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Council, mayor agree on new hires, tabling fire chief's contract extension

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Hiring three firefighters was included in the 2015-16 budget adopted by the Westland Council on Monday while a proposed contract extension for Fire Chief Michael Reddy was tabled.

The Westland City Council approved the \$60,306,109 budget for fiscal 2015-16, which includes an anticipated 2-percent increase in revenue, no

increase in millage rates and a more than \$5 million fund equity.

It was clear the contract extension for Reddy didn't have council support even after Mayor William Wild dropped a proposed \$15,000 raise and shortened the extension from five years to three years.



Wild

For Wild, the connection between the chief's contract and hiring the firefighters was financial. Working with a five-year financial model, Wild said he wanted to lock in savings realized from Reddy's contract to offset higher spending to add firefighters.

"We lowered the number of firefighters and police officers to live within our means," Wild said. "We need to be smart about it and about how we build it up so we don't fall back into

deficit budgeting."

Reddy retired in 2012 as Westland fire chief and was hired to serve as the shared Wayne-Westland fire chief. Wayne pays \$50,000 of his \$115,000 annual salary with benefits paid as part of his retirement.

Annual savings

The current fire chief contract has two years remaining and the three-year extension would have taken the agree-

ment to 2020. Wild said the contracted chief saves Westland \$207,000 annually.

The city is hoping to hire three firefighters under a federal SAFER grant that would be approved around Oct. 1. If no grant funding is available, the partial year cost for the three firefighters would be \$156,000 to \$317,000 the second full year.

During a recent budget study session, Wild was ada-

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Class of 2015 says farewell to John Glenn, Wayne Memorial



TOM BEAUDOIN

Wayne Memorial graduates Tiffany Byrnes, Zhane Bracey, Macie Blanchard and Madysen Beach walk into the Convocation Center at the Wayne Memorial High School commencements.



TOM BEAUDOIN

John Glenn graduates Dana Richardson, Brandon Crosson and Devin Dziuban are all smiles before they receive their diplomas Saturday's commencement ceremony.

The torrential downpours held off Saturday until after commencement ceremonies for Wayne-Westland's John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools.

The ceremonies were held at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center and had the two schools' 2015 Distinguished Alumni honorees as guest speakers — John Glenn honored Cindy Ciura and Wayne Memorial honored

Kevin Allen. With more 25 years' experience in real-estate attraction and marketing, Ciura has worked for the Dayton Hudson Company — The Center Companies, General Growth Properties, Forbes Cohen Properties and Schostak Brothers & Co.

She has helped open upscale properties such as The Somerset Collection and has been involved in the attrac-

tion of high-profile businesses to Michigan such as Tiffany & Co, Barney's New York and Nordstrom and in projects such as Campus Martius in Detroit, Merchants Row and Laurel Park Place.

In July 2005, Ciura incorporated her own company, CC Consulting, a firm specializing in real estate attraction and marketing, and has developed a client list that includes Ilitch Holdings and Olympia

Development, Oakland County, General Growth Properties, the city of Birmingham and Emagine Theatres.

She is married to General Motors IT executive Dennis Hafley. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Alexandra, and live in West Bloomfield.

Allen, a 1974 Wayne High grad, has worked for the Gannett Newspapers chain since 1983 and has been USA TODAY's hockey writer since

1986. In 2013, he was awarded the Lester Patrick Award for outstanding contributions to hockey in the United States. In 2014, he was honored by the Hockey Hall of Fame.

During his 40-year journalism career, Allen has been to eight Olympic Games and 29 Stanley Cup finals. He has covered more than 600 NHL playoff games and numerous

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Relay for Life fundraising event returns to Westland on Saturday

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After two years in Wayne, the annual Westland-Wayne Relay for Life is returning to Westland on Saturday.

The American Cancer Society fundraiser kicks off at 11 a.m. at the Farmers Market Pavilion and will also utilize the adjoining Central City Park.

"We're excited to be back in Westland. The Farmers Market Pavilion facilities are beautiful. There are restrooms," event chairperson Carol Neilus said. "There is plenty of room for our activities on the soccer field. There is a lot of traffic on Ford Road and families coming to Tattan Park."

The Westland-Wayne Relay has 21 teams and more than 300 participants registered.

The teams hold various fundraisers leading to the Relay and also sell food, drinks and crafts and hold basket raffles, games and other money-making activities during the event.

Relay also gets support from sponsors and groups that may not have a team walking at the event. For a

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Westland man enters plea in girlfriend's beating death

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree murder in the beating death of his girlfriend, whose body was found in a street.

Terrence Johnson, 45, had been charged with first-degree murder in the death of Diedra Akins, 46. That charge carries a mandatory sentence

of life in prison without parole. The second-degree murder charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison with a chance of

Jailed since his arrest Jan. 18, Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced July

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Johnson



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ment and leave it at that.”

Work to find ways

Councilman Adam Hammons commented that he would commit to working with Wild to find ways to fund the third and fourth years of the firefighter costs.

“Having the firefighters is a quality-of-life issue for residents but also firefighters, they need time off with their families,” Councilman Dewey Reeves said. “This has been a very interesting, taxing budget.”

Council President James Godbout had been the only council member to strongly support extending the chief’s contract to offset the costs for added firefighters.

“At the end of the day, we are trying to do what each one of us thinks is the right thing to do,” he said. “It’s supposed to be a sign of a good budget that we’re not all in agreement with the budget.”

In his comments, Wild said he hadn’t received any performance complaints about Reddy and viewed the matter as a financial issue.

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“I’m very passionate about protecting the budget projection. I said something that I probably would regret later,” Wild said. “I circled back with the council members. We need to build consensus.”

The priority is to obtain a SAFER grant to fund the three firefighter positions, he said, but noted the city could also see up to \$280,000 in additional EMS revenue with added personnel and fee schedule changes.

“We figured out how to add four police officers, which is one per shift,” Wild said. “There is a sort of fairness in adding three firefighters, which is one per shift.”

Council members, who also tabled the union letter of understanding, expressed appreciation that the mayor worked to reach a consensus on firefighter staffing.

“It was never an issue of not wanting the firefighters,” Councilman Bill Johnson said. “Let’s call it the heat of the mo-

Spending, savings increase in new budget

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A more than \$60 million balanced budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year that includes a budget surplus of over \$5 million was adopted by the Westland Council on Monday.

While the council adopts a single year budget, Mayor William Wild prepared a two-year balanced budget. In addition, he said a positive fund balance is projected for three additional years — a five-year financial forecast is used by the city.

“This will be my ninth budget as mayor, and it’s a budget I am very proud of,” Wild said. “It adds over \$400,000 to the fund balance and maintains over \$5 million in surplus. It speaks to how far we have come as a community.”

The fund balance — unallocated reserve funds — is 9 percent of the general fund budget, although 10-15 percent is recommended by auditors.

“It’s positive but it’s a little lower than we would like. We’ll keep working on it,” Wild said. “We look for ways to build up the fund balance.”

The 18.8-mill tax rate for the city will be unchanged for the fiscal year, which begins July 1. Property tax values are up 1.65 percent, adding \$460,000 in revenue to the city.

“Property values are going up. We are working to crawl back from the recession drop in property values,” Wild said. “Tax bills are still at 2006 levels but we are providing 2015 services.”

Revenues are anticipated to increase a total of 2 percent over the current fiscal year due to

a projected increase in new home permits, additional rental revenue with a full year operation of Tattan Park, the Farmers Market, city hall banquet rooms; and the Jefferson Barns building rentals.

Another source of revenue is the sale of a cellular tower, expected to generate \$650,000. The restructuring of fire rescue run fees is projected to generate an additional \$280,000 in revenue.

Key expenditures in the 2015-16 General Fund Budget include renovations to the police department and Mike Modano Ice Arena, new ice arena equipment, the purchase of a fire rescue vehicle and a new tree truck and chipper for use in the Department of Public Service.

There is also \$50,000 allocated for refurbishing city parks.

Also included is funding for three new firefighters and \$1 million for local road improvements. The city is also adding a senior resource supervisor to work at the Friendship Center.

To address its unfunded pension liability, the council approved an additional \$500,000 contribution into the MERS pension plan for general employees.

“For the past nine years, city council has been proactive in working with my administration. We have tightened the belt when needed yet we have also worked to address essential capital improvements, remain mindful of legacy costs and, most importantly, to continue providing high quality municipal services,” Wild said.

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PLEA

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1 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Qiana Lillard. Johnson’s plea leaves only one of four defendants, Randy Batts, still awaiting trial on charges in Akins’ death.

Dead from blunt force trauma, Akins’ body was discovered laying in the street on Powers near John Daly in Dearborn Heights early Jan. 18.

Akins’ live-in boyfriend Johnson along with Batts were each charged with first-degree murder. Witnesses testified that the two men beat Akins in the basement of her home on Grand Traverse in a dispute over drugs that escalated.

Two other Westland men, Michael Bashlor, 34, and Joshua Hurston-Herron, 23, were each charged with helping dispose of Akins’ body. Both earlier entered

guilty pleas to charges of being accessories after the fact.

Bashlor has been sentenced to 2-5 years in prison. He is currently at the Egeler Reception and Guidance Center in Jackson prior to prison placement.

Hurston-Herron has been sentenced to one year in the Wayne County Jail with 103 days credit for time served and two years’ probation. He is currently jailed.

The same day Akins’ body was found, police said Bashlor, accompanied by a cousin who is a Detroit Police officer, came to the Westland Police Department to provide information in the case. That led officers to obtain and execute a search warrant at the home on Grand Traverse where Akins and Johnson were living.

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Heartland Marketplace owner Paul Kassa (left) and his staff sell paper feet to benefit the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life. The store is festooned with the feet bought by customers.

RELAY

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second year, Heartland Marketplace on Ford at Wildwood has been selling paper feet to customers in return for a Relay donation. The paper feet are covering the walls at the store.

Last year, the local Relay event raised more than \$80,000 for the American Cancer Society — a number well above the \$65,000 goal. For 2015, the event has an \$80,000 goal.

Superheroes

This year’s theme is Superheroes, which is appropriate, Neilus

said, because Relay honors cancer survivors and caregivers, along with remembering those lost to cancer.

“Our team is the Green Lantern. It (the superheroes theme) will be neat. We didn’t even think of the Avengers when we picked this theme,” said Neilus, whose team is Catholics for a Cure.

It was through her work as youth ministry coordinator for St. Theodore/St. Damian Catholic churches that Neilus got involved in Relay.

“I worked with teenagers. Some of their parents were battling cancer. I found out about Relay when it was at Jaycee Park,” Neilus said.

“I wanted to be involved and make a difference.”

The Catholics for a Cure team expanded to include the larger parish communities and now also adds parishioners from Divine Savior Catholic Church.

“I lost my father to cancer. No matter who you talk to, they have been impacted by cancer,” Neilus said. “I love this (event).”

Officially, Catholics for a Cure has 26 members but like most other teams, others volunteer to walk laps during the event.

20 hours

Unlike previous years, the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life won’t be a

24-hour event. Instead, it will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday and run until 7 a.m. Sunday.

“The American Cancer Society had each community evaluate the best fit for their community — not necessarily 24 hours,” Neilus said. “We’re a heritage event, meaning we do the original model of 18-24 hours.”

As in past years, there will be a survivors lap and luncheon. There will be themed laps throughout the event. To sign up, donate or find the event schedule, visit relayforlife.org/westlandwaynemi.

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GRADUATES

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MLB, NFL and NBA and college games. His career has taken him to Super Bowls, World Series, the NBA Finals and the NCAA Final Four.

He is past president of the Professional Hockey Writers Association and is the author of more than 20 sports books, including *Why Is the Stanley Cup in Mario Lemieux’s pool* and *Star-Spangled Hockey*, the story of hockey in the United States.

Allen lives in Wayne with wife Terri Sherman Allen, a 1973 graduate of Wayne Memorial. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Leading John Glenn’s



Ciura



Allen

448 graduates were valedictorians Floriana Bebri, Helen Bishop, Jason Burcicki, Olivia Cabildo, Andre’ Cervera, Jacob Deering, Xavier Edwards, Kelly Epperson, Valerie Ernat, Princess Felix, Steven Gray, Nathaniel Irvine, Megan McNulty, Catherine Meyerhoff, Maureen Nwizu, Jasmine Pickens, Noelle Southard, Logan Staples, Kealani Sypher and Nadia Thompson.

The class earned more than \$5 million in scholarships. Among them was Michael Edward’s

\$164,000 basketball scholarship to the University of Georgia, Maureen Nwizu’s \$102,000 President’s Scholarship to Nova Southeastern University, Jasmine Pickens’ \$96,000 Trustee Distinguished Scholarship to Rice University, Jacob Manning’s \$74,000 Dean’s Scholarship to Suffolk University, Lindsey Hausch’s \$72,000 Academic Scholarship to the University of Detroit Mercy and Xavier Edwards’ \$64,000 Sunshine Scholarship to University of Florida of Florida.

Seventeen valedictorians lead Wayne Memorial’s Class of 2015. They included Kyle Spurlock, Megan McCurry, Tyler Harnos, Matthew Fisher, Drake Carpenter, Jordan Khalaf, Janae Strickland, Navreet Bhangu, Tessa Leake, Kaitlyn Kuder,

Ashlyn Barnes, Danialle Lynn, Victoria Boyd-Jennings, Rachel Cheria, Michelle Johnson, Jessica Wallace and Brittney Behlow. The salutatorian was Vincent Morgan.

At Wayne Memorial, the 330-member Class of 2015 earned almost \$4.5 million in scholarships, including a Gates Millennium Scholarship. Scholarships also were awarded by the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University and Western Michigan University.

The class also had one student accepted to Harvard University and another to Cornell University.

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Ellen Demray has fun at the Grandview Elementary assembly.

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GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY RENAMED AFTER RETIRED PRINCIPAL

The Clarenceville Board of Education held a ceremony May 21 renaming the library at Grandview Elementary to The Ellen Demray Library in honor of Demray's 42 years of service and leadership to the Clarenceville School District and the many children and families whose lives she touched during her time at Grandview.

A formal presentation at Grandview Elementary included the Board of Education and staff of Grandview Elementary, many past students and parents and Demray's guests, including her parents, Norman and Connie Milley.

After the presentation, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony where the new library name was displayed. Light refreshments including cake, punch and desserts were served.

Demray, who retired in June 2014, also returned to Grandview Elementary the following morning to celebrate with all of the Grandview students at the Positive Behavior Intervention Support assembly where she was able to hand out awards, sing songs and dance with the children and sign Grandview spirit wear shirts for many students.



Ellen Demray shows off the cake made specially for the celebration.

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Man sentenced to prison in murder

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Ypsilanti man has been sentenced to 1-5 years in prison after pleading guilty to a reduced charge in the shooting death of an elderly Westland man in Detroit.

Dale Morgan, 43, was sentenced Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court as an accessory after the fact in the December 6, 2014, fatal shooting of Charles Graham, 79. He was credited with 169 days in jail served since his arrest.

A first-degree murder charge against Morgan had been dismissed as part of the plea bargain.

Based on an investigation by Detroit Police, Morgan met with Morgan at approximately 5:30 a.m. Dec. 6. The two men went to a house in the 9300 block of Woodlawn in Detroit where they met a second man, Cortez Butler, 42.

A short time later, the three



Morgan

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

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

A Detroit resident, Butler is facing charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. He is scheduled for trial Aug. 31 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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

Morgan was paroled in 2013 for criminal sexual conduct and possessing a sawed-off shotgun. He also served time for two charges of escape/

assaulting a prison employee and being a prisoner in possession of a weapon, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Vandalism

A Garden City resident reported May 27 that someone covered her Chevy Sonic with black spray paint.

Her vehicle was parked in the driveway from 10 p.m. May 26 to 6:30 a.m. May 27. The police officer found black spray paint on the back window, the front and back passenger windows, the passenger door mirror and on the license plate.

Suspended license

Garden City police arrested a 24-year-old Southgate man for driving with a suspended license about 10 p.m. May 27 in the area of Cherry Hill and Gilman.

The officer stopped him because his car didn't have a license plate. The driver said that he didn't have a plate because he was waiting for it to arrive in the mail.

He explained that the registration was being transferred to another driver.

By Sue Buck

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Garden City firefighters testing new equipment thanks to grant

Garden City firefighters are busy testing the newest technology the field has to offer, thanks to a FEMA grant worth more than \$163,000.

The grant is specifically designed to increase the safety of Garden City firefighters and its citizens.

The purchase will replace outdated air packs and their filling station. State-of-the-art extrication tools, along with a battery-operated Jaws of Life, are also included in the grant.

Because the grant has been accepted, multiple vendors have been demonstrating their products to the firefighters.

The firefighters are look-

ing forward to putting the equipment into service.

"I am very proud of the hard work Engineer Darren Candela has put into writing this grant," firefighter Brian Finneren said. "Out of the many applications submitted, only a small percentage of cities get these awarded."

The updates came because of help of a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The department has been awarded money from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase 16 SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) packs, as well as new energy-efficient Cascade unit to fill the bottles and a

battery-operated Jaws of Life.

Candela wrote the grant application for \$180,060. The federal portion of the grant is \$163,169. The city must match 10 percent or \$16,396, which was approved recently by Garden City Council.

The grant was the second largest given to four fire departments in southeast Michigan. The Ann Arbor Fire Department will receive \$357,050, the Warren Fire Department will receive \$79,546 and Bloomfield Township Fire Department will receive \$155,377.

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CATHERINE HARMAN

Garden City Firefighter Ryan Sharrow tests the battery-operated Jaws of Life, while firefighter Nick Schroeder looks on.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» On May 26 a Westland man told police that a recent credit report revealed \$996 owed on an overdue Verizon Wireless account. He said he never authorized opening the account.

» A Westland man told police May 26 that he received collection notices for AT&T and SBC accounts totaling more than \$1,200 he had never authorized. The accounts had been opened in

2001-2002.

Vandalism

» A resident in the 33000 block of Hiveley told police May 30 that someone walked over the top of his car, cracking the windshield. The officer noted visible foot prints on the hood and roof of the car with damage to the windshield consistent with a large object striking it.

» The rear window of a vehicle parked in the 6300 block of Hunter Pointe was

reported smashed May 31.

Vehicles damaged

Police were called to Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, at 1 a.m. May 28 after someone shot a paintball gun at the front door of the business, breaking the glass.

Multiple vehicles had also been shot but the paint had been wiped off and the drivers had left before police arrived.

The officer noted four other paint spots on the wall and a window at the bowling alley

but added the window wasn't broken.

Vandalism

On May 27 a resident in the 33000 block of Avondale told police he was asleep about 11:30 p.m. when someone smashed the glass door wall.

The officer noted a brick on the floor among the broken glass and that a vase was broken after being struck by the brick as it came through the glass door.

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Cox to assist with initiative to prevent campus rape

State Rep. Laura Cox has been named by Michigan first lady Sue Snyder to help develop methods to end sexual assault on college campuses.

The Let's End Campus Sexual Assault initiative was formed by Snyder in an effort to research ways to uniformly work

with victims. The program intends to end campus sexual assaults by changing the culture that leads authorities to dismiss allegations, encouraging victims to



Cox

report the crime and developing uniform punishments for offenders. "This issue has affected us on a nationwide level, and I'm extremely happy to see that Michigan is taking the initiative to be the first to take action," said Cox, R-Livonia. "We have a chance to change the

way our fellow citizens view this issue, and I will do everything in my power to encourage victims to be fearless in reporting the horrible acts committed against them."

Snyder also named three other Michigan lawmakers — state Sens. Tonya Schuitmaker and

Rebekah Warren and state Rep. Marilyn Lane — to assist with the initiative.

"I'm excited to collaborate with my colleagues and discuss all of the alternative methods in which we can finally provide assurance to the victims that their situations will not go unno-

ticed or ignored ever again," Cox said. "My heart goes out to all of those who have been assaulted and feel they have few options in seeking help. Together, we can ensure that attackers are brought to justice."

The initiative is the first of its kind on a statewide level.

Livonia teacher will be remembered at benefit walk/run

The Susie Schnettler Memorial Fun Walk/Run, a fundraiser being held in memory of a Livonia physical education teacher, will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Livonia Franklin High School track.

Suggested donations of \$5 per person or \$20 per family will go toward building a track and making playground improvements at Cooper Upper Elementary in Westland, where Ms. Schnettler taught for many years before losing her battle to cancer in December 2014.

Donations can be made at Franklin on Saturday, sent to Cooper Upper Elementary or at runsignup.com/Race/MI/Livonia/SusieSchnettler-MemorialWalkRun

Credit card donations can be made online (service fees), cash or checks can be made out to Cooper Elementary and accepted at the event or mailed to Cooper, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.

Schnettler, 57, of Metamora, taught physical education for Livonia Public Schools for many years. The last 10 years of her career she taught at Cooper. She was the swim coach at Meadowbrook Country



Susan Schnettler died Dec. 28 at age 57 of cancer. She taught for 10 years at Cooper Upper Elementary in Westland.

Club in Northville for more than 40 years. Ms. Schnettler especially enjoyed working out, being outdoors, working on her yard and everything to do with her

horses — training, showing and riding.

For more information, contact Robin Della Mora at rdellamo@livoniapublicschools.org.

Donation supports Detroit rape kit backlog testing

MOKO Social Media, a global social media firm based in Virginia, is launching an effort to end a backlog of untested rape kits in cities like Detroit and bring justice to the victims. MOKO, the parent company of BlueNationReview.com, is launching the MOKO Door Foundation with a \$100,000 donation.

The \$100,000 will support the work of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy to bring hundreds of investigations and prosecutions in cases resulting from more than 11,000 previously untested rape kits discovered in a Detroit Police Department storage locker.

MOKO's donation is the largest single donation since a private fundraising drive called Enough Sexual Assaults in Detroit was launched in January and will be enough to investigate and prosecute roughly a dozen serial rapists, bringing long-overdue justice to their victims.

"Our partnership with Kym Worthy to help end the shameful backlog of rape kits and bring justice to the victims is only the beginning of what will be a larger effort by Blue Nation Review and the MOKO Door Foundation to shine a bright

light on injustices — and deliver tangible results," said Ian Rodwell, CEO of MOKO Social Media. "We intend to work with organizations such as the Joyful Heart Foundation's Endthebacklog.org and many other worthy charities, agencies and government officials to bring even more attention and resources together to create meaningful change and get things done."

"I am so thrilled that MOKO Social Media has contributed generously to Enough Said," Worthy said. "Words cannot adequately express how huge this is. We currently have over 600 cases where there have been DNA hits waiting to be investigated. This donation will help us get many of these cases moving."

Testing on the vast majority (more than 9,000) of the 11,000 rape kits is now either completed or in progress — and the DNA samples are being matched against the FBI's Combined DNA Index System. As of April 2015, Detroit's kit testing initiative has identified 1,133 suspects, including 255 serial rapists, because their DNA was already on record from a previous violent crime. DNA from the kits tested has been linked to

other crimes committed in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

But the big challenge now is a lack of resources to investigate and prosecute the offenders. So far, 15 convictions have been secured, but Worthy already has 630 cases on her desk that could proceed to investigations and prosecutions if sufficient resources can be identified.

Supporting another 12 prosecutions can help bring justice to a much larger number of victims and prevent many future tragedies. Studies have found that the vast majority of sexual assaults are committed by repeat offenders; an average rapist has committed at least 10 acts of rape, battery and child physical and sexual abuse.

According to the Joyful Heart Foundation, which tracks the rape kit backlog nationally, the best available estimate is that there are hundreds of thousands of untested rape kits languishing across the country.

MOKO will also be challenging other potential donors to join in the fundraising effort through the MOKO Door Foundation to end the Rape Kit backlog in Detroit and other communities around the country.

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Wayne Memorial High School NHS students Abigail Baker, Terrance Brown and Jordan Khalaf are ready to receive their diplomas at the commencements Saturday afternoon.

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John Glenn, Wayne Memorial say farewell to Class of 2015



Edward Springboard proudly walks with diploma in hand.

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John Glenn history teacher Michele Anderson takes a selfie with graduate Linda Smith before the class of 2015 receives their diplomas.

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Christina Endres receives her diploma.

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Rachel Charron gets a photo with her diploma at the Wayne Memorial Commencement.

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John Glenn High School graduates make their way into the arena to receive their diplomas.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Health Screening

The City of Wayne Senior Services and Oakwood Healthcare are presenting a free Heart Health screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at the Wayne Community Center, Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Have your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and stroke risk assessment done. It just takes a few minutes to receive results, and no fasting is required. Must be 18 years of age or older. No appointment necessary.

Business Alliance

The next Garden City Business Alliance meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford, west of Merriman in Garden City.

For more information, call 734-266-0565 or 734-788-9319 or email gcbusinessalliance@gmail.com.

Garage sale

The annual Boy Scout Troop 1241 garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 18-19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Boy Scout cabin at 1524 Middlebelt, Garden City.

People interested in making a donation can call Sherry Stalker at 313-319-9574.

Great Start Readiness

The Garden City Great Start Readiness Program at the Lathers Early Childhood and Kindergarten Center is accepting applications for fall 2015. Children turning age 4 by Dec. 1 can apply to be in

the GSRP, a free pre-school program, this fall.

The GSRP program prepares children for success in school. It offers full-day and half-day options. The program is four days per week September through late May.

Information and application can be found under the Lathers tab at gardencityschools.com. Space is limited. Apply now to find out if your child is eligible. For more information, call Lathers at 734-762-8490.

Friends Project

Friends, People Helping People was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home needs a little TLC. Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowner's inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or health rea-

sons.

Friends will pair up the selected home with a group of willing volunteers to complete the work. This year's scheduled date is Saturday, Sept. 12. If you would like to nominate a home, donate to the program, sign up to volunteer or would like more information, call the Wayne Community Development Office at 734-419-0118.

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 a raffle, prizes and 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, from 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 \$10 per vehicle. To register, contact Tina Strasser at tstrasse@parksidecu.org or call 734-525-0700, Ext. 134.

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

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. Tickets are \$5 in ad-

vance and \$6 at the door.

Golf outing

Westland Veterans Association will hold its inaugural Kenneth E. Mehl Memorial Golf Outing 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 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.

Swimming safety: Be smart around the water

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michelle Robinson, regional aquatics director for the YMCA of Metro Detroit, encourages parents to sign up their kids for learn to swim classes as young as 6 months.

By age 3, under close supervision, children often are swimming on their own, knowing how to turn around and get back to a pool edge, "how to be comfortable on the water," said Ferndale resident Robinson. "We want them to realize what a great activity swimming is."

At Royal Oak Shrine High School, she swam competitively, but emphasizes the rest of us don't need to reach that skill level. "Not at all," said Robinson, who's also worked at the Livonia Family YMCA and Farmington Family YMCA. "We just want people to be safe and be able to enjoy water, and not be afraid of it."

Organizations like the YMCA and American Red Cross offer swimming classes, with Robinson noting the Y's are popular all year and especially in warmer weather. With spring here, she and others remind all to be careful around water.

Be a 'buddy' in water

The "buddy system" for swimmers of all ages is vital. "That way, there's always somebody who's aware of where you are," she said. "They can call for assistance."

Swimming where there are lifeguards is essential as well. "Lifeguards are trained to rescue people in all kinds



Martindale Beach at Kensington Metropark is a popular warm weather destination. Safety is key when around water, including lakes, rivers and pools.

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of scenarios," said Robinson, adding those without training aren't.

"A lot of times, people panic," she said. "Unfortunately you may end up with two people in trouble."

U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets are key, too, especially for young children. "Don't rely just on floaties because those can fail," Robinson said of the inflatables used on children's arms. "As long as they're wearing the life jacket, their head will stay above water," even if unconscious.

"People are having barbecues and backyard gatherings," she said. Avoiding intoxication from alcohol is key

around water, as is knowing what's under the surface of water.

"Feet first is always preferred," she said of entering water, as diving into unknown waters can lead to tragedy.

Other tips from the American Red Cross include:

- » Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- » Establish rules for your family and always enforce them. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not

allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.

» Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.

» Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub. Safety covers and pool alarms, such as those that activate when a gate is opened, should be added as additional layers of protection.

» Ensure that pool

barriers enclose the entire pool area, are at least 4 feet high with gates that are self-closing, self-latching and open outward, and away from the pool. The latch should be high enough to be out of a small child's reach.

» If you have an above-ground or inflatable pool, remove access ladders and secure the safety cover whenever the pool is not in use.

» Remove any structures that provide access to the pool, such as outdoor furniture, climbable trees, decorative walls and playground equipment.

» Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool and out of sight. Toys can attract young

children to the pool.

» Actively supervise kids whenever around the water — even if lifeguards are present. Do not just drop your kids off at the public pool or leave them at the beach — designate a responsible adult to supervise.

» Always stay within arm's reach of young children and avoid distractions when supervising children around water.

» If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.

» If you own a home pool or hot tub, have appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit.

» Enroll in home pool safety, water safety, first aid and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Adults can learn to swim

Robinson said, "It's never too late" to learn to swim. The YMCA has adults enroll who sometimes like to surprise their families with new-found swimming skills.

She favors calling 9-1-1 over the local emergency number, "just because they can get the right help faster." It's vital to have the address posted by the pool, Robinson added.

"If you do need help, you want them to come as quickly as possible to the right place," she said.

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Westland Area Jaycees take top honors at convention

The newly revived Westland Area Jaycees took top honors at the Michigan Junior Chamber annual leaderships and awards convention in Traverse City.

Jaycee chapters from all over the state arrived to take part in training, compete in professional skills competitions and celebrate chapters as they receive awards for their hard work in the first trimester of the year.

The Westland Jaycees won first place in the sustaining project category for their Easter Egg-Stravaganza. The project was reviewed by an impartial judging team and also secondly by an intensive interview and presentation process.

Westland also took second place overall in the civic leadership certification process, following very close behind the first-place Kalamazoo Jaycees.

Westland Area Jaycee member Callie Hubbard won the "Film it!" video interview competition while Chapter President

James Hart earned the highest individual honor of all: the Michigan Presidential Medallion.

Westland also took the big award of the night: the Overall Top Chapter of the First Trimester. This is a big win for Westland as members continue energize the chapter and create opportunities for young people to make positive impact in the community and themselves, Hart said.

"I am grateful for the contributions of the Westland Area Jaycees under the leadership of President James Hart to further the mission of the Junior Chamber movement," said Matthew Sernau, Michigan Junior Chamber president "Being recognized as the top local organization in Michigan for the first trimester of 2015 is a testament to their commitment to the Jaycees, their members and their community."

The Jaycees continue to work closely with the community and the citizens to enrich the life of



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Members of the Westland Area Jaycees recently received honors at the statewide training and leadership convention held in Traverse City.

the Westland Area and promote those that work, live, and play there, Hart said.

The membership in the chapter is growing and accepting membership applications. Prospective members are encouraged to visit westlandareajaycees.org for more information.

The Westland Area Junior Chamber is open to active residents ages 21-40, who bring energy and insight to solving problems. The Jaycees mission is to provide development opportunities that empower young

people to create positive change in their communities.

For more information about the Westland Area Jaycees, contact Hart at 734-709-5307 or president@westlandareajaycees.org.

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Wayne Main Street gets assistance from national programs

Wayne Main Street is getting a little help in designing a community development strategy.

The Michigan Main Street Center at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority recently announced that Wayne Main Street will receive technical assistance led by national consultants to design the customized strategy.

And its director, Lindsey Wooten, has been awarded a Walking College Fellowship from America Walks, a national advocacy organization that promotes walking and walkable communities.

Through a partnership with the National Main Street Center, MMSC staff will work with national experts to deliver communications planning services to local Main Street leaders. This training will help enhance downtown development efforts like business growth and beautification projects.

"This type of technical support gives main street communities the tools they need to create engaging, vibrant places for residents and visitors to enjoy," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin



WAYNE MAIN STREET

Wayne Main Street will receive technical assistance led by national consultants to design the customized strategy, according to the Michigan Main Street Center at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

utive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said.

Wayne Main Street was awarded this technical assistance after a competitive application process late last year. Scheduled to be completed before 2016, the service will focus on audience, capacity and current and potential resources to strengthen the awareness of downtown Wayne and the Wayne Main Street program.

Long-term goals

"This is one of the many great benefits of being a Main Street community," said Lindsey

Wooten, executive director of Wayne Main Street. "This communication planning process is going to be instrumental in helping us set our long-term goals and will provide us with the key steps we need to achieve them."

During a two-day site visit, consultants will assess the local environment and gather information from the Main Street board of directors and organization committee to identify key audiences and messages. The second day will include a brief presentation of preliminary findings and ideas. The final plan will highlight Wayne's unique assets and be presented to local leaders within 30 days of the visit.

The service is part of a variety of services Wayne is eligible to receive since becoming a Select Main Street community in 2014. Additional services provided by Michigan Main Street include a baseline assessment in 2014.

The Walking College Fellowship will enable Wooten and 24 other advocates from around the country to participate in a five-month training

program designed to strengthen local efforts to make communities more walkable and livable.

"We are delighted to welcome Lindsey Wooten as a member of our inaugural Walking College class," said Ian Thomas, America Walks state and local program director with. "This program was developed in response to the finding, from our recent survey of 532 local walking organizations, that access to technical assistance and a national peer network are among the most pressing needs for these groups."

Wooten will complete a six-module distance-education training program this summer, followed by a two-month independent study project in downtown Wayne, and then attend the National Walking Summit in Washington, D.C., at the end of October.

"I am ecstatic about this opportunity," said Wooten who recently became involved with the Healthy Communities Leadership Coalition spearheaded by Oakwood Healthcare System. "The timing of this opportuni-

ty aligns perfectly with the Healthy Communities initiative."

"I especially look forward to the Community Action Plan that I will develop as a result of the Walking College. With the support of Wayne Main Street volunteers and other community stakeholders I hope to implement a program that promotes and/or improves the walkability of Downtown Wayne and the overall health and well-being of downtown residents," she said.

Agents of change

The Walking College curriculum has been designed to expand the capacity of local advocates to be effective community change agents. Topics include the science behind the benefits of walking, evaluation of built environments, as well as communication skills and building relationships with stakeholders and decision makers. At the conclusion of the Walking College, Fellows will develop a Community Action Plan for implementation over the following 12 months.

The Walking College

is supported with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative. Mentoring will be provided by a dozen national leaders in the field, including representatives of AARP, the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute and the Alliance for Biking and Walking.

America Walks consists of a network of more than 700 partner and allied organizations, working to increase walking and create more safe, accessible and inclusive places to walk. America Walks also maintains the Every Body Walk! Collaborative, a national partnership focused on increasing the visibility of walking and cultivating consumer demand for more walkable places. For more information, visit www.americawalks.org.

For more information on Wayne Main Street's communication planning service or Wayne Main Street and how to get involved with future projects, contact the Main Street office at 734-629-6822 or visit downtownwayne.org.

Vet contractor, review contract before starting any home project

The other day the doorbell rang and at my door was a well-dressed young man. He said he worked for a company that was working in my neighborhood giving people bids for home improvement projects. Before he could go through his menu of services, I said "no thanks." Whether I was interested in any home improvement isn't the



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

issue. The issue is would I trust just anyone working on a project in my home? The answer is no.

It is that time of year when many of us are doing home improvement projects. Whether

it's general repairs due to damage done this winter or making major upgrades, don't let just anyone walk into your home.

It is also that time of year when companies are offering to do all sorts of work. Don't get taken advantage by fast-talking salespeople or companies that are just out to make a fast buck.

Before you do any

home improvement projects, here are some basic rules to protect yourself:

» Be careful who you receive a bid from. Only get a bid from a contractor you've already vetted. Just because someone knocks on your door doesn't mean you should allow them to give you a bid. Receiving bids from companies that you've already determined are qualified and honorable, makes it easier to review the bids. Most people receive bids from a variety of companies and then tend to focus on the price as the determining issue. Although price is important, make sure you're dealing with an honorable company.

Whether it's talking to family and friends, using the Internet or going through the Better Business Bureau, it is important to deal with quality companies — not ones that are here today and

gone tomorrow.

» Don't assume contracts are standard and that you don't have to read them. The reason why you sign a contract is because it is legally binding and it is important. Take time to read the contract and make sure you understand its terms before you sign it. In addition, don't assume just because something is printed it can't be changed. Just about all terms of a contract are subject to negotiation.

In addition, for those who are doing major home improvement work, if you don't understand the contract, hire an attorney who can interpret it for you. It is important that you go into the contract with your eyes wide open and understanding the terms.

In regard to the terms of the contract, one thing I generally want in the agreement is a time frame for the project to

be completed. If it is not completed on time, there should be some sort of penalty.

» Don't get oversold. Don't make the assumption that just because you're putting in a new bathroom means that your house will automatically increase in value. It just doesn't work that way. Home improvement projects increase the quality of your life. Isn't that what's important?

We have all heard stories about the home improvement project that turned into a nightmare. The time you spend upfront can save hours of frustration and aggravation.

Good luck.

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Outstanding scores

Four Saint Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have been recognized for dedication to patient safety by being awarded an A grade in the Spring 2015 Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections within the hospital.

Making the A grade were St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and St. Mary Mercy Livonia — the latter three hospitals were also recognized as a "Straight A's" hospital as all have never received a grade lower than an A from the Hospital Safety Score since the Score first launched in June 2012.

"These solid patient safety scores across our health system represent the high level of health care we vigilantly provide southeast Michigan residents every day," said Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

The Hospital Safety Score is the gold standard rating for patient safety, compiled under

the guidance of the nation's leading patient safety experts and administered by The Leapfrog Group, a national, nonprofit hospital safety watchdog. The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the *Journal of Patient Safety*, the Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

"Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's achievement of Straight As validates its achievement in preventing harm within the hospital, and we are proud to recognize the efforts of the care providers and staff," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which administers the Hospital Safety Score.

Developed under the guidance of Leapfrog's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single A, B, C, D or F score, representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in

April 2015, with about 31 percent receiving an A grade.

Grant deadline

The deadline is nearing for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants of up to \$2,500 from the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions. Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to support local community improvement activities in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an application at metrowest.mcul.org/2015-charity-grant-application by June 15. For more information, email metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Grant recipients will be notified by July 31. Top recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized at the Metro West Chapter Charity Golf Outing on Aug. 20.

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Principal Dan Willenborg welcomes the crowd.



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Senior Class President Emily Crouson addresses the gathering.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Student Congress President Alexandra Ruiz speaks.



Caps fly at the close of the ceremony.

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Franklin High graduates Class of 2015

Livonia Franklin High School said goodbye to the Class of 2015 during a commencement ceremony Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Four hundred and three seniors received their diplomas, bringing the total number of Franklin graduates since 1964 to 24,737. This year's number also included 16 students receiving International Baccalaureate diplomas. Ten of the graduates are also Eagle Scouts.

Longtime Principal Dan Willenborg gave the introduction and farewell, as well as the principal's address. Students giving speeches were Emily Crouson, senior class president, and Alexandra Ruiz, student congress president.

The Bel Canto Choir Senior Ensemble led the singing of the Franklin High alma mater: "United We Stand For Our Dear Franklin High School;

Proudly We Hail, With Our Hearts Ever True;
We Raise High Our Banner of Red and of Blue;
In Praise of the Patriots, We Honor You."



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Group hug; Sarah Albus, Natalie Clark, Darian Pisano, Kyle Cameron and Jake Martin.



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Safia Gulam receives her diploma from Board President Colleen Burton.



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Alesha Valleau tries to stay cool in the stuffy underground passages of Compuware Arena. She'll don her robes just before lining up to march in.



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The last Franklin grad to cross the stage is Nicholas Alewxander Mark, congratulated by Trustee Mark Johnson and other Board members.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children

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Meal Service will start the week of June 22, 2015 at all locations*
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OUR VIEWS

Today's graduates are well-prepared for the future

One hundred years ago not many people — even those richly successful — could say they were high school or college graduates. Today, it is not only an expected rite of passage for our younger generation as it marches toward adulthood, but a necessity for sustainable employment and a financially sound future.

Certainly, education — public and private — has also changed in the past 100 years, just as teens and young adults have changed. It's not enough to be able to read, write and do arithmetic. The world is complicated, and education remains the best vehicle to maneuver today's society and changing job market.

And today's graduates know that. From the resumes of high school students, such as the *Observer & Eccentric's* Academic All Stars, it is evident this younger generation — certainly more than their parents' era — is aware of, and prepared for, the competitive job market and the need for a thorough, high-tech education.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the younger generation's recognized need for education is clearly evident. In 2011-12, the national average for freshmen high school students graduating within four years topped 81 percent. In 1990-91, that average was 74 percent.

Graduates of the class of 2015 at John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Churchill, Franklin, Lutheran Westland, Tinkham and Cambridge Alternative and all other schools attended by Wayne, Westland and Garden City students play a role in that national increase and demand for strong education that will arm them for the future. Pressure and stress have been a part of these kids' educational lives. And they have done well and deserve a hearty congratulations and wishes for a strong future.

Our graduates are also part of that new generation that is more prepared for a global, high-tech economy than their parents' and grandparents' generations. Say what you will about iPhones, texting, streaming and the like, this generation of high school and college graduates already has a strong grip on the changing world. Technology in all its forms is as common and adaptable as reading and writing was for their grandparents.

Today's graduates already know a general education is just the tip of the iceberg if they want good, sustainable jobs. A peek into graduates' plans show certainly a variety of career goals, but ones that are increasingly targeting engineering, medicine, physics, biology, and all things science and math.

As this younger generation moves from high school to college, or college to career, it is armed not only with a willingness to learn but a willingness to volunteer and to be involved in the society in which they plan to make a mark.

Graduates today know it's not enough to have good grades, but volunteerism and extra-curricular activities are part of the map that leads to a good college education and a good career. These kids know probably better than past generations how to work strategically, what they need to know and how to plot a path to success.

According to Accenture, a global management consulting firm, 75 percent of those who graduated in 2014 took into account the availability of jobs in their field before deciding their major, compared to 70 percent of 2013 graduates and 65 percent of those in the class of 2012.

Also according to Accenture, of the 13 percent of 2012 and 2013 grads who have been unemployed since graduation, 41 percent believe their job prospects would have been enhanced had they chosen a different major, and 72 percent expect to go back to school within the next five years.

Politicians, statisticians and others in leadership roles will continue to debate the accuracy and usefulness of mandated tests, as well as the resulting roller-coaster scores. But parents, teachers and school administrators should take heart that today's graduates are well prepared for their futures.



Seniors at Garden City High School will have their commencement outdoors — weather permitting — at 7 p.m. Friday.

LETTERS

Deja vu — again

I see where the U.S. Senate passed the new Asian Free Trade bill over the objections of Sens. Stabenow and Peters. Unbelievably, President Obama is on board with this monstrosity. I love the man, but he is 100-percent wrong on this matter.

Reading about this bill gave me a case of deja vu. Former President Clinton, at the behest of business leaders and Republicans, signed off on the North American Free Trade Act. NAFTA turned out to be the worst trade bill signed in modern history. Ross Perot, at the time, said, "The great sucking sound you hear will be our manufacturing jobs leaving this country." That is exactly what happened when hundreds of plants closed and reopened south of the border.

Now, incredibly, this AFT bill will have the same effect. One section refers to providing money to help our workers after they lose their jobs. They know what the bill will do to our labor force and still pass it. Corporate money sure buys a lot of votes.

I once heard that a country that makes nothing, is nothing. Sadly, that's where we are headed.

James Huddleston
Canton

Who will go to bat for state road tax?

Good question but only because of the cowards in the GOP-controlled Legislature who required us to vote on this issue. This unnecessary vote and expense went down easily just two months ago.

The GOP-controlled House sneaked out of town before Christmas to avoid voting on the Senate passed bill. Why? Because they lacked courage, are tax-increased panicked and, foremost, because they are cowards.

We send these clowns to Lansing to make tough decisions. If they are going to throw these decisions back to us, why do we even have them at all?

This Republican-controlled House has the audacity and arrogance to circumvent local control and push for legislation that forbids local communities from passing so-called living wages ordinances. Where communities have already done this, this legislation would forbid it.

This arrogance is simply avoidance of the number-one problem expressed by Michigan citizens over and over. The crumbling infrastructure of our roads and bridges. People and business are leaving Michigan due to the deplorable conditions of our roads allowed to deteriorate by the cowards in our Legislature.

When will this fact sink in? Legislate a permanent fix to our infrastructure now and quite avoiding this fact with frivolous legislation inaction.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Keep Off Until Dry

It's that time of year when it seems every third house has a lawn service and the technician leaves a little sign with a stick figure picture of an adult, child and dog with the slash through it indicating keep off. The sign also states "Pesticides Applied. Keep Off Until Dry. Homeowner please remove 24 hours after application."

Well this is fine, except there is no point of time reference. Were the pesticides applied five minutes ago? Five hours? Five days? Without the time of application indicated on the sign, who's to know? Here little Billy, Susie and puppy, go roll in the grass and see if you come up all wet with dangerous pesticides. I assume the pesticide companies do not place the exact same sign out through the goodness of their hearts, so our brilliant government must have regulated the signs be placed warning the public of the potential chemical danger. So why not go all the way and require the companies indicate the time of application? That would take about 15 seconds and the cost of a Sharpie marker; hardly a bottom line killer.

Maybe the government required the time/date be indicated, but pure laziness of the lawn companies and zero enforcement led to the status quo. The lawn companies will probably indicate they don't have to time stamp because it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove after 24 hours. The signs do curl up a bit after a few days, but that still doesn't help much. Maybe a class-action lawsuit might force the time of application reference.

Keith Costello
Farmington Hills

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Higher IQs needed

State Rep. Kurt Heise apparently intends to push legislation (House Bill 4540) he and a few others have proposed that is aimed at hiding our oil and gas pipelines from terrorists by exempting information about the pipelines from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) disclosure.

Right, Rep. Heise, if we just keep those terrorists from getting that information through the FOIA, they will never be able to locate those pipelines, which are built out in the open, over many months (or even years), over privately owned parcels of land, over courses that are hundreds of miles long and require above-ground facilities that are numerous and obvious.

I can only hope that my representative (Hank Vaupel) and my senator (Joe Hune) don't get pulled into this silly effort. Instead of wasting time on such paranoiac hysteria (or perhaps simple publicity), how about you folks in the Legislature just come up with a simple, straightforward, honest plan to fix our roads and related infrastructure. Then, we can all have a way to get away quickly and safely when those terrorists come to blow up our pipelines.

We desperately need more legislators with three digits in their IQ scores.

Paul Decocq
Howell

GUEST COLUMN

If wind turbines get bigger, birds could pay price

When the Department of Energy released a report championing the construction of larger, more-powerful wind turbines, the wind industry unsurprisingly greeted the news with enthusiasm.

By extending the "hub-height" of turbines up to 360 feet, the chief executive of the American Wind Energy Association said, wind energy could expand to all 50 states.

Less ardent was the association's response to well-documented concerns about the half-million birds that die each year from collisions with existing turbines: Some migrating birds, a spokesman said, fly too high to be harmed by rotor blades.

Indeed. Some birds do fly very high in the sky. But far more travel at the very altitudes that would put them at greatest risk of colliding with these taller turbines. The risk is especially high during spring and fall, when migrating birds take to the skies in billions, many traveling vast distances between their wintering and breeding grounds.

A new report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service calls into question the wind industry's assertion that birds fly well above wind turbines' rotor blades. Using radar, researchers examined fall migration at two locations in Michigan. They found that the greatest density of birds and bats migrating at night occurred from 300 to 500 feet above ground. That's almost directly at hub-height for the new generation of giant tur-

bines.

No fixed 'lanes'

Birds and bats "don't have fixed lanes up there in the sky," says Jeff Gosse, regional energy coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Bloomington, Minn., and the report's principal investigator. For instance, during poor weather, birds tend to fly lower. "As conditions change, they will change their altitude, also. As the report indicates, many birds and bats are flying within the current rotor swept zone."

Before we rush to build thousands of turbines taller than many skyscrapers, with blade tips that often spin in excess of 100 miles per hour, we should pause to examine what we already know about turbines' impacts on wildlife. Concerns about birds — and bats, which turbines also kill in large numbers — have not gone unnoticed. (The Department of Energy report euphemistically acknowledges the need to address "additional interactions with wildlife.")

Yet we already know what these "interactions" are. While existing wind turbines kill hundreds of thousands of birds annually, the projections are even more sobering: scientists have estimated that as the number of turbines increases, they could kill more than a million birds each year by 2030.

Meanwhile, a new analysis released by American Bird Conservancy based on federal data found that more than 30,000 turbines have been installed in areas critical to the survival of federally protected birds — with an additional 50,000 turbines planned for construction in similar areas.

But there are steps we can take. Building wind turbines

away from heavily traveled bird migration routes such as the Atlantic coastline or in the Great Lakes region would help to lessen the fatal collisions. So would temporary shutdowns of turbines during peak migration periods in the spring and fall.

Realistic goals

Keeping turbines away from core habitat where imperiled birds breed is also important. Another new study shows that Greater Prairie-Chickens — rare birds that gather each year for mating displays — are more likely to abandon these courtship grounds when they are close to wind turbines.

These are all realistic goals. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for instance, already uses a database to make sure wind farms aren't built in places where they would interfere with aircraft. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is well-equipped to do for birds and other wildlife what the FAA does for planes. The agency's biologists know where birds occur, how they migrate and which areas harbor protected species, such as the California Condor and Whooping Crane.

Developing renewable energy sources is important. But right now, our policies treat birds and other wildlife as collateral damage in that quest. As the wind industry prepares to take turbines to new heights, the death toll for birds will only intensify.

Science tells us our current approach to wind development is killing hundreds of thousands of birds each year. The good news is that we also have the tools to do better.

Michael Parr is vice president and chief conservation officer of the American Bird Conservancy.

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Wayne teenager receives Girl Scouting's highest honor

Amy Hoch of Wayne is seeing gold after being named a recipient of Girl Scouting's highest award.

Hoch, 17, was among 17 scouts to receive the Gold Award, according to the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. The award was presented at GSSEM's annual Honor Reception on April 26 at the San Marino Club in Troy. The Gold Award is presented to Senior and Ambassador level Girl Scouts who display exemplary service to their communities and beyond.

For her Gold Award project, "Pump that Ze-

bra Spirit Up," the Wayne Memorial High School senior took action to replace her school's apathy about its sports teams with enthusiasm and support. She created a student spirit squad called "The Herd" after seeing that there was little to no student attendance at games.

"I wanted to create a more positive atmos-

phere around the school because many students would always talk bad about our school," Hoch said. "I wanted the staff and students to know that there is someone in this school who sees the potential in the students to become successful in life. I wanted everyone to benefit from this experience because it has been proven that students who are involved in school get better grades because they actually enjoy being there."

Since The Herd has been in existence, its membership has gone

from five to 25 core members.

"The Herd went to sporting events to support our teams so they knew that they are supported. The teams, in turn, did better once we started attending the games," she said.

"The Gold Award is a major undertaking for someone who is pretty young," GSSEM Chief Executive Officer Denise Dalrymple said. "Annually, less than 5 percent of Girl Scouts pursue and achieve this prestigious award nationwide, which we are working hard to

change. The hard work and dedication these girls display reflect the leadership and citizenship skills that set them apart, and will prove invaluable throughout life."

Since 1916, Girl Scouts' highest award has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere. Seniors and Ambassadors who choose to pursue the Gold Award dedicate themselves to developing and implementing a yearlong project, which displays the leadership skills they have developed through

Girl Scouting.

The Gold Award project is the culmination of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in which girls discover, connect and take action to positively impact their communities, as well as their own lives.

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan is the local council chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). GSSEM serves more than 36,000 girls and adult volunteers in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, St. Clair, Sanilac, and parts of Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.



GSSEM Amy Hoch

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FARMERS MARKET

Time/date: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, now through Oct. 8 (no market on July 2 or Aug. 13).

Location: 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford in Central City Park, Westland

Details: A variety of food, craft vendors, special events and music is featured at the Westland Farmers and Artisans Market. EBT accepted.

Contact: 734-326-7222; westlandchamber@gmail.com.

SERVSAFE TRAINING

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 5.

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

Details: Michigan State University Extension Macomb County is offering the "ServSafe® Training" program developed by the National Restaurant Association. The fee of \$70 includes review and test. The book is not included. To order your book, go online. The review will cover the updated changes to the 2009 FDA Food Code; plus: purchasing and receiving from approved services; storage; preventing food borne illnesses; employee personal hygiene; and HACCP. To register for the class visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events and

search by date for the event you wish to attend.

Contact: 810-667-0341.

FLEA MARKET

Time/date: Saturday, June 6.

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia St., Redford.

Details: Antique dealers, artists, crafters and those who would like to sell their yard/garage sale items are invited to participate in Our Lady of Loretto's Flea Market. Visit ourladyloretto-parish.org, look the church up on Facebook or call the church office at 313-534-9000 for details and application forms.

TWO MILE GARAGE SALE

Time/date: 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6.

Location: Redford.

Details: The Redford Main Drag, Two Mile Garage Sale starts at 8 a.m. with the Our Lady of Loretto Church Rummage Sale/Flea Market. There will be antique dealers, a craft show and yard/garage sale treasures from many vendors and participants. The Two Mile Garage Sale itself, officially starting at 10 a.m., will go from Curtis Road, by Claude Allison Park, down Beech-Daly, to Graham Road, just north of Western Golf Course. Along this same route, Our Lady of Loretto Church and its Rummage Sale, is located at the corner of Six Mile and Beech-Daly roads. The events are rain or shine. Come, shop and stay for the Redford Festival and Fireworks at Bell Creek Park on the corner of Inkster and Five Mile roads.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK GOLF OUTING

Time/date: 7 a.m. Saturday, June 6.

Location: Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Details: Swing your clubs to combat childhood hunger at the first-ever benefit for Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia, a community-based program run by volunteers to address the problem of weekend childhood hunger in Livonia Public Schools. Four-person scramble, 18 holes of golf with cart, free use of range in the morning, various golf-related contests, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and dinner at the One Under Restaurant. Registration for golf and dinner is \$100, while the fee for dinner only is \$30. Registration at 7 a.m., shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Contact: Audra Rons at audrarons@gmail.com; 248-701-3277.

RUN 2 SAVE OUR YOUTH

Time/date: 8:30 a.m. race begins, 7 a.m. registration, Saturday, June 6.

Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

Details: Ninth annual 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run, kids' fun run and family expo. Food, music, sponsor tent, raffle items and much more. Presented by Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition and Livonia Police Department. For more information, visit www.livoniasaveouryouth.org

Contact: kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org; 734-338-9580.

SUMMER FLEA MARKET

Time/date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7.

Location: Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and newburgh Roads, Livonia.

Details: Hosted by the Livonia Historical Commission, the Flea Market is a rain-or-shine event with plenty of free parking. All proceeds benefit Greenmead Historical Park. More than 180 vendor spaces, refreshments on site. Village tours start at noon. Cost is \$2 per person, free for children under 12. Bring a wagon/cart. No dogs permitted at this event.

Contact: 248-477-7375.

EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Time/date: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9.

Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Details: Join the Exchange Club of Western Wayne County for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and door prizes during its Sizzlin' Summer Membership Drive. There is no charge to attend to learn about this 75-year-old service organization.

Contact: 313-303-3249; sizzlin-summer.eventbrite.com — password: exchange.

PARKING LOT SALE

Time/date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13.

Location: St. John Bosco Church, 12100 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

Details: Sell your stuff at our site. One parking space, \$15; two

spaces, \$25; and three spaces, \$35. This will be the church's only sale this year.

Contact: 313-937-9690.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10.

Location: Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: This will be the club's final meeting of the 2014-15 season, and it will feature a presentation of the best 3D images made by members this year. After a refreshment break, the Annual Awards will be given out. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to rent. The 2015-16 season will begin Sept. 9.

Contact: www.Detroit3D.org; Dennis at 248-398-3591.

"FORE THE KIDS" GOLF OUTING

Time/date: noon Saturday, June 13.

Location: Western Golf & Country Club, 14600 Kinloch, Redford.

Details: Benefits Japhet School in Clawson. Prices are \$175 per golfer or \$600 for a foursome, which includes a box lunch on the course and dinner at 6 p.m. with a silent auction. Those who can't participate in the golf portion of the event are invited to attend the dinner for \$50.

Contact: 248-585-9150; japhetschool.org/JaphetGolfOuting.shtml.

WOUNDED WARRIOR BENEFIT DANCE

Time/date: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

Location: Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Details: Benefit square dance. Cost is \$10, with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda will be available for purchase.

Contact: Ray or Ildia Wiles, 734-637-8819, 734-236-4735.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/date: 6:30-8 p.m. June 15-18.

Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia.

Details: Summer Jam, The Journey: An Exodus Expedition, is a Vacation Bible School for 5 year olds through sixth grade. Register online or call.

Contact: Livoniachurch.net; 734-427-8743.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/date: 9 a.m. to noon June 15-19.

Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Details: Children will join Dorothy and her friends on a journey to discover what it takes to get her home during "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" Vacation Bible School. Children will enjoy music, drama, snacks, crafts, a missions moment, and games.

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DIVISION 1 STATE TRACK & FIELD MEET

Flournoy earns 'fastest in state' title

John Glenn senior flies to 100 and 200 dash titles

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn supreme sprinter Jaron Flournoy estimates it takes him about 15 meters to reach full speed.

Good luck catching him over the final 85 or 185, depending on the length of the race.

With his legs and arms churning like well-oiled cylinders, the senior motored to titles in both the 100- and 200-meter dash events at Saturday's Division 1 state meet hosted by Rockford High School.

Flournoy posted a blink-of-an-eye time of 10.56 seconds in the 100 to edge Birmingham Groves' Cedric Boswell, who covered the straight-away in 10.72.

The Rocket won the 200 with



SUSAN WONCH

Westland John Glenn's Jaron Flournoy (far left) is pictured winning the 100-meter dash at Saturday's Division 1 state meet in Rockford. Flournoy also won the 200.

a time of 21.25.

"Once I reach full speed, it almost feels like I'm floating," Flournoy said, when asked about how it feels to run faster than

most humans can imagine. "It's like the race is over in the snap of your fingers, but I definitely feel it in my muscles when the race is over."

Flournoy said he looks at his fellow state-caliber sprinters as friends more than rivals.

"We know each other from AAU meets, so we're all loose and joking before the race," he said. "But once we get in the blocks, it's all business."

Flournoy inherited at least part of his speed from his mom, Charnell, who was a sprinter at Eastern Michigan University and is currently a cross country and track coach at John Glenn.

Speaking of running at the next level, Jaron Flournoy has accepted a full athletic scholarship to compete for Louisiana State University, who edged out Texas A&M and the University of Mississippi in the recruitment of Flournoy.

"I made my decision about two months ago," said Flournoy, who intends on pursuing degrees

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Susalla excelling for U-M softball

Garden City native Kelsey Susalla has been a key component in the University of Michigan softball team's run to the Division 1 championship series against the University of Florida.

During Friday's elimination game against UCLA, Susalla went 4-for-4 with three RBI and a double to spark the Wolverines' 10-4 come-from-behind victory.

Susalla ripped a key seventh-inning hit in Monday's best-of-three championship opener against the Gators in what ultimately ended with Florida winning 3-2.

For the season, Susalla is hitting .385 with 14 home runs and 60 RBI. She has also excelled in her switch to playing right field as she has committed just one error and sports a .967 fielding percentage.

Ram opener

Two pitchers combined on a no-hitter in the Michigan Rams' season-opening 5-1 victory over the Southfield Lightning in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played Monday night at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

Rams starter Josh Bays worked the first five innings, striking out seven while yielding just two walks. Jake Semak took over in the sixth, striking out five.

Offensively, the winners were led by Weston Price (Canton), who went 2-for-3 with two runs. Anthony DiPonio had a walk, RBI and run for the Rams.

James Targus suffered the loss after giving up two runs in two innings.

Spartans fall

Farmington Hills Mercy pounded 14 hits to match the number of runs it scored Monday in a shutout victory over Livonia Stevenson in a district softball semifinal game.

The game, which was postponed from Saturday because of rain, lasted five innings, as did the championship game in which the Marlins mercied host North Farmington, 10-0.

Mercy's Abby Krzywiecki pitched a no-hitter, striking out nine and issuing one walk. She also went 3-for-3 and knocked in five runs.

Leadoff batter Alex Sobczak was 3-for-4 with two RBI and scored three runs. Jordan Johnson was 2-for-2 and had three RBI.

Mercy hit three home runs, including a three-run shot by Krzywiecki. Sobczak and Johnson hit two-run blasts.

Molly Murphy got the Marlins started with a bases-loaded, three-run double in the first inning. Sophia Van Acker doubled to drive in one run, and Mary Reeber also scored three runs.

Stevenson had two base runners in the first inning. Alyssa Zahra reached on an error and Cori Wilson with a walk. Krzywiecki retired the last 13 batters in a row.

The Marlins will play Northville in a regional tournament game at noon Saturday at Novi High School.



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Stevenson's Gordon Ferguson, pictured during a game earlier this season, threw a gem in Monday's district title game against Farmington Harrison.

ARMED & DANGEROUS

Pitchers lead Stevenson to championship

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Hitting was the key to Livonia Stevenson winning 22 baseball games during the regular season, but pitching had its day in the Division 1 district tournament Monday at North Farmington.

Jack Ferguson pitched a four-hit shutout in the first game as the Spartans blanked

mistake-prone Farmington, 8-0.

In the championship game, Stevenson outfoxed and outplayed Harrison behind the combined pitching efforts of Gordon Ferguson and Dan Bos for a 5-1 win.

"It's the best it's been all year," Spartans coach Rick Berryman said of his team's pitching. "It was a big weekend and all the pitchers we've been counting on came up big. And that bodes well for us next weekend, also."

"Our strength all year (has been hitting). Our pitching today was excellent. It's been OK all year. What we've done is we've hit well all year."

After winning its fourth consecutive district title, Stevenson (24-12) will play Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the regional tournament at Novi High School.

Harrison outhit the Spartans in the final game Monday, 10-5, but couldn't capitalize. Until the Spartans added three runs on three hits in the seventh inning to account for the final tally, those numbers were 9-2.

"But they didn't score runs," Berryman said. "That's the key. They had their hits, but how many guys did we pick off?"

Three Harrison had runners at the corners in the first inning. The Spartans made the inning-

ending putout at the plate when the runner at first was caught off base.

Catcher Frank Carlin threw a runner out at second in the third inning, and Stevenson used a trick play to pick another runner off first base in the fifth.

Gordon Ferguson faked the throw to first, and the Spartans acted as if the ball skipped past the first baseman, causing the runner to try for second. He was out.

Title-clinching win

Ferguson allowed seven hits and two walks over 4½ innings

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Cougars topple Dearborn 11-1 for district crown

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's softball team is headed back to the regional round of the Division 1 tournament, but what's new?

Well, for one thing, the program that has made playing into early June a springtime tradition is riding the consistent pitching of a freshman: right-hander April Rudolph, who has emerged as an ultra-successful strikes-throwing victory machine.

On Monday afternoon, in the continuation of a game that started on Saturday before severe weather rolled into Dearborn, Rudolph limited host Dearborn High to two hits while striking out two and issuing zero walks to lead the Cougars to an 11-1 five-inning triumph over the Pioneers in a D1 district championship game.

The win improved GC to 25-8 overall and propelled it into Saturday noon regional semifinal contest against Detroit Renaissance. The game will be played at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"We're excited to be moving on," said GC head coach Barry Patterson. "We had a couple big back-to-back innings to pull away from Dearborn, but it was tied up 1-1 when they hit a home run in the top of the fourth."

The Cougars built a 1-0 lead with a single run on Saturday before Mother Nature intervened and moved the rest of the contest to Monday afternoon.

After a Pioneer blasted a game-tying solo home run in the top of the fourth, GC erupted with a five-spot in the bottom of the frame.

The Cougars then turned it into a mercy rule-shortened



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Garden City's Mikey Smolar drops down a bunt during Saturday's victory over Franklin.

route with five more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Junior shortstop Kaylen Glenfield led the Cougars' hit parade with two hits and three RBI. Kelsie Powell (2-for-3, two

RBI), Amber Swisher (3-for-3, two runs) and Alissa Turnbull (3-for-3) also had big days at the plate for the winners.

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DISTRICT BASEBALL FINAL

Pioneers, bad breaks doom Patriots, 17-6

Host Dearborn hands Franklin just second mercy loss of season

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Dearborn High School baseball team's Mojo was working in high gear Monday afternoon, much to the dismay of Livonia Franklin.

When the Pioneer hitters weren't finding the outfield gaps with well-struck swings, they were finding vacated voids in the Patriots' defense with check-swing bloop and ground-hugging bunts.

The potent combination led to a 17-6 Dearborn victory in the Division 1 district championship game hosted by the Pioneers.

"It just wasn't our day, that's the bottom line," said Franklin head coach Matt Fournier, whose team finished 19-15 with just one of the setbacks other than Monday's ending in a lopsided score. "We did the right things, but they hit the ball hard and found the holes."

"It's always tough when you have to say good-bye to a great group of seniors. The guys were kind of shell-shocked, I think, after the game, but it's not like we looked past them just because we beat them earlier in the season. We knew we'd be facing a good team."

The game was pushed back from Saturday afternoon due to heavy rain and loud thunder.

There was thunder Monday, too, but it was created by both teams' bats, not the weather.

Franklin, which was the home team even though the game was



Franklin's Mitchell Gonyaw gets tagged out at second by Dearborn's Mikey Phillips.

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played on the Pioneers' diamond, struck the initial blow in the bottom of the first when lead-off batter Joe Chinavare stroked a single, stole second and scored on Ryan Prohaska's two-out single.

The Patriots made it 2-0 in the bottom of the second when Jake Fry led off with a single before Bobby Mandrink followed with a bunt single.

Both runners moved up a base on Kyle Wolam's sacrifice bunt. Chinavare then walked and Hunter Sellers delivered a sacrifice fly to center field.

After being silenced by Franklin starting pitcher Mitchell Gonyaw over the first two frames, the Pioneers woke up in the third when they scored five runs on six hits – the biggest a two-out, two-run single by Brad Ciaglia, who scored the fifth run of the frame on starting pitcher Sam Patrick's infield single.

Gonyaw was relieved by Mandrink with two outs in the third.

Dearborn kept the

pressure on in the fourth when it tacked on four more runs on five hits to take a 9-2 lead.

The Patriots didn't quit, cutting their deficit to 9-6 with a three-spot in the fourth and a single run in the fifth. Mandrink walked and Wollam reached on an infield single to ignite the fourth-inning uprising.

After the next two Patriots grounded into force outs, Adrian Reed ripped a two-run single. Prohaska then singled before Gonyaw drove in a run with a sizzling line-drive hit.

Franklin's run in the fifth – as it turned out, its final run of the season – came when Fry led off with a single and eventually scored on Sellers' two-out single.

Dearborn put the game away with an eight-run, six-hit sixth inning.

The victory improved the Patriots' record to 16-15 heading into Saturday's regional semifinal game against host University of Detroit Jesuit.

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DISTRICT BASEBALL SEMIFINAL

Defensive Franklin clips Garden City, 3-1

By Ed Wright
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There was a lot to "glove" Saturday morning for fans of Livonia Franklin's baseball team during the Patriots' 3-1 Division 1 district semifinal victory over Garden City.

The victors flashed some serious defense – especially during the final two innings – to back a stellar complete-game pitching effort from Adrian Reed, who scattered five hits, walked two batters and hit one.

The victory propelled head coach Matt Fournier's team into the final against Dearborn, which rallied to edge Dearborn Fordson, 4-2, in Saturday's second game.

The late-inning web gems were started in the bottom of the sixth by right-fielder Tyler Camp, who fielded a sharp, one-hop line drive off the bat of lead-off man Jassen Matuscak and fired it to first to get Matuscak by a step.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Franklin center-fielder Joe Chinavare sprinted into deep right-center field to track down a long blast by Vinnie Bakerian, who shook off a bad-hop grounder to the nose while playing shortstop one inning earlier.

The game ended when Patriot second baseman Hunter Sellers made a slick back-hand stop of Matt Kindred's sizzling grounder and retired him with a quick throw to first baseman Ryan Prohaska.

Garden City starting pitcher Nick Montroy was splendid as well, limiting the Patriots to



Franklin junior Adrian Reed limited Garden City to one run during Saturday's Division 1 district semifinal game at Dearborn.

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nine hits while not issuing a walk. All three Franklin runs, which came in the fourth inning, were unearned due to three GC errors – the Cougars' only fielding miscues in the game.

The Patriots' decisive fourth frame started when Reed reached on an error and Prohaska singled with no outs. Nick Curtis, who was pinch-running for Reed, advanced to third on Mitch Gonyaw's long fly-out to center field.

Tyler Camp then drove in the contest's first run with a sharp single. Camp then scored when Jake Fry's ground ball to third was thrown away. Fry came home with the third run seconds later when the ensu-

ing throw across the diamond eluded GC third baseman Travis Kidd.

With his team trailing 3-zip, Montroy opened the bottom of the fourth by drawing a walk, but Reed buckled down and retired the next three Cougars on two strike outs and a ground out.

GC scored its lone run in the fifth when Kidd drilled a one-out single. After Tyler Kelly popped out, the Cougars loaded the bases on consecutive singles by Bakerian and Matt Kindred before Montroy drew an RBI walk.

Camp was the only Patriot with two hits. Kidd had two singles for the Cougars.

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DISTRICT SOFTBALL SEMIFINAL

10-run inning fuels GC's victory

By Ed Wright
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Of the 15 batters Garden City's softball team sent to the plate in its monumental 10-run second inning during Saturday afternoon's Division 1 district semifinal game against Livonia Franklin, the most refreshing one to see for Cougar fans was wearing No. 7.

That would be senior designated hitter Abby Joseph, a four-year letter-winner who had missed the entire season with a knee injury prior to returning to contribute in Saturday's 11-0 five-inning win over the Patriots.

The victory earned the Cougars a berth in the district final against host Dearborn High, which blasted Dearborn Fordson, 14-3, in the other semifinal game Saturday.

With Joseph inserted in the No. 3 slot in GC's batting order – smack

dab between outstanding hitters Kaylen Glenfield and Kelsie Powell – the Cougars' already-dangerous line-up moved up a few notches on opposing team's fear-factor meter.

Joseph had a stellar return, scoring twice, roping a laser-beam double to the left-center field fence and drawing a walk.

The Cougars registered nine singles in the big inning and two batters were hit by pitches. To Franklin pitcher Alaina DeFrain's credit, she threw strikes most of the day, but issues with location proved costly.

GC's No. 9 hitter, Alissa Turnbull knocked in a team-high three runs with a ground-out and two-run single – all in the second frame.

Other multiple-hit contributors for the Cougars were Powell, Alicea Ascencio, Amber Swisher and Hannah Vera-Burgos.

In addition to bringing home a run with a nice

squeeze bunt in the second, GC catcher Rachel Spellman recorded the final out of the game when she threw out Franklin speedster Becky Giacobbi, who was attempting to steal second with two outs in the fifth.

Freshman pitcher April Rudolph was brilliant for GC, limiting the Patriots to four singles – two by Brooke Garbarino – while issuing just one walk and striking out two.

Franklin threatened to grab an early lead in the top of the first when, with one out, Garbarino singled and Megan Chapman walked, but Sarah Cramton's hard-hit grounder down the third-base line was speared by Powell, who touched third to force Garbarino before firing to first to double-up Cramton.

GC finished with 13 hits.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

HVL captures district championship

By Ed Wright
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Outscoring its two opponents by a total run count of 22-2, Huron Valley Lutheran of Westland captured the Division 4 softball title hosted by Lutheran Westland.

The Hawks ousted the host Warriors, 12-2, in a semifinal game before blanking Plymouth Christian Academy, 10-0, in the championship contest. Just three teams competed in the district.

HVL earned a berth in Saturday's D4 regional semifinal game against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Sterling Heights Parkway Chris-

tian. In the five-inning win over Lutheran Westland, the Hawks scored four runs in the first, seven in the third and one in the fourth. LW's two runs came in the third.

Senior starting pitcher Julie St. John continued her strong season in the circle by allowing just three hits, issuing zero walks and striking out six. Senior Emily Hahn suffered the pitching loss for the Warriors.

Bethany Schaffer had a big day at the plate for the winners, going 2-for-2 with two doubles, one sacrifice and five RBI.

HVL took the drama out of the championship

game by plating five first-inning runs against PCA. The Hawks put the game on ice with a single run in the third and two each in the fourth and fifth innings.

St. John was dominant again, giving up just one hit and one walk while fanning eight Eagles. Schaffer was a tough out at the dish, going 3-for-4 with three RBI.

"We played well today," noted HVL head coach Eric Ruth. "Julie had good command on the mound and we had some timely hitting. Bethany Schaffer hit very well today."

HVL improved its record to 16-10.

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Top swimmers, divers earn all-area honors

FIRST TEAM

Alex Lee, 200 free, KLAAS: Lee was the KLAAS Kensington Conference champion in the 200 freestyle. Lee also contributed several strong performances for the Spartans in the 50 and 100 freestyle events as well as was a member of the team's all-state 200 freestyle team. Next year, Lee will attend Kalamazoo College, where he intends to swim.



Alex Lee Stevenson

"Alex was one of our senior captains and will be very hard to replace next year," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He was very successful this season."

Keith Erichsen, 200 IM, N. Farmington: Erichsen was a key contributor to the North program from the first day he set foot in the pool as a freshman, according to coach Mike Harfoot.

A straight-A student, Erichsen will continue his swim career and studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.



Keith Erichsen North Farm.

At the Division 2 state meet, Erichsen placed 14th in the 200 IM (1:59.49) and fifth in the 500 freestyle (4:44.62). Both were lifetime best swims.

He was second in the IM and third in the 500 at the OAA White Division championship meet. Erichsen also was part of the 400 freestyle relay team that set a school record last year.

"Keith is one of the hardest-working swimmers I've ever coached," Harfoot said. "He got the maximum effort out of his abilities. He pushed himself every single day to get better."

"He was our leader by example. He doesn't say a lot, but he goes to work every day and sets the tone for our practice. I would post the workout and let the kids do what they needed to do. Keith would lead it and show how it was supposed to be done."

"What stands out with Keith is his work ethic. It was fun to watch him practice, because he worked so hard. He was always trying to find some way to improve himself in the water. He was the same way in the classroom, too."

Matt Morgott, 50 free, N. Farmington: Morgott was a four-year swimmer and key member of the North team throughout his high school career, too.

His specialty is the 50 freestyle. He finished 12th in the Division 2 state meet, swimming 22.13 in the final and a career best of 21.95 in the prelim.

Morgott, who also is a pole vaulter in the spring season, placed fourth in the 50 at the OAA White Division meet. He and Erichsen are academic All-Americans. Morgott will attend the University of Michigan.

"Matt Morgott is a high school sprinter," Harfoot said. "If I could draw up a sprinter, it would be Matt Morgott. He's always looking to race. If there's a race, you're going to get his best effort every single time."

"If it's a close meet, I know Matt is going to be right there in the middle of the race. The 100 (freestyle) is a distance event for him. If he could swim four 50 freestyles in a dual meet, he'd be in heaven."

"He loves sprinting and is very good at it. He was on two All-American relays in his time here at North. He scored at the state meet for the first time this year. It was great for him to be able to do that individually."

Ethan Burke, diving, Churchill: Burke was a force on the board for the Chargers, placing first at the Wayne Invitational, the Wayne County Meet (with a meet-record performance), the KLAAS South Division Meet and the Kensington Conference Meet. He also placed fourth at the Division 1 regional and eighth at the Division 1 state meet, earning him all-state honors.

"Ethan was chosen our team's MVP for the 2014-15 season," Churchill coach Jim Sells said. "He is successful because he works extremely hard and makes it fun."

Ben Yang, 100 fly, Plymouth: The fourth-year varsity swimmer, scholar-athlete and captain was the epitome of consistency and excellence for the Wildcats in his senior season.

Yang was part of the 200 medley relay that qualified for states, but he also excelled in individual events such as the 100 butterfly. His time of 55.40 in that event was third among Observerland performers this season.

"As a second year captain, Ben showed the leadership of our younger swimmers, especially in his off-strokes of butterfly and backstroke," Plymouth coach Kenn Forbes said. Yang will attend Duke University after graduating with honors.

Jackson O'Dowd, 100 free, Stevenson: O'Dowd, a junior, cemented multiple all-state honors by placing third in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet as he led the Spartans to a ninth-place finish (86 points). O'Dowd also anchored both of the Spartans' state-qualifying freestyle relay teams.

"Jackson is very powerful, very strong," Shoemaker said. "He has a competitive edge to him. He doesn't like to lose, which is something that makes him one of the premier swimmers in the state and the nation, for that matter."

"We've set some very high goals for Jackson for next year and there's no reason why he can't achieve them. Most years, the times he put up this year (at the Division 1 state meet) would have won."

Matt LaPorte, 500 free, Stevenson: The senior earned the distinction of being one of the best endurance swimmers in the state by placing eighth in the 500 freestyle at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 4:42.77.

"Through hard work, Matt has been able to consistently not get tired and increase his speed over and over," Shoemaker said. "He's a seven-days-a-week swimmer, so he's earned his success."

Brendan Wellman, 100 back, Salem: The hard-working senior capped off an excellent four-year career for the Rocks.

Wellman, named the team's Most Valuable Senior Swimmer, placed 15th in the 100 backstroke at the D1 state meet with a time of 54.07 after tallying a 54.02 at prelims. He also qualified as part of the 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

His season's best of 54.02 in the 100 back was best among swimmers in the Observer coverage area.

Owner of a 3.4 GPA, he also demonstrated consistency all season, earning all-conference honors in the 100 back, 100 butterfly and 200 medley relay.

"Brendan had a very successful finish to his four years at Salem," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

Kevin Taylor, 100 breast, Churchill: Taylor placed in the top eight at the KLAAS Kensington Conference Meet in the 200 individual medley (sixth) and the 100 breaststroke (eighth). He won the 500 freestyle event at the KLAAS South Division meet and placed second in the 200 freestyle.

"This year, Kevin made major improvement from last year's times," Churchill coach Jim Sells said. "He swam all of the events for us and did a great job to help the team. There are two things that describe Kevin Taylor: dedicated and hard worker. He is successful because he comes to practice every day with his goals and works hard to achieve those goals."

FIRST RELAYS
200 medley, Plymouth: The Wildcats' quartet of Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze and Michael Wischer was outstanding all season, boasting the area's top time (1:40.01).

That was registered at the Eastern Michigan University-hosted D1 state meet, where the tandem placed 19th overall. It also set a new Plymouth record.

The Michigan State-bound Heinze is a fourth-year varsity and state team member, as well as a captain and scholar-athlete.

"As an important keystone in our sprinter group and all-around valuable asset and leader, he held five school records this fall," Forbes said.

200 freestyle, Stevenson: The quartet of Adam Goeddeke, Lee, Parker Wasielewski and O'Dowd earned all-state honors.

"This relay ended up as a big surprise and finisher at this year's state meet," Shoemaker said. "We only have to replace one member of this relay for next year. With that being said, we are hoping for some of the same success this one ended with."

400 freestyle, Stevenson: The foursome of Lee, Goeddeke, LaPorte and Jackson O'Dowd enjoyed an outstanding season.

"Under the pressure of the Stevenson's tradition of scoring a last relay for the last 12 state meets, these four performed tremendously," Shoemaker said. "These four boys kept up the excellent swimming tradition at Stevenson. We will have to replace half of this relay, so this program will have its work cut out for it."

SECOND TEAM
Charles Liu, 200 free, Salem: The talented and versatile junior qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 200 free, 200 IM and 200 and 400 free relays.

At EMU, he placed 42nd at prelims with a time of 1:50.21. His best time of the season was 1:48.02.

Liu, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, was named the team's Most Valuable Junior Swimmer and earned a spot on the all-Kensington team.

"Charles has been the swimmer that whatever the stroke or the distance the team and coaches felt confident in his effort and results," Olson said.

Gerard Niermann, 200 IM, Canton: It was a strong season for the junior, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet in three individual events.

His best showing at EMU was in the 200 IM, where he placed 25th with a time of 2:01.84. In the 100 free, he came in 28th (48.79).

Niermann's top performance of the season in the 200 IM was 2:00.93.

Phillip Collingwood, 500 free, Salem: The future is bright for the Rocks thanks to having outstanding sophomore swimmers such as Collingwood.

He qualified for the D1 state meet in the 500 free and placed 21st with a time

of 4:51.01, which was his season's best. He also made the cut in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Holder of a 3.9 GPA, Collingwood made the all-conference team and was named Salem's Most Valuable Sophomore Swimmer for his efforts.

"Phillip made great strides in becoming a leader in practice and competing at any event that would help in team success," Olson said.

Seth Fleming, 100 back, Farm. Unified: Only a sophomore, Fleming has a lot upside to his potential. He has been a key contributor to the Phoenix team for two seasons.

In his specialty, Fleming has one of the area's best backstroke times at 56.33. That placed him third in the OAA White Division meet.

He just missed a state cut in that event and also was fourth in the division in the IM (2:07.53)

"Seth was a big part of our team this year," Unified coach Brian McNeff said. "He came into the season with some high goals for himself and he did everything he could to reach those goals. He was our top point scorer in meets and was our top performer in practice."

"It seemed like he never took a set off in practice and just worked as hard as he could all season long. Seth was someone we could count on to score big points for us in meets."

"There were a couple times when I would have to move him around from event to event to match up with the other team's top swimmer. He always responded for us and usually came out on top in those situations."

"He is going to be a great swimmer for this team for the next couple of years."

Garrett Beauprez, 100 breast, Plymouth: The third-year varsity swimmer and junior captain could have made the all-area team in any of numerous events.

In the 100 breaststroke, Beauprez was second best in the area with his season's best of 1:03.88.

The scholar-athlete also set a new school record in the 200 freestyle (1:48.45) and was part of the state-qualifying 200 medley and 400 free relay teams that also set school marks with times of 1:40.01 and 3:19.99, respectively.

"Though capable of swimming any event well, his strengths lay with middle distance and IM," Forbes said.

SECOND RELAYS
200 medley, Salem: The Rocks had a stellar quartet in senior Patrick Casey (backstroke), junior Charles Liu (breaststroke), senior Brendan Wellman (butterfly) and sophomore freestyler Noah Fleming.

The unit enjoyed a best time of 1:40.96 and not only was named to the all-conference team, but finished 23rd at the D1 state meet at EMU with a time of 1:41.57.

Olson noted Casey's versatility, particularly his skillset in the backstroke, "which added to the success of the team."

As for Fleming, the focused student-athlete (3.8 GPA) made "great improvement in practice" and has plenty of potential for his

junior and senior seasons, Olson said.

200 freestyle, Plymouth: Another strong relay all year for the Wildcats was this one, composed of Ryan Heinze, Brandon Burger, Aniketh Visai and Michael Wischer.

The unit qualified for the state meet, where it finished 24th with a time of 1:30.66.

That mark ranked second among all Observerland 200 free relays and set a new Plymouth school record.

Burger was a key contributor to several events as well as being a fourth-year varsity member and senior captain. He graduated with honors and will attend Washington University of St. Louis.

"He was an important part of our relays and sprinting core," Forbes said.

Visai was a standout in his third varsity season and brings exceptional leadership and work ethic. The scholar-athlete will be one of the team's senior captains in 2015-16.

"He will be bringing his work ethic and leadership to the forefront," Forbes said. "It was an especially great year for him showing his power and speed in all events."

400 freestyle, Plymouth: The Wildcats featured top-notch relays across the board and this one was no exception. It included Ryan Heinze, Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visai and Garrett Beauprez.

The quartet qualified for the state meet and placed 25th with a time of 3:19.99, also the tandem's best of the season and a new Plymouth benchmark.

It was topped only by Livonia Stevenson's 3:12.65 among teams in the Observer coverage area.

Scholar-athlete and third-year varsity swimmer Knowles will be back in 2015-16 (as will Beauprez and Visai) and he already has been named a senior captain for next season.

"Bronson is an excellent leader and exceptionally hard worker," Forbes said. "He is a strong swimmer in any stroke, specializing in the IM."

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Phillip Collingwood Salem

GPA, Collingwood made the all-conference team and was named Salem's Most Valuable Sophomore Swimmer for his efforts.

"Phillip made great strides in becoming a leader in practice and competing at any event that would help in team success," Olson said.

Seth Fleming, 100 back, Farm. Unified: Only a sophomore, Fleming has a lot upside to his potential. He has been a key contributor to the Phoenix team for two seasons.

In his specialty, Fleming has one of the area's best backstroke times at 56.33. That placed him third in the OAA White Division meet.

He just missed a state cut in that event and also was fourth in the division in the IM (2:07.53)

"Seth was a big part of our team this year," Unified coach Brian McNeff said. "He came into the season with some high goals for himself and he did everything he could to reach those goals. He was our top point scorer in meets and was our top performer in practice."

"It seemed like he never took

D2 DISTRICT SOCCER FINAL

Blazers win district soccer title indoors, 2-0

Ladywood stops Divine Child for sixth in row

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chalk up another district girls soccer championship for Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers did it indoors for the first time in school history as they notched their sixth consecutive Division 2 crown with a 2-0 victory over Dearborn Divine Child in match moved to the comfy confines of the Total Sports Complex in Wixom after Saturday's schedule evening match was postponed because of heavy rains.

Ladywood, which improved to 13-5-4 overall, needed a pair of goals in the final 28 minutes to subdue their counterparts from the Catholic League, who put up a much better fight in the rematch after losing 7-1 to the Blazers in an April 21 meeting.

"I thought we were good and the game went absolutely the way I thought it would go — us with the ball and them dangerous on the counter," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought they (Divine Child) did a nice jog of getting into some dangerous moments behind us. But I'm really pleased with the effort of my kids. I thought the girls played the game I thought they wanted to play out here."

Ladywood controlled the ball and the play for the most



Livonia Ladywood earned its sixth straight district girls soccer title Sunday at Total Sports Complex with a 2-0 win over Divine Child.

part, but were unable to score until 27:22 remaining when sophomore Taylor Bullard pin-pointed a nifty pass into the goal area and on to the foot of freshman Amy Babon, who guided a shot past Falcons goalkeeper Sam Cimino.

Divine Child, unable to generate much offense for nearly 60 minutes, did get a good chance with 17:34 left when Katelyn Verla's shot was gobbled up on a sliding save by Ladywood sophomore goalie Holly Cusick.

The Blazers then went on the attack again and made it a two-goal cushion when sophomore Clare Kelly took a pass from Conner Huggins and maneuvered by a trio of DC defenders into the goal box and rifled a shot top-shelf into the back of the Falcons' net with

only 14:10 remaining.

The Falcons, however, refused to fold and it appeared they had trimmed the deficit to 2-1 on Keeegan Flack's shot that caromed down hugged goal line with 5:56 remaining.

But officials ruled it was no goal, must to the consternation of the Divine Child bench.

"I'm on the same angle as the ref, but the ref should have been in position to make that call," Divine Child coach Jeff Luttrell said. "From our eyes the goalie (Cusick) is standing on the line because I think her hands touched the crossbar and the ball went in weird. So obviously we're still down at that point, but at least it gives us a little bit of hope. From our eyes it still looks like a goal, but you got to keep playing."

Cimino wound up with eight

saves for Divine Child, while Cusick had five for the Blazers.

And although the Falcons were outshot 20-8, Luttrell called it "probably one of the best games we've played all year."

"We battled," Luttrell continued. "This group just didn't want to give up today. It's a rival game — us and Ladywood. We were able to push up a little bit and were able to wear them down and they kind of got a little tired towards the end to get some chances. But the second one we gave up took a little wind out of us."

Shingledecker, meanwhile, has had to tweak his forward lineup somewhat following the loss top scorer Sam Riga (19 goals), a Grand Valley State signee who went down for the

season in early May with a stress fracture in her shin.

Huggins, a midfielder who has committed to Villanova University, remains as the Blazers' primary facilitator on offense.

"Conner is playing the same way she was, it's just other people have to step up like Taylor (Bullard), Clare (Kelly) and Amy (Babon)," Shingledecker said. "Now it's more just multiple people can get you. I think they did a nice job, got themselves into spots and we finally finished two off. Those girls were working real hard to get those opportunities."

The victory puts Ladywood into a 5:30 p.m. Tuesday regional semifinal matchup at home against Madison Heights Lamphere. The other semifinal, beginning at 4 p.m., pits Trenton against South Lyon East. The championship game is set for 5 p.m. Thursday at Ladywood.

"Lamphere is first, don't know much about them," said Shingledecker, who led the Blazers to the Division 2 semifinals last season. "South Lyon East and Trenton are both excellent, so I don't think it's going to be an easy road. Nobody thinks it is. You got to beat good teams if you're going to get out and we're looking for the opportunity."

Divine Child, meanwhile, ended its season at 7-9-5 overall.

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D1 DISTRICT SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Delayed reaction: Canton nips Churchill with late goal

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In the moments immediately following a weather delay that lasted longer than most matches, Canton girls soccer coach Jeannine Reddy had one important message for her team.

"I told them you better go out there and make the wait worth it," Reddy said, smiling.

The Chiefs certainly did that.

With the Division 1 District 8 championship game against Livonia Churchill deadlocked at 1-1 with 13:02 left on the second half clock, Canton sophomore forward Jennifer Richmond bolted up the right sideline with the ball before angling in toward the goal, which was left mostly unattended after Charger keeper Brittney Hayes came out to challenge the attacking Chief, and punched the ball inside the left post.

Churchill ramped up the pressure down the stretch, but couldn't net the equalizer in the Chiefs' eventual 2-1 triumph.

Due to a lengthy pre-game thunder delay and a second Mother Nature-orchestrated intermission with 17:36 posted on the scoreboard, the championship trophy — covered with protective plastic to keep it dry from the steady rain — wasn't presented until close to 7 p.m. — nearly five hours after the original starting time.

"We knew we had to come out fast after the delay and put them away if we could," said Richmond, who scored both of Canton's goals in Thursday's 2-0 semifinal victory over Plymouth and assisted on the Chiefs' first goal on Saturday. "It felt pretty good when I saw it go in because I knew there wasn't much time left and we'd probably be able to keep them from scoring."

Richmond said the Chiefs used the down time during the delay constructively while they



Canton's Nicole Doucet separates Churchill's Lauren Wynns from the ball during Saturday's district championship game.

waited as patiently as possible in the Westland John Glenn gymnasium.

"We did a few dynamic stretching exercises and a lot of team bonding," she said.

Once Richmond scored, Reddy said the Chiefs' team-wide strategy shifted.

"Everybody became a defender first at that point," she said. "We kept our two top scorers, Jen and Hannah (Lapko) up top, but everybody else on the field had the mind-set of being a defender. We did a nice job after the goal to limit their chances."

With 7:10 left, Churchill's Alexis Lubonja delivered a textbook through ball up the middle of the pitch from near mid-field. Chargers Sara Taylor and Lauren Wynns were on the verge of running onto the ball before Nicole Doucet cleared it out of harm's way.

The Chargers were awarded a corner kick with just under five minutes left, but it misfired into the side of the net.

Churchill's final opportunity unfolded at the 3:40 mark when a well-struck shot by Taylor from the right side bounced just wide of the left post as

Canton keeper Jordan Anheuser dove, both arms extended.

Charger head coach Reid Friedrichs lobbied to the official that the ball was touched by Anheuser — which would have resulted in another corner kick — but the ref disagreed.

"I thought the girls played hard and they played well, we just had a little mistake back there on their goal — and mistakes happen after you come off a delay like that — and we got a little unlucky."

"Overall, it was a great season. We had trouble scoring, but we fought through it. I thought the girls played as well as they could."

Canton's first goal came in the game's 19th minute when Madison Archibald's corner kick deflected off Richmond's shoulder just feet from the net and right to Mary Galm, who toe-poked it home with her left foot.

That goal held up until there were 29:37 left in the second half when Taylor touched home a ball in the middle of a scrum in front of the net following a Churchill corner kick.

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D2 REGIONAL SOCCER FINAL

Bullard's hat trick lifts Blazers into regional final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Sophomore Taylor Bullard scored a natural hat track Tuesday as host Livonia Ladywood cruised into the Division 2 regional girls soccer final with a 5-0 victory over Madison Heights Lamphere.

The Blazers, who improved to 14-5-4 overall, outshot the Rams 25-0 to set up a matchup beginning at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at home against Trenton, which also advanced with a 4-0 regional semifinal win over South Lyon East.

"We are excited for Thursday," said Ladywood Ken Shingledecker, who guided the Blazers to the state semifinals last year. "Trenton looked good tonight so we

know we are in for a battle."

Ladywood jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead against Lamphere (5-15-2) as Amy Babon opened the scoring in the 18th minute off an assist from Elise Pollock.

Taylor Bullard then scored two minutes later off an assist from sister Kennedy Bullard to make it 2-0 and Taylor Bullard scored again in the 29th minute from Pollock.

In the 47th minute, Bullard converted a penalty kick for her third of the game and Conner Huggins completed the Ladywood scoring in the 54th minute off an assist from Shannon Wolfe. Ladywood goalies Holly Cusick and Abbey Reppen combined on the shutout, while Lamphere got seven saves from Paige Cavanaugh.

D2 SOFTBALL DISTRICT FINAL

South Lyon East stuns No. 2 Blazers in district, 11-8

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After reaching at least the Division 2 state semifinals five of the past six years, Livonia Ladywood's softball team will be sitting out the regional this year.

Despite a lopsided 16-6 hit total in their favor, the Blazers' string of six straight district titles ended Saturday at home courtesy of South Lyon East, 11-8.

"I don't know what word I want to put on it," said Ladywood coach Scott Combs, whose No. 2-ranked team bowed at 27-10 overall. "Disappointment is an easy word. I think any time you get 16 hits and score eight runs, and probably should have had 12 or 14, you certainly expect to win. But they (East) kept scoring, so I can't take anything away from them."

The Cougars (24-10) tallied three runs in the first inning before Ladywood battled back with five in third. But with runners at second and third, a botched a suicide squeeze play left potentially a couple of more runs on the table.

East then scored four times in the bottom half of the inning to go up 7-5 with Morgan Bowen coming through with a 3-run triple off Ladywood junior starter Rozlyn Price, who took the loss.

The Cougars then scored

another run in the fifth on an RBI double by Carly Petri to make it 8-5 and added three more in the sixth without the benefit of a hit coupled with a pair of Ladywood infield errors to take an 11-5 advantage.

Ladywood, which left seven runners stranded over the final three innings, pulled within three in the top of the seventh.

But East sophomore pitcher Sydney Krist, facing the tying run at the plate with two runners on, was able end the game on a fly out.

"They are a very good hitting team," East coach Paul Nieto said of the Blazers.

Anna Lewis collected three hits to lead Ladywood.

Combs, who guided Ladywood to one state championship (2012) and a pair of runner-up finishes (2011 and 2014), will be watching from afar.

"First time in seven years I don't have anything to do this week," he said. "I think it's just one of those things where you take a seven-year period, and you look at it, and you say you win every single year, at some point one game is going to bite you in the districts or regional, and keep you out of the final four. This was definitely — no question — a final four team. That's the disappointing part, a lost opportunity."

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in sociology and business. "I really liked their campus when I went down for a visit."

Flournoy said his ultimate goal is to compete for the United States in the Olympic Games — an attainable achievement given the Rocket's incredible wheels.

Other state meet news

Flournoy wasn't the only local athlete to turn in a dynamic performance at Saturday's

state meets.

In the 400-meter dash final at Rockford, Wayne Memorial's Montel Hood placed fourth overall with a time of 49.88 seconds, one spot ahead of John Glenn's Austin Hickerson (50.09).

In Saturday's Division final in Zeeland, Redford Eighth's Keyon Thomas placed eighth in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 20.27 seconds. Thomas had the fifth-best time entering the final.

John Glenn's boys team finished in seventh place overall with 24 points. Wayne was 36th with five and Livonia Stevenson

picked up 1 point and finished in 55th.

Churchill's 3,200 relay team of Jon Alessandrini, Brendan Meakin, Dash Dobar and Matt Cohan placed 11th with a time of 8:00.95. Charger junior Shakur Lockett was 13th in the long jump with an effort of 20 feet, 1 inch. Churchill thrower Gabrielle Carter placed 12th in the shot put with a toss of 37-8.

Franklin was well-represented by Julie Welch, who placed 13th in the high jump (5-feet even) and distance runner Keenan Jones, who was 11th in the 1,600 (4:18.57).

D1 DISTRICT BASEBALL FINAL

Plymouth clips Rockets in title game

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior first baseman Seth Hubbard fielded the groundball and stepped on the bag for the final out of Monday's 2-1 win over Westland John Glenn, he was happily met by senior pitcher Kevin Anthony.

They then rushed over to the pitcher's mound where they were joined by the rest of their delirious Wildcats teammates after closing out Plymouth's first-ever Division 1 baseball district championship.

And over in the dugout, Plymouth head coach Jason Crain probably flicked away a bead or two of sweat—simply because the Rockets were a tough opponent to finish off.

"He (Anthony) closed it up like a good senior does," Crain said. "He stepped up there, he threw strikes. He had to be a little tired after throwing on Saturday, but his pitch count was really low on Saturday."

"I asked him if he felt strong, he said he felt great. Sure enough, he came in and did the job."

Anthony started the sixth inning after junior pitcher Cameron Stella threw five strong frames, only giving up a run in the top of the sixth to slice Plymouth's lead to 2-1 (the Wildcats scratched runs across in the first and third innings).

Plymouth, which set a school record for victories (27-12), got on the board in the first when Andrew Hejka walked and scored on a base hit by Pete Carravallah.

The Wildcats padded the lead to 2-0 in the third. Hubbard's fielder's choice brought home Carravallah, who had his second hit of the game.

John Glenn sliced that edge to 2-1 in the fifth and had the bases loaded in the sixth, threatening to tie or take the lead. But Anthony, who blanked Livonia Churchill in Saturday's rain-shortened district semifinal, gutted it out.

Pumped up

Anthony then threw a 1-2-3 seventh to close out the historic victory.

"I definitely was pumped up and ready to get this done and get this district title," Anthony

said. "It's the best feeling, to be playing with all the guys I've been playing with since I was 9, and before that. It's the greatest feeling, outstanding."

The Stella-Anthony combo barely outdueled John Glenn freshman pitcher Brian Martin, who gave up just four hits.

"Their pitcher, complete credit to that kid," Crain said. "He's a freshman and he pitched a great ballgame. No pitcher should lose a 2-1 baseball game, but fortunately we got a run more than they did."

Rockets head coach Lawrence Scheffer tipped his cap to the Wildcats, but also praised Martin and the rest of his own team (18-17 record).

"We beat two good teams (in the Plymouth High School-hosted district) and we had our chances to beat Plymouth," Scheffer said. "... Hats off to Plymouth and I'm proud of all my seniors. They didn't expect the John Glenn Rockets to come through to win the pre-district (against Canton), beat Salem, and be in the championship game. I'm pretty proud of my guys."



Churchill first baseman Jack Behen puts the squeeze on throw during Saturday's 1-0 loss to Plymouth. MICHAEL VASILINEK

D2 DISTRICT BASEBALL FINAL

Panthers suffer heart-breaking loss

Late Richard rally ends RU title hopes

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Monday afternoon at Livonia's Ford Field, Redford Union's baseball team was on the brink of capturing the school's first Division 2 district title in recent memory, but Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard put a damper on the proceedings with a seventh-inning rally that ultimately led to a 7-5 Fighting Irish victory.

Fueled by a strong pitching performance from sophomore Jacob Gagnon, the Panthers held a 3-1 leading heading into the top of the seventh inning when the Fighting Irish scored three times on just one hit.

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh, RU showed its resiliency by knotting the game at 4-4. After the Panthers loaded the bases with no outs against AAGR ace McClain Canfield, who was brought on in a relief role after shutting out South Lyon East 1-0 in Saturday's semifinal tilt, two straight batters were retired before Stephen Davis brought home the tying run after drawing a catcher's interference ruling with two strikes in the count.

The Fighting Irish struck for three runs in the top of the eighth, but RU countered with just one in its half of the extra frame.

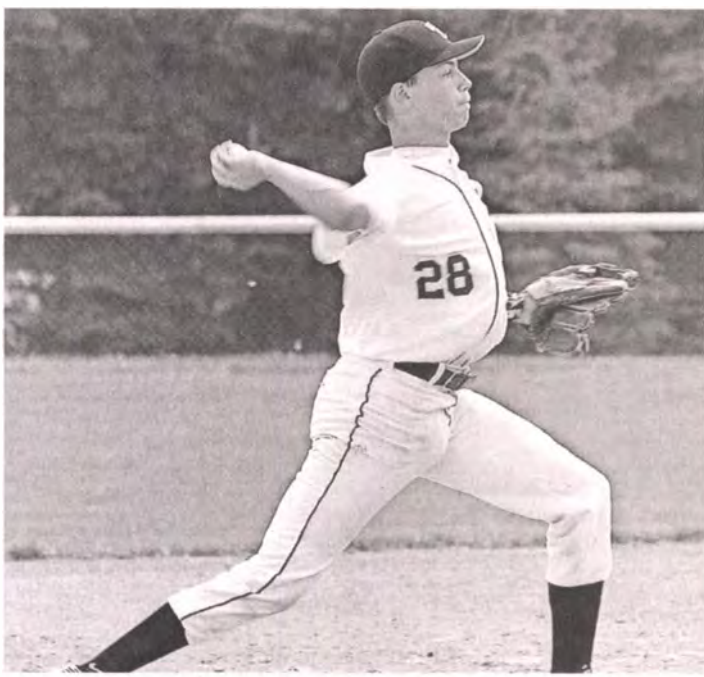
"We had them beat, but they're a good team and they didn't give up," said RU head coach Bob Miller, whose team finished 20-7. "It was a tough, tough loss—probably my toughest one at RU—and the boys were devastated, but we'll be back. The nucleus of this team is sophomores and we have eight starters returning next year...but this one will be hard to forget."

Gagnon allowed just six hits and struck out seven over seven innings.

"He was outstanding,"



Redford Union's Nick Laidler drops down a bunt during Saturday's victory over Thurston. CHRIS GUDDECK



Thurston's Donald Permuy throws a runner out at first base Saturday morning. CHRIS GUDDECK

Miller noted. "He kept them off-balance; he just got a little tired at the end."

RU seized a quick 2-0 lead

in the first inning thanks to RBI singles by Gagnon and Brendan McGurk, scoring Tommie Lewis, who had

reached on an error, and Vince Diaz, who drew a walk.

The Panthers added a single run in the fourth when Brandon Pratt singled, stole second and third, and scored on a single by Diaz.

AAGR plated one run in the fourth before putting up a three-spot in the seventh on a hit batter, three walks, an error and one hit.

The game was pushed back to Monday due to inclement weather in the Livonia area on Saturday.

Semifinal game

Diaz and Gagnon combined on a five-hitter during RU's 10-2 victory over Redford Thurston in Saturday's semifinal contest at Ford Field.

Diaz yielded two runs on four hits while fanning five before giving way to Gagnon, who struck out five and yielded just one hit over the final two stanzas.

Jackson Allison was the man of the hour for the Panthers' offense as he went 4-for-4 with a double, three RBI and a run while batting in the No. 9 spot in the order.

RU never trailed after scoring twice in the first inning on Gagnon's two-run single. The Panthers added single runs in the second when Allison's single plated Lewis, and the fifth when Diaz singled, advanced to third on a Gagnon single and scored on a passed ball.

Thurston scored its two runs in the fifth when Joe Beauchamp and Bobby Snell singled, and they both came home on an RBI ground-out and Austin Benoit's sacrifice fly, respectively.

RU broke open the game with a six-run seventh that included RBI hits from Davis, Lewis, Nick Laidler and Allison.

Thurston starting pitcher Snell ended his stellar high school mound career by striking out five over six innings. Austin Slomba pitched the seventh for Thurston.

D 1 STATE TENNIS FINALS

Stevenson nets three points in Midland

Churchill's Rogosch upended in first round

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls tennis team capped a strong 2015 season by scoring three points at this past weekend's Division 1 state meet in Midland.

Northville won the title with 33 points, followed by runner-up Midland Dow and third-place Grosse Pointe South.

A pair of doubles teams won matches for the Spartans. The No. 1 duo of Arryn Dochenetz and Sam DiGiovanni upended Rockford's No. 1 pairing, 6-3, 7-5, before falling to the Mustangs, 6-0, 6-0.

Stevenson's No. 4 team of Caitlin McCamant and Clairessa Smith ousted Utica Eisenhower's Gillian Eisenbraun and Madison Zettler, 6-3, 6-4, before falling to Northville's Serena Wang and Molly Bis, 6-0, 6-1.

Stevenson's No. 1 singles player, Sam Cyrus, lost her opening match to Brighton's Maddie Miller, 6-3, 6-0, while Stevenson's No. 2 player, Jill Weiland, battled hard against Novi's Allison Lollo before dropping a 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4 decision.

Bloomfield Hills' No. 3 player Meryl Reams defeated Stevenson's Danielle Marzec, 6-1, 6-0, while Stevenson's Molly Cormier lost 6-1, 6-0 to Midland Dow's Hadley Camp at No. 4 singles.

The Spartans' No. 2 doubles team of Natalie Hay and Maddie Chimento lost to Port Huron North's Sydney Westfall and Ann Nandi, 6-0, 6-2, in a first-round match, while Stevenson's No. 3 duo of Lauren Larson and Sarah Morse closed out their stellar season with a 6-1, 7-5 setback to Troy's Clare Keating and Erica Friesen.

The area's lone individual qualifier was Livonia Churchill No. 1 singles player Kaitlyn Rogosch, a freshman, who lost her opening-round match, 6-2, 6-3, to Caroline Allen of Bloomfield Hills.

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STEVENSON

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and got the win, exiting with a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth.

Bos was superb in relief, allowing three hits and no walks in the final 2½ innings. He got the Hawks to hit into a double play to end the fifth. After giving up a leadoff single in the sixth, he struck out the next five batters.

"I was very impressed with Gordon Ferguson and the job he did," Berryman said. "He got tired and Dan came in. That was the plan all along (to use Bos)."

"Dan is a sophomore and we've been working on better location with his curveball. Everything we've worked on, he did, so I was very impressed with the young man and the effort he gave us."

Stevenson used alert base

running to take a 2-0 lead. Mark Pettersson scored from first base on an infield single by Chris Tanderys. The Hawks tried to get Pettersson going to third and made an error on the throw.

Sharp on the bases

CJ Weiss and Pettersson had back-to-back RBI singles in the seventh; Pettersson scored the last run on a passed ball.

"We had very heads-up base

running," Berryman said. "We used the speed on our bench to create situations. We have very fast individuals that (the Hawks) were adjusting to that created misplays and our plays. The young men stepped up and played well, from the bench to the substitute runners, everybody."

Tanderys (2-for-4) was the only Stevenson batter with two hits. Harrison's Tommy Williams was 3-for-3, Jared Char 2-for-3 and Nico Janigian, who pitched a complete game, 2-for-4. Nick Bell had an RBI single for the Hawks.

In the first game, Jack Ferguson was highly effective, striking out four and issuing one walk. The Falcons hit six balls to the outfield—half in the last two innings. Ferguson had six assists on weak ground balls hit back to him.

"He had his command; he was able to spot pitches," Berryman said. "Jack mixed his pitches well and kept people off

balance. "That's kind of his style. He's not a big strikeout pitcher, but they didn't get great contact off him. That's a senior and that's how you want him to come out (and pitch)."

Leaders at the plate

Gordon Ferguson was 3-for-4 and Tanderys 2-for-2 as Stevenson outthit Farmington, 7-4. Bos knocked in the first run with a single in the second inning.

The Spartans scored runs in the fourth on three hits, two walks and one error. Tanderys followed Pettersson's two-run double with a run-scoring double.

Stevenson added three more in the fifth with just one hit—a two-run single by Tanderys—a walk and three errors.

Ravi Mahanti pitched 3½ innings and took the loss, allowing five runs on five hits and four walks. Elliott Edsall worked an inning of relief and Alex Manasa the final 2½.



Members of Livonia Stevenson's baseball team hold up the district championship trophy the Spartans earned Monday afternoon. SUBMITTED

In case of high-rise fire, know your building's evacuation plan

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Apartment fires call for quick thinking, to ensure the safety of all dwellers.

"That's very important," said Kelly Eggers, fire marshal for the Wayne-Westland Fire Department. "Nowadays most facilities the evacuation plan is actually to shelter in place."

Newer building materials like drywall mean that with your unit door closed the fire will be contained, he said. "Typically, we're going to have the fire out before that time. The majority of the time the plan is to shelter in place. Keeping the door shut is by far the most important thing."

"It's pretty cut and dried these days," Eggers added. "The building codes actually prevent the spread of fires."

Fire drills are important for all homes, including apartment buildings and other high-rise structures. You need to know the basics of escape planning, from identifying two ways out of every room to getting low and going under smoke, and the importance of practicing how you would respond in an emergency.

To increase fire safety for apartment dwellers, the National Fire Protection Association offers the following guidelines:

Know the plan

Make sure that you're familiar with your building's evacuation plan, which should illustrate what residents are supposed to do in the event of an emergency. The evacuation plan should be posted in places where all residents can see and review it, and the building management should hold a fire drill with occupants at least once a year.



Fire drills are important for all buildings including high-rise structures. GETTY IMAGES

Most states also require that buildings periodically test their fire safety systems as well. Be sure to participate when your building drills take place. When looking for an apartment or high-rise home, look for one with an automatic sprinkler system. Sprinklers can extinguish a home fire in less time that it takes for the fire department to arrive.

Doors to stairwells now automatically shut, said Wayne-Westland's Eggers, to prevent smoke from entering. If the local fire department decides an evacuation is needed, that will all depend on the fire's location.

Keeping a stairwell door open can cause problems, especially on upper floors, as heat and smoke rise, he said. Fire personnel in an evacuation will direct all dwellers to a certain stairwell. "That's going to be for their safety," he said.

Practice is key

Whether your building has one floor or 50, it's essential that you and your family are prepared to respond to a fire

alarm. Identify all of the exits in your building and if you are using an escape planning grid, mark them on your escape plan. Make sure to mark the various stairways too, in case one is blocked by fire.

Kitchen fires can occur in apartments, said Eggers, noting there's no law requiring having an extinguisher nearby. "We do advise folks to get one," he said.

Grease fires often get out of control quickly, and should never have water put on them, he said. Instead, you should leave the apartment immediately, closing the door for others' safety, and calling 9-1-1.

Never use the elevator

In case of fire, always use the stairs to get out, never the elevator. Make sure to practice using the stairs as part of your escape plan. If someone in your family has difficulty climbing down steps, make sure to incorporate a contingency for this into your plan.

Some in senior high rises

can't get down stairs easily, said Eggers. "That's another reason we advise to shelter in place," he said.

Stay low

Smoke from a fire is toxic and deadly no matter what kind of structure you live in. When you hold your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to the exit. In the event of a fire, if both stairwells are filled with smoke, stay in your apartment and wait for the firefighters.

Seal yourself in for safety

If you can't exit an apartment building due to smoke or fire in the hallway, call the fire department to report your exact location and gather in a room with a window to await their arrival. Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to create a seal around the door and over air vents in order to keep smoke from coming in.

Stay by the window

If possible, you should open your windows at the top and the bottom so fresh air can get in. Don't break the window - if smoke enters the room from outside the building, you won't be able to protect yourself.

Signal to firefighters

Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

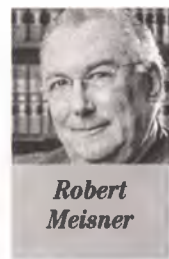
The same advice for taller-building safety applies to travelers staying in hotels. "Shelter in place," Eggers said. "The fire is not going to breach those walls anytime soon."

It's good to familiarize yourself with the nearest hotel exit, he agreed.

Heed law on rights of the disabled

Q: We have a legally blind person on our Board of Directors and she has requested that the board provide her with versions of the documents other members received, but in a readable format for blind individuals. The board is now considering whether to accommodate her apparent disability. What do you think?

A: Based upon a recent California trial court's decision on similar facts, the court concluded that the accommodation that the homeowner sought was necessary to ensure equal opportunity to use and enjoy her dwelling. The court



Robert Meisner

reasoned that being excluded from accessing materials and documents provided to all association members limited the homeowner in her ability to abide by the association rules and covenants, participate in association meetings, engage in informed discussions of association business, and make informed votes on issues impacting the community in which she lived. Therefore, simply to avoid problems with the Federal Fair Housing Act, make the appropriate accommodation.

Q: Are community association managers obligated to obtain licenses in Michigan?

A: Unfortunately no. Recently, Colorado required community association managers to obtain a license and they must hold one of the credentials identified in the statute, i.e., the Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA), Association Management Specialist (AMS), or Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM), or complete a 24-hour course through the Colorado Division of Real Estate. Colorado joins Alaska, California, Connecticut, The District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada and Virginia with a community association manager license requirement. It clearly is sorely needed in Michigan.

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 12-16, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

30671 Banbury Ct \$355,000
16236 Beechwood Ave \$222,000
170 Charrington Ct \$377,000

BIRMINGHAM

1935 Cole St \$545,000
1691 Haynes St \$265,000
2167 Manchester Rd \$203,000
2795 Manchester Rd \$280,000
361 N Eton St # 2 \$92,000
2351 Yorkshire Rd \$245,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5396 Forest Way \$390,000
1190 Kemper Ave \$85,000
441 Dalebrook Ln \$270,000
1915 Eagle Pointe \$218,000
1134 Meadowglen Ct \$240,000
6533 Timber Ridge Dr \$235,000
1050 Trailwood Path # D \$135,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd # D3 \$61,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3800 Burning Tree Dr \$395,000
4317 Charing Way \$376,000
4036 Cranbrook Ct \$425,000
3327 Dogwood Ct \$570,000
1035 E Long Lake Rd \$565,000
6025 E Surrey Rd \$598,000
1163 Glenpointe Ct \$265,000
111 Manor Rd \$725,000
1121 Meadowglen Ct \$315,000
977 N Reading Rd \$280,000
1818 S Hill Blvd \$159,000

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1204 S Timberview Trl \$318,000
5201 Bridge Trl W \$350,000
3359 Fox Blvd \$102,000
5500 Lancaster Ln \$365,000
2555 Marion Acres St \$345,000
1967 Oakside Ct \$225,000
133 Osborne St \$68,000
2227 Palmetto \$230,000
2967 Silent Woods \$190,000
5838 Strawberry Cir \$60,000
1517 Trace Hollow Dr \$313,000
2713 Trillium Hills Dr \$280,000
8775 Wise Rd \$185,000

FARMINGTON

23145 Farmington Rd \$90,000
22459 Hawthorne St \$104,000
21235 Larkspur St \$175,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

23601 Canfield Ave \$194,000
22405 Cora Ave \$150,000
38949 Country Cir \$117,000
37801 Country Ridge Ct \$274,000
29060 E Marklawn St \$190,000
33605 Edmonton St \$39,000
29880 Eldred St \$95,000
30617 Glenmuer St \$150,000
29945 Green Acres \$240,000
26192 Hidden Valley Dr \$320,000
21610 Jacksonville St \$120,000
30308 Kimberley Ct \$260,000
35561 Lark Hbr \$220,000
21590 Ontaga St \$115,000
31558 Orchard Crk \$95,000
21504 Oxford Ave \$22,000
36952 Ridgedale Ct \$133,000
29703 Sierra Point Cir \$170,000
33776 Vista Dr \$180,000
27527 Westcott Crescent Cir \$220,000

HIGHLAND

24697 Westmoreland Dr \$185,000
1234 Gleneagles \$670,000
3835 Hillcrest \$89,000
4115 Loch Dr \$109,000
4136 Loch Dr \$212,000
2334 N Duck Lake Rd \$96,000
2334 N Duck Lake Rd \$485,000
3566 Reserve Ct \$275,000
564 Timber Ridge Dr \$312,000
1032 Bird Song Ln \$175,000
1872 Hidden Valley Dr \$388,000
321 Napa Valley Dr \$330,000
957 Old Plank Rd \$220,000
969 Old Plank Rd \$202,000
3156 Rolling Green Ct \$470,000
941 Winding Way \$345,000

MILFORD

21382 E Glen Haven Cir \$150,000
37506 Rhonwood Dr \$213,000
38273 Tralee Trl \$298,000

NORTHVILLE

27534 Albert St \$298,000
24555 Borderhill \$145,000
42967 Brookstone Dr \$300,000
41670 Charleston Ln \$250,000
42035 Cherry Hill Rd \$225,000
41530 Cornell Dr \$158,000
27617 Cromwell Rd \$333,000
29534 English Way \$288,000
24288 Kings Pointe \$232,000
31185 Livingston Dr \$180,000
24782 Mallard Trail Ln \$710,000
24865 Mallard Trail Ln \$602,000
23409 Mystic Forest Dr \$435,000
24539 Olde Orchard St \$80,000
24874 Overlook \$671,000
45293 Sedra Ct \$474,000
31163 Seneca Ln \$200,000

39607 Village Wood Ln \$62,000
45625 W Nine Mile Rd \$550,000
23270 W Le Bost \$195,000
46315 White Pines Dr \$583,000
22602 Woolsey \$85,000

SOUTH LYON

128 Brookwood Ct \$140,000
715 Cape Cod \$102,000
176 Eagle Crest Dr \$225,000
57201 Meadowcreek Cir S \$455,000
57235 Meadowcreek Cir S \$417,000
24522 Ravine Dr \$486,000
24798 Ravine Dr \$541,000
24011 Stoneleigh Dr \$376,000
58532 Winnowing Cir S \$81,000

SOUTHFIELD

24435 Evergreen Rd \$60,000
26115 Franklin Pointe Dr \$61,000
15895 Harden Cir \$134,000
17260 Madison St \$163,000
30701 Northgate Dr \$195,000
27349 Pierce St \$140,000
30021 Rambling Rd \$143,000
19338 Starlane St \$134,000
15655 Stone Crossing Dr \$65,000
23491 Teacup Ct \$172,000
5000 Town Ctr # 2703 \$140,000
30401 Ventura St \$149,000
17529 W 13 Mile Rd \$170,000
20137 Woodburn Dr \$90,000

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8842 Glasgow Ct E \$216,000
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8443 Tara Ln \$223,000
8109 Wildwood Ln \$238,000
321 Woodsedge Ln \$56,000
330 Woodsedge Ln \$46,000

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43604 Appomattox Ct \$175,000
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43934 Arlington Rd \$185,000
4154 Bridgeview Ln \$190,000
6408 Durham Dr \$216,000
3472 Empire State Dr \$275,000
362 Filmore St \$133,000
42091 Greenwood Dr \$205,000
775 Harrison St \$209,000
46517 Killarney Cir \$205,000
1237 Old Colony Ln \$333,000
1237 Old Colony Ln \$330,000
1867 Preserve Blvd \$167,000
8351 Rolling Meadows Dr \$750,000
6184 Stonetree Dr \$188,000

GARDEN CITY

29591 Balmoral St \$57,000
29673 Chester St \$77,000
31425 Donnelly St \$75,000
6887 Gilman St \$50,000
33225 Hennespin St \$75,000
29464 Meadow Ln \$93,000
30433 Rush St \$100,000

LIVONIA

38980 Ann Arbor Trl \$355,000
9032 Deering St \$39,000
15895 Deering St \$100,000
19950 Floral St \$71,000
9156 Gillman St \$111,000
20329 Gillman St \$90,000
9438 Houghton St \$180,000
14831 Hubbard St \$141,000
15401 Hubbard St \$175,000
14193 Hubbell St \$160,000
14817 Inkster Rd \$157,000
31666 Joy Rd \$75,000
37723 Mallory Dr \$204,000
36139 Meadowbrook St \$175,000
14364 Merriman Rd \$130,000
14820 Merriman Rd \$111,000
31492 Merriwood Park Dr \$124,000
16571 Middlebelt Rd \$33,000
37494 N Laurel Park Dr \$147,000
31714 Penn St \$148,000
34938 Perth St \$220,000
35663 Perth St \$125,000
28331 Pickford St \$78,000
32662 Pickburn St \$127,000
39144 Richland St \$141,000
16633 Riverside St \$155,000
16450 Rougeway St \$156,000
29084 Roycroft St \$80,000
14822 Santa Anita Ave \$205,000
15745 Stamford St \$215,000
35423 W Chicago St \$171,000

28640 Westfield St \$110,000
15991 Augusta Ct \$737,000
42010 Baintree Cir \$318,000
17213 Briar Ridge Ct \$573,000
40545 Coachwood Cir \$445,000
44319 Highland Ct \$591,000
15895 Morningside \$160,000
49888 Parkside Dr \$476,000
18031 Stonebrook Dr \$433,000
42299 Sunnydale Ln \$265,000
11310 Aspen Dr \$220,000
41254 Greenbriar Ln \$152,000
346 Irvin St \$322,000
1628 Lexington St \$292,000
9409 Mayflower Ct \$236,000
9094 Northern Ave \$173,000
730 Penniman Ave \$320,000
49903 Powell Ridge Ct \$540,000
721 S Evergreen St \$272,000
585 S Sheldon Rd \$292,000
8930 Tamarack Ct \$315,000
768 Virginia St \$197,000
911 William St \$225,000
13540 Beech Daly Rd \$75,000
17620 Beech Daly Rd \$55,000
11371 Centralia \$92,000
25666 Deborah \$101,000
19219 Five Points St \$35,000
19591 Garfield \$55,000

20440 Glenmore \$42,000
17047 Kinloch \$74,000
12868 Lenore \$73,000
13201 Laverne \$82,000
26805 W Chicago \$80,000
19160 Woodworth \$60,000
36971 Greenbush Rd \$105,000
4915 Hunt St \$55,000
34411 Phyllis St \$118,000
2146 Ackley Ave \$22,000
7641 Arcola St \$60,000
1372 Berkshire St \$77,000
37032 Concor St \$117,000
31649 Conway Dr \$100,000
8266 Donna St \$126,000
2090 E Williams Cir \$164,000
141 Farmington Rd \$111,000
36756 Gilchrist St \$82,000
35445 Hazelwood St \$75,000
35027 John Hawk St \$33,000
4733 Julius Blvd \$43,000
7559 Luthers St \$68,000
7583 Maple Dr \$228,000
8175 Melvind Ave \$133,000
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Accurate Mortgage Solutions	164511	(800) 593-1912	3.625	0	2.75	0
AFI Financial	2431	(810) 588-4424	3.75	0	2.875	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.625	0	2.875	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.75	0	3	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.75	0	3.125	0
Group One Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4	0	3.375	0
Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	3.875	0.25	3.125	0

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Medical Receptionist
Dearborn Heights Office. Call 313-563-2288
arbor_lane_physicians@hotmail.com

Medical Receptionist
For private practice in Farmington. Resume to: jivargovick@gmail.com

RN's
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Email resume to: sales@mayagage.com

Auto Body Tech/Painter
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37550 Michigan Ave., Wayne
Call: 734-729-2805

CAR WASH hiring for Northville & Canton. Starting pay up to \$18/hr. Apply at: 5790 Canton Center Rd. Canton 48187

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Estates Sales
Northville - 16400 Sutters Lane Ct. Off 6 mile. btw 275 and Northville rd. Fri-Sun June 5th-7th 9am-5pm. Furniture & Household Items. Must See!

Garage/Moving Sales
CANTON - Bridgmont Park Subdivision, Thurs-Sat, June 4th-6th, 9a-4p. Canton Center Road and Warren
6824 Bridgmont Drive
734-453-1496

Canton: Huge Sale
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church 321 S Ridge Rd Canton 48188 Household, Clothes, Tools and more NO CLOTHES. Fri. and Sat. June 5 and 6. 9 am to 4 pm Bag Sale Sat. Afternoon No early sales

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Northville: "20 HOUSES" STONEMAN SUB Fri., Sat., Sun. June 5, 6 & 7 9-5 pm. Lots and Lots of Great Items. Furniture, bar stools, sofas, outdoor sets, sports apparel, painting supplies, sports equipment, household items, clothes, kids items. Too much to list. 18527 Clairmont Cir.

NORTHVILLE 50 years of trash, treasures & junk 388 N. Rogers. Thursday 12-5pm Friday & Saturday 11am-5pm No presales!

NORTHVILLE ANNUAL Community Garage Sale
Links of Northville Hills. Beck Rd btwn 5-6 Mile. enter on rd. Brandywine Blvd. June 4-6th. 9-4pm

NORTHVILLE - Gigantic Fri Scout garage sale! Mon-Fri. June 8-12, 9am-9pm. 218 W Dunlap, downtown. Lots of furniture & more!

NORTHVILLE Gigantic Sub-Wide Garage Sale located at Woodlands South Condos, SW Corner of 6 Mile and Sheldon Road, from June 4th-June 6th, 9a-4p

Northville Quail Ridge SUB SALE! Sat. 6/6 9am-4pm 8 Mile W. of Meadowbrook. Furniture, toys, antiques, bikes, baby, maternity, household & scrapbook items!

NORTHVILLE Sub Wide Sale
Woodlands North Sub. NW corner of 6 Mile/Sheldon. June 5-6th, 9-4pm.

NOVI - Addington Park Sub Sale! June 4-6, Thurs-Sat, 8-5pm. S. of 10 Mile, W. of Tall

Novi - Garage Sale - June 4th 5th & 6th 9am-3pm. Furniture, dishes, household items. Priced to sell! 24347 Bramblewood Dr.

Garage/Moving Sales
CANTON Moving Sale
May 28, 29, 30 & June 4, 5, 6. Tools, furniture, household goods, clothes, more!
6324 Willow Creek Dr. Canton, MI 48187

CANTON Nottingham Forest Sub Sale
Thurs-Sat, June 4-6, 9a-5p. E/Morton Taylor, W/Liley, N/Ford, S/Warren.

CANTON - ROYAL POINTE SUB WIDE SALE!
June 4th-6th 9am-4pm S. of Warren W. of Beck.

Canton: Sub Wide Garage Sale
Lexington Square Sub S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Sheldon. June 4, 5 & 6. 9am-4pm.

Canton Sub wide Sale
6/4-6/6 9am-6pm
PebbleCreek Condo
Palmer Rd East of Lot Rd. Large clothing & misc. items

CANTON: Vistas of Central Park. South of Cherry Hill, W. of Beck. Subwide Sale.
June 4-6, 9a-4pm. Furn., household, clothes misc.

FARMINGTON: GARAGE/MOVING SALE - June 4, 5 & 6 10am-4pm. 34771 Whitaker Ct. Current & Vintage, much to see, stereos, bdrm & din. room furn., sports, tools, clothing

FARMINGTON HILLS
30215 Stockton Ave., S. 10 Mile, W. Middlebelt. Antiques, Twin captain bed, lamps, linens, dresser, kid's clothes, toys, household items Thurs. & Fr., 9-4 pm. Sat., 9-2pm.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

JUNE ARTS FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, June 26
Location: Crossroads Church, in the Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Summer Christian Youth Arts Fair will include sketches, lyrical dance, liturgical dance, musical acts, painted and hand-drawn art and photography. Fair entries are open to ages 5-18. All participants will receive a free gift. Registration accepted through Friday, June 19
Contact: Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718; crossroadsnow.org

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; stjoh-nsplymouth.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 4-6, 11-12
Location: Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 26880 LaMue-ra, 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

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 15-19
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Good News Day Camp is a week-long camp experience for kids, age 5 through 6th grade. It includes songs and skits, crafts, outdoor and indoor games, Bible stories, nature activities and more. Counselors from Michigan's Living Water Ministries lead the sessions. Registration is \$65 per child. Registration forms are available in the church office, and at emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: David Trotter of Undersea Research Assoc. will talk about his 37 years of experience searching the Great Lakes and discovering sunken ships. Ice cream will follow his presentation. \$5 donation
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

TRASH, TREASURE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton
Details: Items include toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby items, along with some furniture. No clothes
Contact: 734-495-0035

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, 20300 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: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibro-group.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.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center

requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

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

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MELOCHE, STEPHEN D.

June 2, 2015. Age 42 of Canton. Beloved son of Carol (Rick) Benoit, and the late Phillip Meloche. Loving brother of the late David. Dear step-brother of Drew Benoit and Stacie Benoit. Dear nephew of Beverly Causby, Hazel LaCroix, Joan LaCroix, Bob LaCroix, and Al (Darlene) Meloche. Also survived by many cousins. Visitation Friday 10 a.m. until the Friday 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Angela Hospice. To share memories, please visit vermcullenfh.com



PHILLIPS, BETTE M.

Passed away on May 6, 2015 at the age of 73. She will be remembered by her many friends as a beautiful woman who loved her children and grandchildren, golf, bunco and cruising. Bette prayed the Rosary daily. She was the beloved wife of Bill, a loving mother of William, Janet (Tierney) and Brad, grandmother to Claire, Lillian, Collin, Melanie, William (Charlie), Erin and Blake and younger sister to Rosemary Gates, Ann McManus, Joanne Drake and Carl Neuser. A Memorial Service honoring Bette will be held on June 8, 2015 at 10:30 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church 32340 Pierce Rd. Beverly Hills, MI. Memorial donations may be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. www.theaftd.org



RYALL, ELVA M.

Age 79 May 29, 2015. Beloved wife of the late Gerald. Loving mother of Kenneth (Carol), Robert, David (Lillian) and John. Dear grandmother of Mary, Michelle, Carla, Carrie, Matthew and Annie. Dearest sister of Albert Schulz and the late Ruth Benedict. Elva was a former Garden City Council Member. Funeral services were held this week. santeiufuneralhome.com

Santeiu Funeral Home

WICKENS, DAVID C.

Age 73 of Harrisville, Michigan, formerly of Plymouth, died Tuesday, May 5, 2015. He was born August 9, 1941 to Harry and Catherine Wickens in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Wickens was survived by his wife, Sandra; one daughter Kim Engels of Livonia, MI; two sons, David Wickens Jr. of New Boston, MI and Scott Wickens of Canton, MI; two stepsons, John (Karrin) Tesmer of Lincoln Park, Jeffery Tesmer of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. Memorial service to be held June 20 at the Veterans Memorial in Harrisville, MI.

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Mobile carillon takes bell concert out of tower

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bring a picnic blanket — and leave your climbing shoes at home — to watch Julie Ford play the carillon Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

"It's normally in a tower and people have to climb the tower to see it," said Ford, describing the typical carillon. "With this instrument, you can see the player and the mechanism working the clapper."

Ford, director of music at St. John's, will bring the carillon, normally a tower instrument, to ground level when she performs on The Mobile Millennium Carillon, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. She'll share the traveling instrument, a 48-bell carillon that sits on a trailer bed, with Kimberly Schafer, a friend and fellow carillonneur from Chicago, Ill. They'll perform a mix of music, including Scottish folk tunes, children's songs, jazz standards, pop and classical music at the free, outdoor concert. The church will serve ice cream treats and Ford encourages attendees to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

"We work hard to craft concerts that will be interesting and appealing. That is important to the carillon," Ford said. "The challenge with the carillon is the fact that there are a limited number and most can't travel. Also, people are not aware that there is a real human being up there playing the instrument. A person walking around Ann Arbor and hearing the carillon (at University of Michigan) probably think it's just an automated system. If someone has never thought to go up and watch the player, they may just think it's automatic or recorded."

Tower instrument

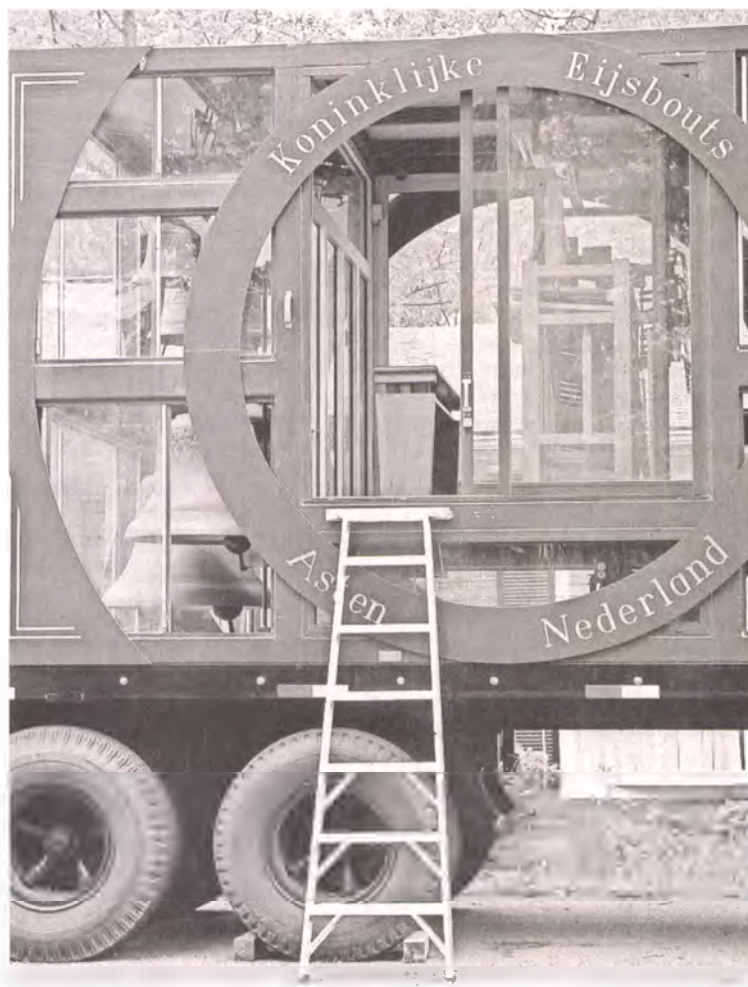
Ford became interested in carillon while studying church music and organ at the University of Michigan and hearing the carillons at Burton Tower on the main campus and in Lurie Bell Tower on the north campus. Carillon and organ recitals were held together at Hill Auditorium, she said.

"I got interested when I was able to go into the tower and



Bells in the Mobile Millennium Carillon

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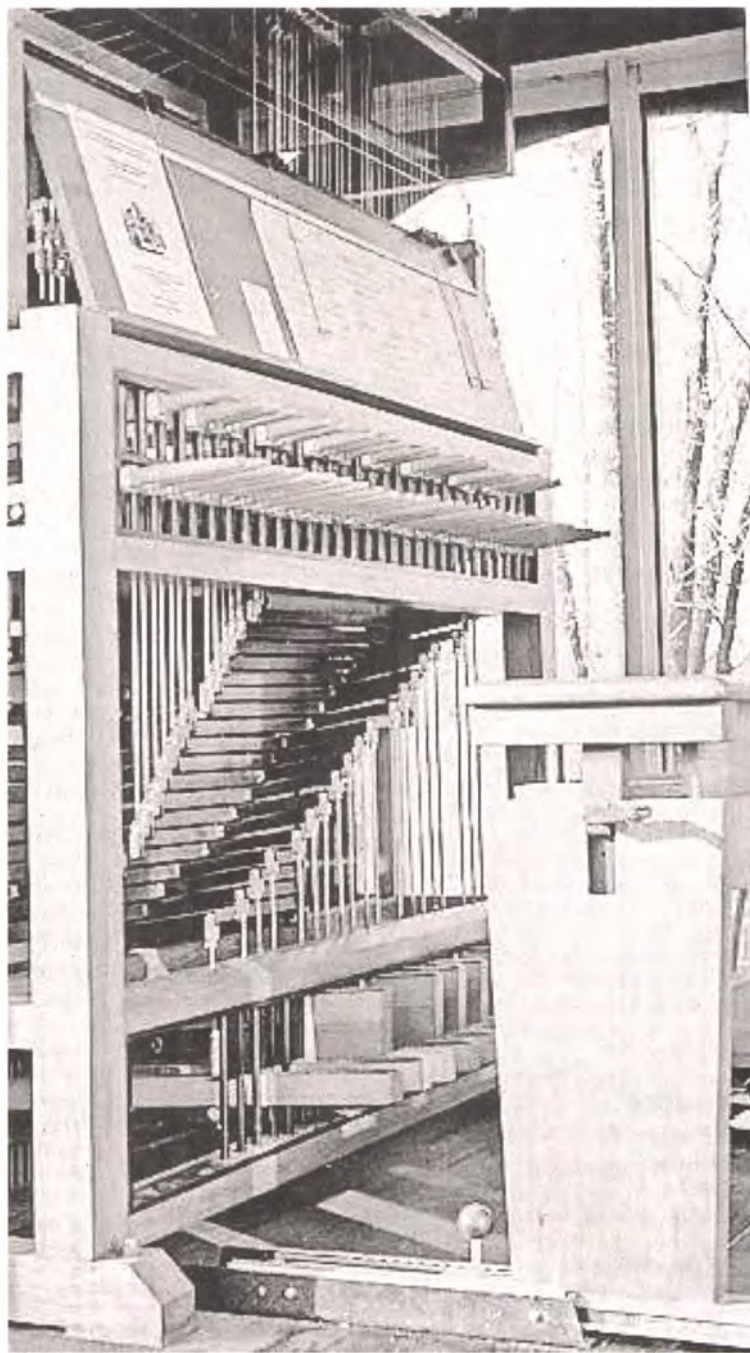
The side entrance to the Mobile Millennium Carillon

meet a carillonneur and see how the carillon was played," Ford said. "At Burton Tower the playing cabin is in the middle of the bells. If you step out you've got bells all around you. In Lurie Tower there are some bells underneath and all

the others are above. Every tower is different.

"On the Mobile Millennium, the bells are on either side of the playing cabin and you are in between them."

Ford has given two other concerts on the Mobile Millen-



The keyboard on the mobile carillon that Julie Ford will play Saturday, June 6 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

nium Carillon, both when she worked at a church in Bloomfield Hills. She practiced for the upcoming concert on the carillon at Kirk in the Hills, in Bloomfield Hills.

"When I practice I'm aware of the muscles I'm using," she noted, explaining that carillon demands more physical movement than piano or organ. "The keyboard is arranged with keys, but they look more like broomsticks. You press them with loosely-held fists. They are very large and

spread out more (than organ). There is a pedal board also that you play with your feet. It's somewhat like organ, but you use more force with carillon than organ.

"It's an amazing instrument."

For more information about the concert, call 734-453-0190 or visit stjohnsplymouth.org. The concert will be held rain or shine. Find out more about the Mobile Millennium Carillon at chimeaster.com/mobilemillennium.

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

Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness:

Opens June 8 and features a pair of gray wolves. Anyone whose name includes a version of the word, wolf, such as Wolfe, Wolfson, Wolford, Wulff, can get free admission to the Detroit Zoo that day. They must produce a valid photo ID verifying their name

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 and more

Contact: downtownfarmington.org

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through June 26

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Paintings by Krysti Spence depict subjects that can be held in the palm of the hand; some are viewed through 3D eyeglasses

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

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

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

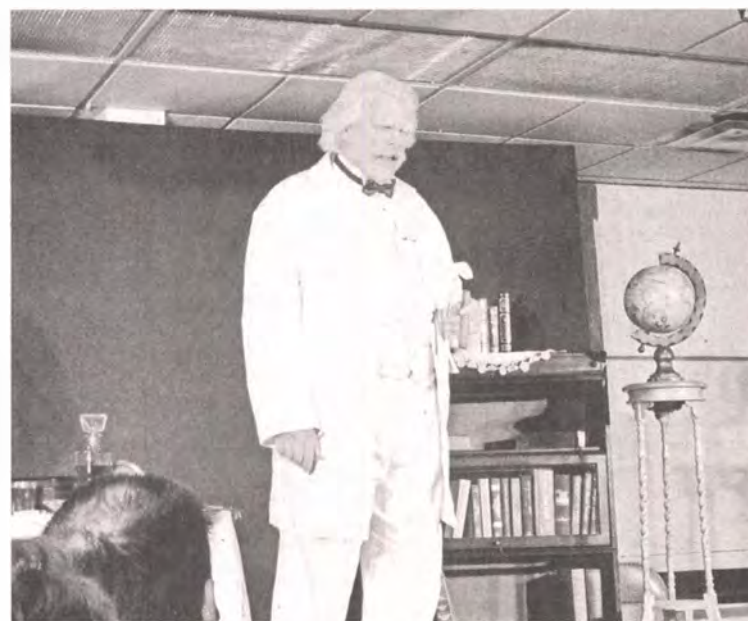
Details: 68th annual Michigan Water Color Society Annual Exhibition

Contact: 248-661-1000

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, running through June 27

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville



Spend "An Evening with Mark Twain" on June 6 and help raise money for Redford Interfaith Relief.

SUBMITTED

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

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Denise Cassidy solo show of paintings

Contact: 734-416-4278

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: Opening reception is 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5; exhibit is open during library hours and runs through June 30

Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Spring Art Exhibit with fine art paintings in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel

Contact: 734-838-1204; vaalart.org

FESTIVAL

ARTS AND ACTS

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21

Location: Main and Center streets in

downtown Northville

Details: The Festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show "Art in the Sun," featuring more than 70 artists; the "Reel Michigan Film Festival" at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the "Sand-box Play Festival," produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the "Short on Words" Literary Contest; musical entertainment; children's activities; the 2nd annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a variety of festival food and drink

Contact: 248-344-0497; northvillearthouse.org

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

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Home; admission \$3

Coming up: *The Longest Ride*, 7 p.m. Friday, June 12 and Thursday, June 18; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 13-14

Contact: 734-453-0870;

www.penntheatre.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: Films screen 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

FUNDRAISER

AN EVENING WITH MARK TWAIN

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.

Location: South Redford School District Administration Building, 25141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford

Details: Pat Tucker stars as Mark Twain in this fundraiser for Redford Interfaith Relief. Advance tickets are \$10, available from the Redford Township Senior Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. Tickets at the door are \$15, but seating is not guaranteed

Contact: Rob Tripp at 313-550-3652

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. Free museum admission for active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Frozen Princess Tea Party: Tickets are \$30 for one adult with one child for the event at noon, Saturday, July 26. Additional tickets are \$15 each. Tickets after July 17 are \$5 more. Buy tickets at plymouthhistory.org

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BIG BANDS@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, June 27

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

Details: Dr. Pocket performs covers and originals with powerful horns, a driving rhythm section and three vocalists; \$10 includes food

Contact: 734-453-1780; plymouthannarborelks325.com

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: Chef Chris & the Nairobi Trio play rock-a-billy, country and blues on Tuesday, June 9. Bring your dancing shoes. \$5 donation

Contact: 734-453-1780

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25-Aug. 13

Location: Heritage Park, adjacent to the Canton Public Library on the campus of Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Details: Kevin and The Glen Levens kicks off the free series June 25.

Contact: cantonfun.org



Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

Girls and Boys, here is your chance to win a scholarship to Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp.

FUNDAMENTAL CAMP DATES and LOCATIONS

CANTON: June 29- July 2
8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

BRIGHTON: July 11-12
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WHITE LAKE: July 20-23
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

In 50 words or less tell Scoop why you want to attend the camp. Have your parents email a photo of you, along with your name, age, community of residence, and phone number to cbjordan@michigan.com with the subject line "Football Camp Contest".
Limited to youth ages 6 – 14. Winner selects one camp date/location.



WORD PLAY

Ready for some fun? Use the hints to find words that rhyme with these common football terms. Look for words that rhyme with...

	Hints	Answers
Block	You do this before walking into someone's house	Knock
Zone	If you stomp your toe you might do this	Grain
Field	Drivers do this when approaching a school crossing zone	Yield
Goal	Many eat cereal out of this container	Bowl
Fumble	It means to trip	Stumble
Holding	To be reprimanded	Scolding
Interception	To be tricked or betrayed	Deception
Scrimmage	Just look in a mirror	Image
Punt	Opposite of back	Front
Rush	Be Quiet!	Hush
Scrambling	Talks too much	Rambling
Receiver	Word for someone who reaches their goal	Achiever

GOT GAME?

Test your knowledge about football and the Detroit Lions.

What are the Detroit Lions team colors?

Honolulu Blue, Silver, Black, White

Who is the mascot for the Detroit Lions?

Roary the Lion

What is the Detroit Lions stadium called?

Ford Field

How many seats are in Detroit Lions stadium?

65,000

How many points does a team get for a field goal?

3 Points

In the Kitchen with Scoop:

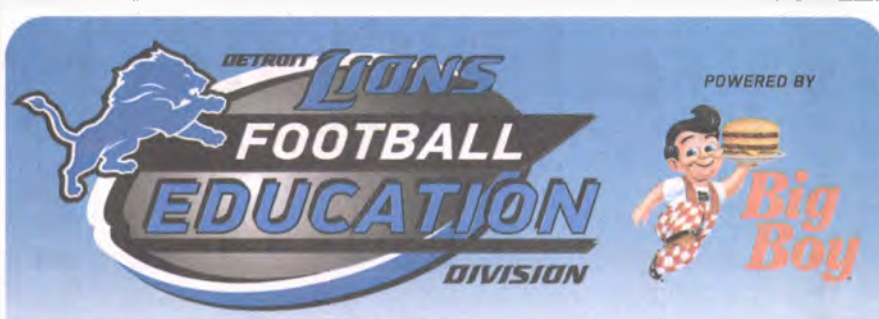
A fun recipe to make with your parents!

Peanut Butter Balls

- 1 Cup of Peanut Butter
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies
- 1 cup Powder Sugar
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 1 package of Candiquik or Chocolate Almond Bark

Mix peanut butter, Rice Krispies, powder sugar and vanilla together in a large bowl. Shape into balls. Heat Candiquik until it begins melt. Remove from heat (do not overheat or boil). Using a fork, carefully dip balls into melted chocolate completely covering the ball. Remove from fork and place the chocolate coated ball on a piece of waxed paper. Let cool to harden about 10- 15 minutes. ENJOY

Submitted by: Janice Brandon



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All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric by close of the business day on or email your information to: cbjordan@michigan.com.

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Smart snack choices to fuel kids this summer

During the laid-back summer months, it can be tempting to let things slide. Though many aspects of your routine may shift into a lower gear, you can still find simple ways to make sure your kids are making healthy food choices to fuel their way through summer.

Summer, when there are fewer demands to complete homework and attend school functions, is the perfect time to get kids more involved in the kitchen. Even though school is out, the learning doesn't have to stop.

Take advantage of the extra time summer allows to teach kids about where food comes from, and the practices involved in getting food from the farm to your family's table. With a focus on educat-

ing others about sustainable practices, dairy families across the nation regularly invite the public to visit their farms and learn how milk and other dairy foods make it from their family farms to grocery store shelves.

Keep kids well-nourished throughout the day, even when school isn't in session. Teach kids simple, nutritious breakfast and snack ideas they can create on their own in the kitchen, such as yogurt and fruit smoothies. Not only will they learn a few kitchen skills, it will encourage the habit of eating a wholesome breakfast every day.

For more dairy recipes, nutrition information and stories from the farm, visit www.DairyMakesSense.com.



ZUCCHINI PARMESAN ROUNDS

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

Non-stick cooking spray
2 medium zucchini (about ½ pound)
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 2 ounces)
½ cup plain dry bread crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Paprika, to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly coat baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Slice zucchini into ½-inch thick rounds, leaving green skin on. Place rounds in resealable plastic bag with olive oil; shake to coat all sides. Combine Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, salt, pepper and paprika in small bowl. Press each zucchini round into Parmesan mixture, coating on both sides. Place in single layer on prepared baking sheet. Bake until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove with spatula. Serve warm.



CHOCOLATE BERRY SMOOTHIE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

1 ½ cups fat-free chocolate milk
1 cup frozen mixed berries without sugar (blackberries, blueberries and raspberries)
1 container (5.3 ounces) fat-free mixed berry Greek yogurt

Combine chocolate milk, frozen berries and yogurt in a blender. Blend until creamy. Serve immediately.



PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA SHAKE

Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

1 cup fat-free or 1 percent low-fat chocolate milk
½ cup frozen banana slices
1 tablespoon peanut butter
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine all ingredients in a blender; blend until smooth and creamy. Serve in tall glass or on-the-go drink container.



BAKED MOZZARELLA STICKS

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

Cooking spray
1 (12-ounce) package reduced-fat Mozzarella string cheese
1 egg
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
8 tablespoons panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
½ cup prepared marinara sauce, warmed

Position rack in upper third of oven and preheat it to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Remove cheese from packaging and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk egg until foamy. In a small non-stick skillet, mix Italian seasoning with bread crumbs and place over medium-heat. Cook and stir bread crumbs until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.

Dip one piece of string cheese in egg until coated and then into toasted bread crumbs, coating completely. Dip the string cheese in egg again and then in bread crumbs, if desired. Place on baking sheet. Repeat with remaining string cheese and place on baking sheet 1½ inches apart. Spray string cheese lightly with cooking spray. Bake 5-6 minutes or until heated through.

Note: Cheese may melt slightly and lose shape. Simply press it back into place. Serve with warmed marinara sauce for dipping.



PITA PIZZA FACES

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Total time: 27 minutes
Servings: 6

6 whole-wheat pitas (about 4 ½-inch rounds)
¾ cup tomato sauce, no salt added
1 ½ cups shredded part-skim mozzarella or cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons sliced black olives
3 cherry tomatoes, sliced
1 small yellow or orange bell pepper, cut into rings and cut in half
6 large basil leaves

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place pitas on a greased cookie tray. For each pita, top with 2 tablespoons tomato sauce. Sprinkle ¼ cup cheese on top of sauce. Make a face using 2 olives for eyes, 1 tomato slice for nose and 1 red pepper strip for smile. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until cheese is melted. While baking, tear each basil leaf into 4 parts, using two pieces for eyebrows and two pieces for a bow tie. Place on pizza after slightly cooled.