C. Loveland. Services were Wednesday arranged by J.L. Peters Funeral Home, (313-928-6500) www.jlpetersfuneralhome.com. Donations in David's memory can be made to the National Exchange Club or the Alzheimer's Association.



MASSEY, HARVE S.

MAY 15, 2015, age 77 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Carol. Loving father of Larry and Karen. Brother of Gary (Jessie). Dear uncle of Stacy, Susan, Frank, Susan, Bob and Kristin. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (Between Sheldon and Beck). In state Tuesday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the Church Music Department. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

RANDALL, FLORENCE A.

Elegant. Gracious. Humorous. Mucho Encantaro. The world is less bright today with the recent passing of Florence (Flossie, Flo) Aldrete Randall, age 87. Born February 23, 1928, San Antonio, Texas. Died May 5, 2015, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A local community member since 1964. Florence passed with minimal discomfort and with immediate family members by her side. Death due to natural causes. Predeceased by: parents Michael and Margaret Aldrete; brothers, Michael and George Aldrete, sister Mary (David) Aldrete Lytle; Husband Richard Roy Randall; long-term love and partner Julian Galen. Survived by: sons Richard (Patricia) Alan Randall, Jeffrey (Lisa) Roy Randall; grandchildren Jeffrey (Theresa) Morgan Randall, Dylan Evans Randall; great grandchild Victoria Rose Randall; former daughters-in-law Barbara J. Randall, Claire Ivey. Florence's was an eighty-seven year journey of a life well-lived and international in scope. (A claimed genealogy to Spanish King Phillip II is neither confirmed nor doubted.) The trials and tribulations that besiege all of us were dealt with and conquered in a unique style that was all Florence. She orchestrated by action and communication a peace between blended families and a bond with friends rivaling any diplomat - or king. She leaves behind a stationary collection not to be believed. Flossie took on all challengers and made you feel almost good about losing; just ask the local pickle-ball club or the U.S. Post Office. A formidable tennis player in younger years, Florence was an avid sports fan, loyal to all Detroit teams. Forgiven for her fondness of Tom Brady. A parent and grandparent without peer. She attended more events than a dozen soccer moms. A terrific cook and dinner hostess. Incredibly, if sometimes foggy, holiday meals. Florence could create a perfect, authentic Paella and do things with an electric skillet nothing short of magical. Florence traveled. Her favorite spot likely the Pocono Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania. She had friends worldwide. She was knowledgeable and conversant on many subjects, including politics - "opinionated" one son has said. Florence's friendships transcended any cultural or color boundaries. Florence Randall was a mighty spirit with a steadfast heart of heroic proportion. She bore a smile while staring straight at death. She loved her sons, grandchildren, great grandchild and family without reserve, judgement or condition. She was a joy to all who met her and remains a sparkle in the lives of all lucky enough to count her as family or friend. Florence A. Randall: wise and generous. She will be missed. Florence chose cremation. Memorial service details will be determined and announced. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of choice in her memory.



STANBURY, PATRICIA (WILHELM)

Age 77, May 9, 2015 of Hubbard Lake, formerly of Plymouth. Preceded in death by parents Wanda and Joseph Wilhelmi and son Douglas; Beloved mother of Annette (Chris) Tornga, Craig, Lynton and Brent (Lisa). Grandmother of four. Dear sister of Larry (Peg) and Roger (Nancy) Wilhelmi and Susan (Gordon) Lampman. Memorial information available at: www.grdewitt.com



TOOT, MARY E.

(nee TIBBET) 88, passed away peacefully May 18, 2015. Preceded in death by husband John L. (Jack) Toot; mother to Jim of Colorado, Jane (Rick) Van Dresser of Michigan and loving grandmother to Anna. Mary was a graduate of Michigan State University and attended University of Michigan graduate school. In 1949 she taught school at Harrison Park Junior High in Grand Rapids and then Royal Oak High. Former member of Orchard Lake Country Club, The Village Club, TCH Women's Club, Tri-Delta sorority and First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Interment Grandville, MI.

**ZIEGLER, THELMA R**  
 Age 87, of Northville, formerly of Livonia, passed away May 16, 2015. Full obit at www.caterlinefuneralhome.com



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# Creative flair: Sketch like Degas at Drawn to the Night art event

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Grab your sketch pad and charcoal, brushes and paints. It's time to make your own masterpiece at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Drawn to the Night.

The monthly open studio attracts professional, amateur and wannabe artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form from live clothed models.

"You can do anything you want. You can sketch, paint, use charcoal. That's the cool thing about it. You can try things out," said Faith Long, 12, a Plymouth Township resident and a regular at the event that she attends with her grandmother.

"I usually do pencil, mostly because I make lots of mistakes and I have to erase and do it over. It's good practice for going outside in nature. Because if you want to draw a butterfly from a real life perspective, you won't have an hour to draw it."

Faith said she has become "less uptight" about her art. The models change poses throughout the session, leaving little time for perfectionism.

"It doesn't have to be a masterpiece. It doesn't have to be perfect."

Faith, who also takes dance lessons, is eager to draw at this month's session because its theme is inspired by French impressionist painter Edgar Degas, who spent much of his career drawing ballet dancers. A ballerina from Synergy Dance in downtown Plymouth will serve as the model.

Drawn to the Night runs 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 29, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth. Artists bring their own supplies and pay \$10 at the door. Students pay \$5. The PCAC serves complimentary refreshments.

Kirbi Fagan, illustrator, served as host during the program's first year. She created a theme for each session and a corresponding setting for the models. Christina Evans, artist and instructor takes over this year, starting with this month's gathering.

"We had '70s hippies, an apocalyptic scene. We had mermaids. We had cowboys," said Lisa Howard, PCAC director, recalling topics from last year. "We set up a little set behind the person. Sometimes it's simple and we've had some elaborate sets in the past."

## Art inspiration

Evans decided to add a twist to the monthly theme. Each will be based on a famous art-



Three models pose amid a collection of archaeology-inspired props.



A sketch made during Plymouth Community Arts Council's monthly Drawn to the Night.

ist's works.

"It's important to look at works of people who have done it and succeeded at it. And it also promotes art appreciation," said Evans, who is considering Monet, Renoir and Seurat for future themes. "I want to feel people out, too, and see what they are interested in."

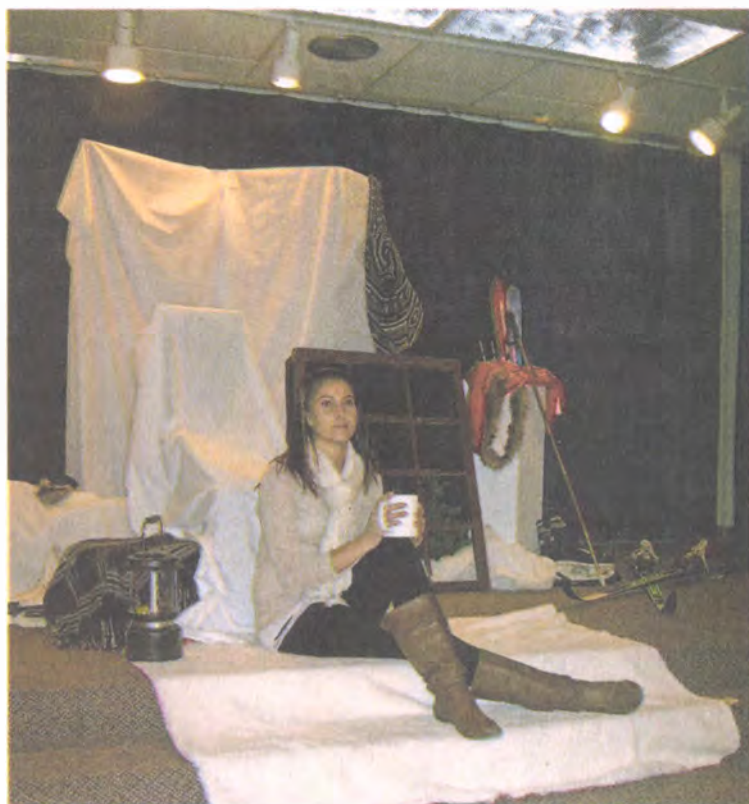
As the night's emcee, she also will decide when models change position. Evans has both modeled and timed the poses at previous Drawn to the Night sessions.

"I've taken so many (figure drawing) classes, I know what

the protocol is. I know what's interesting, what's dynamic," she said, referring to poses.

"Generally what I like to do is start with a couple of 30-second warmups, just to get the hand moving. I'll do three-, four-, or five-minute poses and then divvy up the rest of the time between 15-minute and half-hour poses.

"I love the idea that once a month an artist can come and be free and do whatever work they want while looking at a model. Generally all the places I've taken it (figure drawing) has been with one medium. They'll say, graphite or char-



A model poses with props at Drawn to the Night.



Artists create a variety of sketches in various media and styles.

coal. Or they only do acrylic. It's interesting when you have a mix of people all working on the same thing, that are working in different media and are next to each other. That makes it more dynamic."

## Get in the zone

Evans said figure drawing helps artists understand perspective and envision the human form as a series of basic shapes such as ovals and columns. The clothing on the model adds "a totally different" element to figure studies.

She suggests that first-time attendees with little art experi-

ence simply "try it and have fun." It's a bonus if their work succeeds. If not, "at least you tried," she said.

Howard likens the process of figure drawing or painting to knitting and embroidery in that "you get in the zone and don't think about anything else."

"It's really therapeutic," she said. "And it's a nice break from the usual thing people do on a Friday night."

Future dates will be announced on the PCAC Facebook page and at [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 9 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 and parking

**Sunset at the Zoo:** The annual fundraiser for ages 21 and over will run 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, June 12 and will include a strolling supper, specialty drinks, dancing, live entertainment and access to some of the habitats at twilight. The theme, Summer Chill, will celebrate the Polk Penguin Conservation Center. Tickets are \$150-\$300, available at [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org)

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### GALLERY@VT

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

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** "Music & Play," is a collaborative exhibit by artists Michele M. Crimi and Jesse Brandel. Crimi creates sculptures from recycled musical instruments and Brandel makes 3-D contour sculptures from wire

**Contact:** 734-394-5300, [cantonvillage-theater.org](http://cantonvillage-theater.org)

### JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

**Time/Date:** The exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, through July 16

**Location:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield



Bad Marmot includes Matt Bier, Garden City native Aaron LaCombe, Mike Rothschild and John Baker. The band performs May 22 at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City.

**Details:** 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition  
**Contact:** 248-661-1000

### 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:** Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, running through June 27

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** West of Center, and all-media show  
**Contact:** 248-344-0497

### AUDITIONS

#### MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

**Time/Date:** By appointment May 30, June 1 and June 6

**Location:** 1526 Broadway, Detroit

**Details:** Children's Chorus auditions for the 2015-16 season, which includes the Principal Chorus for ages, 10-16, and the Preparatory Chorus, for ages 8-11. Audition requirements are a prepared song that is age appropriate and selected from the folk or classical genres, a prepared poem, a one-page resume listing music and theater background (if applicable), and a basic photo

**Contact:** Twannette Nash at [tnash@motopera.org](mailto:tnash@motopera.org) for more information

### FILM

#### LENORE MARWIL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** Through May 21

**Location:** Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Tickets are \$12 per film. Check online for complete list of films and screening times

**Contact:** 248-661-1900; [theberman.org](http://theberman.org)

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 23-24

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Cinderella*; admission \$3

**Coming up:** *Woman in Gold*, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28 and June 4; 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30; and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penn-theatre.com](http://www.penn-theatre.com)

### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 29 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30

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

**Details:** *Titanic*; \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481 for more information

### SUMMER DRIVE-IN

**Time/Date:** Beginning at dusk, May 22-24

**Location:** USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

**Details:** Double features on three screens. Visit [summerdrivein.com](http://summerdrivein.com) weekly for updated film list. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under.

**Contact:** 734-927-3284 for more information

### HISTORY

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 5-July 26

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** "Rocks, Paper, Memory: Wendy Artin's Watercolor Paintings of Ancient Sculptures" features paintings of ancient Greek and Roman sculptures along with objects from the Kelsey's collection

**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 for more information

### MUSIC

#### ALBERT'S ON THE ALLEY

**Time/Date:** 10 p.m. Friday, May 22

**Location:** 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** Bad Marmot, four-piece Southern rock band from Austin, Texas, performs. The band includes Aaron LaCombe, a Garden City native

**Contact:** 734-525-5231

#### BECKRIDGE CHORALE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. May 25

**Location:** The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Because of the Brave," a Memorial Day tribute show. Tickets are \$10

**Contact:** 734-667-3127; [beckridgechorale.org](http://beckridgechorale.org)

#### GAELIC LEAGUE/IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 29

**Location:** 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Concert and Ceili with Paddy O'Brien on accordion and Nathan Gourley on fiddle. They'll be joined by local musicians. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Children under 12 admitted free

**Contact:** Mick Gavin at 313-537-3489 for more information





## LET THE KIDS HELP MAKE THESE BERRY SNACKS

One of the best ways to get children to eat healthy food is to allow them to help prepare it. These snack recipes using strawberries and blueberries are simple and can be fun to make.

"You can be really creative with strawberries and blueberries," said Justin Timineri, executive chef and culinary ambassador of the consumer services division of the Florida Agriculture Department. "You can combine them with salads or yogurt, marinate in teriyaki sauce and serve with roast beef or prepare delicious snacks."

Blueberries can help maintain good vision and memory. They contain antioxidants that aid in cancer prevention. Strawberries contain vitamin C and fiber that help the digestive system function.

For more berry recipes, visit <http://bit.ly/floridaberries>.



Chef Justin Timineri

Courtesy of Family Features

### YOUNG CHEFS

Cooking tasks by age:

» 4-5: Squeeze lemons and limes, mix and beat ingredients, pour ingredients

» 6-7: Grate and peel, knead, ready items for use

» 8-9: Slice and chop with supervision, peel fruits and vegetables, measure ingredients, break eggs

» 10: Slice, chop and dice, boil



### BLUEBERRY BISCUIT COOKIES

Makes 14 servings

2 cups biscuit mix  
1 cup blueberries  
1 cup pecans, chopped  
2 tablespoons low-fat milk  
½ cup honey, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl, combine biscuit mix, blueberries, pecans and milk.

Mix well and add enough of the honey to make the mixture stiff like cookie dough. Place dough by tablespoonful onto a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart.

Bake until edges begin to brown, about 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and drizzle remaining honey on each cookie.

Bake an additional 5 minutes and serve immediately.



### STRAWBERRY YOGURT FREEZER POPS

Yield: 10 portions

1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled  
¼ cup natural sugar  
1 lemon, juiced  
2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt  
10 freezer pop molds and sticks

In a blender or food processor, add strawberries, sugar and lemon juice. Puree ingredients until the sugar is dissolved.

Pour mixture into a small pitcher or container.

Fill each freezer pop mold by alternating layers of the strawberry mixture and yogurt.

Insert the handle or stick into each freezer pop and freeze for at least 5 hours.

To serve freezer pops, run warm water over the outside of the molds until the pops come out easily.



### FLORIDA STRAWBERRY MASCARPONE PANINI

Serves: 4

½ pound fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced thin  
8 slices fresh bread (½ inch thick)  
½ cup mascarpone cheese  
confectioners' sugar for dusting  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Heat a panini press or griddle over medium heat.

Spread a thin layer of mascarpone on top of each of the 8 bread slices. Add an even layer of fresh sliced strawberries to 4 of the bread slices. Use the other 4 slices of bread to top the sandwiches. Brush the sandwiches with butter and grill or press until golden, about 5 minutes.

Transfer the panini to a cutting board and dust with confectioners' sugar.

Serve warm.

### FLORIDA BERRY SNACK BARS

Serves: 20

Crust:

1 cup pecans, chopped, separated  
¼ cup natural whole-wheat pastry flour  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
½ cup natural sugar  
½ teaspoon salt  
4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces  
1 large egg  
2 tablespoons canola oil  
1 teaspoon natural vanilla extract  
¼ teaspoon natural almond extract  
pan-release cooking spray

Fruit Filling:

3 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and diced  
2½ cups fresh blueberries  
¼ cup orange juice  
½ cup natural sugar  
¼ cup cornstarch  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine ¾ cup chopped pecans, whole-wheat

flour, all-purpose flour, sugar and salt in a food processor. Pulse ingredients together until the nuts are finely ground. Add the cold butter to the pecan mixture and pulse until well incorporated.

In a small mixing bowl, whisk egg, oil, vanilla and almond extract together.

With the motor running on the food processor, add the egg mixture to the pecan mixture.

Continue to pulse mixture until it begins to clump, 30 to 45 seconds.

Measure out ½ cup of the mixture and combine in a bowl with the remaining ¼ cup of chopped pecans, and set it aside to be used for the topping. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with pan-release cooking spray.

Combine 2 cups strawberries, 2 cups blueberries, orange juice, sugar and cornstarch in a large saucepan.

Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture has thickened (about 4 to 5 minutes). Stir in the remaining fresh fruit and

add 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Transfer the crust mixture to the sprayed baking dish. Spread evenly and press firmly into the bottom to form the crust. Evenly spread the fruit filling over the crust.

Sprinkle the top of the fruit filling with the reserved topping mixture.

Bake the bars for 15 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and bake until the crust and topping are lightly brown, 25 to 30 minutes more.

Let the bars cool completely before cutting.

Serve with fresh fruit.

