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Mayor, council split over fire staffing

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The hiring of three Westland firefighters is being linked to a contract extension for a shared fire chief, a connection that is raising objections from some council members.

During recent study sessions on the 2015-16 budget, Westland Mayor William Wild said he wouldn't fill the three

firefighter positions budgeted without savings realized from the shared fire chief position. That savings is estimated at in excess of \$200,000 annually.

"I want to be crystal clear. I will not hire three firefighters, if we don't get the (federal) SAFER grant without the (chief) contract extension," Wild said. "Unless there is an issue with performance, it's a financial issue."

Members of the Wayne-

Westland Firefighters union will be voting this weekend on whether to agree to a letter of understanding to allow an extension on a contracted fire chief.

"I expect it will pass. My members understand we need the manpower," firefighters union president Mitch Tokarski said. "Our staffing is at the level of 1985 but we have triple the runs. We are in support of extending the chief's contract,

if that is what we need to do to get three firefighters."

Current contract

Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy retired as Westland fire chief in 2012 to take the shared position on a contractual basis. His \$114,000 annual salary — \$50,000 from Wayne — includes no paid time off or other benefits. As a city retiree, Reddy receives health care benefits through the re-

tirement system.

The current contract with Reddy won't expire for another two years. The original proposal was to add three years making the contract a total of five years with a \$15,000 raise. After receiving push back on that proposal, the proposed raise was eliminated and the contract extension reduced to three years.

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Members of the Bova VFW Post 9885 in Westland carry the colors during the annual Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade on Sunday.

CHRIS DUDDECK

Wayne, Westland honor military with parade, ceremony

A large crowd turned out Sunday to watch marching bands and military units march in Wayne-Westland's Veterans Parade.

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade is traditionally held on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend to avoid conflicts with parades and activities in neighboring communities on the actual holiday. The annual parade honors veterans and those who have lost their lives in service to their country.

State, county and local politicians joined veterans organizations, scout groups, the John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high school marching bands and JROTC units and the Yankee Air Museum's Tribute Rosies in the parade, which was hosted by American Legion Post 271 of Westland.

The parade was based in Westland this year, stepping off from the Wayne Ford Civic League on Ford Road and ending at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland behind the William P. Faust Public Library on Carlson where a solemn cere-



Veterans salute after placing a wreath during a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park of Westland Sunday.

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mony was held.

This is the first year the parade ended with a ceremony at the memorial garden, which was dedicated

Veterans Day 2013. It was created by the Westland Veterans Association, and members placed a wreath in honor of the late Ken Mehl who was

instrumental in its coming to fruition.

For more photos of the parade, see Page A2.

Changes to Wayne water rates approved

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne residents can expect to pay less for the water-sewer fixed rate charge as the city goes to a system of charging a larger fee to commercial and industrial customers.

Residents will be paying about 6 percent more for their actual water usage under the rates approved by council that go into effect July 1.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department adds a fixed charge to water customers like Wayne to help cover their fixed operating expenses.

Unlike neighboring communities, Wayne has charged the same fixed fee to all water customers — residents and businesses. Brian Camiller of auditors Plante Moran said that most residents have one-inch meters while businesses can have two- to five-inch meters.

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Volunteers get ready for Wayne Rouge Rescue

More than 50 Hoover Elementary fourth-graders put their green thumbs to work at Dynamite Park on Thursday in advance of the Wayne Rouge Rescue on Saturday.

The youngsters walked to the park where they learned about the natural environment and the Rouge River. The hands-on lesson included planting more than 200 native wetland plants in a rain garden area that will help filter storm water before it gets to the Rouge River.

Hoover teachers Amy Morse and Andrea D'Amico have worked with Friends of the Rouge, the City of Wayne and local volunteers for several years on the project.

Wayne's Rouge Rescue event will take place at 9 a.m.

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Saturday, May 30, at Goudy Park. Volunteers are needed to do such things as open up log-jams, clean up native plant beds, remove invasive plants along the Rouge and pick up trash.

Each spring Friends of the Rouge, in partnership with Rouge communities, brings volunteers together from across the watershed to work toward the common goal of improving the Rouge River. The annual river clean-up began in 1986 with volunteers removing large quantities of trash from the river.

Today much of the event is focused on river restoration, and volunteers work to remove invasive plants from the river corridor, install native plantings and stabilize stream banks to improve the health of the river.

Last year, enough trash to almost fill sev-



Hoover students planted more than 200 native wetland plants in a rain garden area at Dynamite Park.

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en garbage trucks was collected by volunteers who also removed enough invasive plant material to fill 59 garbage trucks.

For more information about Wayne's Rouge Rescue, call coordinator Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt.

RATES

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"Part of the rate calculation was a reorganization in how the fixed charge is assessed. Now it will be by meter size," Camiller said. "There will be a 26-percent reduction for residents in the fixed charge. More will be paid by commercial and industrial customers."

It's the same billing model used in neighboring communities, including Westland, Canton, Livonia and Garden City.

"Wayne would fall right in the middle (on rates)," Camiller said.

As part of looking at the water/sewer commodity rates — the actual cost for water used —

Camiller said the city had not increased rates sufficiently in recent years to keep up with increases from DWSD and Wayne County, along with funding the local water system.

As a result, rates for water will go up an average \$6 per bill or 6 percent for an average family of four.

"I realize there are very few average families. Under this structure, you will pay more," Camiller said. "It is necessary to cover costs and help cash flow in the water-sewer fund. I was relieved it was only \$6."

Single residents or couples could actually see a reduction in their water bills, he said, because the example was based on water usage for a family of four.

"Anyone whose bills

goes up won't like it. Fair depends on what side of the street you are on," Camiller said.

Mayor James Hawley called the rate structure change a step in the right direction.

During the upcoming fiscal year, Wayne will begin a \$2.8 million program of replacing water meters throughout the city. The city has \$1.7 million from a sewer-water bond to cover part of the costs for the project.

Replacing the current older meters is aimed at getting the city more accurate readings and, in part, reducing the amount of water the city buys from DWSD but is unable to bill customers.

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Participating in the parade is the Royal Rangers Outpost 135 of Westland.

Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade



CHRIS DUDDECK

Commander William Acton represents American Legion Post 251 of Westland.



CHRIS DUDDECK

Among those lining the parade route is 18-month-old Benjamin Kerkhof of Westland.

STAFFING

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"I have a problem with looking at an extension with two years left (on the contract). We can look at it next year," Councilman Adam Hammons said. "I have a problem tying it for funding firefighters. From the feedback of residents, I feel like a hostage tying the contract to hiring firefighters."

Agreeing with Hammons, Councilman Bill Johnson said the two years remaining on Reddy's contract was built into the budget until a few weeks ago when council received an email about an extension.

"A city contractor comes in and accused us

of pandering to the firefighters. That should never have happened," said Johnson, referring to an earlier budget study session that included heated discussion with Reddy over the contract extension/firefighters.

There is also some question as to whether the merged operation with financially troubled Wayne will continue. Westland pulled out of efforts moving toward establishing a fire authority last year.

The savings on the fire chief along with the potential for additional revenue from expanded EMS billing are needed to fund additional firefighter positions, according to Wild. Otherwise, he noted the city would return to the kind of spending/budgeting that

was leading to projected deficits.

"We are looking at \$207,000 in savings plus revenue from EMS. Five cops and five firefighters are the difference between a deficit and a balanced budget," said Wild, referencing a comment made with auditors Plante Moran as the city worked on a five-year financial plan to avoid projected annual deficits.

Vision for department

Noting the \$75,000 spent annually on firefighter overtime, Council President James Godbout said hiring three firefighters would cost \$250,000. It was a comment from Godbout that resulted in Hammons and Johnson walking out of the study session bringing it to an abrupt end.


"When they (firefighters) got a higher (pension) multiplier than other employees they didn't say they needed more firefighters," Godbout said.

Speaking later, Tokarski said during 2014 contract negotiations, firefighters presented proposals for higher staffing at least five times only to have that rejected by the city.

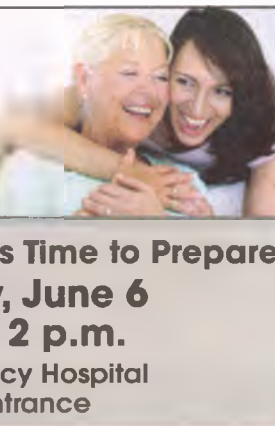
"It's a vision for the fire department. We need manpower so we can put all of our engines in service, not just half of them," Tokarski said. "We tried to negotiate manpower first. The raises (proposed) were based on what was left."

The council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget next month and needs to have it approved before the start of the fiscal year July 1.

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Leah's legacy: Children's book honors Livonia girl who fought cancer

Leah James loved the color purple, Nemo and storybooks. She was also well-known for her contagious smile and the phrase "my heart is happy" even when she was fighting cancer at age 4.

Nearly 10 years after the Livonia preschooler lost her battle to an inoperable brain tumor, she has inspired a children's book designed to help other families like hers cope with a cancer diagnosis at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"Wings of Courage," produced by U-M's Department of Neurosurgery, will be given to all pediatric cancer patients at Mott and is also available on Amazon with proceeds funding the book's redistribution at the hospital. "Wings of Courage" was created thanks to a \$15,000 donation from the Livonia-based foundation created in Leah's memory, Leah's Happy Hearts.

"One of the hardest parts about having your child diagnosed with an illness is feeling isolated," Leah's mother Karen James says. "You tend to notice all the healthy families and children around you and feel like you are the only one going through something like this."

"We hope this book inspires hope in children fighting cancer as well as their families and helps them feel less alone. Even through radiation treatments, Leah expressed joy and showed far more courage than we could have ever imagined. We hope to share her beautiful, cheerful, kind spirit through this story and that it helps other children find courage too."



Family photo from 2004 with mom Karen, dad Phil, Leah and sister Kylie.



While the book is fictional and not Leah's story, she inspired the main character "Leah" who is learning to be strong and brave while fighting a brain tumor.



SUBMITTED Northville third grade teacher Sue Beth Balash wrote "Wings of Courage."

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story of how she finds courage when she is scared, helping the butterfly spread its wings and take flight for the journey ahead. The book was written by Northville third grade teacher Sue Beth Balash who has had students with cancer in

her classes. "As a neurosurgeon, I have always been amazed by the strength, and yes—the courage — of young patients with cancer. They will inspire you, and they will teach you the grace that we all need, but too often forget," says CNN Chief Medical Correspondent and U-M alum Sanjay Gupta, M.D. "As a dad of three girls, I am far more sentimental than I used to be, and the tears come more easily, as they did while reading this beautiful book. We hope and pray our own children never go through what Leah did but we also hope they can have the courage Leah does, if it ever happens."

Former U-M School of Art and Design student Ellen Nelson created the

illustrations in Wings of Courage, and the book was published by U-M Publishing. It will be sold at a retail value of \$9.99.

"The innocence and honesty of children are only matched by their resilience and ability to thrive even under the most adverse of circumstances," says Karin Muraszko, M.D., F.A.C.S., chair of the U-M Medical School's Department of Neurosurgery. "Wings of Courage will help children, parents, family members and caregivers have a meaningful dialogue about how to support a child who is battling a serious illness. It will confirm the amazing optimism within children and inspire hope for tomorrow."

"Wings of Courage" goes on sale two days before the annual 5K Family Fun Walk in Northville on May 30

benefiting Leah's Happy Hearts, a nonprofit founded by the James family that funds brain cancer research and support for kids with brain cancer. The walk will be at Maybury State Park in Northville; registration starts at 9 a.m.

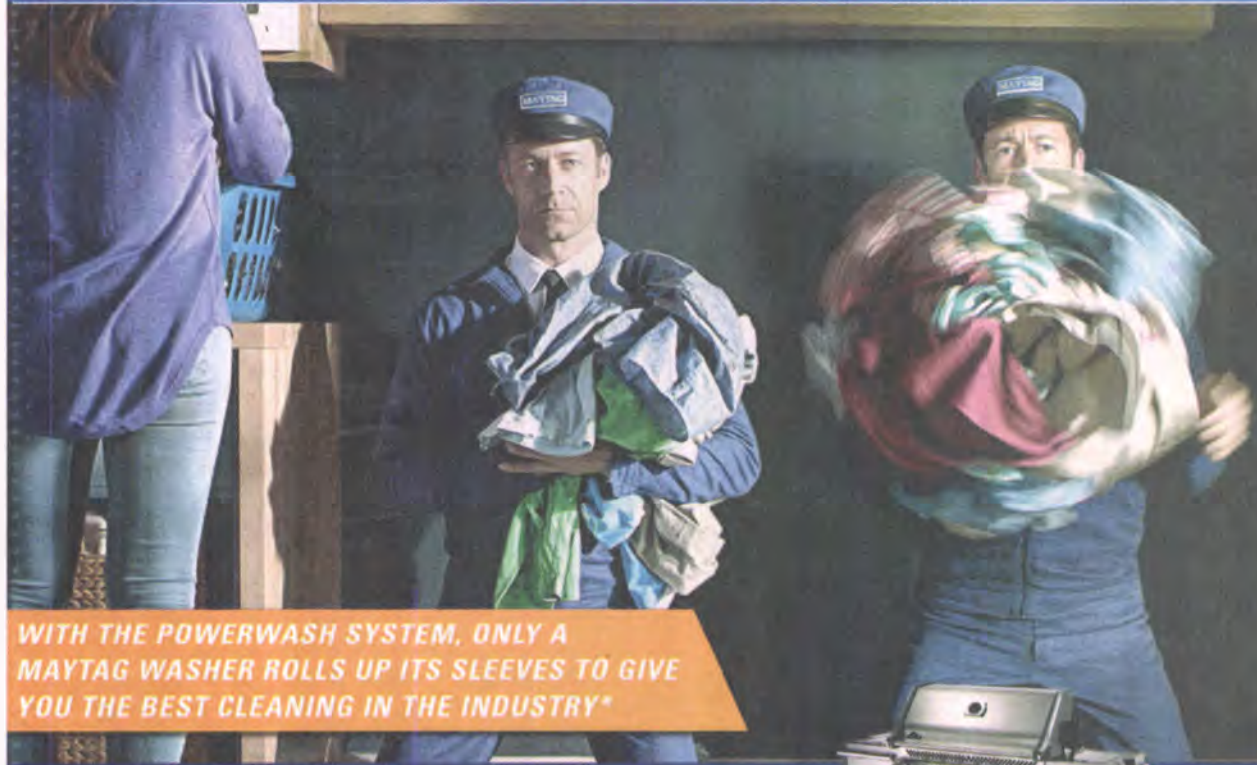
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Resident out \$4,000 in Craigslist scam

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia police are warning residents to be careful when making transactions on the website Craigslist after a resident lost \$4,000 in a scam.

The resident, who lives on Brookfield, came into the police station Saturday afternoon to report the scam. He said he had searched Craigslist and found a vehicle he was interested in purchasing. On May 17 he arranged a deal with the seller — who said the vehicle was in Montana — in which he would pay \$2,500 for the car and an additional \$1,500 for insurance and transportation of the vehicle to Michigan.

The seller then sent the resident a link to a page appearing to be Amazon and informed him to pay for the vehicle in Amazon gift cards. The resident then went to a CVS and Kroger in Westland and a Rite Aid pharmacy in Livonia and purchased the gift cards. He then went back to the site sent by the seller and sent along the gift card numbers to the seller.

Several days later, the seller withdrew the ad and the sale of the vehicle. The Livonia resident then contacted Amazon to attempt to get his money back, but the company had no record of the transaction in its system. It was then he realized the seller used a fake site to obtain the gift cards from the man. When he contacted a representative at Amazon, he was told to file a police report.

To avoid scams, Craigslist recommends users deal with in-person transactions, as these tend to limit the amount of fraud. The site also recommends users avoid wiring others money through services such as Western Union. The site also recommends avoiding deals in which the seller offers to ship the product after a partial payment is made.

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Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident in the 31000 block of Merritt told police May 20 that overnight someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2004 Pontiac Montana. The vehicle was in the street. He said he had started it in the morning and it was extremely loud. Looking underneath, the resident said he saw the catalytic converter was missing.

» The catalytic converter was reported stolen from a 2002 Chevrolet Malibu parked overnight May 20 in front of a home in the 31000 block of Conway. She said the repairs were estimated at \$225.

» A resident in the 31000 block of Lonnie told police May 20 that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from his 2002 Pontiac Grand Am while it was parked on the street overnight.

» About 1:30 a.m. May 20, a resident in the 30000 block of Malvern told police that he and his father had been awakened by noises coming from the street. When he looked outside, he said two men were near his 2003 Pontiac Bonneville.

Both residents went outside and approached the men, one of whom

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took a jack from underneath the Pontiac, threw it into the trunk of a Dodge Charger. Both men then got into the Dodge and left.

The officer checked the car and found the catalytic converter was nearly cut off. Police also noticed marks on the ground where a jack had been placed under the car.

Larceny

On May 18 a resident of the Westwood Village Apartments, 37715 Lake-wood Circle, told police that someone had stolen his “top-of-the-line” Craftsman Charm Glow stainless steel propane gas grill. The grill, valued at \$1,250, was taken from a second-floor deck.

Vandalism

On May 18 a resident in the 33000 block of Palmer told police that he arrived home after being gone two days to find the front window of his home broken. The officer noted the interior pane of the window was intact.

Hit and run

» A Livonia woman told police that someone had hit her 2013 Chevrolet

Cruze, damaging the left rear, while she was parked at Randazzo's 6701 N. Newburgh, on May 17.

» On May 18 a Garden City woman reported someone had struck her 2013 Ford Focus on May 18 while she was parked at Kroger, 38400 Ford.

Vandalism

» The front windshield of a John Deere dump truck was reported smashed while parked at a former land fill near Superior Parkway May 15-18. A worker grading the site reported the damage to the vehicle, which had been rented.

» The inside of a perimeter wall at Alliance Shippers, 8630 N. Newburgh, was reported to have been sprayed with words in blue and red paint May 15-18.

Fraud

A Westland man told police May 20 that he had received an American Express credit card in the mail but had never applied for the account. He said at this point he hadn't lost any money but wanted to document the matter.

By LeAnne Rogers

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jewelry was missing from her bedroom. The officer noted there was no sign of forced entry to the home.

Vandalism

On May 25, police received a call that a woman had just stabbed all four tires on a Ford E-150 van parked at the Newberry Square Apartments, 35240 W. Michigan Ave. The damaged tires were valued at \$600.

Officers found the owner was a man who lives in the apartment building. He said he had no idea who would have damaged his vehicle.

Community meeting

Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag will be holding his second monthly meeting with residents about crimes trends and safety tips and will answer questions from residents on various topics. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Center on Sims at Wayne Road. Everyone is welcome. The meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

By LeAnne Rogers

Break-in

A gold wedding ring with diamonds, three gold tennis bracelets with diamonds and a pair of gold earrings, valued \$2,700, were reported stolen from a home in the 35000 block of Forest on May 20.

The resident told police she had locked her door and the deadbolt when she left for work that morning. When she returned at 6:30 p.m. she said she noticed the deadbolt wasn't locked.

Checking the house, she said the

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When he spoke to the Taco Bell manager, she said that about 15 juveniles came in right after him and she didn't observe any of them take the phone.

She said that she would ask the day manager to make a copy of the surveillance tape for the police.

The cell phone owner couldn't provide a serial number for the phone.

Breaking and entering

A resident in the 2200 block of Rahn Street reported May 22 that someone forced open the side door of his attached garage.

A piece of wood was found detached from that side door.

Nothing was reported stolen.

By Sue Buck

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Motorcycle riders weather rain for church's annual bike blessing event

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

About 100 motorcyclists turned out Saturday, May 16, for the annual Biker Blessing at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

About 20 of them, a few with passengers, participated in the seventh annual 100-mile ride to Irish Hills hosted by the F.A.I.T.H. Riders of the church.

"We raised about \$500," said church chaplain Darrel Manuel. "All proceeds benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's Ride for Kids."

After the 1 p.m. Biker Blessing, the charity bike ride started immediately after. The cost of the ride was \$20 and \$25 for someone with a passenger.

Free bike washes, a bike show, music, food, vendors, door prizes and a chance to win a 40-inch high-definition TV also were part of the day's activities.

Manuel is the chaplain/director of the F.A.I.T.H. Riders. Years ago, Manuel looked for a way to combine his love of motorcycle riding with his faith. He came up with an answer that involved the creation of F.A.I.T.H. Riders, a chapter ministry.

F.A.I.T.H. Riders started in 2002 in Lakeland, Fla., and has grown to almost 250 chapters nationwide. The letters stand for Forgiveness, Available, Impossible, Turn and Heaven.

Their motto is "No One Left Behind." They were commissioned on April 5, 2009. The first Biker Blessing followed just a month later on May 15, 2009.

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Kent McLeod, a Belleville resident, polishes up his 2003 Harley at this year's Biker Blessing held at Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City



Brenda and Rich Brotherton hold a photo of their son, Matthew, for whom the ride is named after. Matthew passed away when he was 11 years old after his battle with brain cancer.



The group that went on the Matthew Brotherton Memorial Cancer Ride after the Biker Blessing posed for a photo midway on the 100-mile round trip from Merriman Road Baptist Church to Irish Hills.



Pastor Bob Galey blesses the crowd at this year's Biker Blessing.

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Registration begins June 9 for the Summer Reading Club “Every Hero Has a Story” at the Wayne Public Library.

Readers and “Read-to-Me” readers will keep track of their reading time and will earn a point for every half hour they read. The points can be used to purchase prizes at our Summer Reading Store.

Once you’ve earned 50 points you’ll get a certificate of completion and be able to enter the grand prize drawing.

The program runs through July 31. Special events will be held each week as we explore “Escaping the Ordinary: Every Hero Has a Story” in the library.

Terrific Tuesdays: Drop-in story time for kids of all ages will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Multipurpose Room in the Youth Area. Join us June 23 and 30, July 14, 21, and 28.

Thursday Fun: Programs for all ages will be held at 2 p.m. Thursdays in the Community Room. Events will last approximately one hour. Please be on time. No registration is required.

» June 25 – Magic with Jeff Wawrzaszek. Jeff Wawrzaszek is one of Michigan’s most popular magical performers. His mix of magic and comedy has delighted audiences for years.

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» July 23 – Organization for Bat Conservation.

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PC Partners with Makia

Back by popular demand, the Wayne Public Library in cooperation with Dorsey Schools-Wayne is pleased to present the return of PC Partners. Patrons of all age groups are welcome to take advantage of this free one-on-one PC tutoring. Our knowledgeable computer tutor is on site 20 hours per week to answer your computer questions — anything from the basics like using a mouse, opening programs and sending email to the more complex, such as fixing a virus or using Boolean operators to narrow an Internet search.

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PC Partners tutoring schedule is 2-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Tutoring sessions are 45 minutes.

Michigan Activity Pass

Michigan Activity Pass is brought to you by southeast Michigan’s library consortium, The Library Network. The program is a partnership between Michigan’s nearly 400 public libraries and 100-plus arts and cultural organizations. The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials and to provide reduced cost or often complimentary access to arts and cultural organizations across the state of Michigan, from St. Joseph to Saline to Saginaw to Sault Ste. Marie to South Range and all points in between. It runs through May 23, 2016.

Library users with a valid library card from any one of Michigan’s nearly 400 public libraries can print a pass, either from home or at the library, to one of the participating cultural institutions at the michiganactivitypass.info website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only. Each Michigan Activity Pass expires one week from the date it is printed.

Want more information? Look for the Wayne Public Library on Facebook and Twitter, plus the upcoming online newsletter at waynepublib.blogspot.com.

Information Central is compiled by the library staff. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or go online to www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

Food fans turn out for Garden City Taste Fest

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was a smorgasbord of food Tuesday as eight restaurants shared their specialties for the more than 180 people who participated in the inaugural Garden City Business Alliance’s Taste Fest.

Participants munched on honey sriracha bacon at Albert’s on the Alley, enjoyed barbecued ribs at The Golden Feather and were served individual platters of food samples at the Garden City Cafe during the four-hour taste fest.

“I’m looking forward to sampling all of them,” said Lynn Bohl of Garden City who started her adventure at Plato’s Place. She was there with a group of friends who opted to drive to each location rather than ride on buses provided by the Garden City Public Schools.

“I love to eat, especially with my good friends,” she said. “I did this once before when Elvis performed at Roma’s (Banquets). I’m a fan of the real Elvis.”

Elvis was in the house, this time at Merriman Road Baptist Church, which served as the starting point of the taste fest. Participants were treated to hors d’oeuvres and a performance by Elvis, church member Russ Weathers.

“This is nice for us. It’s an opportunity to meet people and let them know we’re a part of the community and we want to be a part of the community,” Pastor Wayne Parker said.

Hope Murphy of Westland was participating in her first restaurant rally with her mother Mary Cover of Garden City. She liked the food and the idea of using school buses.

“This is like seven classes of lunch,” she said.

‘Some exposure’

Plato’s owner Bill Kanellopoulos said yes when approached by the GCBA about Taste Fest.

“It sounded like a fun night and gives us some exposure,” he said. “The business has been here since 1969, we like to give back to the community.”

Making it first appearance in a restaurant rally was The Golden Feather, where diners enjoyed ribs, chicken and Greek salad.

“We’re really haven’t been involved in the community,” Gabriele Petrovski said. “We decided to do it to get our name out there and get to know people better.”

Julie Swarthout opted to eat the desserts at Golden Feather. A Garden City Schools employee, she had the job of scheduling the buses for the event.

“There’s three buses, and they leave every 15 minutes,” she said. “Each one has a different route, each one starts at a different restaurant so there’s never more than one bus at a location.”

She opted for driving and was working her way around with Linda Dolan and Rick and Sandy Schell. Their plan was to leave the restaurant five minutes before the bus arrived and get to the next venue before the crowd.

“We’ve done all of them,” she said. “We started at Sports Venue and will end up at Sports Venue.”

One of the most talked about items on the trip was the bacon appetizers Steve Valenti was serving at Albert’s on the Alley. He was offering two different flavors: beer-candied bacon made with brown sugar and Guinness-beer and honey-sriracha bacon.

Valenti had participated in the former Dine and Dash, sponsored by the defunct Garden City Chamber of Commerce and “missed the opportunity to showcase his food to people.”

“The bacon is an appetizer, it’s a popular item,” he said. “Everyone tells me it’s fantastic. It’s nice to hear good things.”

In addition to food, Valenti also had



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The Golden Feather staffer Cindy Storm says that the ribs are ready.



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Sherry Sosna and Carol Wacht leave The Golden Feather, one of eight restaurants featured in this year’s Garden City Taste Fest.



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Dave Hachem, owner of Al-Sultan, welcomes guests to Taste Fest.

Robert Johnson singing classic rock and blues for guests. He planned to do it for the event to see if people liked him. The response was positive, and Valenti planned to start bringing him in to perform.

Rick and Katherine Palmer of Garden City helped provide graphics for the Taste Fest. They were on restaurant number three when they stopped at Albert’s.

“We’re thrilled it sold out; this is all about people, we wanted to get as many people as we can involved in this,” Rick Palmer said.

Cassidy Squires was filling in for her grandfather Bob Squires who was under the weather. A newbie, she found the event “awesome.” She had been to Al-Sultan, Toast and the Garden City Cafe when she and her grandmother arrived at the Sports Venue Bar and Grill.

“I think I like the Garden City Cafe the best, but all of the food has been really good,” said Squires who was riding the school bus. “It’s been pretty smooth.”

“This is number four and I’m still eating and I don’t need to be,” said her grandmother, City Councilwoman Pat Squires.

Making rounds ‘slowly’

The youngest restaurant rallier had to be six-month-old Alexandra Weinman who was there with her mom and dad, Jacqueline Scheel Weinman and Jeffrey Weinman.

“We’re making the rounds slowly,

we’ve done all but Albert’s,” Jacqueline said. “We’re eating just a little at each place, but we went to town at the Garden City Cafe and almost ate too much.”

The positive comments has GCBA president Kerry Partin grinning from ear to ear. Participants came from all over — locally, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Redford, Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Belleville and Romulus as well as more distant West Branch, Stockbridge and Ionia.

As part of Taste Fest, organizers had diners vote for their favorite venue. Of the “ballots” that were turned in, 41 percent were from other communities. Partin described the voting as “very difficult, and some could not bring themselves to vote for just one.”

“Only one could be awarded first place and the winner was Garden City Cafe,” Partin said in a Facebook posting. “This doesn’t take anything away from any of the other venues, because they were all winners and so was the community. Regardless of who had the most votes, we all agreed that everyone was a winner.”

“As president of the GCBA, words cannot express how happy and pleased I was with our very first Garden City Taste Fest,” he added. “I am overwhelmed by all the wonderful positive comments we have received. This community is a winner and so is everyone who was involved.”

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dance Recital

Garden City Parks and Recreation’s Dance Express will present “Dance Mania” at 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 10-11, in O’Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

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, 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 sponsorships 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.

Game Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding 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.

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 now at the library and also can be downloaded on the library’s website, www.westlandlibrary.org. Applications should be submitted to the Youth Services Desk before attending one of three “walk-in” training sessions on 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 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 email westlandchamber@gmail.com.

There will be no market July 2 or 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.

Car shows

» The Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 will hold its first annual classic car and motorcycle show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the lodge, 37137 Palmer, Westland. There will be raffle, prizes and a food court. For more information, call 734-721-7950.

» Parkside Credit Union is teaming up with Westland Shopping Center for its 10th annual charity car show. Cars for Autism, set for noon to 3 p.m. Saturday June 20. Rain date is June 27.

There will be classic and new cars, motorcycles, mini-bikes and bicycles, a 50/50 raffle, food and family activities. Registration is a \$10 per vehicle. To register, contact Tina Strasser at tstrasser@parksidecu.org or call 734-525-0700, Ext. 134.

The show will benefit the Burger Baylor School for Students with Autism.

Grant to Madonna will help deaf kids communicate better with families

Deaf children and their hearing family members will learn how to better communicate with each other thanks to a \$25,000 grant from The Carl's Foundation to support Madonna University's Deaf Family Literacy program.

The grant, presented to Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa last week, will cover the cost for families in the Deaf Family Literacy Program to participate in a week-long intensive educational retreat this summer, as well as some staffing, training, travel, supplies and technology costs.

The 38-week, in-home Deaf Family Literacy Program, which involves mentors teaching sign language and literacy skills to hearing parents and deaf children in about a dozen families, has received additional support from Madonna University and from other grants.

Most Deaf and hard-of-hearing children have hearing parents, and because of the communication barrier, Deaf children often have language delays and enter school with limited reading ability. The Deaf Family Literacy program came out of the

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and includes parent education, social/community events and classes, and weekly home visits.

In addition to learning sign language, the program focuses on strategies to help families facilitate reading skill development so children can be successful in school and beyond. Families with Deaf parents and either hearing or Deaf children also can benefit from the program.

Daniel McDougall, chair of Sign Language Studies at Madonna, said the program had a waiting list before they could even advertise it. "It's going to make a huge difference for children," he said. "Our goal is to make sure parents and siblings can communicate around the dinner table."

Madonna University established its Sign Language Studies (SLS) program in 1975 and, with its commitment to providing interpreters as needed, enrolled a significant Deaf student population within a few years. Today, the program remains the only bachelor's degree program in SLS in Michigan, and the University

is seen as a regional center for Deaf activity.

The Carls Foundation, carlsfdn.org, supports children's health care facilities and programs, with emphasis on prevention and treatment of hearing impairment; and recreational, educational and welfare programs for children, especially those disadvantaged for economic and/or health reasons. It also supports preservation of natural areas, open space, historic buildings and areas with natural beauty or significance in America's heritage, through assistance to land trusts, land conservancies and environmental educational programs.

Born in Germany, the foundation's namesake, Bill Carls immigrated to the United States in 1924 at age 21. He became a U.S. citizen and worked in industrial trades before starting Numatics Inc. in his garage in 1945 to manufacture industrial air valves. He established the William and Marie Carls Foundation with his wife in 1961 as a way to return benefits to his community and country and as an expression of his appreciation for the opportunities America afforded him.



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Carls Foundation Executive Director Elizabeth Stieg (seated center) delivered the grant to Madonna University and those involved in the Deaf Family Literacy Program joined her for this photo. Seated with Stieg are Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president, and Andrea Nodge, vice president for advancement. Standing (from left): Debbie Mitre-Smith, SLS faculty member; Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for academic administration; Kathy Stenman, Carls Foundation program officer; and Dan McDougall, director of Madonna's SLS program.

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Oakwood partnership makes career transition possible

Emily Dyer stepped off of a plane from Hong Kong on May 18 and into a classroom May 22.

The 34-year-old Dearborn resident is a paramedic, and through a partnership between Oakwood Healthcare nursing and Lansing Community College, she will be one of seven students to take part in the inaugural year-long accelerated program to move from paramedic to becoming a registered nurse.

"I like practicing medicine, and this program is one way for me to help people and broaden my options for providing patient care," she said.

The idea came more than three years ago



OAKWOOD HEALTHCARE
EMS personnel John Kalisz (from left), firefighter/paramedic; Robert Bruley, ENG, paramedic; Sgt. Thomas Gross, paramedic; Dr. Allan Lamb; Kelerin Lewis, firefighter/paramedic; Sgt. Bradley Myles, paramedic; and Lt. Michael Clark, paramedic, tend to patients.

when executive nursing leaders at Oakwood were brainstorming ways to

increase the pool of nurses in the emergency departments. Oakwood

identified Lansing Community College as a partner, as they had a specialized one-year non-traditional track for an accelerated RN nursing degree.

The program was individualized for Oakwood employees and for those employed by Healthlink — the community emergency medical service joint venture between Oakwood and Botsford Hospital.

"There's a need for more emergency nurses, and offering this type of program locally to our own employees just made sense," said Joanne McKay, administrator of clinical services, Oakwood Healthcare. "Nursing is an excellent career, and this

program opens up an endless set of career options within the nursing field for the candidates."

"We're thrilled to have been able to facilitate including our employees in this novel program, and we look forward to their continuing commitment to our healthcare system in the future," she said.

The program is designed for Oakwood/Healthlink licensed practical nurses (LPN), respiratory therapists (RT) and paramedics who meet licensure and work experience criteria.

"This program will help us to enlarge the number of qualified nurses in the emergency departments and critical

care areas throughout Oakwood," said Sandra Schmitt, manager of nursing development and clinical outreach, Oakwood Healthcare. "It's a great opportunity for employees who had considered nursing but couldn't travel to Lansing to complete the training."

The classes and clinical sessions meet for three semesters beginning with a 10-week summer session and continuing through fall and spring semesters. Portions of the face-to-face, on-line and clinical courses will take place at Oakwood.

To find out more about Oakwood's nursing program, visit www.oakwood.org/nursing.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stawasz gets promotion

Franco Public Relations Group, a full-service public relations agency based in Detroit, has promoted Marie Stawasz to senior account executive.



Stawasz

Since joining Franco, Stawasz has provided strong media relations, community relations and social media support to a variety of Franco's consumer and nonprofit clients. In her new role, she will continue serving the consumer and nonprofit practice areas with an emphasis on media and social strategy.

Prior to joining Franco, Stawasz worked in the media and film rela-

tions department of The Henry Ford, where she provided media relations and social media support. Stawasz is an active member of Social Media in the D, a professional network of Detroit-based social media managers, and the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal organization for Polish-Americans.

Stawasz holds a bachelor of arts degree in communication from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She resides in Westland.

Henry Ford honored for diversity

Henry Ford Health System is ranked first in the country among health care systems and hospitals for diversity.

The ranking by New Jersey-based DiversityInc cited Henry Ford's diverse workforce and network of suppliers, support of the communi-

ty it serves and its leadership in promoting a diverse talent pipeline and employee development.

Henry Ford ranked second the past two years.

DiversityInc's annual survey recognizes companies, including health care organizations and startups that bring clarity and education to the business benefits of committing to and nurturing inclusive and diverse workplace cultures, practices and programs.

Dr. Kimberly Dawn Wisdom, Henry Ford's senior vice president of Community Health and Equity and chief wellness and diversity officer, said the recognition is a reflection of the



Wisdom

health system's commitment to embrace inclusion and respect for all — patients, employees and the communities it serves.

"It's not only good for us as an organization, but it's important to the community we serve and, of course, it's an important part of providing the best patient care and health care experience possible," Wisdom said. "Diversity is in the fiber of the Henry Ford Health System and woven into everything we do."

"We take a progressive approach to diversity that displays sensitivity to all family structures and types, to the health and well-being of employees, and we foster an overall organizational culture that supports and leverages the talent and skills of all employees regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, experience,

ability or other aspects of diversity," she said.

Wisdom highlighted a series of initiatives and programs that support diversity and social responsibility, including:

» System-wide Healthcare Equity Campaign, focused on raising awareness, improving cross cultural communication, and integrating changes into system policies.

» Multiple training opportunities for health system leaders and employees in diversity and inclusion, culturally appropriate care, and health care equity.

» Employee Resource Groups for women, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern, African American, Gen-Y, and LGBT employees.

Roary's Club memberships available

Membership registration for Roary's Cub Club, the official Detroit Lions Fan Club for Kids ages 14 and under, is underway for the 2015 season.

Notable membership benefits include two tickets to the preseason home game vs. Buffalo on Sept. 3, free face painting at all Lions home games, exclusive access and photo opportunities at select Roary's Cub Club events as well as a 15 percent discount at Lions Pro Shop through Dec. 3, excluding game days.

Members also receive an official Cub Club membership card, T-shirt, ID tag, seasonal newsletters and other limited offers.

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Reverse mortgage can be good financial tool for some

I received many letters and questions recently about reverse mortgages. One thing is clear — there is a lack of understanding of how reverse mortgages work.

Used correctly, reverse mortgages can be a good financial tool. Used inappropriately, they can cause financial distress.

A reverse mortgage allows a homeowner to tap into the equity of their home without having to sell. Unlike a home equity loan that requires monthly payments, there are no payments with a reverse mortgage.

Whether you take the reverse mortgage in a lump sum or as an equity line to tap in on an as-needed basis, you never have to make payments. The mortgage is repaid when the home is sold or if you pass away while you're still living in the home.

There is an interest rate with a reverse mortgage and that continues to compound for as long as you own the home. For example, if when you die, the mortgage amount and the accrued interest is greater than the house value, your family is not



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

on the hook. The mortgage company assumes that responsibility.

However, if upon your death, the house is worth more than the mortgage balance, your heirs can choose to sell the house, pay off the mortgage and keep the difference. They have the option, not the mortgage company.

Used correctly, a reverse mortgage allows someone to stay in their home and at the same time use equity to supplement their lifestyle. I typically don't recommend reverse mortgages to take vacations, invest, support a child, or to pay for a grandchild's college education. While these things are important, I do not believe they are appropriate for reverse mortgages.

Reverse mortgages, however, are excellent tools to be used to pay off the balance of a first mortgage or to use the proceeds to cover living expenses. Especially for

people who are going to be in their homes long term, a reverse mortgage can provide the additional resources that would make the difference between a comfortable and not-so-comfortable retirement.

My advice: Before you decide on a reverse mortgage, learn all you can. Also, just because a company advertises on TV doesn't mean it's the one to use. Do your homework, check out companies and don't be afraid to interview them.

If any company uses strong-arm tactics to get you to sign a reverse mortgage, that is a sure sign you should not deal with them.

One last note, I generally don't recommend reverse mortgages for people in their early 60s. I think in most cases that is too young to get a reverse mortgage.

Good luck.

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

Get unappealing tasks out of way first

Have you noticed that getting started is usually the hardest part of any task? We all inevitably face unappealing tasks, sometimes as distasteful as eating a frog — raw! So what's the solution? Eat the frog for breakfast.

These are wise words I heard years ago and try to live by. They come from Pamela Jett, an expert on how to manage pressure and stay positively focused. The concept is simple.



By Clarity Patton Newhouse

Since you have to eat the frog eventually, get it out of the way first. Without the distasteful task hanging over your head, suddenly the day is sunnier and more productive.

But what about the big roadblock: getting started? I use another simple, helpful tech-

nique: set a time limit. Tell yourself you're only going to work on it for 10 minutes. Then you'll move on to something else and get back to it later. Ten minutes seems palatable so the concept gets you started; then the magic happens when the 10 minutes have passed and you suddenly discover you're on a roll with the hardest part behind you.

Clarity Patton Newhouse is president of Sunny Media Group Inc. in Livonia.

May Veteran of Month followed brother, dad into WWII

William "Bill" Patterson of Westland, a WWII veteran, was honored as the May "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Patterson served in the Navy from 1944 to 1945. On Feb. 5, 1944, Patterson turned 17 and was a junior at Central High School in Detroit. His brother was in the Army in Europe and Patterson was eager to join him in the fight. His father was in the British Army during WWI and had no problem giving Patterson permission to join, so on Feb. 7 he went to the recruitment office in Detroit and joined the Navy.

He was sent to Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois for six weeks of boot camp then transferred to San Diego and was assigned to a LCI-G Gunboat. They sailed up the coast to San

Francisco Bay until they amassed a convoy of 10 ships for their journey to Hawaii. They sailed out of the bay under the Golden Gate Bridge. At 17, this was all new and exciting for Bill but then the realization that he was in a war started to sink in. "This is for real," he thought to himself. The trip on the Pacific was grueling; waves were so high that you couldn't see any other ship unless you were on the crest of the wave.

In Hawaii he was transferred to another ship, an ARL-3, LST, bound for the Philippines to repair damaged ships. One day while sailing around the islands their group was attacked by Kamikaze planes. Patterson, a Carpenters Mate 3rd Class, was also a gunner and manned a 20mm machine gun. Two of the Kamikazes were shot down but he doesn't know who hit them as

there were so many guns shooting at the time.

They were also on the lookout for Japanese submarines and would deploy their depth charges, "Trash cans" if they spotted one. On one occasion Patterson knew they had hit one as they saw a huge oil slick on the water and debris come floating up to the surface.

In August of 1945 Japan surrendered and the war was over. Patterson was given the chance to upgrade to Carpenters Mate 2nd class if he stayed on. He knew a lot of guys who were older than he was and they all opted to go home, get married and get on with their lives. Patterson was 18 now and determined they knew best and decided to go home. When he got home he was given a High School "Veterans" Diploma, met and married his wife Ann, was blessed with a daughter

and son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patterson is a long-standing member of the American Legion Post 32, Livonia; the VFW post 6695, Plymouth. He was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee and a video was made of the interview and shown at the May 5 meeting. In his honor he was presented a plaque containing his picture and service information and an additional plaque was put on display in the entrance hall of the Post 32 for all to see.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.



World War II veteran William "Bill" Patterson of Westland holds the plaque presented to him on May 1 by the Sons of the American Legion located on Newburgh Road in Livonia.

SUBMITTED

Former Wayne mayor appointed to state Talent Investment Board

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous is among Gov. Rick Snyder's first appointments to the new Talent Investment Board.

Under Executive Order 2015-11, the Governor's Talent Investment Board will be charged with advising and assisting the governor regarding compliance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The board will bring together employers, organized labor and community-based organizations, including apprenticeship programs, to make recommendations on how to best develop workforce talent across the state.

"This talented group will be essential in our efforts to lead the nation in talent development and

I'm confident that their experiences will make them an asset on this board," Snyder said.

Haidous has been appointed to a two-year term that will expire April 15, 2017. He will represent elected officials. Currently in his first term on the Wayne County Commission, he served as mayor of the City of Wayne from 2001-2014 and on the Wayne's City Council and Board of Zoning Appeals.

His appointment was among 21 made by the governor to the board. The appointees, represent the private sector, organized labor, the state's workforce and elected officials, received two-year, three-year or four-year terms. After the expiration of initial terms, members will serve three-year terms. The appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Other members include State Rep. Brandt

Iden, appointed by the Speaker of the House; Sen. Ken Horn, appointed by the Senate Majority Leader; Jamie Clover

Adams, director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Nick Lyon, director of the Department of

Health and Human Services; Mike Zimmer, director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; Ste-

phanie Comai, director of the Talent Investment Agency, and Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction.



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OUR VIEWS

Watch out for motorcyclists during summer months

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office reported a fatal motorcycle accident in Rochester Hills during the Memorial Day weekend. A preliminary investigation indicated the victim crossed the center line of the road and collided with an oncoming vehicle.

According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, there were almost 300,000 accidents in Michigan last year. Of those, 2,860 involved motorcycles.

For those on motorcycles, the safety trend falls in their favor. Data shows the number of accidents involving motorcycles has declined each of the past two years. Last year there were 3,114 such accidents and 3,510 the year prior. Such accidents are at the lowest level in a decade.

Local numbers are similar. Motorcycle crashes in Wayne County have declined in the past few years and are at the lowest levels in more than a decade. There were 410 reported in 2014. In Oakland County, there were 258 motorcycle-related crashes last year, down from the previous two years but slightly higher than levels five years ago.

But while motorcycles are a small part of accidents in the state, the percentage of fatal accidents is much larger involving such vehicles. There were 806 fatal accidents reported in Michigan last year. Of those, 105 involved motorcycles. Oakland County saw eight fatal motorcycle accidents last year; Wayne had 12.

It's the fewest motorcycle-related deaths in the state since 2009, another welcome trend, but something we'd like to see continue to improve.

If those numbers are to continue to drop, says ABATE of Michigan (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education), it's going to take increased awareness of everyone on the road to make that happen.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 62 percent of motorcycle fatalities occur between May and September.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, a time at the beginning of motorcycle season to remind everyone that not all drivers on the road are cruising on four wheels. Motorcycle riders can be harder to spot on the road. And in an accident, those motorcycles and their drivers are no match for cars and trucks.

In an era where there's a good chance you'll see the driver in the next lane on a cell phone, here are some reminders from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on how to minimize potential accidents with motorcyclists.

» Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.

» Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.

» If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: Motorcycle signals are often noncanceling and could have been forgotten. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.

» Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.

» Always allow more follow distance — three to four seconds — when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

» Never drive distracted or impaired.

It's not just the casual driver that needs to watch out. It's a two-way street for safety. Those on motorcycles need to remember that they are in the minority, and as a seasonal vehicles many drivers "forget" about them. Bikers must remain vigilant, watching out not only for themselves, but everyone else around them while on the road.

Motorcyclists can increase their safety by following these tips from the NHTSA:

» Always wear long pants and closed-toed shoes.

» Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.

» Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.

» Use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn.

» Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.

» Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers.

» Never ride distracted or impaired.

Everyone can play a part in getting those motorcycle accident numbers to stabilize and, hopefully, decrease. Awareness is the first step.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Milford resident Vince Consiglio is president of American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, or ABATE, of Michigan.

LETTERS

Successful food drive for postal employees

We did it again! Letter carriers at the Garden City Post Office along with postal employees and local volunteers teamed up to stamp out hunger in the community.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year's Food Drive a success. It could not have been done without you.

Across the country, the Food Drive — held in cooperation with the Postal Service — resulted in millions of pounds of non-perishable food collected and distributed to deserving charities nationwide.

Closer to home, the Garden City carriers collected more than 12,000 pounds of food from generous donations left at mailboxes, which were then delivered to local community food pantries.

For more than 20 years our local community has come together for this important event to help make it successful. This clearly shows the generosity of everyone involved with the project — people who make a difference in other people's lives.

Travis Alexander
Garden City Postmaster

Balance the budget

I attended a recent city of Wayne Budget Meeting. I have a few items to note.

There was a good article on the meeting in the *Observer*. I have one correction. City Manager Murphy did not say, "You are going to hell in a hand basket." City Manager Murphy said, "This place is going to hell in a hand basket."

I do not agree with either statement.

The citizens of Wayne work very hard. I did not see any evidence of hard work, in my opinion, by Mr. Murphy or the City Council.

Mr. Hawley, who is the mayor, repeatedly insisted that because the city has a weak mayor that the entire council is bound by the budget submitted by the manager. I believe he said that they could vote on changes but the manager would not have to make them.

As you can see by these few points there was a lot of talk at budget meeting but very little of it was about the budget.

"Tim" from Plante Moran asked the Council if they wanted to be Inkster. Mr. Hawley re-

peatedly returned to the recreation center issue.

Mrs. Rowe, I recall, said that she would vote to approve, if they approve the manager's budget, if they would then meet every Tuesday. Mr. Hawley promptly asked if the council wanted to skip the next budget session, which was on a Tuesday. They all agreed.

I believe the budget should be balanced, don't you?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Make cancer top state priority

Recently, I joined cancer patients, survivors and caregivers from across Michigan to urge the Legislature to make cancer a top state priority.

I'm grateful to Rep. Laura Cox for taking the time to meet with me. I hope she will prioritize Michigan's cancer patients and survivors throughout the year.

Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program reduces the burden of cancer through early detection, better treatment and enhanced survivorship. But funding for the program dramatically decreased over the past decade. Increased state dollars would be used to promote cancer-control strategies supported by scientific experts and research, including the Michigan Cancer Registry.

Michigan's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program remains underfunded, despite successfully reducing youth smoking and helping smokers quit across the state.

Michigan brings in more than \$1 billion each year through tobacco taxes and the Master Settlement Agreement, but the state only spends \$1.5 million annually on tobacco prevention efforts.

By increasing funding for cancer control and tobacco prevention, we could see fewer cancer diagnoses and deaths in our state.

Amanda Holm
Livonia

Police praised for dealing with armed driver

Where were the cable TV news crews on April 27 when Livonia police officers carried out their duties in a professional manner in dealing with an armed driver who stopped his car on Middlebelt near Lyndon? Instead of shooting at first

sight and asking questions later, the officers assessed the situation and wisely decided to negotiate with the driver, a Livonia resident, to hopefully reach a peaceful solution. The situation was resolved 5 1/2 hours later without incident.

Unlike the situations in Ferguson, Mo., Cleveland, North Charleston, S. C., New York City, Baltimore and Detroit, the Livonia officers performed professionally, based on their training, and concluded their duties without fanfare.

To paraphrase the phrase on protestors' signs in other cities: "All Lives Do Matter."

Where were the TV news crews? It may be that they were elsewhere waiting for the next police shooting. They should have been in Livonia to learn why the situation there was handled differently than in other cities.

Leonard Poger
Westland

'Convolved ideas'

After reviewing the election results of Prop 1, I recalled a quote penned some 150 years ago. It was: "You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

Of course the author was President Abraham Lincoln. He was a Republican back when that party stood for fairness, honesty and helping the working class.

The latest group to profess to own that Republican name are, in fact, nothing more than shills for the rich and religious extremists.

As for a Plan B emerging after the ballot loss, Patrick Colbeck and this clan of Teapartiers have already started rattling their sabers.

These people have had so many convoluted ideas in the past, they make Prop 1 look like it was a plain, open proposal. However, one common thread winds through all their plans, they will hurt the elderly, the poor, the middle class, our schools and local governments.

Hopefully, some reasonable road funding plan will come out of Lansing, but it most assuredly won't come from Colbeck and his merry band.

James Huddleston
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Mayors need to be part of conversation to fix roads

As state leaders drive around plan B for how to fix Michigan roads, they need to bring to the table those people residents trust most and are looking to for solutions — the mayors.

There are many successes happening on the city levels from the revitalization in Detroit and everything Mayor Mike Duggan has been doing to Warren Mayor Jim Fouts touting the \$1 billion investment from General Motors that will surely spur economic development.

Many mayors beyond Detroit and Warren are celebrating successes. They run deep and wide; just look at Romulus, Southgate, Flat Rock, Taylor, Woodhaven, Livonia, Dearborn and so many other cities that are moving forward with creative leaders at the helm.

Because cities are where people live, work and play, our state leaders need to engage the mayors in the conversation on issues that affect the state's population.

Our roads are one of those major issues. As mayors, we grapple with larger issues more and more as residents turn to us to be pragmatic problem solvers.

When I talk about cities, I often point to a U.S. Conference of Mayors/Zogby poll, which shows that while American trust in elected leaders has declined, mayors rank higher among the public than the president, their governor, Congress and their state legislature.

Mayors have trust

We do have the trust of the residents. As mayors, we live in the communities in which we serve and so we bump into people at the grocery store, movie theater and while out to dinner.



By William Wild
GUEST COLUMNIST

We are approached on a regular basis about all kinds of issues and concerns, including roads.

Not only do residents express concerns but, they also often suggest solutions. We need to raise those conversations up the political chain and to the state level as problems are discussed.

If the state wants to know why voters kicked statewide Proposal 1 to the curb, you just need to ask the mayors. We have been told all the reasons coming directly from the voters' mouths.

As mayors we are responsible for fixing our own roads with limited funding and we have been successful in many of our cities despite the challenges.

The measure that was supposed to raise the sales tax to 7 percent as well as auto registration fees — fell 78 percent to 22 percent — because not everyone who needed to be solving the problem was invited to do so. Let's make that Plan B. Invite the mayors to the table as the next proposal is crafted.

I supported the proposal because I saw value with good schools, roads, extensions in earned income credit for low-income families in addition to state shared revenue for the communities and supported it truly based on the fact that we needed to fix the roads and it was the best plan presented thus far.

However, I understood there was significant failure rate largely because you can't sell a plan to the people when you did

not have local leaders helping to craft the proposal or engaging them before you rolled out the plan to the people.

Part of solution

The residents look to mayors for direction, support and for answers and we need to be able to help solve the problems in order to confidently present the solutions to our residents.

We need to be coming up with the solutions from the beginning and not just asked to support a plan that was created solely at the state level.

These issues are not limited to roads. We, as mayors, should be talking with the state leaders on talent retention, job creation, economic development, education, shared revenue and global competition.

If we want regional cooperation and state success, elected leaders at all levels of government need to be collaborating and conversing on a regular basis. This is not about political wins and bipartisan successes; this is about creating communities, counties, regions and a state where people want to work, raise their families and retire.

This is about attracting business and creating jobs. We can't do that when our roads are crumbling and residents won't vote to support a plan to fix them.

If we want to make changes and improvements in the state, then seek ideas from the mayors. We are on the ground, on the front lines — working every day with the residents who will ultimately vote on the plans proposed at the state level.

William R. Wild is the mayor of the city of Westland.

69th Annual Festa della Repubblica

At The Italian American Cultural Society Banquet & Conference Center
Sunday, June 7, 2015

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, the Council of Presidents, COMITES, and the Italian American Cultural Society, in cooperation with over 22 Italian Clubs and Associations, are pleased to announce the celebration of the 69th annual Festa della Repubblica commemorating the birth of the Italian Republic. Our Special Guest speaker for this event will be Mr. Anthony Rugiero, restaurateur. Our young special guests are Ms. Ylenia Bonni and Mr. Damiano Alloggia

Anthony Rugiero Philanthropist Entrepreneur Guest Speaker



Anthony Rugiero was born into a family who understands the value of hard work and commitment. He is proud to be part of a first generation Italian American family that values fundamental beliefs given to him by his parents, Antonio Sr. and Enrica (Rita) Rugiero. When his father passed in 2008, Anthony was proud to step in as president of the original Roman Village Cucina Italiana in Dearborn along with Antonio's Corporation, which now operates five growing restaurants; Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Dearborn Heights, Canton & Farmington Hills and Antonio's Piccolo in Livonia. Anthony believes it is family structure and great food along with a modern-day business plan that makes for success. Receiving numerous awards over the past 50 years, none is more important than a

hockey team, attending school events, and spending quality time with his wife and family. Anthony and his family embrace traditional values attending church on Sunday, ensuring that their children understand the importance of honor, honesty, and tradition especially tradition, sharing in holidays and



Anthony and Sabrina Rugiero to the left and above at the opera with family



Frank Stella passes the torch to Anthony Rugiero

customer's compliment of the great food prepared just like mom used to make.

However, it is family and faith that remains a priority. People say his love for family is Grande. Anthony and his beautiful wife have been married for 15 years, and they have four children, two boys and two girls. Despite a busy schedule, he enjoys spending time coaching his oldest son's

celebrations with his brothers and extended family.

It does not stop there, even with his busy schedule of business and family, Anthony established the Rugiero Promise Foundation, a volunteer-only organization, driven on a commitment to improving the quality of life in the communities he serves. Anthony, along with his brothers, founded the signature event Rugiero Casino Royale. This event honors his father and generates funds and awareness for Diabetes research at the University of Michigan. Since its inception, the Rugiero Promise Foundation has supported numerous charities including Boys and Girls Towns of Italy, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, Cirpiano Foundation, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation,

(RIM) Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy International Residential College in Volterra, Italy and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute.

Anthony also serves on many Boards throughout the community that include the Michigan Opera Theatre, Patrons of the Art of the Vatican Museum, (ILICA) Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance, Antonio's Dearborn Heights Spirit Fest, Finance Chair of the 12th District Republican Party and the Veteran's Court for Southeast Michigan. Recently,

Presidential candidates, judges, and senators in their bid for office based NOT on their party affiliation, but their affiliation with Anthony's belief of American values recognizing that we elect the candidate that is best qualified for the position.

Anthony's faith is the foundation for the business and charitable work he does. His work with the Patrons of the Art of the Vatican Museum is one that he and his wife are proud to serve. He is honored to have had an audience with Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis and



appointed Chairman of the International HERITAGE Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting programs for immigrant families and hosting an event each year to recognize successful business and community leaders that have come to live the American Dream.

Anthony Rugiero's long-time friend and mentor, Frank D. Stella, once told him, if you don't like what you see, it does no good to complain; get involved; get active; do your part and make a difference.

Throughout the years, Anthony has supported

believes the blessings he has received have helped shape his future. The family lives their motto *tiriamo avanti*, which means to always move forward in good times and bad; a positive spirit will prevail.

He makes frequent trips to his family home in Italy and values the time he spends with family. He enjoys taking the kids around to all the places where he spent summers as a little boy, showing them the rich history and tradition of his family as his parents did for him ... Remembering who and where we came from will help us become who we are.



Anthony receive special blessing from His Holiness, Pope Francis

Young Special Guests Damiano Alloggia



these organizations until he moved to Michigan in 2011.

Damiano studied Mechanical Engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa. While studying, he worked at the National Research Council Institute for Aerospace Research. This would eventually help in find work in the automotive sector. He was on the Dean's list and won two aerospace scholarships.

After graduating, he worked as a consultant for a building engineering firm until he received an offer to work for Chrysler in Auburn Hills as a product engineer for the Jeep Cherokee and the Chrysler 200. His fluency in Italian enabled him to work closely with Fiat engineers in Turin, Italy. In July 2013, Damiano left Chrysler to work as a Vehicle Integration Engineer at Ford where he is currently working on future products.

Besides work, Damiano enjoys spending his free time involved in the Italian community, playing soccer and traveling. He often flies home to visit family in Ottawa and still strives to travel to Italy as often as possible as well as visit other countries. Presently, his focus is to build the FADM Giovani group and host events to attract young people.

Damiano Alloggia is a member of the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan (FADM) and is on the board of directors. At 27 years old, he is the youngest on the board and leads the FADM Giovani young adults group.

Damiano was born in Ottawa, Canada. His mother, Anita, is from Savuto di Cleto, a small town in the province of Cosenza in Calabria and his father, Tony, is from Camarda, a small town in the province of L'Aquila in Abruzzo. Growing up, he and his twin sister, Fabiana, would spend almost every summer visiting their grandparents in Italy, practicing Italian and spending time with friends and family. Damiano has always been involved in the Italian community and studied Italian for most of his life. At a young age, his parents brought him to Italian events in Ottawa since his father was a member of the Abruzzese club, as well as, a director in the National Congress of Italian Canadians. As he got older, he too became a member of

Ylenia Sandra Bonni



Ylenia Sandra Bonni is a senior at Dakota High School.

She was born on January 23, 1997, in Detroit, Michigan. As a child Ylenia grew up speaking Italian around the house and can read, write, and speak fluent Italian. Ylenia's family's origins are from Partinico province of Palermo and Sora province of Frosinone.

Ever since she was in 6th grade, she has been in the choral programs at her school, which has come in handy for when she started singing at Holy Family Church. Ylenia is currently the choral director at the church.

At present, Ylenia attends Dakota's Medical Academy, where she volunteers at Henry Ford Macomb. She's been accepted at Wayne State University to fulfill her bachelor's in Nursing. Her ultimate goal for the future is to become an acute care nurse practitioner.

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Chef's Feature:
 Assorted Grilled Flatbreads

DIVISION 1 BASEBALL PRE-DISTRICT

Wetmore lifts Rockets to 1-0 win



John Glenn's Brendan Wetmore shut out Canton on five hits during Tuesday's pre-district game at Plymouth.

John Glenn senior strikes on mound and at plate

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Pressure is to Brendan Wetmore what spinach is to Pop-eye.

"I don't get nervous when there's pressure; I actually like it, it makes me stronger," said Wetmore, moments after his complete-game five-hitter lifted Westland John Glenn to a 1-0 victory over Canton in a high-intensity Division 1 pre-district baseball game played under ominous skies at Plymouth. "After the first few innings, I knew it was going to be a low-scoring game, but we buckled down and got the run

we needed."

Although his record improved to a modest 5-4, the wiry lefty has been money every time he's taken the mound this spring, never having yielded more than two earned runs.

A four-year varsity player, Wetmore had not experienced a district win prior to Tuesday since his freshman season at John Glenn.

"I'm proud of all of our seniors, but especially Brendan because he's been working his tail off the past four years," said John Glenn head coach Lawrence Scheffer. "We've been preaching pitching and defense all season and we knew coming into today those two things would be important because we knew we'd be facing a tough pitcher."

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Clarenceville's Chambers heading to state meet

Livonia Clarenceville senior Staneisha Chambers will compete in the Division 2 girls state meet in track and field Saturday at Zeeland High School.

Chambers was the regional champion in the discus May 16 at South Lyon East with a throw of 107-1. She also placed fourth in the shot put at 31-9.

Clarenceville's Delanie MacRae was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (19.64) and seventh in the 300 hurdles (1:02.78).

In the boys regional, Jonathan Harris finished third in the 400 meters (51.84). Jonathan Hogan was fourth in the shot put (46-1) and sixth in the discus (128-7).

The Trojans were sixth in the 3,200 relay and seventh in the 1,600. Cam Fyffe and Kyle Nolan were in both events. Elijah Bean and Harris completed the 1,600 team (3:41.27), Jake Devos-Roy and Elijah Spens the 3,200 (9:31.81).

DIVISION 1 SOCCER DISTRICT

HIGH-PRESSURE SYSTEM

Churchill earns weather-delayed victory over Franklin

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's Churchill-Franklin Division 1 district soccer game was delayed by a brief severe-weather front and won by a sustained wave of serious Charger offense.

In a game halted 30 minutes by lightning, host Churchill sidelined the Patriots 4-1 thanks to a thunderous scoring effort from a host of players - in particular two-goal scorers Sara Taylor and Ashley Slaviero - and a defense that threw an umbrella over the 18-yard box for most of the night.

Churchill improved to 11-4-4 and advanced to Thursday's 5 p.m. semifinal match against Salem (a 3-0 winner over the host Rockets) at Westland John Glenn.

"I thought we played well; we possessed well and created a lot of chances," said Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs, who will square off Thursday against his former semi-pro soccer teammate George Tomasso, who is the first-year coach of the Rocks. "I liked the way we played tonight. Everyone played well on defense."

The Chargers will be at less than 100 percent when they take on the Rocks. Standout sophomore defender Hannah Damico will likely miss the game after suffering a leg injury with approximately 15 minutes left in Tuesday's win.

Also absent will be star senior mid-fielder Erin Emmanuel, who was suspended three games by the MHSAA after she played a game for her club team last week.

"I feel bad for Erin that she was put in a situation where she had to choose," said Friedrichs. "Whatever decision she made, she'd be letting one team down,



Churchill's Sara Taylor scored two goals in Tuesday's 4-1 victory over Franklin.

ED WRIGHT

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DIVISION 2 SOCCER DISTRICT

Ladywood romps in opener over Jaguars

Garden City thrashes Cass Tech, 9-0

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite a lengthy two-week layoff, Livonia Ladywood was far from rusty in its Division 2 District girls soccer opener Tuesday at home.

The Blazers used a 19-2 shot advantage and scored all eight goals in the first half to beat Allen Park, 8-0, in a mercy-shortened match highlight-

ed by Clare Kelley's hat trick.

Ladywood, which improved to 11-5-4 overall, advances to the district semifinal beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at home against the winner of Tuesday's Romulus-Melvindale match. The district final is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at Ladywood.

Taylor Bullard opened the scoring at the 4-minute mark off an assist from Elise Pollock.

Goals then followed by

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ED WRIGHT
Garden City's Angie Dimopoulos (left), pictured in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Cougars' 9-0 victory over Detroit Cass Tech.

Border Classic

The Observerland area will be well-represented at the 2nd Annual Michigan-Ohio Border Classic All-Star Football Game set for June 13 at 1 p.m. at Wayne State University.

A pair of former Livonia Churchill players and future Division 1 collegiate gridders - quarterback Brian Alsobrooks and offensive lineman Matt Skibinski - will compete for the Michigan squad along with Westland John Glenn's DeShawn Baker-Williams.

All three players are headed to Mid-American Conference schools: Alsobrooks to Eastern Michigan University, Skibinski to Miami of Ohio and Baker-Williams to Central Michigan University.

Both teams will consist of 40 players.

All 80 players will stay at Wayne State for practices, training and to participate in community-service projects from June 10 to the day of the game.

Woods lauded

Former Livonia Franklin tennis standout Angelica Woods has earned a coveted spot on the NAIA and Daktronics 2015 Scholar-Athlete team. Woods is joined by teammates Alyssa Fuentes and Montserrat Elizondo.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved junior academic status.

Woods also earned academic All-WHAC.

Woods won over 100 matches during her sterling four-year career at Davenport University, where she played both singles and doubles.

Reporting results

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

The deadline for Sunday editions of the Observer is Friday at 10 p.m. The deadline for Thursday editions is Tuesday at 10 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Blazers 6th in Catholic League A-B Division

Gove wins high jump for Ladywood's only first

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

High jumper Hannah Gove garnered Livonia Ladywood's lone first Tuesday as the host Blazers finished sixth in the Catholic League A-B Division girls track and field meet.

Dearborn Divine Child captured its fifth title in six years with 122 points while defending champion Warren Regina was

runner-up with 85.5. Rounding out the seven-school field was Farmington Hills Mercy (79), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (60.5), Birmingham Marian (60), Ladywood (48) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (41).

Gove, a senior, did a bulk of the Blazers scoring winning the high jump (5 feet, 1 inch), while also placing third in the 100-meter hurdles (17.39) and 300 hurdles

(50.81). Sophomore Kelly Solak added seconds for Ladywood in the shot put (33-3) and discus (92-1), while junior Haley Moores tied for third in the high jump (4-10).

Divine Child was paced by a pair of double winners as sophomore Allie Filiatraut swept the shot put (33-3.5) and discus (100-1), while Hannah Korpics captured the 100 hurdles (16.52) and 300 hurdles (46.94).

Mercy senior Allysen Eads also swept the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 5:19.29 and 11:46.59, respectively.

Regional recap

Ladywood wound up 11th overall with 21 points in the MHSAA Division 2-Regional 13 meet May 15 at Monroe-Jefferson.

Divine Child captured the title with 99.5 points, while Carleton Airport and Chelsea finished second and third with 89.5 and 71, respectively.

The Blazers did not earn any state qualifying (top two) automatic qualifying berths to the state finals May 30 in Zeeland.

Ladywood's best individual finish was a third by Solak in the shot put (32-5). She was followed

by Gove, fifth, 100 hurdles (17.73); Ally Hill, seventh, 400 (1:03.16); and Catherine McLaurin, eighth, 3,200 (12:33.4).

The Blazers' 3,200 relay team of Samantha Horn, Catherine McLaurin, Hill and Sarah Wilson placed fourth in 10:20.97. Ladywood's 1,600 relay team of Caroline McLaurin, Meghan Sullivan, Hill and Moores added a sixth (4:31.32).

CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B DIVISION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 19 at Livonia Ladywood
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 122 points; 2. Warren Regina, 85.5; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 79; 4. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 60.5; 5. Birmingham Marian, 60; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 48; 7.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 41.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Allie Filiatraut (DDC), 33 feet, 3.5 inches; 2. Kelly Solak (LL), 33-3; 3. Hannah Gove (LL), 92-10; **high jump:** 1. Hannah Gove (LL), 5-1; 3. (tie) Haley Moores (LL), 4-10; **long jump:** 1. Andrea Jaeger (AAGR), 14-6.5; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Hannah Korpics (DDC), 16.52; 3. Gove (LL), 17.39; **300 hurdles:** 1. Korpics (DDC), 46.94; 4. Gove (LL), 50.81; **100 dash:** 1. Maya Bulger (BM), 13.0; **200:** 1. Kaitlyn Rogers (WR), 27.01; 400: 1. Claire Bolden (NDP), 59.94; **800:** 1. Teresa Diehl (WR), 2:25.63; **1,600:** 1. Allysen Eads (FM), 5:19.29; **3,200:** 1. Eads (FM), 11:46.59; **400 relay:** 1. Divine Child (Shannon Rice, Kelsey Kinder, Mariel Dunn, Ashley Mark), 5:56.6; 6. Ladywood (Faith Eiben, Caroline McLaurin, Moores, Maggie Shirk), 55.73; **800 relay:** 1. Marian (Christine Montalbano, Gabby Paulina-Hamill, Mariah Flynn, Brianna Kennedy), 1:48.19; **1,600 relay:** 1. Marian (Emily Balow, Jaqueline Casero, Bulger, Paige Petrick), 4:08.97; **3,200 relay:** 1. Notre Dame Prep (Lauren Nelheisel, Dana Pangori, Claire Stritzinger, Lauren McGrath), 9:56.75; 5. Ladywood (Meghan Sullivan, Samatha Horn, Catherine McLaurin, Sarah Wilson), 10:37.18.

DIVISION 1 PRE-DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Rockets never get off ground against Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sparked by two run-scoring doubles by Olivia Grant, Canton's varsity softball team sent 19 batters to the plate and scored 13 runs in the first inning of Tuesday's Division 1 pre-district game at Plymouth against Westland John Glenn.

By all intents and purposes, that was the ole ballgame as the Chiefs polished off the Rockets 22-0 in a game concluded after three innings due to the mercy rule.

"I just feel when we really jump on the ball and start off the inning strong that's when we do our best," Grant said.

Indeed, the Chiefs (24-14 overall), who will square off 10:30 a.m. Saturday against Salem, jumped all over John Glenn starting pitcher Mackenzie Huren, who had pitched well against Canton earlier in the season.

"Everything just kept falling in the first inning," Canton head coach Al White said. "It was just little bloopers and they couldn't make a play. A couple walks and all heck broke loose."

Early trouble

John Glenn head coach Dan Huren said the Chiefs merely took it to his team right from the get-go.

"They got on top of us early," Huren said. "We played them pretty tough the first time we met up with them. They hit our number one pitcher pretty hard. As far as our bats, we were quick, we weren't patient. But I think the seniors went out with some pretty good effort."

Canton's leadoff batter, Elizabeth Yager, walked



John Glenn's Bailey Hammil throws out a Canton runner during the third inning of Tuesday's game.

(her first of two bases on balls in the inning) and singles by Izzy Dawson (4-for-4, two RBIs) and Hannah Shuler loaded the bases.

A wild pitch enabled Yager to score and McKenna Payne's walk forced in another.

The next batter, Peyton Philbeck, lined a three-run double to right-center to make it a quick 5-0 advantage. Philbeck (2-for-3, four RBIs) doubled again later in the contest.

Then came Grant's first double of the frame, a drive to right-center, which scored Philbeck. Two batters later, Dawson doubled in two more to up Canton's lead to 8-0.

On and on it went. Knocking in runs before the end of the first with hits were Payne (2-for-3) and Grant, with her second straight double.

The Chiefs tacked on three more runs in the second, scoring on two

infield grounders and an error.

Finishing salvo

Canton then scored six more runs for good measure in the third inning, despite White trying to hold down the score by stopping runners at third when they could have scored.

Molly Main walked and Val Lentine singled before Dawson loaded the bases with another hit. An infield out and balk scored two runs and Aleya Griggs brought home another with a single.

Payne singled, Philbeck doubled and Maddie Stowe drove in two with a base hit to left, giving the Chiefs a 22-run lead.

John Glenn (11-19) could not manage a hit against starter Payne (1 scoreless inning) and Philbeck until the third, when Jasmine Pickens and Heather Gains ripped back-to-back singles.

Anderson earning accolades at Aquinas



Competing at the recent Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference track-and-field meet in Grand Rapids, Aquinas College sophomore Sydney Anderson (Livonia Churchill) earned first-team all conference honors as a member of the winning 3,200-meter relay team. The Aquinas quartet finished in a time of 9:13.71, setting a new conference record. This past weekend at the NAIA National Championships in Gulf Shores Ala., Anderson ran the opening leg for the Aquinas 3,200-meter relay team that finished 14th in the nation and helped them lower their season best time to 9:13.21, which is the third fastest in school history.

KLAA ASSOCIATION GOLF

Stevenson leads Livonia teams

Rea's 82 paces Spartans to 13th-place showing

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Tuesday's KLAA association boys golf tournament was like *That 70s Show* for first-place Hartland, which won the 24-team event after all four of its scorers carded rounds of 76 or lower.

The Eagles won with a four-player score of 293, 10 shots lower than runner-up Grand Blanc. Plymouth was third at 306, followed by Northville (308) and Lakeland at 314.

Scoring for Hartland were co-medalist Trevor Murray (71), Bryce Messner (73), Beau Breault (73) and John Nagel (76).

Stevenson was the highest-finishing Livonia school with a score of 345. Dom Rea led the Spartans with an 82, four shots lower than Alex Westphal. Connor Jakacki (88) and Luke Green (89) also figured in the scoring for Stevenson.

Livonia Churchill tallied 375 strokes, which put the Chargers



Livonia Franklin's Matt Wiebelhaus led his team with a 90 at Tuesday's KLAA association tournament.

in 21st place, one spot ahead of crosstown rival Franklin (410).

The Chargers were led by John Doyle's 88. Also garnering scoring spots for Churchill were Mikey Palumbo-May (93), and Logan Welch and Rob Gulick, both of whom fired 97's.

Matt Wiebelhaus led the Patriots with a 90, eight shots better than teammate Trevor Van Vliet. Jeremy Haist (107) and David Shoemaker (115) also scored for Franklin.

Wayne Memorial's Cameron Salt (107) was the lone Zebra to break 130.

Westland John Glenn was led by David Hickson's 95.

Plymouth earned Kensburg Conference laurels and the South Division title.

Novi and Northville shared the Central Division championship.

Four players shot 71 to share medalist honors: Murray, Grand Blanc's Logan Price, Plymouth's Justin Kapke and Lakeland's Justin LaFrance.

City of Livonia - 5/6/2015 Regular Meeting Synopsis
Present: Nash, Kritzman, Pastor, Meakin, Toy, Scheel
Absent: Brosnan
Public Hearings Announced - Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7PM 1) Petition 2015-03-01-02 submitted by Trinity Health-Michigan d/b/a St. Mary Mercy Hospital to rezone property and 2) Petition 2015-03-01-03 submitted by Leo Soave to rezone property. Items were received and filed.
#114-15 Approving the minutes of meeting on 04/20/15.
#115-15 Approving a waiver of the City noise ordinance for Debra Kolar.
#116-15 Approving a waiver of the City noise ordinance for Memorial Church of Christ.
#117-15 Approving a waiver of the City noise ordinance for the American Cancer Society.
#118-15 Authorizing an agreement to allow access to existing utility poles owned by AT&T for the City Fiber Network Expansion project.
#119-15 Authorizing the purchase of replacement vehicles for Livonia Community Transit.
#120-15 Accepting the bid of Soave Homes, Inc. for the purchase of city owned property.
#121-15 Approving the 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant.
#122-15 Approving Hold Harmless Contacts in connection with the CDBG funded victim assistance, fair housing initiative and mental health counseling programs.
#123-15 Accepting the bid of Toebe Construction LLC for the reconstruction of Sears Drive and Industrial Road.
#124-15 Approving Petition 2015-03-02-05 submitted by Lormax Stern to operate an auto repair facility (Goodyear) at 12661 Middlebelt Rd.
#125-15 Approving a 1-year extension of approval of Petition 2014-02-08-02 for property located at 37640 Seven Mile Rd.
#126-15 Referring Petition 2015-03-08-03 submitted by Design+AE Inc. to the Committee of the Whole.
Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending sections 050 and 065, Title 9, Chapter 30 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 25 of the Zoning Map.
#127-15 Authorizing a contract with Rohl Networks for the completion of water main improvements, part of DWRF Project No. 7356-01; Phase II.
#128-15 Approving Petition 2015-02-08-02 submitted by N.C. Designers & Contracting, Inc. to construct an addition to Mobil Gas, 37921 Ann Arbor Trail.
#129-15 Approving the IFEC application from McLaren Performance Technologies.
#130-15 Accepting a cash donation of \$1,000 from Allstate Insurance.
#131-15 Motion to suspend the rules.
#132-15 Authorizing an appropriation and expenditure for investigation and testing by Soils and Materials Engineers, Inc. for Court Case: *City of Livonia v Discount Pool & Spas, Inc.*
#133-15 Authorizing a Closed Committee of the Whole meeting for pending litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan A. Hoff
Livonia City Clerk

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-12 MAY 19, 2015
A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT The Council recessed to a Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.; the City Council reconvened at 8:02 p.m.; Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2015-13 MAY 19, 2015
A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne Activity & Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT A moment of silence was held for Roy Puckett. APPROVED: minutes of Spec. mtg of May 4 & Reg. mtg. of May 5; public hearing and approval of 2015-2016 FY Budget; 2015-16 Water & Sewer rates; Materials Recovery License for Scrapbusters; James Jeziorowski to Planning Commission; resignation of David Murphy; City Manager Search Comm.; Special Mtg for 6/6/15 at 9:00 a.m. Adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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DIVISION 2 DISTRICT BASEBALL

Gagnon brilliant in Panthers' victory

RU pitcher tosses gem in 5-0 victory over Clarenceville

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Union pitcher Jacob Gagnon may not own Livonia Clarenceville this spring, but he has a pretty good lease agreement.

A few weeks after blanking the Trojans for three innings in a relief-pitching stint, Gagnon threw a complete-game masterpiece against Clarenceville in Tuesday's Division 2 pre-district showdown – a 5-0 RU victory.

The Panthers improved to 19-7 and advanced to Saturday's 10 a.m. semi-

final game at Livonia's Ford Field against Redford Thurston.

The winner of the Redford rivalry showdown will face the winner of Saturday's South Lyon East-Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard semifinal tilt.

Gagnon yielded just five hits and struck out 10 Trojans.

"He throws a very hard fast ball and then he comes back with a nice off-speed curve ball," said RU head coach Bob Miller, when asked about Gagnon's performance.

"Our entire team just battles, game in and game out. I really think playing teams like Catholic Central, Divine Child and Allen Park during the regular season helps us in the post-season."

The Panthers scored twice in the second with Steven Davis serving as the catalyst. Davis led off with a sin-

gle, stole second and scored on Nick Laidler's single. After Laidler advanced on a passed ball, Tommie Lewis brought him home with a base knock.

RU provided Gagnon with three insurance markers in the fifth. Lewis opened the frame with a single and advanced to second on Jackson Allison's sacrifice bunt. Brandon Pratt then singled in Lewis, stole second and scored on a Clarenceville throwing error.

After Vinnie Diaz was intentionally walked, Gagnon helped his own cause with a single that plated Tyler Collard, who had reached on the error.

The victory was Gagnon's team-leading sixth of the season.

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Redford Union's Jacob Gagnon, pictured during a game earlier this season, was lights-out good during the Panthers' 5-0 victory over Clarenceville.

HEROES CLASSIC

Lutheran Westland honors military, first-responders

Warriors split pair of games during remarkable afternoon

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With the scored tied at 13-all, two on and two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning of Saturday afternoon's game against Martin Luther School from Wisconsin, members of the Lutheran Westland baseball team had faith in their heart and Faith at the plate.

The latter of the two – Andy Faith – confirmed the former by ripping a walk-off double to give the Warriors a 14-13 victory in the second game of the annual Heroes Classic, a four-game set that honors members of the military and local first-responders.

The Warriors dropped the first game of the day, 13-0, to Lake County Lutheran of Wisconsin, but the setback didn't diminish the spirited atmosphere that prevailed throughout the afternoon.

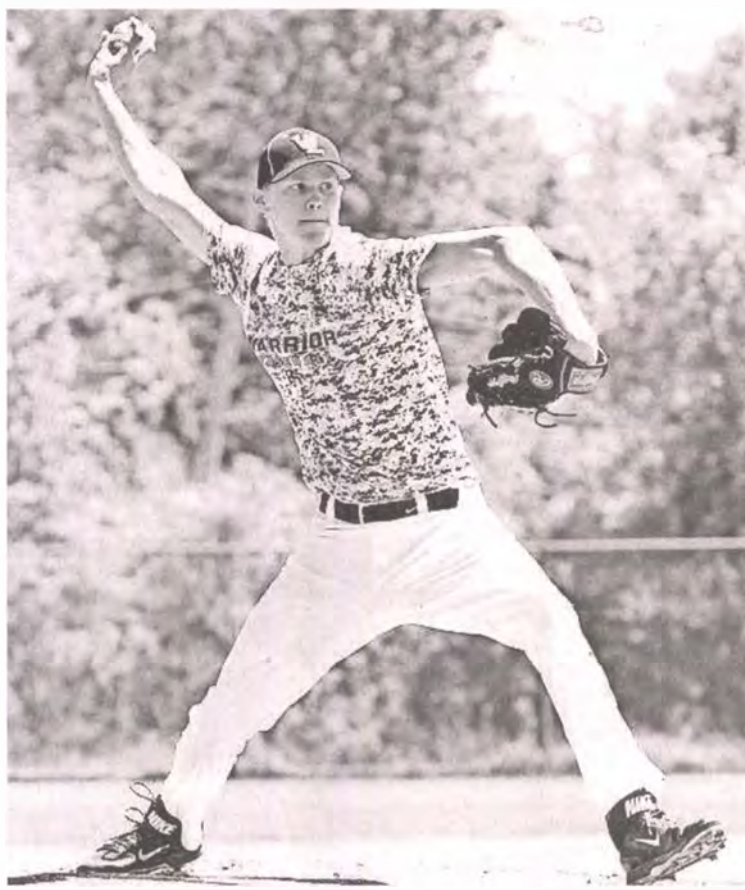
All four teams who participated in the special four-game event – Lutheran Northwest was the fourth team – paid a special tribute to fallen warrior Brian A. Woehlke, a Wayne-Westland firefighter who died in the line of duty in May of 2013.

W-W firefighter Scott Buczek, a former colleague of Woehlke's, threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

"What an incredible day for such a good cause," said Lutheran Westland head coach Kevin Wade. "The Heroes Classic is designed to remember all those first-responders, specifically fallen warrior Brian A. Woehlke, and military men and women who have sacrificed their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have."

"I'd especially like to thank the Wayne-Westland Fire Department for participating in this event."

Wade said the final score in



Lutheran Westland pitcher Cleveland Tarp fires a strike during Saturday's Heroes Classic event.

the 13-0 loss to Lake County Lutheran was a bit deceptive.

"As lopsided as the score was, we didn't play that bad," he said. "We had some costly errors and the long ball proved to be too much against one of the best teams in Wisconsin."

The Warriors were held to four hits in the opener. Jordan Williams, Brent Croft, Jake Bovol and Travis Fry had one each.

The hosts' bats got hot in the nightcap – especially the aluminum stick swung by Brandon Ruelle, who finished with four hits and three runs scored. Other big hitters in the 14-13 win were Drake Snyder (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI), Williams (2-for-3, two walks, two runs, two RBI), Kory Barikmo (2-for-5, two runs, rib-

bie), Nate Abbott (3-for-4, six RBI) and Faith, who went 2-for-3 with the game-winning RBI and two runs scored.

"What a day of baseball, especially the ending," Wade concluded. "We brought in three really good teams and the baseball didn't disappoint."

"We had comfortable leads all day in the second game and led 13-10 going into the top of the seventh. Martin Luther hit a game-tying three-run home run with two outs. Then with two on and two outs in our seventh, Andy hit the ball deep into the left-center gap, giving us the walk-off victory. Couldn't have asked for a better finish."

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BASEBALL

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Canton starter Nick Sprosek was Wetmore's equal all afternoon. The crafty righty yielded just three hits and four walks while striking out six.

"Nick did a nice job for us," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whose team finished 19-15. "He kept the ball down most of the day and gave us a chance. Their guy did a nice job, too. We had a couple decent scoring chances that we didn't take advantage of. That's baseball."

The game's only run was scored in the bottom of the third inning. With one out, Wetmore ripped a double up the right-center field gap. He then scored when Noah Damian reached on a throwing error.

Brian Martin singled to put runners on first and third with one out, but Sprosek got the next Rocket to hit into a 6-4-3 double-play.

The Chiefs threatened to deadlock the game in the top

of the fifth. With two outs, Andrew Loehnis singled, Noah Spencer walked and they both moved up a base on a daring double-steal. However, Wetmore doused the rally when he got Sprosek to ground out to second base.

Canton ramped up the pressure again in the top of the seventh when Aaron Miller opened the frame with his second single of the day. Pinch-runner Jake O'Donnell advanced to second on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Michael Flaishans, but Wetmore got Loehnis to fly out to left before Spencer hit a rocket to left-center that Jacob Damian chased down about 20 feet short of the fence.

"The last guy up wasn't hitting my curveball too well, but [the home-plate umpire] wasn't giving me the corner so I had to focus on spotting my fast ball," Wetmore said.

"Right when he hit it, I knew it was high, and I thought it might be a double, but Jacob ran it down and I thought to myself, 'There you go!' It was about time we won one of these games."

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so it was a no-win situation. Obviously, I would have liked to have her for the playoffs, but we won't have her this week, so other players are going to have to step up."

Junior Rachel Dudek was an early lightning rod for the Patriots, who grabbed a 1-0 lead when the speedy forward outraced a pair of Churchill defenders and Charger keeper Brittney Hayes to a high-bouncing through ball just outside the 18-yard box, settled the sphere, then arced a right-footed rainbow into the unattended net just under seven minutes into the contest.

Dudek nearly duplicated her earlier effort three minutes later, but Hayes managed to secure the ball a split second before Dudek could unleash another shot.

An unmarked Taylor changed the game's momentum for good – and tied the game at 1-1 – at the 22:20 mark when she controlled a ball 20 yards out and smack dab in the middle of the pitch before firing a seven iron just over the out-stretched goalie gloves of Franklin's Kathryn MacRae, who played stellar between the pipes despite the Chargers' four-goal night.

four-goal night.

Taylor's precision was on full display 5:55 before half-time when the super sophomore struck a 20-yard free kick over a wall of Patriots and beyond the reach of MacRae to give Churchill a 2-1 lead it would never relinquish.

Churchill's always-dangerous Lauren Wynns nearly extended her team's lead to 3-1 just before the intermission, but her ground-hugging stinger rolled just wide of the right post.

The Chargers didn't waste any time with their attack once the second half kicked off as Addison Mussen motored down the right flank in the first minute and triggered a scoring chance that was subdued by a diving save by MacRae.

Churchill upped its advantage to 3-1 with 37:27 when Slaviero punched in a rebound shot off a corner kick. MacRae made a magnificent initial save on a header by Mussen, but no one accounted for the on-the-spot Slaviero.

The game's final goal was the prettiest. Taylor chased down a through ball just before it reached the end line, and angled a pass back to trailing mid-fielder Amanda Piotrowski, who touched a soft pass in the direction of Slaviero, who polished off the gem with a one-timing boot.

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Kelley, 18th minute (from Elyse Smalley); Pollock, 20th minute (from Amy Babon); Kelley, 22nd minute (from Smalley); Conner Huggins, 24th minute (from Bri Rogers); Kelley, 25th minute (from Taylor Bullard); Huggins, 26th minute (from Rogers); and Kennedi Bullard, 36th minute (from Rogers).

Goalkeepers Holly Cusick and Abbey Reppen combined to make two saves for the Blazers.

Garden City rolls

After going scoreless over the first seven minutes of Tuesday's Division 1 district soccer opener against Detroit Cass Tech, Garden City woke up quickly and rolled to a 9-0 game that was halted at the half due to the MHSAA's eight-goal mercy rule.

"Once we broke the scoring ice, we started clicking," said GC head coach Jeff Szyplula, whose team will take a

9-9-1 mark into Thursday's 5 p.m. semifinal game against Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn High School. The district final is set for Friday at 7 p.m. on the Pioneers' pitch.

"Once we got that first one, we started passing better and our finishing finally came around."

GC goal-keeper Tatum Spears only had to make one save to earn the shut-out.

Alex Sherlock tallied the all-important first goal.

Other Cougars who register their names in the score book were Lindsay Yankasky (two goals, one assist), Gabby Castillo (goal, assist), Samantha Sultana (goal, assist), Eden Messner (goal), Cassie Leleniewski (goal), Chelsea Booker (goal) and Angie Dimopolus (goal).

"Lindsay played outstanding up top for us, creating a lot of scoring chances," said Szyplula. "Samantha's goal was beautiful: She struck it from the far post, over the keeper's head, from about 30 yards out."

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Thurston splits pair of WWAC encounters

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Chalfonae Phillips stroked four hits and senior right-hander Bobby Snell threw a complete-game shutout during Redford Thurston's 7-0 white-washing of Dearborn Fordson on May 20.

On Friday, the Eagles closed out their regular-season slate by dropping a 17-11 slugfest against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Phillips was on fire at the dish, ripping three singles and a triple while driving in three runs. Snell scattered five hits and two walks while striking out 10.

Thurston plated two runs in the first inning, two more in the second and three in the fourth. Austin Benoit brought home the first run with a fielder's choice before Zack June picked up a ribbie with a sacrifice fly.

In the second stanza, Snell reached on an error and scored on a three-bagger by Phillips, who came home on a throwing error on the same play.

The Eagles broke the game open in the fourth thanks to big hits by Donald Permuy (double), Joe Beauchamp, Snell and Phillips.

Thurston fell into an early 11-2 hole against Crestwood, but battled back to within 13-11 after five innings before the Chargers tacked on four insurance runs down the stretch.

Snell drilled four hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs. June and Joe Cornejo both went 2-for-4. The Eagles' pitchers were hampered by 15 walks.

Spartans drop pair

Belleville swept host Livonia Stevenson 7-1 and 7-3 in a non-conference double-header played Saturday.

The double dip dropped the Spartans to 21-14 while Belleville improved to 20-3.

The Tigers never trailed after scoring once in the top of the first. They added a single run in the second, two in the third and three more in the fifth.

C.J. Breen scored the Spartans' lone run in the fourth. Belleville, which outit

Stevenson 12-7, was bolstered by a complete-game pitching gem from Hunter Cole, who did not yield an earned run while striking out four and walking three. Gordon Ferguson took the loss after giving up four runs (three earned) over the first three frames.

The Tigers jumped out to a 5-0 lead after three-and-a-half innings and never trailed thanks to solid pitching from Jacob Hill, who gave up two runs, two hits and two walks while fanning a pair over the first four innings.

Connor Beck took the loss for Stevenson after yielding five runs (only two earned) and five hits while striking out two over four frames. Danny Morris pitched a near-flawless final two innings as the Tigers managed to get just one base-runner against the freshman.

Big swingers for Stevenson included Nate Leach (1-for-1, two RBI), Frank Carlin (1-for-3, double, RBI), Ferguson (1-for-3, double, run), Morris (double, run), Devin Dunn (1-for-2) and Breen, who scored a run.

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CANTON CUP

WINNING SHOW

Bucks treat fans to thrilling 3-1 victory over K-W United

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks and Kitchener-Waterloo United semiprofessional teams put on a fast-paced, thrilling performance Saturday for Canton Cup fans such as Natalie Nissen, Mya Sheridan and Mae Ridalls.

The girls, teammates on Canton Celtic's 05 Green team, watched from the sidelines during a break between their own games and afterward got to meet and get autographs from Bucks players including Francis DeVries — who struck the winning blow in a 3-1 victory.

"I'm picking up things (from the Bucks game), like getting open and talking (on the field),"

said Natalie, 10, during halftime at Independence Park.

She smiled when asked what her favorite part of the first half was.

"When the ball's almost hitting us and we're all cuddling up and like 'Oh no!'"

The young Celtic players and other fans who checked the Premier Development League game at Independence's Field 3 were thrilled with how the game turned right before halftime.

DeVries, a center-back from New Zealand, scorched a free kick from 25 yards away over a wall of defenders into the top-right corner of the United goal seconds before intermission to break a 1-1 tie. The Bucks went on to win 3-1 in the Premier Development League contest.

Perfect timing

"I was here (Canton Cup) last year, it was a great experience and luckily this year we played a lot better, so I'm happy for that," said DeVries, just before signing some shirts for Natalie, Mya, Mae and other Celtic players. "It's really cool to have a lot of people come out, especially the kids, it's nice to put on a show."

"We scored three goals today, so they saw some good attacking soccer and hopefully they can come to a few more of our games if they'd like."

Bucks head coach Demir Muftari said the goal by DeVries was the big moment of the well-played, 90-minute tilt, the team's eighth visit to the Canton Cup.

The shot zoomed over the wall and curved away from K-W United goalie Nicholas Ciraldo, finding the mark inside the right post.

"It was a great shot," Muftari said. "Francis is such a good player, it was nice to see him ... hit such a great free kick. Happy for him and happy for the

team, the timing of it right before the half gave us a lift."

"It was nice to go into half-time with a lead, we felt like we deserved one."

Muftari said DeVries puts in a lot of hours perfecting his free kicks, and that hard work paid off Saturday.

"He knows where the goal is and the wall's designed there to help the goalkeeper out," Muftari explained. "It was well placed over the wall but away from the goalkeeper and it was bending away from him. You're not stopping that, that's special."

The Bucks (2-0) took a 1-0 lead about 17 minutes into the game when David Goldsmith scored off a feed from Calvin Rezende.

K-W United knotted the game up 1-1 with about 30 minutes left in the half on a tally by Sergio Camargo, who ripped a drive behind Bucks goalie Nathan Steinwascher.

Always great

Following the clutch goal by DeVries, the Bucks added an insurance marker by Jeff Ad-

kins.

That came about 15 minutes into the second half. Rezende sent a pass from the right side of the pitch to Adkins, taking a couple steps into the box before launching a high shot into the middle of the K-W cage.

"It was a really tough game today, they're a really good team," Muftari said. "We're really excited about the win. This is our fourth game in 11 days, so we're tired at the moment."

"We've got a couple days off, so this is a nice way for us to break for a couple days until we get back at it again Tuesday."

He added that the team always enjoys making the trek to the Canton Cup, to provide high-level soccer for youngsters such as the Celtic players.

"The guys who get to do this multiple times tell all the new guys that this is a great experience, it's fun, it's fun being out here in this atmosphere. It's a great tournament. It's great seeing all the youth teams and trying to encourage them to come watch a game like this," Muftari said.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

GC's Montroy among Ocelots' first baseball recruits as school launches new programs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Baseball and softball programs finally are coming to Schoolcraft College and it looks like the idea is a home run with at least one area high school coach.

"I love the idea of a junior college opening up so close to home," Canton varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield said. "It will considerably open up opportunities to our players at the (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park), as well as the surrounding areas, to play baseball at the next level."

That's undoubtedly what new Ocelots baseball coach Rob Fay wants to hear from coaches all over Observerland.

"I had two assistants out at Canton (last week) because

Plymouth, Canton and Salem played all three Farmington schools," Fay said. "So we're not only setting up our recruiting for this year, we're also setting our base for next year as well."

Fay, who is wrapping up his coaching duties with Dearborn Edsel Ford's baseball team, already is tapping into that local potential with the first three recruits who recently were signed and introduced.

Those players include Garden City senior pitcher/infielder Nicholas Montroy.

"I feel fantastic," Montroy told the *Schoolcraft Connection*. "I'd like to have a successful season to start the program off."

Montroy is a pitcher who can get his fastball up to 84 mph on the radar gun. He also plays third and second base for the Cougars, as well as his summer

team, the Downriver Raiders.

Also signing to help Fay and assistant coach George Kontos jump-start the baseball program — which will play at a complex Fay said is expected to be built in time for Schoolcraft's debut Michigan Community College Athletic Association season — are pitcher/third baseman Matthew Buhagiar (Henry Ford Academy) and pitcher/first baseman Christian Werner (University of Detroit-Jesuit).

"All three are stand-up individuals and character is a big thing with our coaching staff," said Fay, 42, a Dearborn Heights resident. "Christian is a hard-throwing right-hander that we're very confident will do good things for us next year."

"Nick is also another pitcher who does a great job of getting hitters out and Matt can play third base and pitch. Not only can he throw really well, he swings the bat real well, too."

Kontos told the *Connection* that the trio of signings marks a "milestone. It's special because it'll remain with these players that they are the first ever players to sign to Schoolcraft. That will stay with them for life and I think it will with us (coaches), too."

Fay added that as the team-building process moves along,

"we'll decide which roles these guys best fit for us. But these are three guys that, once I got hired, I knew I wanted and we went after right away. We were fortunate to get them."

Camps and tryouts

In addition to signing players out of high school, the Ocelots will look to recruit some current student-athletes at Schoolcraft — as well as open the doors to those who might have an interest.

"We're obviously signing our incoming freshmen for next year," Fay said. "We have student-athletes at Schoolcraft currently, that are enrolled, that are looking for an opportunity. They'll be trying out for the team as well."

"We'll also have an open tryout for students at Schoolcraft in the fall. What we're trying to do is do some camps this summer as well ... so that will be a good thing."

Fay estimated that between 24-30 players will make up the 2016 Schoolcraft roster.

Talent abounds

As far as what prompted Schoolcraft to decide to launch baseball and softball programs, Fay pointed to a growing need that the Livonia-based junior

college could help fulfill for players who might want more seasoning after high school.

"When I found out about the program starting, I sent my resume to (Schoolcraft athletics director) Sid Fox," Fay said. "There is a great need for junior college baseball in this area and with the surrounding schools there's a lot of great (high school) baseball talent."

"We're expecting to be competitive in our first year, continue to get better and stay competitive."

He also cited a study done by the Schoolcraft staff.

"I'm not sure why it took so long," Fay said, "but our athletic staff did a study and 100 percent of the (high) schools in our surrounding areas offer baseball and softball."

"So that was the driving force to start a program at Schoolcraft."

» Meanwhile, Schoolcraft also is launching its first softball program. Head coach Rey Linares and his staff are mining the local talent, just as Fay's group is.

Look for an article in an upcoming *Observer* about Linares and the Schoolcraft softball program.

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ORDINANCE NO. 27-A-2

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING TO CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES ON, ALONG, ACROSS AND UNDER THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, WATERWAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DO A LOCAL GAS BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. Grant Term. The CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

Section 2. Consideration. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

Section 3. Conditions. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

Section 4. Hold Harmless. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the City free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the City on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the City and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

Section 5. Extensions. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 6. Franchise Not Exclusive. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

Section 7. Rates. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said City, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said City, acting by its City Council, or by said Grantee.

Section 8. Revocation. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

Section 9. Michigan Public Service Commission Jurisdiction. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

Section 10. Repealer. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the City Council on August 19, 1985 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; reserving the right to revoke and terminate such rights and to purchase the property of the utility.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

Section 11. Franchise Value. The value of this franchise or any extension or renewal thereof shall be excluded in determining the purchase price to be paid by the City to the Grantee in acquiring the Grantee's gas distribution property in the City by purchase, condemnation or otherwise.

Section 12. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said City and said Grantee.

Section 13. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 mgridzic@livoniapublicschools.org or 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.

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.

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 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 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 for more information.

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. 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.

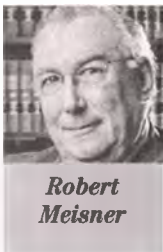
Association of Michigan are trade associations representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multi-family residential construction industry.

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.



Robert Meisner

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
14233 San Jose \$530,000
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
1650 Hazel St \$255,000
1592 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 \$317,000
1121 Ivyglen Cir \$274,000
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 Ct \$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 Chedworth Ct \$1,305,000
20925 Maybury Dr \$1,505,000
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
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58214 Belfore Ct \$315,000
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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
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9989 Palmoor St \$120,000
7610 Pontiac Lake Rd \$325,000

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

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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.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Sudoku

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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 Scavnicky and Mark Watson perform a combination of rock, world beat,

mystical and pop. Tickets are \$15 and available through Unity of Livonia Bookstore or by phone
Contact: 734-421-1760

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; stjohncsplymouth.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 4-6, 11-12
Location: Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMueira, Farmington Hills

Details: The Trinity & Friends Choir presents "Farmington Follies: Trinity goes to Broadway," featuring selections from *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Grease*, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*, and others. Tickets are \$10
Contact: trinityinthewoods.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. June 26
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: David Roth, singer, songwriter, guitar player, performs. Tickets are \$20
Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
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

EXERCISE
Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 2300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

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 translation 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: Addition 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.metrofibrogroupp.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), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women 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. 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 with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14
Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Laverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

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LEWIS, ANNA MAE (VOORHEIS)
 Age 90, May 23, 2015 of Woodstock, Georgia. Longtime resident of Redford, Michigan. Born May 11, 1925 in Detroit, MI to Edna (Bachelier) Voorheis and Leland Voorheis. Anna was the beloved mother of Ellen McManus, Linda (David) Bell, David (Joanne) Lewis, and Kathy Williams. Loving grandmother of Conor (Leah) McManus, Justin (Cianna) Curran, Nathan (Kelly) Bell, James McManus, Katherine Bell, Nicholas Bell, David Beau Lewis, and Sarah Lewis. Aunt to Walter (Nancy) Fleming and Vikki Owen. Anna was predeceased by husband Everett Willard Lewis, brothers Donald and Paul Voorheis, and son-in-law Bruce Williams. Anna was a United States Marine Corps veteran. She was involved in Girl Scouting as a leader, was also a member of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, John Sackett Chapter. She was a member of Augsburg Lutheran Church in Redford, Michigan and South Lyon First United Methodist Church. Service: Saturday May 30th, 11 a.m., Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, Michigan 48178. 248-437-1616. Visitation: Friday May 29th, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday May 30th, 10 a.m. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia MI.

DAVIES, ALVA MAE
 May 8, 2015. Age 106 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Reverend David T. Davies. Loving mother of Dr. Allen (Karen) Davies and the late John (Phyllis) Davies. Proud grandmother of Amy, Heather, Megan, Janet and Jim, and great-grandmother of Jack, Emie and Amelia. Dear great-aunt of Kristy (Todd) Russell. The family will gather with friends, Saturday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Memorial Service at St. John's Episcopal Church 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfh.com

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SCHUT (NEE MATZO) AMANDA MARIE
 Suddenly May 21, 2015 Age 45 of Kalamazoo, formerly of Canton. Beloved mom of Hannah. Loving daughter of Augustin and Hilda Matzo. Precious sister of Rebecca Marano, Deborah (Jonathan) Crocker and Dianna Matzo. Dear Aunt of Zaek, Noah, Joy, Hope, Mercy, Malachi, Ezra, Grace, Abigail, Moriah, Elijah, Josiah, and the late Ian. The family will be holding a private memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to "Not For Sale" (an organization to combat human trafficking) at the website giving@notforsalecampaign.org To share a memory, or send a message of condolence, please visit vermeulenfh.com

GILLER, DEBRA LEE
 Age 58, May 25, 2015. Beloved wife of Martin. Loving mother of Candis (Chuck) Wallace, Jason (MacKenzie), Dawn, Adam (Janet) and Heather (William) Kilpatrick. Dear grandmother of Jessica, Chuckie, Austin and Carley, Exavor, Kaden and Liam, Vanessa, Terrance, Omari, Jaxon and Asiah, Autumn, Alyssah, Declan, Alaina and Faith. Dear sister of Wallace, Suzanne and Michael. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation, Friday from 1 - 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Heart To Heart Hospice.
 Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com



LEE, CHARLES
 Retired Commander, Charles E. Lee from the City of Farmington Police Department passed away today; Memorial Day. Visitation will be held in Bryson City NC on Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 2-6 p.m., with Military Funeral Service on Friday at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory to the woundedwarriorproject.org. Rest in Peace Dad. We will forever love you.

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<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.374.7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LO-000184424</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN</p> <p>MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 26500 Grand River, Redford 313-533-1956 www.detroitinhispresence.org LO-000241782</p>	<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</p> <p><i>A Church for Seasoned Saints</i> OPEN ARMS CHURCH Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazzini 33015 W. 7 Mile Rd. • Livonia 48152 Between Farmington & Merriman Across from Joe's Produce 248.471.5282 Church As You Remember it!</p>
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Rock-pop duo brings good vibes to Livonia church

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Rev. Eileen Patra hopes a benefit concert Saturday, May 30, will help “raise the roof,” at Unity of Livonia.

“It’s an older building and it needs a lot of work,” said Patra, senior minister. “We have seven roofs. We repaired one last year and two more are in dire need. We have a couple leaking significantly and causing interior damage. They all need replacement.”

But the “High Vibration Concert” by Ferndale duo Tatiana Scavnicky and Mark Watson will raise more than just roof repair funds for the church. Patra says their music, a combination of rock, world beat, mystical sounds and pop, is bound to lift up listeners’ spirits as well.

“They have beautiful music. They do a really beautiful rendition of some great rock cover-type songs,” Patra said. “But they also do some beautiful consciousness-raising songs of their own making. And in addition to what they do in concert performance, Mark has written meditation music that we now use at our Wednesday night meditation service.”

The couple performed at a “Mind, Body, Spirit Festival” at the church last fall and will return for their solo concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 and available through the Unity of Livonia Bookstore or at the door.

Patra said the singers were a “delightful surprise” during their first appearance at the church last year.

“They were amazing. They played their own songs that touched people in a special way,” Patra said. She asked for an encore and they were happy to oblige.

Positive lyrics

The pair perform as the Haight Ashbury band, singing cover tunes by everyone from Adele and the Beatles to Tom Petty and Led Zeppelin. But they also write and sing their own songs which offer a “high vibration positive message about how you live your life, believing in good things, living



Tatiana Scavnicky and Mark Watson will bring their “High Vibration Concert” to Unity of Livonia.

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from your heart and with truth,” Scavnicky said.

“His stuff is a little more pretty and mine has more of an edge to it,” she said, adding that her original song, *Believe in Yourself*, sounds a little like a Kid Rock — “it’s a move your butt song” — with a positive message.

Watson, who is the keyboardist for local band, Dr. Pocket, and creator of AE Music Studios, also has recorded several meditation CDs. Scavnicky,

who was the keyboardist and lead vocalist for RH Factor and Ridgemoor High, also sang with Norma Jean Bell & the All Stars before joining forces with Watson. She has recorded two of her own CDs, *Mrs. Blue* and *I Will*.

Dance music

“It is very uplifting,” Scavnicky described their original tunes. “But sometimes we struggle with how do we describe the music we do. Some-

times when you say inspiring and you’re at a church, people think it must be church music. It’s high vibration message — but you can still party and have a good time.”

Some of their music, including Tatiana’s *Air Fire Water Earth*, a dance tune, is likely to get listeners up on their feet. Others, like the “mother song” off of her *I Will* CD offers comfort, “like a lullaby from your higher power.”

Scavnicky said the duo will

play a mix of both fast-paced songs and ballads at the Unity concert.

“I want them to walk away feeling good about themselves and about life,” she said, “like pushing a reset button, a letting go.”

For more information about the concert, visit unityoflivonia.org. Visit the musicians’ websites at tatianascavnicky.com and angelearthmusic.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

Dinosauria: Forty animatronic dinosaurs are on display through Sept. 7. Tickets are \$5 with Detroit Zoo admission for visitors ages 2 and older and are available at main admissions, the Dinosauria ticket booth or online at detroitzoo.org/dinosauria
Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS ART ON THE GRAND

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7

Location: Off Grand River Avenue, from Farmington Road to Grove Street, in downtown Farmington

Details: Free outdoor art festival features paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, pottery, fiber, glass, metal, furniture, and mixed media, food for purchase, a children’s area with special art-focused activities, face painting, and more

Contact: downtownfarmington.org
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

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,



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Folk musician Matt Watroba performs Saturday, May 30, at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

West Bloomfield

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, an all-media show

Contact: 248-344-0497

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 5 reception; exhibit runs through June

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Denise Cassidy solo show of paintings

Contact: 734-416-4278

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

FESTIVAL KITE FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7

Location: James F. Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson

Details: 7th annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will include internationally-known kite designers, kite acrobatics, free kites and kite decorating, petting zoo, magic shows, roaming cartoon characters, bouncy houses and festival food concessions

Contact: lyonevents.org; 248-437-2240

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 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

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: *Woman in Gold*; admission \$3

Coming up: *Home*, 7 p.m. Friday, June 5 and Thursday, June 11; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: June 7-8

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

Details: Cinetopia International Film Festival includes *Wings*, a silent film accompanied by Stephen Warner on organ, 2 p.m. June 7; *Lawrence of Arabia*, 6 p.m. June 7; *Tab Hunter Confidential*, 5 p.m. June 8; and *Ghostbusters*, 7 p.m. June 8. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and under for *Wings*; \$12 general admission for the other films

Contact: 313-898-1481

SUMMER DRIVE-IN

Time/Date: Beginning at dusk, June 5-Sept. 6, excluding June 7

Location: USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

Details: Double features on three screens. Visit 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

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

MUSIC

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Matt Watroba, folk musician;

tickets are \$20

Contact: justgobarefoot.com; 734-560-1493/734-404-6889

BLUES@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

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

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d’oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

LAFONTAINE FAMILY AMPHITHEATER

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Thursday, May 28

Location: Central Park on Main Street between Huron and Liberty streets in Milford

Details: Fifty Amp Fuse will help kick off Milford’s free summer concert series at the new amphitheater

Contact: meetmeinmilford.com

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Mike Vial and Peyton Tochterman, May 29; open stage, June 2; Dr. Swing featuring Joel Palmer, June 5; Christopher Williams, June 6; Hiroya Tsukamoto, June 12; Davey O, June 13. Most tickets \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted

Contact: 734-464-6302 for additional information



GREAT GRAPES

Grapes deliver sweet flavor to salads, kabobs

Widely recognized as portable and tasty, grapes are an easy way to enjoy an extra serving of fruit. But not only are grapes a super snack, they're a terrific fresh ingredient to enhance any meal.

With a burst of juicy flavor, fresh grapes can make good-for-you foods taste even better. Vibrant color, crunch and a light touch of sweetness make them an unexpected but appealing addition to countless dishes.

These recipes show how grapes balance the distinct flavor of Brussels sprouts; complement smoky mozzarella;

provide a palate-pleasing texture to tofu kabobs and complement the global flavors of a Thai salad.

In addition to great taste and versatility, grapes are a natural source of antioxidants and other polyphenols, which contribute to a healthy heart.

One serving of grapes is $\frac{3}{4}$ cup and has just 90 calories, no fat, no cholesterol and virtually no sodium. They are an excellent source of vitamin K, which is critical for healthy blood clotting, and may play a role in bone health.

For more recipes featuring delicious and nutritious grapes, visit www.grapesfromcalifornia.com.

SWEET SUMMERY SNACK

Frozen grapes are the perfect cool down when the weather gets hot. Just rinse, pat dry and place in the freezer for about 2 hours.



SHRIMP THAI SALAD

Servings: 4

3 cups shredded savoy cabbage
2 cups bean sprouts, rinsed
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups green California grapes, halved
1 large cucumber
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lime juice
3 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
3 tablespoons minced shallots
1 tablespoon safflower oil
1 red Thai chili, thinly sliced
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups cooked medium shrimp
3 tablespoons coarsely chopped cilantro
3 tablespoons Thai basil, torn

Combine cabbage, bean sprouts and grapes in large bowl. With vegetable peeler, peel cucumber into long thin strips and put on top. In small bowl, combine lime juice, vinegar, sugar, shallots, oil and chili. Pour over vegetables and mix well.

Divide among 4 serving plates, top with shrimp and sprinkle with cilantro and basil.

Nutrition information per serving:
186 calories; 3.5 g fat (.2 g saturated fat); 16 percent calories from fat; 14 g protein; 28 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 0 mg cholesterol; 146 mg sodium.



TOFU GRAPE KABOBS

Servings: 4

2-3 tablespoons minced jalapeno
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon grated ginger
1 pound firm tofu, cut into 12 chunks
2 cups green California grapes
2 cups steamed brown rice
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro

Heat grill to high. In small bowl, mix jalapeno, soy sauce, sugar and ginger, and toss. Add tofu and mix.

Thread tofu and grapes onto 4 skewers. Grill 2-4 minutes or until heated through.

Divide rice among 4 bowls, top with skewers and sprinkle with cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving:
271 calories; 6 g fat (.8 g saturated fat); 20 percent calories from fat; 14 g protein; 42 g carbohydrate; 3.5 g fiber; 0 mg cholesterol; 207 mg sodium.



GRAPE AND SMOKED MOZZARELLA FLATBREAD

Servings: 4

2 large wholegrain flatbreads or naan (about 8 ounces)
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups grated smoked mozzarella
3 cups arugula
1 cup sliced red, green and black California grapes
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 small clove garlic, minced
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Heat broiler to high. Place flatbreads on baking sheet and broil until crisp and lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Turn and cover with mozzarella. Broil until melted, about 2-3 minutes. While mozzarella is melting, toss together arugula, grapes, olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Place on top of flatbreads and cut into wedges.

Nutrition information per serving:
323 calories; 14.5 g fat (6 g saturated fat); 38 percent calories from fat; 16 g protein; 37 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 19 mg cholesterol; 626 mg sodium.



SWEET AND SAVORY GARLIC GINGER BRUSSELS SPROUTS AND GRAPES

Servings: 4 ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup each)

1 pound Brussels sprouts
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup halved red California grapes
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons honey
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Cut off woody stem on each Brussels sprout and remove any tough or bruised outer leaves. Slice sprouts very thinly to make mound of feathery ribbons. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add sprouts, grapes, salt and pepper to skillet and saute 3-4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and add garlic, ginger, mustard, honey and vinegar to pan. Continue to saute approximately 1-2 minutes, until sprouts are tender and bright green in color. Turn off heat and add walnuts to pan. Gently mix to combine.

Nutrition information per serving:
210 calories; 12 g fat (1.3 g saturated fat); 48 percent calories from fat; 6 g protein; 23 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 0 mg cholesterol; 236 mg sodium.